

Fill in the blanks

1. He is so ..... that no one knew whether he enjoyed the party or not.

garrulous  
loquacious  
taciturn

Taciturn means reserved or tight-lipped

2. He ..... his brothers out of their inheritance.

flummoxed  
swapped  
swindled

To swindle is to cheat.

3. He had a ..... outlook on life.

sagacious  
salacious  
sanguine

Sanguine means optimistic, hopeful.

4. Regular exercise is .....

sagacious  
salubrious  
deleterious

Salubrious means healthy.

5. We pray that the court will reach a ..... decision.

sanctimonious  
sacrilegious

sagacious

6. He was a ..... tyrant.

ruthless

lenient

remorseful

Ruthless means unmerciful.

7. He ..... on the courses of action open to him.

rummaged

collaborated

ruminated

To ruminate is to contemplate or ponder.

8. He is so ..... that his troubles never seem to get him down.

resilient

flaccid

preposterous

Resilient means rebounding or rapidly recovering.

9. Just when I thought he had recovered, he suffered a .....

relapse

remission

Relapse means return to illness.

10. Our relationship is based on ..... respect.

equivocal

unilateral

reciprocal

Reciprocal means mutual or shared.

11. The ..... youth needed more understanding teachers.

redundant  
recalcitrant  
compliant

Recalcitrant means stubborn.

12. A victim of injustice is bound to be full of .....

rupture  
rancor  
amity

Rancor means ill will or bitterness.

PLAY AGAIN !

## Answers

1. He is so taciturn that no one knew whether he enjoyed the party or not.
2. He swindled his brothers out of their inheritance.
3. He had a sanguine outlook on life.
4. Regular exercise is salubrious.
5. We pray that the court will reach a sagacious decision.
6. He was a ruthless tyrant.
7. He ruminated on the courses of action open to him.
8. He is so resilient that his troubles never seem to get him down.
9. Just when I thought he had recovered, he suffered a relapse.
10. Our relationship is based on reciprocal respect.
11. The recalcitrant youth needed more understanding teachers.
12. A victim of injustice is bound to be full of rancor.