

accede	brandish	comprise	deft	destitute
explicit	extirpate	inopportune	ironic	musty
officious	ominous	pinnacle	premeditated	rampant
solace	stately	supple	suppress	venal

Directions: Place each word next to the correct definition.

- _____ (v) to yield; to assume an office or dignity
- _____ (v) to wave or flourish in a menacing fashion
- _____ (v) to include or contain; to be made up of
- _____ (adj) skillful; nimble
- _____ (adj) deprived of the necessities of life; lacking in
- _____ (adj) definite, clearly stated
- _____ (adj) to tear up by the roots; to destroy totally
- _____ (adj) coming at a bad time; not appropriate
- _____ (adj) suggesting an incongruity between what might be expected and what actually happens
- _____ (adj) stale; moldy; out of date
- _____ (adj) meddling; excessively forward in offering services or assuming authority
- _____ (adj) unfavorable, threatening, of a bad omen
- _____ (n) a high peak or point
- _____ (adj) considered beforehand; deliberately planned
- _____ (adj) growing with check, running wild
- _____ (n) comfort, relief (v) to comfort, console
- _____ (adj) dignified, majestic
- _____ (adj) bending easily; bending with agility; readily adaptable; servile
- _____ (v) to stop by force, put down
- _____ (adj) open to or marked by bribery or corruption.

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

- Yesterday in California. A man arrived at the police station _____ a bat; he was subsequently restrained and arrested by a police officer before being able to break the windows.
- After reading "The Most Dangerous Game" the reader learned that General Zaroff was a _____ hunter because by Zaroff's own admission, "He never loses."
- When working in groups, no matter the size, it is always a good rule of thumb to not be _____ if one wants the project to be done well and in a timely manner.
- Now that spring has decided to arrive a tad bit early, many homeowners are _____ the old foliage, dead trees and eyesores in their yards.
- The stealthy attack against ISIS was _____ and as a result the SEAL team was able to extract the hostages and save the other young girls who were kidnapped.