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ACADEMIC ADJECTIVES ⬇

agape

anachronistic

aquiline

cacophonous

callow

dexterous

ghastly

gusty

indolent

macabre

mellifluous

nocturnal

obsequious

piscatorial

puerile

pugnacious

sartorial

sisyphean

superfluous



ACADEMIC VERBS

abscond

amalgamate

defame

distill

exorcise

feign

levitate

scotch

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ACADEMIC NOUNS

acrophobia

alchemy

arrogance

autopsy

bevy

bluff

carafe

cartographer

catalyst

censor

comeuppance

degradation

entree

equinox

fecundity

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ACADEMIC WORDS

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Name: _____

ACADEMIC WORDS

Write a sentence using each word.

Adjectives

1	_____	agape
2	_____	anachronistic
3	_____	aquiline
4	_____	cacophonous
5	_____	callow
6	_____	dextrous
7	_____	ghastly
8	_____	gusty
9	_____	indolent
10	_____	macabre
11	_____	mellifluous
12	_____	nocturnal
13	_____	obsequious
14	_____	piscatorial
15	_____	puerile

Name: _____

ACADEMIC WORDS

Write a sentence using each word.

16

pugnacious

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sartorial

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Sisyphean

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superfluous

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abscond

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amalgamate

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defame

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distill

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exorcise

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feign

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levitate

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scotch

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vex

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acrophobia

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alchemy

Verbs

Nouns

Name: _____

ACADEMIC WORDS

Write a sentence using each word.

31

arrogance

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autopsy

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bevy

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bluff

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carafe

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cartographer

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catalyst

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ensor

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comeuppance

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degradation

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entree

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equinox

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fecundity

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finesse

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ACADEMIC WORDS

Example Sentences

1	I told a lie and the policeman's mouth was agape.	agape
2	Lincoln is driving a car. That is anachronistic.	anachronistic
3	The aquiline beak of an eagle is a prominent feature.	aquiline
4	The 3 bands playing at once caused a cacophonous sound.	cacophonous
5	One of my callow missteps was to get married too young.	callow
6	She is one of the most dexterous gymnasts that I know.	dexterous
7	it was a ghastly accident. Lots of blood.	ghastly
8	The wind today was very gusty.	gusty
9	He is so indolent, he never gets up from the couch.	indolent
10	The ceremony was very macabre and several animals were killed.	macabre
11	The harp music was so sweet, so mellifluous.	mellifluous
12	You won't see owls during the day. They are nocturnal creatures.	nocturnal
13	I didn't like him. He was so obsequious. Too nice.	obsequious
14	The invention of a hook was a great piscatorial idea.	piscatorial
15	The puerile behavior of the teenagers was shocking.	puerile

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ACADEMIC WORDS

Example Sentences

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| 16 | He was a pugnacious fellow. Always wanting to fight. | pugnacious |
| 17 | It was an amazing sartorial choice for the actress at the ceremony. | sartorial |
| 18 | His job has few rewards. It was a Sisyphean task each day. | Sisyphean |
| 19 | He pushed more but it was superfluous. The door didn't move. | superfluous |
| 20 | The thief ran out of the house and absconded with the jewelry. | abscond |
| 21 | The city amalgamated with its neighbor, into one big city. | amalgamate |
| 22 | Princess Diana was defamed often after her death. | defame |
| 23 | He read the essay and distilled from it the main idea. | distill |
| 24 | He needs to exorcise those thoughts from his mind. | exorcise |
| 25 | He feigned sickness so he didn't have to continue the race. | feign |
| 26 | The magician made the woman levitate across the stage. | levitate |
| 27 | The teacher scotched our idea and said to do something else. | scotch |
| 28 | His attitude vexes me. He just won't try at all. | vex |
| 29 | He suffered from acrophobia and wouldn't walk across the bridge. | acrophobia |
| 30 | In the 1400s, alchemy was a popular and thriving business. | alchemy |

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Example Sentences

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| 31 | He was so arrogant. He would not admit he had lied. | arrogance |
| 32 | After the murder, the autopsy found the cause of death was poisoning. | autopsy |
| 33 | Walking in the forest we saw a bevy of quail in the grass. | bevy |
| 34 | Poker is a game where you can bet and bluff a lot. | bluff |
| 35 | The coffee came in a tall black carafe. | carafe |
| 36 | Magellan was a sailor but also a cartographer and skilled map maker. | cartographer |
| 37 | He was a true catalyst and always got his going, doing things. | catalyst |
| 38 | In Cuba, you can't say what you want or you'll be censored by the government. | ensor |
| 39 | He got his comeuppance and went to jail like he should. | comeuppance |
| 40 | The forest's degradation was terrible. Almost nothing left. | degradation |
| 41 | He has a steak and potato for his entree. | entree |
| 42 | The equinox is on Sept. 23rd and day will be the same length as night. | equinox |
| 43 | What fecundity. She gave birth to 10 puppies! | fecundity |
| 44 | Roger Federer has such finesse on the tennis court! | finesse |

ACADEMIC WORDS

Definitions

1. **Agape** - opened mouth
2. **Anachronistic** - out of place, out of time
3. **Aquiline** - curved or hooked
4. **Cacophonous** - harsh sounding, without rhythm
5. **Callow** - young and inexperienced
6. **Dexterous** - skillful, agile
7. **Ghastly** - horrible, frightful
8. **Gusty** - windy at times
9. **Indolent** - lazy, without purpose
10. **Macabre** - horrible, grim
11. **Mellifluous** - sweetly flowing, melodious
12. **Nocturnal** - active at night
13. **Obsequious** - eager to please, submissive
14. **Piscatorial** - related to fish
15. **Puerile** - childish, immature
16. **Pugnacious** - likes to fight, quarrelsome
17. **Sartorial** - related to tailors, clothing
18. **Sisyphean** - required much effort for no gain
19. **Superfluous** - unnecessary, extra
20. **Abscond** - to run away (usually with something)
21. **Amalgamate** - combine or mix together
22. **Defame** - to slander, to hurt someone's reputation in words
23. **Distill** - purify, get the point, main thing
24. **Exorcise** - to expel from, usually evil spirits
25. **Feign** - to pretend, to fake

ACADEMIC WORDS

Definitions

26. **Levitate** - hover or float above the ground
27. **Scotch** - to put an end to, to stop
28. **Vex** - to bother, to annoy
29. **Acrophobia** - fear of heights, high places
30. **Alchemy** - medieval or primitive chemistry
31. **Arrogance** - pride, haughtiness, above others
32. **Autopsy** - medical examination of a dead body
33. **Bevy** - a large group
34. **Bluff** - to mislead, deceive, pretend to have more
35. **Carafe** - a container for coffee, wine, water. decanter
36. **Cartographer** - a person who makes maps
37. **Catalyst** - something that brings change to something else
38. **Censor** - to stop from saying or writing
39. **Comeuppance** - get a punishment that is deserved
40. **Degradation** - to a decline in quality or level
41. **Entree** - the main part of a meal
42. **Equinox** - time of year when day and night is equal
43. **Fecundity** - fertile, plentiful
44. **Finesse** - tactful, skillful, artistic way

