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Vocabulary 11

Quiz on: Friday, February 22, 2013

1. atone (verb) to make up for
At one time or another, everyone has done something he or she needs to atone for.
Synonyms: expiate, make amends for
2. credible (adjective) believable
Do you have a credible explanation for not completing your assignment on time?
Synonyms: plausible, acceptable, likely
Antonyms: unbelievable, implausible, improbable
3. diligent (adjective) hardworking, industrious, not lazy
Diligent employees are likely to be well rewarded for their dedication and hard work.
Synonyms: assiduous, sedulous
Antonyms: lazy, indolent, cursory, perfunctory
4. Ghastly (adjective) frightful, horrible; deathly pale
Some people are almost afraid to go to sleep because they suffer from ghastly recurring nightmares.
Synonyms: dreadful, appalling, gruesome, grisly
Antonyms: pleasant, agreeable, attractive, delightful
5. hew (verb) to shape or cut down with an ax; to hold up
Even in a crisis, we must hew this nation's principles of liberty, equality and justice.
Synonyms: chop, hack, fell, adhere, conform
6. incessant (adjective) never stopping, going on all the time

The loud and incessant chatter of the people at the next table made it hard for us to hear each other.

Synonyms: ceaseless, constant, uninterrupted

Antonyms: occasional, sporadic, intermittent

7. lucid (adjective) easy to understand, clear; rational, sane
The ability to speak in a lucid and persuasive fashion is a great asset to a politician.
Synonyms: limpid, intelligible
Antonyms: murky, muddy, obscure, unintelligible
8. prim (adjective) overly neat, precise, proper or formal; prudish
How is it that such a prim and tidy person and such a messy one can be such good friends?
Synonyms: fussy, fastidious, squeamish
Antonyms: dowdy, frumpy, sloppy, untidy, loose, lax
9. superfluous (adjective) exceeding what is sufficient or required, excess
Neat and well-organized people know about how to eliminate all superfluous clutter.
Synonyms: surplus, supererogatory
Antonyms: necessary, essential, vital, indispensable
10. taunt (verb) to jeer at, mock;
(noun) an insulting or mocking remark
(V) It is not all unusual for brothers and sisters to tease and taunt one another good-naturedly.
(N) For umpires and referees, the taunts of angry fans are just a part of the job.
Synonyms (V): ridicule, deride
Antonyms (V): cheer, applaud, acclaim