

alacrity	alleviate	antithesis	appall	bellicose
disparage	dissonant	droll	edict	elucidate
laud	loll	loquacious	magnanimous	mandatory
nondescript	phlegmatic	rescind	vivacious	whet

Directions: Place each word next to the correct definition.

- _____ (adj) talkative, wordy
- _____ (v) to sharpen, make keen or eager
- _____ (n) ancherfull readiness; brisk and eager action
- _____ (adj) lively, full of energy
- _____ (n) the direct opposite, a sharp contrast
- _____ (adj) generous in forgiving
- _____ (adj) slow-moving; sluggish
- _____ (v) to praise
- _____ (v) to relieve, make more bearable
- _____ (v) repeal, cancel
- _____ (adj) warlike in manner or temperament, quarrelsome
- _____ (v) to belittle, to undervalue the worth of
- _____ (v) to fill with dismay of horror
- _____ (v) to clarify; explain
- _____ (adj) not in harmony, disagreeing, at odds
- _____ (n) an order issued by someone in authority
- _____ (adj) amusingly odd
- _____ (v) to act in a lazy manner,lounge around
- _____ (adj) ordinary, not outstanding, not easily classified
- _____ (adj) required, obligatory

Fill in the following blanks to create examples of how the words are used:

- To make life easy for my math students, I go out of my way to _____ the complex problems before each test.
- Everyone enjoyed Professor Hermann's class because his _____ sense of humor made his lectures entertaining.
- Instead of living in towns its _____ inhabitants occupy isolated fortified buildings, and are constantly at war.
- A magnificent, _____ man; holding the reins of the world, not quite in the imaginary sense; scourging anarchy down, and urging noble effort up, really on a grand scale.
- In the movie, Robert's character of an abusive husband is the _____ of the caring spouse the actor really is