

brusque dispassionate effervescent indefatigable misanthrope

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Ten Words in Context

In the space provided, write the letter of the meaning closest to that of each boldfaced word. Use the context of the sentences to help you figure out each word's meaning.

	• Rose lost her job as a receptionist because she was so brusque with people who called. The office replaced her with someone who spoke more politely.				
(brŭsk) -adjective	 who called. The office replaced net will be the set of th				
Brusque means	a. blunt. b. admirable. C. Silly.				
2 dispassionate	• The surgeon's voice was dispassionate when he told the patient's family that the operation had failed, but despite his calm tone, his eyes looked very sad.				
(dĭs-păsh'ə-nĭt) -adjective	• "Historians are supposed to be dispassionate," the lecturer apologized, out where we want to be a supposed to be dispassionate, "the lecturer apologized," out where we want to be a supposed to be dispassionate, "the lecturer apologized," out where we want to be a supposed to be dispassionate, "the lecturer apologized," out where we want to be a supposed to be dispassionate, "the lecturer apologized," out want to be a supposed to be dispassionate, "the lecturer apologized," out want to be a supposed to be dispassionate, "the lecturer apologized," out want to be a supposed to be dispassionate, "the lecturer apologized," out want to be a supposed to be dispassionate, "the lecturer apologized, but the lecturer apologized, but to be dispassionate, "the lecturer apologized, but to be dispassionate," and the lecturer apologized, but to be dispassionate, "the lecturer apologized, but to be dispassionate, "the lecturer apologized, but to be dispassionate, "the lecturer apologized, but to be dispassionate," the lecturer apologized, but to be dispassionate, "the lecturer apologized, but to be dispassionate, "the lecturer apologized, but to be dispassionate, "the lecturer apologized, but to be dispassionate," the lecturer apologized, but to be dispassionate, "the lecture				
Dispassionate means	a. unreasonable. b. unemotional. C. disturbing.				
3 effervescent (ĕf'ər-vĕs'ənt)	• The lecturer could hardly be described as effervescent. She droned on about the Federal Reserve in a dreary voice, never looking up from her notes.				
-adjective	 Marnie is on the way to stardom. When her play opened last night, the critics raved about her "effervescent charm," saying that she "lit up the stage." 				
Effervescent means	a. hard-working. b. nervous. c. lively.				
4 indefatigable (ĭn'dĭ-făt'ĭ-gə-bəl) -adjective	• When Mona and her friend Patty get together, they are indefatigable talkers. They talk endlessly and tirelessly about everything.				
	 They tak endessity and interesting The great athlete seemed indefatigable. After running a marathon, swimming for miles, and biking up steep hills, she was still energetic. 				
Indefatigable means	a. easily tired. b. never getting tired. c. depressed.				
5 misanthrope (mĭs'ən-thrōp') -noun	• Molière's play <i>The Misanthrope</i> is about a man, Alceste, who is enraged and disgusted by his fellow humans. To put it briefly, Alceste hates everyone.				
	• One of our neighbors is a true misanthrope . She hasn't a friend in the world, in fact she looks on everyone as an enemy.				
Misanthrope means	a. an antisocial person. b. a criminal. c. a lunanc.				
6 morose (mə-rōs') -adjective	• On the first workday of the year, everyone at the office seemed morose. No wonder we felt low; after the holidays, it's always a letdown to get back to work.				
	 Larry always becomes morose when he drinks. Since alcohol makes him feel so dreary and blue, you'd think he'd give it up. 				
Morose means	a. confused. b. frantic. c. gloomy.				

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7 nonchalance · Nonchalance is not appropriate behind the wheel of a car. An automobile is (non'sha-lans') not a toy to be played with casually-it is a dangerous machine to be handled with concentration. -noun · Trying to create an impression of nonchalance despite his nervousness, Hari strolled to the speaker's stand smiling and whistling a little tune. b. lack of concern. c. lack of awareness. Nonchalance means a. uneasiness. • In the wonderful children's book Charlotte's Web, Charlotte, the spider, dies, 8 progeny but several of her progeny stay to befriend Charlotte's beloved Wilbur, the pig. (prŏj' ə-nē) · Grandfather worked at two jobs in order to provide food and clothing for his -noun many progeny. c. offspring. b. leaders. Progeny means a. enemies. · My dog's reaction to getting his yearly shots is hardly stoic. It takes the vet 9 stoic and two assistants to hold him down, and he howls as if he's being torn to (sto'ik) pieces. -adjective · "Some patients' stoic response to illness or injury is truly amazing," the doctor said. "Come what may, they remain calm and courageous." c. planned. a. emotional. b. showing no distress. Stoic means · Beagles are voracious eaters-their owners say they will eat anything that's 10 voracious not nailed down-so they tend to become fat unless they get enough exercise. (vô-rā'shəs) -adjective · Ginny has a voracious appetite for news. She gets a morning and an evening newspaper, listens to an "all news, all the time" radio station, and watches the TV newscast every night. b. small. c. unconcerned. a. greedy. ... Voracious means

Matching Words with Definitions

Following are definitions of the ten words. Clearly write or print each word next to its definition. The sentences above and on the previous page will help you decide on the meaning of each word.

1	A person who hates or distrusts humankind
2	Children; descendants
3	Bubbling with high spirits; exhilarated
4	Not influenced by emotion; impartial
5	Rudely abrupt; curt
6	Casual indifference; lack of concern
7	Untiring
8	Seemingly unaffected by pain or discomfort
9	Ravenous; consuming or eager to consume large amounts; insatiable
0	Very gloomy or sullen

CAUTION: Do not go any further until you are sure the above answers are correct. Then you can use the definitions to help you in the following practices. Your goal is eventually to know the words well enough so that you don't need to check the definitions at all.

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> Sentence Check 1

Using the answer line, complete each item below with the correct word from the box. Use each word once.

a. brusque	b. dispassionate	c. effervescent	d. indefatigable	e. misanthrope
f. morose	g. nonchalance	h. progeny	i. stoic	j. voracious
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NOTE: Now check your answers to these questions by turning to page 175. Going over the answers carefully will help you prepare for the next two practices, for which answers are not given.

> Sentence Check 2

Using the answer lines, complete each item below with two words from the box. Use each word once.

1-2. The English have the reputation of being ____, with ice water in their veins, and ____ dry-eyed in the face of tragedy. But their emotional reaction to the death of Princess Diana cast doubt on that hackneyed^o stereotype.

3-4. Simon, who is enthusiastic and ____, was brimming over with excitement as he presented his idea in class. But the professor, a blunt, curt type, gave it a(n) ____ one-word dismissal: "Wrong."

5-6. Our, gloomy uncle is utterly friendless, but he insists he is not a(n) "I don't hate people," he claims. "I just haven't met any that I like."
 7-8. Jill is a sensation-seeker who has a(n) appetite for excitement and is in looking for it. She is tireless in her quest for thrilling, risky
experiences
 9–10. Marian approached parenthood with a certain, taking it all lightly. But her husband, who was awed by the thought of having, felt very solemn about it.

>Final Check: Do Opposites Attract?

Here is a final opportunity for you to strengthen your knowledge of the ten words. First read the following selection carefully. Then fill in each blank with a word from the box at the top of the previous page. (Context clues will help you figure out which word goes in which blank.) Use each word once.

With regard to romance, it is widely believed that "opposites attract," but psychologists tell us that lovers usually resemble each other in many ways. Let us hope the psychologists are right, because it seems likely that a marriage between opposites would be a bumpy road.

, ready to jog a few miles after sawing a cord of firewood, while Ann needs to lie down and rest for an hour after dusting the piano, how happy can they be together? If Jordan has a(n) (2)______ appetite while Amy "eats like a bird," imagine a typical meal: he's on his third helping before she has even taken a bite. If Julio is sad while Assunta is bubbly, bouncy, and (4)_____ how long can it be before one of them starts to get on the other's nerves? What about Jerrold, who takes to his bed with the sniffles while his (5)______ wife Abbie bravely Jan, whose attitude hobbles off to work on a broken leg? What about (6)_____ toward life is one of casual (7)_____, and his wife Alice, who is intensely committed to every cause from AIDS to humane zoos? ?

No, the outlook is not bright for these couples. And what of their (8)______ Children are supposed to "take after" their parents, but that would be a problem for someone whose father is a(n)(9) and whose mother "loves everyone," or for the _____, blunt, no-nonsense mother and an easygoing, offspring of a(n) (10)_____

Opposites may attract, then, but, despite their affinity° for each other, it might not be soft-spoken father. sagacious° for opposites to marry.

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