

VOCAB #17
Quiz Thursday/Friday, February 15/16
AP Language & Composition

Most Commonly Misspelled Word: occurrence

Rhetorical Device:

concrete diction - words that describe specific, observable things, people, or places, rather than ideas or qualities. EX: *A four-hundred-pound male gorilla, unaccustomed to tourists, will bolt into the forest, trailing a stream of diarrhea, at the mere sight of a person.*

abstract diction - words that describe concepts rather than concrete images (ideas and qualities rather than observable or specific things, people, or places). These words do not appeal imaginatively to the reader's senses. Abstract words create no "mental picture" or any other imagined sensations for readers. Abstract words include: Love, Hate, Feelings, Emotions, Temptation, Peace, Seclusion, Alienation, Politics, Rights, Freedom, Intelligence, Attitudes, Progress, Guilt, etc. EX: *Even a large male gorilla, unaccustomed to tourists, is frightened by people.*

Vocabulary:

status quo (n) - the existing state or condition

benevolent (adj) -kind; generous

divert (v) - to change the direction of; to alter the course of

aesthetic (adj) - having to do with artistic beauty

quintessential (adj) - being the most perfect or typical example of something

stagnate (v) - to be or become motionless; to fail to grow or develop

subterfuge (n) -an action taken to hide something from someone; a trick; a ruse

valiant (adj) - bold; courageous; heroic

IDIOM: Dutch uncle: someone who gives you advice like a parent or relative would

1. The United Way is a _____ organization that supports many different charities.
2. The nurse tried to _____ the little girl's attention while the doctor pricked her finger.
3. Turkey is the _____ Thanksgiving dinner item.
4. The president proposed a tax cut in order to boost the _____ of the economy.
5. *The _____ at Owl Creek Bridge* is a short story by Ambrose Bierce chronicling the escape of a southern civilian who is to be executed by Union soldiers.
6. Japanese rock gardens demonstrate _____ values typical to a Far Eastern culture.
7. My friend is like a _____ and he is always giving me advice about how I should act.
8. The soldier received the Silver Star for his _____ conduct under fire.
9. High costs have caused the building industries to _____.
10. The customs official discovered the diamond smuggler's _____ of concealing diamonds in a candy bar.

The Word Within the Word • List #8

sed	<i>(sit)</i>	sedentary, sediment, sedan, sedative, sedate, supersede, assiduous, insidious	<i>Latin</i>
leg	<i>(read)</i>	legible, legend, illegible, legendary, legibility, alleged	<i>Latin</i>
anim	<i>(mind)</i>	equanimity, animal, animated, animosity, magnanimous, animadversion	<i>Latin</i>
tort	<i>(twist)</i>	contorted, torture, tortuous, retort, distort, torturous, tort, tortilla	<i>Latin</i>
nym	<i>(name)</i>	homonym, acronym, pseudonym, anonymous, patronymic, anomaly	<i>Greek</i>
sanct	<i>(holy)</i>	sanctity, sanctimonious, sacrosanct, sanctuary, unsanctioned, sanctify	<i>Latin</i>
meta	<i>(change)</i>	metamorphosis, metaphor, metaphysics, metastasize, metabolism	<i>Greek</i>
petr	<i>(rock)</i>	petrify, petroleum, petrology, petroglyph, petrophilous, petrochemical	<i>Latin</i>
mir	<i>(wonder)</i>	miracle, mirage, mirror, mirabile dictu, admire, mirabilia, miracle play	<i>Latin</i>
man	<i>(hand)</i>	manual, manicure, manipulate, manacles, amanuensis, legerdemain	<i>Latin</i>
rect	<i>(right)</i>	correct, rectitude, direct, rectilinear, rectangle, rectify, rector, erect	<i>Latin</i>
volv	<i>(roll)</i>	revolve, involved, devolve, convoluted, volvox, revolution, volvulus	<i>Latin</i>
demi	<i>(half)</i>	demigod, demitasse, demisemiwaiver, demiurge, demimonde, demirep	<i>Latin</i>
retro	<i>(backward)</i>	retroactive, retrofire, retrogress, retrospection, retrofit, retrorse	<i>Latin</i>
sens	<i>(feel)</i>	sense, sensitive, sensation, sensory, extrasensory, insensate	<i>Latin</i>
fy	<i>(make)</i>	fortify, rectify, horrify, solidify, reify, transmogrify, sanctify, pacify	<i>Latin</i>
ocul	<i>(eye)</i>	binocular, monocular, ocular, oculist, oculomotor nerve, oculometer	<i>Latin</i>
cur	<i>(care for)</i>	cure, curator, curative, cure-all, sinecure, secure, curate	<i>Latin</i>
ultra	<i>(beyond)</i>	ultramarine, ultraconservative, ultraviolet, ultramundane	<i>Latin</i>
oid	<i>(appearance)</i>	android (droid!), anthropoid, asteroid, adenoid, xyloid, haploid	<i>Greek</i>
gest	<i>(carry)</i>	gestation, digest, ingest, congestion, gesticulate, gesture	<i>Latin</i>
apt	<i>(fit)</i>	adapt, aptitude, maladapted, adaptation, aptly, aptness	<i>Latin</i>
tact	<i>(touch)</i>	tactile, contact, tactful, intact, tactility, taction	<i>Latin</i>
voc	<i>(voice)</i>	vociferously, vocal, sotto voce, invocation, vocabulary, convocation	<i>Latin</i>
rid	<i>(laugh)</i>	ridicule, deride, derision, risibility, ridiculous	<i>Latin</i>