

Definitions

Study the spelling, pronunciation, part of speech, and definition given for each of the words below. Write the word in the blank space in the sentence that follows. Then read the synonyms and antonyms.

1. **blemish**
(ble' mish)

(n.) a mark or stain that damages the appearance of something; a weakness or flaw

The carpenter noticed a _____ in the finish of the cabinet.

SYNONYMS: a scar, spot, smudge; a defect, weak spot

2. **blunt**
(blunt)

(adj.) having a dull point or edge, not sharp; honest but insensitive in manner

My uncle gave me some _____ advice.

(v.) to make less sharp

Misuse will _____ a knife blade.

SYNONYMS: (adj.) dull; outspoken, frank, direct

ANTONYMS: (adj.) sharp, keen; tactful, diplomatic; (v.) to sharpen

3. **capable**
(kā' pə bəl)

(adj.) able and prepared to do something; fit or skilled

A _____ teacher should be rewarded.

SYNONYM: qualified

ANTONYMS: unqualified, incapable, unfit

4. **conclude**
(kən klüd')

(v.) to finish; to bring something to an end; to decide after careful thought

After electing a new secretary, the committee voted to _____ the meeting.

SYNONYMS: to close, complete, stop; to reason, judge

ANTONYMS: to open, begin, start, commence

5. **detect**
(di tekt')

(v.) to find or discover something, notice

A test may _____ chemicals in the water supply.

SYNONYMS: to observe, spot

ANTONYMS: to miss, overlook

6. **fatigue**
(fə tēg')

(n.) weariness or exhaustion from work or lack of sleep

By the end of the day I felt overcome with _____.

(v.) to make very tired

The riders were warned not to _____ the horses.

SYNONYMS: (n.) tiredness, sleepiness, weakness; (v.) to tire

ANTONYMS: (n.) liveliness, energy; (v.) to energize, perk up