

Test your range of English vocabulary with this exercise.

1. Which of the following words can be used to refer to a speaker who does not use more words than necessary?

Laconic

Taciturn

Inarticulate

Garrulous

2. Which of the following words can be used to refer to a man who excessively caters to, worships and submits to the most outlandish or outrageous demands of his wife?

Henpecked

Uxorious

Dipsomaniac

3. Which of the following words is synonymous with alcoholism?

Dipsomania

Kleptomania

Pyromania

4. Which of the following words can be used to refer to people who have delusions about their invincibility?

Megalomaniac

Pyromaniac

Hypochondriac

5. Which of the following words can be used to refer to a person who fears shut-in or crowded places?

Arsonist

Agoraphobe

Claustrophobe

6. A person who sneers at convention and tradition is a/an

iconoclast

agnostic

atheist

7. A person who has morbid anxiety about his or her health is a /an

martinet
hypochondriac
tyro
virtuoso

8. Which of the following words is used to refer to the act of killing one's wife?

Sycophancy
Patrimony
Patricide
Uxoricide

9. Which of the following words can be used to refer to a person who is a strict disciplinarian?

Virago
Chauvinist
Martinet

10. Which of the following words can be used to refer to a person who tends to fixate obsessively over one thing?

Hypochondriac
Agnostic

Monomaniac

11. Which of the following words can be used to refer to an accomplished musician?

Dilettante

Termagant

Virtuoso

12. Which of the following words can be used to refer to an old man in a ruling position?

Matriarch

Termagant

Patriarch

Answers

1. A speaker who does not use more words than necessary - Laconic
2. A word used to refer to a man who excessively caters to, worships and submits to the most outlandish or outrageous demands of his wife - Uxorious
3. A word synonymous with alcoholism - Dipsomania
4. People who have delusions about their invincibility - Megalomaniac
5. A person who fears shut-in or crowded places - Claustrophobe
6. A person who sneers at convention and tradition - Iconoclast
7. A person who has morbid anxiety about his or her health - Hypochondriac

8. Act of killing one's wife - Uxoricide
9. A person who is a strict disciplinarian - Martinet
10. A person who tends to fixate obsessively over one thing - Monomaniac
11. A word used to refer to an accomplished musician - Virtuoso
12. A word used to refer to an old man in a ruling position - Patriarch