List 8

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| Vocabulary |  | Synonyms | Antonyms | FULL sentence |
| stagnant |  | Dormant, Idle, inactive, sluggish | Active, Alert, fresh | She walked down the alley, nose wrinkling at the scents of trash and stagnant water. The economy became stagnant with the new president entered office. |
| Divert / diversion |  | CHANGE, REROUTE | STRAIGHTEN, MAINTAIN | HE TRIED TO DIVERT HER FROM THE TV SO THEY COULD PLAY THEIR BOARD GAME. |
| astute |  | Crafty, intelligent, sharp, acute | Foolish, ignorant, stupid, dull | I am an astute business man and my colleague has no experience at all. |
| frugal |  | Careful, wary, simple, plain | Careless, wasteful, spending money freely | Most of the time I am frugal with my work and try to get it done on time and have it done very well. |
| vignette |  | Scene, Sketch | Novel, poem, epic | A well-known vignette in the Book of the Dead depicts the scene. At the wedding reception, the best man shared a vignette about how the newlywed couple met. |
| furrow |  | Chanel, fold | Smooth, even | A duct leads to the **furrow** or canal of the tooth. |
| instigator |  | Initiator, Provoker | Halt, Dissuade | He was tried and convicted as an **instigator** of the murder. |
| vindicate |  | Defend, justify | Condemn, destroy | They shared in every danger and in every success, and each was expected to **vindicate** the honor of another as promptly and zealously as his own. |
| quagmire |  | Mix-Up, Mess, swamp, slough | Desert, dry | The building that is on fire is a quagmire situation. |
| furtive |  | Secretive, covert | Open, honest | She has her own **furtive** motivations to do things which she tells no one about. |
| atrophy |  | Waste away, wither, decrease, decline | Strengthen, flourish, increase, rise | My cousin struggles to move sometimes due to atrophy in her muscles eating them away. The loss of an eye will be followed by **atrophy** of the optic nerve. |
| futile |  | Vain, Useless, not producing a result | Useful, Effective | The security offers gave a futile attempt to keep fans from mounting the stage. |
| drivel |  | Nonsense, gibberish | Sense, truth | Instead of studying, we wasted the hours talking about irrelevant drivel. |
| quaint |  | Peculiar, curious, bizarre | ordinary, common | His gentle courtesy and quaint speech won my heart. The quaint restaurant in the country hid a terrible secret of murder. |
| complacent |  | Pleased, proud, Satisfied, confident | Unhappy, unsure, concerned | You should not have a complacent attitude toward unemployment. The student grew complacent about the challenges ahead. |
| intermittent |  | Sporadic, Irregular | Regular, Continuous | The wind was intermittent |
| quandary |  | Predicament, plight, dilemma, difficulty | Success, solution, good fortune | The man was in a quandary legal situation. |
| stifle |  | unable to breathe properly; suffocate, smother, restrain | Encourage, inspire | The flower stands in the streets were stifled by the fumes from car pollution. |
| interminable |  | Never-ending , nonstop | Halting, limited | The five hour school meeting that I was present at was Interminable. |
| quarantine |  | Isolation, closed off | freedom, liberation | Some people like to be quarantined from others so they won’t catch germs. |
| austere |  | Severe, stern | Gentle, calm | The Sanctuary was plain to the point of **austere** with no luxuries. |
| stoic |  | impassive indifferent, unemotional, unexcitable | emotional | She studied his **stoic** expression anxiously when the girl left him at the prom. |

The Black Plague in Europe seemed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, lasting over decades and killing a third of the total population. It spread quickly because of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of human waste since there was no sanitary indoor plumbing. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ rats carried disease fleas in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of their fur. At first, people were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, assuming that it was a simple illness that would pass through. Outbreaks were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, occurring in small villages. Once they realized that it was fatal, they would \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ people in their houses to prevent further contamination. This left families in a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because they were trapped in their homes where rats could still enter and then everyone would slowly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by coughing blood, growing weak, speaking \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and getting lesions on their skin. The culture and progress of the whole society were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by this epidemic. People had to learn to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in order to cope with all the suffering and loss of loved ones. Doctors wondered if it was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to search for a cure. Eventually, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ scientists understood that they had to clean up the filth in order to prevent the rats from surviving. Slowly, outbreaks of the Black Plague became \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and finally disappeared. It was such a tragedy that it should be more than a mere \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in history books.