

Vocabulary 9 Introduction

Sentence	Word	Definition
Jerry's older brother always <u>deprecat</u> ed his idea and made him feel inferior.	deprecate v.	To express strong disapproval off
The teacher's <u>derogatory</u> remarks about her composition lowered her confidence.	derogatory adj.	Tending to lower in estimation; degrading
The young troublemaker planned to <u>desecrate</u> the cemetery by overturning headstones.	desecrate v.	To treat with disrespect
The <u>despot</u> called for a national curfew in order to control his citizens.	despot n.	Monarch with unlimited power
Nothing can <u>deter</u> someone who really works hard from becoming successful.	Deter v.	To discourage; to keep someone from doing something
Her <u>devious</u> behavior in the past prevented me from trusting her.	Devious Adj.	Not straightforward; lying; roundabout
His essay was <u>devoid</u> of commentary, and therefore received a low grade.	Devoid Adj.	Entirely without; lacking
The coach's <u>diatribe</u> against the umpire's call got him thrown out of the game.	diatribe n.	A denunciation; bitter verbal attack
Our teacher uses <u>didactic</u> stories to teach us about the meaning of life.	Didactic Adj.	Intended to instruct
Your rambling essay is too <u>diffuse</u> to be effective.	Diffuse Adj.	Spread out; wordy