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| ***(Semester 1) WORD*** | ***DEFINITION*** | ***Sentences for Crosswords*** |
| 1. Ameliorate  | To make better; improve (situations or emotions) | In an effort to **ameliorate** the problems they were having, Amy brought her friend a box of candy. |
| 2. Exacerbate  | To make worse | When asked for her cell phone, the student refused, **exacerbating** the situation. |
| 3. Deleterious | Harmful | The room was being filled with **deleterious** gases, and we feared for our lives. |
| 4. Cacophony | Tremendous noise, disharmonious sound | The elementary school orchestra created a **cacophony** at the recital. |
| 5. Ebullient | Extremely lively, enthusiastic | The **ebullient** cheerleader helped the crowd find its’ spirit, and for the rest of the game, they roared with applause and excitement. |
| 6. Nefarious | Villainous, wicked | The **nefarious** wizard was known for burning people alive for his secret rituals. |
| 7. Conflagration | Great fire | It took sixty firefighters to put out the**conflagration** at the Jersey Shore. |
| 8. Lament | To express sorrow or regret | Don’t **lament** the loss of your job, go out and find a new one. |
| 9. Extol | To praise, revere | I couldn’t help but **extol** the beauty of Naples after having visited. |
| 10. Sycophant | Flatterer; brown-noser | Hoping to get the best mark in the class, the **sycophant** flattered the teacher at every opportunity. |
| 11. Altruistic | Selfless |  The gesture was not necessarily **altruistic;** he was hoping for a donation in return. |
| 12. Morose | Ill-natured, sullen, dark | I have been so **morose** today because I can’t stop thinking about how I failed my test. |
| 13. Assuage | To relieve, lessen, alleviate | To **assuage** your concerns about the test, we will give you a review sheet. |
| 14. Verbose | Long-winded; wordy | The teacher wrote that my essay was too **verbose**, so I needed to be less wordy to receive a better grade. |
| 15. Prolific | Productive; fruitful | Shakespeare wrote 154 sonnets and 37 full length plays; he was indeed a **prolific** writer. |
| 16. Gregarious | Outgoing, social | Ms. Erickson is a **gregarious** teacher who always greets her students at the door with a smile and a friendly hello! |
| 17. Caustic | Corrosive, harsh, acidic | The **caustic** chemical must be handled with care to avoid a serious burn. |
| 18. Succinct | Concise; Expressed clearly in a few words | Never verbose, the teacher’s **succinct** notes helped everyone understand the difficult material. |
| 19. ubiquitous | Existing everywhere; widespread | Ugg boots have become a **ubiquitous** fashion trend in today’s society |
| 20. Trite | [repeated](http://www.hyperdictionary.com/dictionary/repeated) [too](http://www.hyperdictionary.com/dictionary/too) [often](http://www.hyperdictionary.com/dictionary/often); [overfamiliar](http://www.hyperdictionary.com/dictionary/overfamiliar) [through](http://www.hyperdictionary.com/dictionary/through) [overuse](http://www.hyperdictionary.com/dictionary/overuse); commonplace, unoriginal | Even though I love the saying, I do think that the phrase “when in doubt…” has become a bit **trite** in our classroom. |
| 21. Copious | Abundant, extensive | Because of the **copious** amount of notes I take in English class, I fear that I may have developed carpal tunnel syndrome. |
| 22. Fallacy | A false notion or belief; misconception | It is a **fallacy** that chewing gum takes seven years to pass through the digestive system, but some people believe it anyway. |
| 23. exasperated | Greatly annoyed; out of patience | The teacher was **exasperated** by the boy’s constant calling out so the teacher called his parents. |
| 24. Admonish | To reprimand; warn strongly | When the principal addressed the class, she **admonished** them about bullying and said the consequences were severe. |
| 25. pragmatic | Practical; realistic | It would be **pragmatic** for people who want to learn vocabulary words to look them up in the dictionary themselves. |
| 26. dubious | Doubtful, questionable | After her friend had lied three times, Alice was **dubious** of her story about her trip to Paris. |
| 27. meticulous | Marked by extreme care to details; precise | My teacher said to copy John’s **meticulous** notes, as they were thorough and neat. |
| 28. taciturn | Silent, not inclined to talk | After moving to a new school, the girl was **taciturn** in class until she made new friends. |
| 29. malevolent | Evil | The woman said she had nothing to do with the murder of her husband, but her **malevolent** grin suggested otherwise. |
| 30. piety | Devotion to religious duties and practices | To show their **piety**, many people attend services weekly. |