

Unit 3.2

Quiz 3/21/12

1. harass

- To disturb, worry; to trouble by repeated attacks
- Verb
- Synonyms: annoy, pester, bedevil, beleaguer
- *The judge repeatedly cautioned the prosecuting attorney not to harass the witness.*

2. inclement

- Stormy, harsh; severe in attitude or action
- Adjective
- Synonyms: blustery, tempestuous, implacable
- Antonyms: mild, gentle, balmy, tranquil
- *During an inclement New England winter, heavy snowfalls may bring highway traffic to a standstill.*

3. muse

- To think about in a dreamy way, ponder
- Verb
- Synonyms: meditate, contemplate, daydream
- *Philosophers have always mused on the meaning of life.*

4. negligible

- So unimportant that it can be disregarded
- Adjective
- Synonyms: trivial, inconsequential, insignificant
- Antonyms: significant, crucial, momentous
- *After taxes are deducted, a small raise in salary may result in a negligible increase in take-home pay.*

5. perpetuate

- To make permanent or long lasting
- Verb
- Synonyms: continue, preserve, prolong indefinitely
- Antonyms: discontinue, abolish, abandon
- *In most cultures, people try to perpetuate the customs of their ancestors.*

6. precedent

- An example that may serve as a basis for imitation of later action
- Noun
- Synonyms: guide, tradition
- *We hope that students at other schools in our city will follow our precedent in volunteer work and charitable contributions.*

7. punitive

- Inflicting or aiming at punishment
- Adjective
- Synonyms: penalizing, retaliatory
- *The general led a punitive expedition against the rebel forces.*

8. redress

- Verb: to set right
- Noun: relief from wrong or injury
- Synonyms: rectify, correct, mitigate
- *An apology can go a long way to redress the hurt feelings caused by an insensitive comment or a thoughtless act.*

9. sojourn

- Noun: a temporary stay
- Verb: to stay for a time
- Synonyms: visit, stopover, brief stay
- *Many American graduates sojourn abroad before they begin working full-time at home.*

10. urbane

- Refined in manner or style, suave
- Adjective
- Synonym: elegant
- *An urbane host puts guests at ease by appearing totally confident and unruffled no matter what happens.*