

The Devil and Tom Walter

by Washington Irving

Definitions



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| 1. | articulate | are TIK yuh late | to speak distinctly; expressing oneself clearly |
| | Synonyms >> | | Antonym >> to speak indistinctly; to mumble |
| | An announcer must be articulate. A good politician must be able to articulate his views. | | |
| | Derivatives >> | articulated, articulating, articulation, articulateness, articulative, articulately, articulator | |
| 2. | avarice | AV uh ris | greed for wealth |
| | Synonyms >> | cupidity | Antonym >> generosity |
| | Avarice and gluttony are two vices that can destroy lives. | | |
| | Derivatives >> | avaricious, avariciously, avariciousness | |
| 3. | balk | BALK | to defeat, check, or stop as if by a barrier |
| | Synonyms >> | foil, baffle, thwart, demur, frustrate, circumvent, hinder | Antonym >> |
| | The steers balked at the sight of the snake and refused to move into the corral. | | |
| | Derivatives >> | balked, balking, balky | |
| 4. | censure | SEN shur | to blame or to condemn |
| | Synonyms >> | denounce, reprehend, reprobate (verb) | Antonym >> to praise |
| | The congressman was censured for taking a bribe. | | |
| | Derivatives >> | censured, censuring, censurer, censures | |
| 5. | consecrate | KON suh krate | to dedicate or to declare sacred |
| | Synonyms >> | devote, hallow | Antonym >> to profane |
| | Ministers customarily consecrate their lives to serving God. | | |
| | Derivatives >> | consecrated, consecrating, consecratory, consecrator, consecration | |
| 6. | daunt | DAWNT | to intimidate, to dismay |
| | Synonyms >> | | Antonym >> to hearten |
| | I am not daunted by your threats. | | |
| | Derivatives >> | dauntless, dauntlessly, dauntlessness | |
| 7. | expedient | ik SPEE dee unt | appropriate for a purpose but not necessarily moral, right, or just |
| | Synonyms >> | | Antonym >> disadvantageous |
| | In trying to increase political support, the candidate found it expedient to change his stand on taxation. | | |
| | Derivatives >> | expediate, expedience, expediency, expediential, expedientist, expediently | |
| 8. | forbearance | fore BARE uns | patience, lenience |
| | Synonyms >> | | Antonym >> impatience |
| | Because he is so young, we must have forbearance in dealing with him. | | |
| | Derivatives >> | forbear, forbearant, forbearer, forbearing, forbearingly, forbearingsness, forbore | |
| 9. | impregnable | im PREG nuh bul | incapable of being taken by assault, of being broken into or escaped |
| | Synonyms >> | unconquerable, unassailable | Antonym >> easily conquered |
| | The warriors felt secure in the impregnable fortress. | | |
| | Derivatives >> | impregnability, impregnableness, impregnably | |
| 10. | incantation | in kan TAY shun | a spell, written or recited formula of words designed for a particular |
| | Synonyms >> | | Antonym >> |
| | The purpose of the witch doctor's incantations was to scare evil spirits. | | |
| | Derivatives >> | incant, incantational, incantatory | |
| 11. | melancholy | MEL un kol ee | depression of spirits |
| | Synonyms >> | | Antonym >> happiness |
| | After Dad lost his job, he fell into a state of melancholy. | | |
| | Derivatives >> | melancholia, melancholic, melancholiac, melancholically, melancholily, melancholiness, melancholious | |

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| 12. | ostentatious | os ten TAY shus | showy, pretentious |
| | Synonyms >> | pompous | Antonym >> modest |
| | The ostentatious socialite wore her mink fur coat even during the warmest days of August. | | |
| | Derivatives >> | ostentation, ostentate, ostentatiously, ostentatiousness, ostentative | |
| 13. | parsimony | PAR suh moe nee | stinginess, frugality; excessive economy |
| | Synonyms >> | | Antonym >> prodigality; extravagance |
| | His family suffered from his parsimony as he refused to spend adequate money even on the necessities of life. | | |
| | Derivatives >> | parsimonious, parsimoniousness, parsimoniously | |
| 14. | piety | PIE eh tee | devotion and reverence to God |
| | Synonyms >> | | Antonym >> irreverence |
| | The man was noted for his piety and devotion to the church. | | |
| | Derivatives >> | pietism, pietist, pietistic, pietistically | |
| 15. | precarious | pre KARE ee us | dangerous, risky, not a secure situation |
| | Synonyms >> | | Antonym >> safe |
| | It seems that a tightrope walker is often in a precarious situation. | | |
| | Derivatives >> | precariously, precariousness | |
| 16. | prevalent | PREV uh lunt | generally or widely accepted, current, or practiced |
| | Synonyms >> | prevailing, victorious, dominant | Antonym >> limited, uncommon |
| | The state of lethargy is a prevalent problem in education. | | |
| | Derivatives >> | prevalence, prevalently | |
| 17. | propitious | pruh PISH us | favorably disposed, graciously inclined |
| | Synonyms >> | helpful, advantageous, benevolent, favorable, auspicious | Antonym >> unfavorable; inauspicious |
| | America has conditions propitious to democracy. | | |
| | Derivatives >> | propitiously, propitiousness, propitiate, propitiated, propitiatory | |
| 18. | prostration | pros TRAY shun | a stretching out due to lacking vitality and being completely overcome |
| | Synonyms >> | | Antonym >> vitality |
| | During late summer football practices, players sometimes suffer from heat prostration. | | |
| | Derivatives >> | prostrate, prostrator, prostrating | |
| 19. | refuge | REF yooj | shelter or place of protection |
| | Synonyms >> | | Antonym >> dangerous place |
| | Reservations were supposed to be places of refuge for Indians. | | |
| | Derivatives >> | refuges | |
| 20. | resolute | REZ uh loot | characterized by a decided purpose |
| | Synonyms >> | staunch, steadfast, determined, resolved, faithful, firm | Antonym >> |
| | The business was run by a resolute man who set his mind on a goal and followed through with it. | | |
| | Derivatives >> | resoluter, resolutest, resolutely, resoluteness, resolution, resolutionary, resolutioner, resolute | |
| 21. | superfluous | soo PUR floo us | beyond what is needed or required, an overflow |
| | Synonyms >> | | Antonym >> necessary |
| | The meeting lasted so long because of many superfluous comments by some of the speakers. | | |
| | Derivatives >> | superfluously, superfluousness, superfluent, superfluity | |

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| 2. | avarice | 12. | ostentatious |
| 3. | balk | 13. | parsimony |
| 4. | censure | 14. | piety |
| 5. | consecrate | 15. | precarious |
| 6. | daunt | 16. | prevalent |
| 7. | expedient | 17. | propitious |
| 8. | forbearance | 18. | prostration |
| 9. | impregnable | 19. | refuge |
| 10. | incantation | 20. | resolute |
| | | 21. | superfluous |

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| 6 | refuge | 16 | parsimony |
| 7 | melancholy | 17 | censurer |
| 8 | incantations | 18 | expediency |
| 9 | consecrated | 19 | superfluous |
| 10 | daunted | 20 | piety |
| | | 21 | prevalent |

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Vocabulary Test

Directions: Match the word in the left column with the correct definition in the right column.

Exercise A

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| _____ | 4. | censure | d. | intimidated, dismayed |
| _____ | 5. | consecrated | e. | to blame or condemn |
| _____ | 6. | daunted | f. | patience, lenience |
| _____ | 7. | expedient | g. | greed for wealth |
| _____ | 8. | forbearance | h. | incapable of being taken by assault or broken into |
| _____ | 9. | impregnable | i. | dedicated or declared sacred |
| _____ | 10. | incantations | j. | spells, written or recited formulas or words |

Exercise B

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|-------|-----|--------------|----|--|
| _____ | 11. | melancholy | k. | depression of spirits |
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| _____ | 13. | parsimony | m. | dangerous, risky, not a secure situation |
| _____ | 14. | piety | n. | showy, pretentious |
| _____ | 15. | precarious | o. | shelter or place of protection |
| _____ | 16. | prevalent | p. | favorably disposed, graciously inclined |
| _____ | 17. | propitious | q. | stinginess, frugality |
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| _____ | 21. | superfluous | u. | generally or widely accepted; current or practiced |

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| 8. f | 9. h | 10. j | 11. k | 12. n | 13. q | 14. s |
| 15. m | 16. u | 17. p | 18. r | 19. o | 20. l | 21. t |