

Vocabulary 8 Introduction

Sentence	Word	Definition
FBI agents called in an expert to decode the <u>cryptic</u> message.	cryptic adj	Secret; having hidden meaning; mysterious
The teacher did not catch the mistake on the essay because she only gave it a <u>cursory</u> check.	Cursory adj	Hasty and without attention to details
The <u>dearth</u> of graduates in computer animation has hurt production in many film studios.	Dearth adj	Shortage; scarcity
The flu <u>debilitated</u> the quarterback and prevented him from performing well.	Debilitate v	To weaken; to make feeble
Many sermons focus on the moral <u>decadence</u> of our time.	Decadence n	Decay; decline
Out of <u>deference</u> to my father, I always kept the volume of my stereo low.	Deference n	Great respect; honor
The low grade <u>deflated</u> the student's confidence in his writing ability.	Deflate v	To let out the air out; to reduce in size or importance
I tried to <u>delineate</u> the behavior of the criminals, but it was difficult to put into words.	Delineate v	To describe in words; to sketch; to portray
Unless you change your crass <u>demeanor</u> , we'll never be compatible.	Demeanor n	Behavior; manner
No one was surprised by the Republican senator's <u>denunciation</u> of President Clinton.	Denunciation n	Expression of strong disapproval made openly and publicly; public condemnation