

Vocabulary List

Check the words you are sure you can read and define.

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___ **ruthless**

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Vocabulary List for Word Study

1. **annihilation** – *noun* The act of destroying completely. *A great flood caused the annihilation of the village.*
2. **arbor** – *noun* A shaded place closed in by shrubs or trees or a frame on which climbing plants, such as vines, grow. *We rested in the shade of the arbor.*
3. **carnage** – *noun* Bloody and extensive slaughter, especially in battle. *Some major battles resulted in terrible carnage.*
4. **cumbersome** – *adjective* Awkward to carry, wear, or manage. *The cumbersome baggage was slowing us down.*
5. **defiant** – *adjective* Being openly and boldly resistant to authority. *The troubled teenager was defiant to the principal.*
6. **deluge** – *noun* 1. An overwhelming rush 2. A great flood of water
The upset woman was speaking through a deluge of tears.
7. **dilemma** – *noun* An argument or a situation in which one must choose between unpleasant alternatives. *The judges had a dilemma over choosing the winner.*
8. **eloquent** – *adjective* Showing clear, forceful, and effective use of language. *The president made an eloquent speech at the graduation ceremony.*
9. **elusive** – *adjective* Being able to avoid or escape by quickness, cunning, etc.; evasive. *The elusive butterfly fluttered in and out of the bushes.*

10. **envision** – *verb* To imagine something not yet in existence. *The founding fathers could envision building a great country.*
11. **grapple** – *verb* To struggle or try to cope with. *Small children may grapple with the buttons on their coats.*
12. **incredulous** – *adjective* Showing doubt or disbelief. *The audience was incredulous over the magician's disappearing act.*
13. **melancholia** – *noun* A mental disorder characterized by extreme depression, brooding, etc. *The injured soldier experienced melancholia for many weeks.*
14. **mortified** – *adjective* Feeling shame and humiliation. *The teacher was mortified when her student's spitball hit the principal.*
15. **ominous** – *adjective* Of or serving as an evil omen; threatening. *The huge black cloud looked ominous to the hikers.*
16. **pillage** – *verb* To rob by force; plunder. *The pirates plan to pillage the town.*
17. **ravenous** – *adjective* Extremely hungry. *The scouts were ravenous by the time they reached camp.*
18. **rebellion** – *noun* Open revolt against a government. *The army helped to put down the rebellion.*
19. **recede** – *verb* To move back or away from a limit, point, or mark. *The flood waters are beginning to recede from the town.*
20. **remorse** – *noun* A deep sense of guilt over a wrong one has done. *The convicted man felt remorse over his crime.*

21. **ruse** – *noun* A stratagem or trick. *The phone call was simply a ruse to get Father out of the house.*
22. **ruthless** – *adjective* Having or showing no pity; cruel. *The ruthless dictator showed no mercy to the people.*
23. **secession** – *noun* The act of withdrawing from membership in a union or organization, as of states. *South Carolina was the first southern state to vote for secession from the Union.*
24. **undaunted** – *adjective* Not afraid or discouraged. *Lewis and Clark were undaunted by the heavy snows and treacherous mountains.*
25. **unscathed** – *adjective* Not hurt; unharmed. *Two passengers survived the crash unscathed and walked away.*

Note: *The American Heritage Children's Dictionary*
Webster's New World Dictionary

Words in Context

Fill-in the blanks with the best word.

1. Thick, dark clouds slowly rolled in, causing the sky to look _____.
2. Surprisingly, the convicted man felt no _____ over his crime.
3. Can you _____ the changes that will be made to the old neighborhood park?
4. It was amusing to watch monkeys _____ over the peanuts we threw.
5. The spectators were _____ over the performance of the gymnasts.
6. The bride's father gave an _____ speech at the reception dinner.
7. The _____ of the southern states from the Union brought the onset of the Civil War.
8. The attackers were _____ as they struggled against the tall, stone wall of the fort but never gave up.
9. Long ago pirates were known to _____ small towns and villages along the coast.
10. Winning the gold medal was an _____ goal that the athlete could not seem to achieve.
11. The _____ king took no pity on any people in his country.

12. Old covered wagons were a _____ and slow form of transportation.
13. Some psychiatrists treat patients who have a severe form of _____.
14. A careless fire started in a nearby campground caused the _____ of the forest.
15. Heavy rains that lasted two days created a _____ of water that flooded the valley.
16. The committee members couldn't settle the _____ of which building plan was best.
17. After the two armies met in battle the _____ on the battlefield was devastating.
18. The prisoner gave the guard a _____ look and refused to obey his orders.
19. What a cool place this is under the shade of the _____!
20. When can we expect the flood waters to _____ from the streets of the town?
21. The police staged a clever _____ to lure the criminal into the room.
22. The ruler was careful not to incite a _____ among his citizens over the new laws.
23. A lone warrior survived the battle _____ and was able to report to his leader.

24. After a long swim he is always _____
and can eat a whole pizza.

25. My aunt was _____ when she fell
in front of the whole audience.

Word Wheel

