

Definitions

You were introduced to the words below in the passage on pages 88–89. Study the pronunciation, spelling, part of speech, and definition of each word. Write the word in the blank space in the sentence that follows. Then read the synonyms and antonyms.

Remember

A **noun** (*n.*) is a word that names a person, place, or thing.

A **verb** (*v.*) is a word or words that express action or a state of being.

An **adjective** (*adj.*) is a word that describes a noun or pronoun.

1. convict (v.) to prove or judge to be guilty

(v., kən vikt';
n., kən' vikt)

The jury voted to _____ the defendant.

(n.) a person who has been proved guilty of a crime and sentenced to prison; someone who is serving a long prison term

In a prison, a _____ is usually given a job to do.

SYNONYMS: (v.) to condemn, sentence; (n.) a prisoner, inmate, felon, criminal

ANTONYMS: (v.) to acquit, free, release

2. discipline

(dis' ə plən)

(n.) punishment; training that results in obedience and self-control; orderly behavior; control gained by enforcing rules of conduct; a branch of knowledge

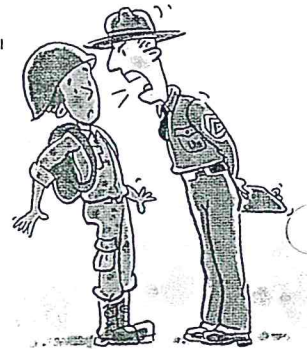
Drill instructors insist on strict military _____.

(v.) to punish; to train in proper behavior; to bring under control

The principal knows how to _____ rowdy students.

SYNONYMS: (n.) direction, drill, practice; (v.) to correct, chastise, penalize, limit

ANTONYMS: (n.) confusion, disorder, rebellion; (v.) to forgive



3. dungeon

(dun' jən)

(n.) a dark room or cell used as a prison, usually underground

The story described the terror of being locked in a _____.

SYNONYMS: a keep, hole

4. earnest

(ûr' næst)

(adj.) serious, important, or grave

An _____ desire to help others may lead a person to choose a career in medicine.

SYNONYMS: intent, solemn

ANTONYMS: insincere, trivial, frivolous, foolish

5. enclose

(in klôz')

(v.) to surround on every side; to close up inside or fence off; to include with something else

Be sure to _____ payment with the bill.

SYNONYMS: to confine, cage; to cover, encircle, envelop; to insert

ANTONYMS: to release, free; to omit, exclude, leave out

**6. gradual**
(graj' ə wəl)(adj.) happening step-by-step or by degrees;
changing little by little

*There may be _____
improvement in a patient's condition after surgery.*

SYNONYMS: moderate, slow, steady
ANTONYMS: sudden, abrupt**7. grumble**
(grum' bəl)

(v.) to complain angrily but not loudly; to growl

Many people _____ when they have to wait on a long line.

(n.) a growling sound; a muttered complaint

The flight delay brought a _____ from the passengers.

SYNONYMS: (v.) to mutter, rumble, mumble; (n.) a fuss, a protest

8. jagged
(jag' əd)

(adj.) with a rough or sharp edge; irregular or harsh

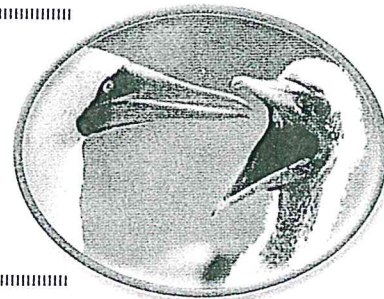
I cut my hand on a _____ piece of broken glass.

SYNONYMS: ragged, serrated; uneven, rugged; ANTONYMS: smooth, even, regular

9. nourish
(nūr' ish)

(v.) to feed or help grow and develop; to support

Adult birds _____ their newborns.

SYNONYMS: to nurture, raise; to foster, maintain, sustain
ANTONYMS: to starve, neglect, abandon**10. provision**
(prə vizh' ən)(n.) the act of supplying or making available; a stock of
food or supplies; a step taken in advance; a condition, as in a contract

A good hotel makes every possible _____ for its guests.

(v.) to supply with food or materials

It takes tons of food to _____ an army.

SYNONYMS: (n.) an arrangement, preparation; a requirement; (v.) to furnish, stock

11. treaty
(trē' tē)(n.) an agreement or contract between countries, arrived at after talks
and compromise; the legal document representing such an agreement

The warring nations finally signed a peace _____.

SYNONYMS: a pact, settlement, accord

12. uneasy
(ən ē' zē)

(adj.) feeling worried or unsure; causing discomfort

I often feel _____ before a final exam.

SYNONYMS: troubled, anxious; nervous; ANTONYMS: relaxed, calm