



Match the Meaning



For each item below, choose the word whose meaning is suggested by the clue given. Then write the word in the space provided.

1. People who never settle down in one place are called _____.
a. blemishes b. transports c. hospitalities d. nomads
2. To _____ someone is to be cruel to that person.
a. conclude b. persecute c. blunt d. detect
3. To prove your ability at something is to show yourself _____.
a. capable b. festive c. supreme d. blunt
4. A train is a good form of _____ if you want to enjoy the scenery.
a. nomad b. transport c. blemish d. fatigue
5. Weddings and birthdays are examples of _____ events.
a. blunt b. capable c. festive d. supreme
6. To notice something is to _____ it.
a. detect b. conclude c. persecute d. blunt
7. You can usually overcome _____ by getting a good night's sleep.
a. transport b. blemishes c. fatigue d. hospitality
8. The _____ Court is the highest in the land.
a. Supreme b. Blunt c. Festive d. Capable
9. It's a good idea to _____ a speech with a summary.
a. blunt b. conclude c. detect d. persecute
10. A smudge in a paint job is an example of a _____.
a. blemish b. transport c. nomad d. hospitality
11. Improper use of a knife may _____ its edge.
a. detect b. transport c. blunt d. conclude
12. Good hosts would be sure to show _____.
a. transport b. hospitality c. blemish d. fatigue



An experienced jeweler will likely spot every **blemish** in a gemstone.

Synonyms

For each item below, choose the word that is most nearly the **same** in meaning as the word or phrase in **boldface**. Then write your choice on the line provided.

- her **outstanding** accomplishment
a. blunt b. festive c. supreme d. capable _____
- tried to conceal the **flaw**
a. blemish b. nomad c. fatigue d. hospitality _____
- carry** the grain to distant markets
a. conclude b. detect c. blunt d. transport _____
- a **skilled** performer, but not a star
a. supreme b. capable c. blunt d. festive _____
- followed the trail of **wanderers**
a. transports b. blemishes c. nomads d. hospitalities _____
- a **happy** atmosphere
a. festive b. capable c. supreme d. blunt _____

Antonyms

For each item below, choose the word that is most nearly **opposite** in meaning to the word or phrase in **boldface**. Then write your choice on the line provided.

- overlook** the danger
a. detect b. conclude c. persecute d. transport _____
- spoke in a **diplomatic** manner
a. supreme b. festive c. blunt d. capable _____
- begin** the homework project
a. detect b. persecute c. transport d. conclude _____
- protected** the strangers
a. blunted b. persecuted c. concluded d. detected _____
- surprised by their **liveliness**
a. nomad b. blemish c. fatigue d. hospitality _____
- showed **unfriendliness** to the visitors
a. fatigue b. hospitality c. transports d. blemishes _____



Word Associations



Circle the letter next to the word or expression that best completes the sentence or answers the question. Pay special attention to the word in **boldface**.

1. If you feel **fatigue**, you might
- a. take a nap.
 - b. run 3 miles.
 - c. swim 50 laps.
 - d. clean out the garage.

2. Which cannot offer **hospitality**?
- a. a school
 - b. a gift box
 - c. a town
 - d. a person

3. Someone who is **blunt** might
- a. cheer you up.
 - b. hurt your feelings.
 - c. lie to you.
 - d. forget your birthday.

4. Which is a **festive** event?
- a. a final exam
 - b. a terrible tragedy
 - c. a birthday party
 - d. a criminal trial

5. A **capable** student is one who
- a. travels a long way to school.
 - b. misses a lot of school.
 - c. does well in school.
 - d. knows everyone in school.

6. Which of the following might you use to **detect** something?
- a. a pencil
 - b. a magnifying glass
 - c. a sandwich
 - d. a pair of scissors

7. A **blemished** jewel will probably
- a. cost less than a flawless one.
 - b. be stolen.
 - c. be found in a museum.
 - d. cost more than a flawless one.

8. A good detective might **conclude** a robbery case by
- a. turning in her badge.
 - b. looking for clues.
 - c. having donuts and coffee.
 - d. arresting the thief.

9. Your **supreme** achievement is
- a. your greatest.
 - b. your worst.
 - c. your first.
 - d. your last.

10. A **nomad's** home might be
- a. an apartment.
 - b. a castle.
 - c. a tent.
 - d. a farmhouse.

11. If I were **persecuted**, I would
- a. feel happy.
 - b. feel hungry.
 - c. feel hurt.
 - d. feel sleepy.

12. Which might **transport** an elephant?
- a. a skateboard
 - b. a shopping cart
 - c. a hot-air balloon
 - d. a big truck