

Vocabulary 8 - How to Talk about Brains

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

1. _____ acrimonious bitter
2. _____ nefarious well-meaning
3. _____ disdain mock
4. _____ deleterious helpful
5. _____ obtuse dull
6. _____ intricate complex
7. _____ assent concur
8. _____ erudite simple-minded
9. _____ voluble shy
10. _____ incontrovertible impossible to prove

In each of the groups below, choose the word that does not belong.

11. enmity perspicacity spite rancor
12. disparage malign praise mock
13. obdurate stubborn intractable erudite
14. acquiescent deleterious inimical injurious
15. pugnacious savvy contentious disputatious

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

16. My brothers made a(n) mess of dinner last night. It took them longer to scrape all the burnt stuff off the pans than it did to cook the _____ thing.

didactic execrable obdurate polemical

17. Walter picks on me out of pure _____; he has no good reason to be so obnoxious.

erudition acuteness spite pedagogy

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18. My history teacher is a total _____ . He hates it when anyone questions his theories.

doctrinaire miscreant charlatan intelligentsia

19. My brothers and I like to _____ about everything. After all, it would be a crime to agree about anything with my lame little brothers.

remonstrate disdain concur collaborate

20. My father hated the *Matrix* movies, and complained about them loudly and _____ .

presumptuously obtusely acquiescently virulently

21. The politician tried desperately to _____ the scandalous news about his affair.

degenerate suppress concur assent

22. Janet is always very _____ with her words. She carefully considers everything she says.

disputatious pernicious deliberate didactic

23. Janet and I want to _____ on a children's book someday: I'll write the text and she'll do the illustrations.

concur collaborate acquiesce disdain

24. I told my dad his argument was completely _____ and couldn't possibly be supported.

untenable incontrovertible intractable execrable

25. I found it awfully _____ that my grandfather expected me to settle down and have a family after high school. What century are we living in again?

obdurate savvy presumptuous polemical

Your twenty-five words for Week 8

	Word	Pt. of Speech	Definition
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