

Vocabulary 5 - How to Talk about Family Members

Indicate whether the pairs of words below have similar or different meanings.

1. _____ diffuse succinct
2. _____ perturb soothe
3. _____ aberrant eccentric
4. _____ elucidate explain
5. _____ disgruntled satisfied
6. _____ convoluted circuitous
7. _____ superficial shallow
8. _____ hackneyed banal
9. _____ abridge curtail
10. _____ reprimand praises

Fill in the blank with the word that best completes the sentence.

11. Lots of people complain about violence on TV, which is usually _____ and doesn't contribute anything to the actual program.
trite amorphous superfluous convoluted
12. My brothers like to _____ me when I'm trying to concentrate on, say, writing a new poem.
castigate deface acclimate agitate
13. When you go to a museum, you have to behave _____: no running around or yelling in the halls.
decorously aberrantly nebulously tangentially
14. When my dad got a one-hundred-dollar telephone bill last month, he had to _____ our phone usage.
adhere elucidate defile curtail
15. When I failed that last math test Janet tried to comfort me by saying it was a really _____ test and wouldn't affect my grade too much.
germane tangential inconsequential divisive
16. Walter Chen is incredibly _____. He's always acting like he's better and smarter than everyone else, but he's totally not.
pretentious prosaic convoluted disgruntled
17. My brothers and I like really loud rock music, but my dad says it all just sounds like _____ to him.
wastrel dissonance saga reprimands
18. We wanted to take the scenic route, so we drove on a _____ path and took two hours longer than necessary.
disreputable adamant accentuated circuitous
19. My dad thinks my big, clunky combat boots aren't _____ for a young lady.
seemly derivative superfluous tangential
20. It took me a while to _____ to high school; the whole place didn't make sense to me at first.
curtail acclimate exacerbate scoff
21. Our teacher really liked Walters short story, even though it was totally _____ of a story we had read last year.
decorous defaced derivative agitated
22. The noise of the construction across the street _____ my already terrible headache.
exacerbated elucidated digressed defiled
23. The book *Griffin and Sabine* is a(n) _____ novel-it's written as a series of letters and postcards.
divisive discordant epistolary abridged
24. Last night I had a really scary nightmare, but when I woke up I had only a(n) _____ memory of what happened in it.
trite nebulous circuitous pretentious
25. My father is _____ about my going to college next year.
adamant discordant fastidious succinct

Your twenty-five words for Week 5

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