

Synonym Context Clues

1. His **lucid** lectures, along with his clearly presented explanations, made him a popular professor.
(a) different
(b) vague
(c) understandable
(d) confusing
2. Their **vociferous** chatter made me wish I had ear plugs.
(a) loud (b) quiet (c) engaging (d) calming
3. He was so **impudent** to his mother that I would have punished him if he talked to me that way.
(a) respectful
(b) obedient
(c) courteous
(d) disrespectful
4. The Russians are skillful at sending **cryptic** messages, open to many interpretations. Our State Department spends days puzzling over their meaning
(a) bright
(b) mysterious
(c) lengthy
(d) urgent
5. The Great Flood of Noah's day was caused by **incessant** rain that fell for 40 days and nights.
(a) heavy
(b) light
(c) continuous
(d) seldom
6. The students who arrived late told the teacher an **implausible** story about stopping to watch a UFO.
(a) unbelievable
(b) true
(c) believable
(d) weak
7. After spending three weeks in the hospital, I had a **surfeit** of daytime TV programming.
(a) excess
(b) little
(c) never
(d) none
8. The prisoners liberated from the Nazi death camp were so **emaciated** that they looked like skeletons.

- (a) strong
- (b) healthy
- (c) muscular
- (d) skinny

9. Bob decided to be **prudent** and call ahead for reservations, instead of just showing up.

- (a) wise
- (b) silly
- (c) foolish
- (d) devious

10. The **ambiguity** of Joe's directions made it almost impossible to find his house.

- (a) distinction
- (b) confusion
- (c) clarity
- (d) intelligence

11. The job candidate's background was **impeccable** – good references and many years of experience, but the company did not give her the job.

- (a) spotless
- (b) non-existent
- (c) colourful
- (d) extensive

12. The tranquilized grizzly bear was **lethargic** enough for the scientists to safely examine his teeth and tattoo his ears.

- (a) energetic
- (b) healthy
- (c) lifeless
- (d) strong