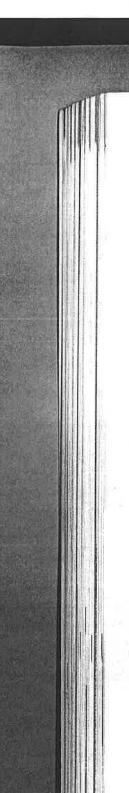
vocabularyworkshop.com: Words audio program Interactive word games Note the spelling, pronunciation, part(s) of speech, and definition(s) of each of the following words. Then write the appropriate form of Definitions the word in the blank spaces in the illustrative sentence(s) following. Finally, study the lists of synonyms and antonyms. 1. abnormal (adj.) not usual, not typical, strange (ab nôr' məl) For my sister, who is always late, being early for class _ situation. would be an _ SYNONYMS: freakish, unnatural, irregular, anomalous ANTONYMS: normal, usual, regular, typical (v.) to turn bottom side up, upset 2. capsize (kap' sīz) Anyone watching could see that it was our inexperience that caused us to _ the canoe. SYNONYMS: upend, tip over 3. catastrophe (n.) a large-scale disaster, misfortune, or failure (ka tas' tra fe) During the Cold War, the United States did everything possible to avoid a nuclear _ SYNONYMS: tragedy, cataclysm ANTONYMS: triumph, victory, success 4. decrease (v.) to become or make less; (n.) a lessening (v., di krēs'; The manager hopes that theft will . n., dē' krēs) once the new security system is installed. Because of a sharp _ in sales, the company had to lay off two-thirds of its workers. SYNONYMS: (v.) lessen, reduce, dwindle, diminish ANTONYMS: (v.) increase, grow, develop, wax 5. disputatious (adj.) inclined to argue or debate; provoking debate (dis pyü ta' shəs) The. senator had engaged in filibusters to block the passage of many a bill. SYNONYMS: argumentative, quarrelsome, contentious ANTONYMS: nonargumentative, peaceable, pacific 6. evict (v.) to force out from a property, eject (i vikť) The landlord reluctantly decided to _ the tenants who fell on hard times and had not paid their rent in six months. SYNONYMS: oust, expel, kick out ANTONYMS: admit, insert

flourish (flar' ish)

(v.) to grow, thrive, be prosperous; to wave in the air; (n.) a dramatic gesture; a fanfare of horns It is fortunate for lovers of the arts that painting and opera _ in Italy. still _____ Actors often enter the stage with a _ SYNONYMS: (v.) prosper, burgeon, increase ANTONYMS: (v.) wither, die, fade, shrivel up (n.) a reason for doing something; something that 8. incentive (in sen' tiv) stimulates action Because career advancement is such a strong , adults are usually eager and hard-working students. SYNONYMS: stimulus, spur, motive, inducement ANTONYMS: curb, check, restraint, hindrance (adj.) disobedient, rebellious 9. insubordinate The ______ soldier repeatedly interrupted (in sa bôrd' an at) his commanding officer. SYNONYMS: defiant, unruly, mutinous ANTONYMS: obedient, submissive, docile, tractable (adj.) easily read 10. legible In keeping with the jokes, pharmacists will tell you that most (lej' a bal) doctors' handwriting is barely SYNONYMS: clear, decipherable ANTONYMS: unreadable, indecipherable (n.) the central point or heart of a matter; a knob 11. nub After seemingly endless digressions, the speaker finally (nab) _____ of his argument. got to the SYNONYMS: kernel, nucleus, crux ANTONYMS: fringe, periphery, edge (n.) a violent attack; a sudden rush of something 12. onslaught ___ of winter, we (än' slôt) To prepare for the ____ replenished our supply of firewood and rock salt. SYNONYMS: assault, charge, foray, onset (v.) to establish by law; to order or command; to appoint as a 13. ordain priest or minister; to destine (ôr dān') Ancient astrologers believed that the stars could one's future. SYNONYMS: anoint, consecrate, enact, decree ANTONYMS: forbid, veto, cancel

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14. outstrip (v.) to get ahead of, do better than, exceed (aut strip') By offering customers low prices and good terms, the new the competition. store hopes to SYNONYMS: outdo, outperform, outdistance, surpass ANTONYMS: trail, lag behind 15. pervade (v.) to spread throughout (pər vād') the atmosphere of many Pollutants _ of our nation's large cities. SYNONYMS: permeate, diffuse, imbue 16. prudent (adj.) cautious, careful, showing good sense (prüd' ənt) It pays to make _ _ investments. SYNONYMS: wary, judicious ANTONYMS: foolish, unwise, rash 17. quench (v.) to put out, extinguish, end (kwench) The firefighters will _ the flames with water. SYNONYMS: douse, stifle ANTONYMS: ignite, kindle 18. remnant (n.) a small part remaining behind (rem' nant) By the end of the war, the rebels had but a of their former strength. SYNONYMS: remainder, residue, leftover 19. simultaneous (adj.) happening or existing at the same time (si məl tā' nē əs) The diplomats put on headphones so that they could listen _ translation of the speech. to a_ SYNONYMS: occurring at the same time, concurrent ANTONYM: occurring at different times $(v_{.})$ to turn aside sharply; $(n_{.})$ a sharp or sudden turn 20. swerve (swarv) Be aware that if you _ too sharply, you may lose control of the car. _ of the bus caused The sudden some passengers to fall out of their seats. SYNONYMS: (v.) digress, sheer off

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