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| Vocabulary | P-o-Speech | Synonyms | Antonyms | FULL sentence |
| Elusive |  | difficult to find, catch, or achieve.   ambiguous, indefinable | Definite, clear | The elusive snake will attack from tree branches above. Some consider belief in God to be an elusive need for love and purpose in life. |
| Recuperate |  | heal, mend | hurt, deteriorate | Jason had to recuperate in sick bay after getting stabbed in the back with an imperial gold gladius. |
| Contemporary |  | up-to-date, up-to-the-minute, fashionable | old-fashioned, out of date | Contemporary fashion includes one-sleeved shirts and ripped up jeans. |
| Emaciated |  | thin, skinny , bony, anorexic | thick, fat, chubby | His emaciated young face, disfigured by the half-shaven head, hung down hopelessly. Because some sick animals refuse to eat, many of them become emaciated. |
| Surly |  | bad tempered, unfriendly, moody, sour | sweet, kind, happy, friendly. | The girl was surly on her first day at the new school because she missed her friends. |
| Embezzle |  | Steal, skim off the top | give, receive, pay | The conman planned to embezzle the funds he helped the charity raise. |
| Surreptitious |  | Covert, secretive | blatant, truthful | She completed the assignment in a surreptitious, secret manner. |
| Contrition |  | Remorse, Penitent, sorrow | Unrepentant , Indifference, apathy | She showed contrition for beating up the other girl. |
| Nonchalant |  | effortless, casual, calm, composed | Anxious, nervous, emotional | Dean answered in a voice as nonchalant as he could muster. She gave a nonchalant shrug when the teacher asked about her weekend. |
| Wistful |  | Regretful, Mournful, yearning, longing | Happy, Joyful, glad, satisfied | There are a lot of wistful decisions I made and I wish I didn’t. The boy wistfully gazed at the train set he wanted for Christmas. |
| Guileless |  | Open, innocent, unworldly | scheming, tricky | The guileless kid would not consider cheating on the test. |
| Redundant |  | unneeded, unnecessary | essential, necessary, important | My professor's redundant speech consisted of him saying the same thing over and over again. |
| Conundrum |  | difficulty, quandary, dilemma, problem | Solution, positive situation | . The strong wind was a conundrum for the movies directors and actors. |
| Pious |  | Religious, spiritual, devout | irreligious, insincere, hypocritical | The pious visitors quietly prayed at the altar. |
| pivotal |  | central, crucial | minor, secondary | it was the pivotal point in the story and all that followed revealed the consequences of that one decision. |
| Novel (adjective) |  | of a new kind;  different, unique | regular, normal, common | Brandon had a novel idea to jump if a cliff with a hand glider. |
| Taciturn |  | reticent, introvert | loud, talkative | The taciturn student rarely raised his hand to answer questions. |
| Zealot |  | extremist, radical, fanatic | moderate, conservative | He was a zealot when it comes to his competitive scores on NFL video games. |
| Condone |  | accept, allow | overlook, forget | The college cannot condone any behavior that involves illicit drugs. |
| perpetuate |  | maintain, conserve | stop, prevent | Ms. Spicher perpetuates students to compete on Kahoots for candy rewards. |

The manager of Bojangles was faced with a (1) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Someone in the kitchen was (2) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ biscuits when they closed at night. It could be Jason, who is a (3) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for any kind of food. On the other hand, he knew Damian had been (4) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ since his hours were cut so maybe he was taking them as revenge. It couldn’t be Kera because she is (5) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and (6) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, never thinking or doing suspicious things. It was definitely not Amelie; she was so (7) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that she probably only ate fruit once a day, much less the delicious biscuits. He talked to several of the employees but their answers were becoming (8) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and he was getting nowhere closer to discovering the culprit. Barbie was (9) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ when he interviewed her, reluctant to say much. Maybe she had something to hide. He watched during her shift and she was acting a bit (10) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, going to the back room during her breaks. He could not allow the thievery to (11) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because he would go out of business. He confronted Barbie, explaining that he did not (12) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ dishonesty. Barbie began crying, showing (13) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for her misdeed. She told the manager that she was (14) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ about learning how to bake the biscuits with the secret Bojangles recipe to surprise her mother for her 50th birthday. It was a (15) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ day for the manager because he realized how much the employees wanted to learn. He set up an instructional training period so they wouldn’t have to go behind his back. Some were (16) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, not caring about the philosophy behind the food and just there for a paycheck. Others were excited about the (17) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ program. The business began to (18) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The manager, the employees, and the customers were much happier.