

Nine Letter Words

Avocabo Word List 38

AFFIDAVIT, ALBATROSS, ATTENUATE, BEGUILING, BELEAGUER, CACOETHES, CANNONADE, CONVIVIAL, DALLIANCE, EFFULGENT, EGREGIOUS, FIDUCIARY, GALLIVANT, GALVANIZE, HEINOUSLY, HEURISTIC, ILLICITLY, KOWTOWING, MALADROIT, MENDACITY, NOSTALGIC, OBJURGATE, PECUNIARY, STEVEDORE

The Importance of the Number Nine



The number nine is an important number. It is 3×3 , the *product* of Divine completeness. The number nine has proven to be important through its representations. Currently our solar system contains nine planets, and there are also nine muses of Greek myth. During the late medieval period a set of 'Nine Worthies' was assembled. There

are nine levels of IQ. It has frequently been stated the game of baseball is a metaphor for life. Baseball has several connections to the number nine. There are nine players on a team, and there are nine innings to a regular game. In the Catholic practice of Novenas, prayer services last nine nights. The gestation period in human birth takes nine months, and finally, the Romans were known to bury their dead on the ninth day of the death.

Source:

Finney, Dee et al. *The Symbolism and Spiritual Significance of the Number Nine*, <http://www.greatdreams.com/nine/nine.htm>

Exercise 38-1: Discriminating Appropriate / Inappropriate Usage

Indicate whether the sentences below use the list word (in *italic boldface*) correctly or incorrectly by circling or highlighting the appropriate icon. (24 marks)

1. The **affidavit** was issued to the man after he swore under oath before a notary public.
2. Moore sank his second shot at the par-five second for one of the rarest birds in golf - an **albatross**. According to Tour officials, Moore's second shot was a six-iron from some 205 metres which rolled straight into the hole.
3. Nowadays, parents have fewer children than they used to, the children are geographically more dispersed, and their sense of obligation is **attenuated** by distance and divorce.
4. Vladimir Putin is riding a wave of support from women **beguiled** by his sobriety and his promise of a stable future as Russian voters head to the polls in presidential elections today.
5. The daughter of animation king Walt Disney called on the **beleaguered** chief executive of the company her father built, Michael Eisner, to step down and make way for fresh blood.
6. You promised you would save me some cake for when I returned from work at eleven p.m., but **attenuated**.
7. During the battle of the Plains of Abraham, the French used a **cannonade** to fire at the attacking British.
8. Few traditions are more **convivial**, after all, than the Spanish philosophy of convening with good company over sangria and small-portioned plates.
9. The student's **dalliance** in the morning resulted in him getting a detention for being late for class.
10. The **effulgent** sun proved my sunglasses to be useless.

11. The **egregious** actions of the police officer were caught on tape, and they served as sufficient evidence to indite the veteran officer of a breach of conduct.
12. I avoided possible conflict of interest by relegating my financial affairs to a **fiduciary** who has sole discretion as to my fiscal management.
13. The driver pulled onto the shoulder of the road because her **gallivanting** vehicle continued to backfire.
14. The issues that once **galvanized** the Security Council have faded into insignificance.
15. Many people protested due to the **heinous** environment of the local jail cells.
16. The **heuristic** person put their life on the line in order to rescue a person trapped in a house fire.
17. The **illicitness** of the man's punishments towards his child resulted in him spending time in jail for child abuse.
18. My vehicle was **kowtowed** from the parking lot because I did not put money in the parking meter.
19. The player **maladroitly** dribbled past four opponents, faked a pass and shot an arching three pointer to win the game with mere seconds left of the clock..
20. Judge Judy did not believe the **mendacities** of the witness in front of her.
21. The **nostalgic** teenager couldn't wait to go to camp and be away from his home and more so his parents.
22. An angry customer **objurgated** the clerk for the ridiculously high prices of the food items.
23. The investor suffered a **pecuniary** loss when he invested in the stock market.
24. The port workers drove their 12 cylinder **stevedores** to the edge of the pier and used their heavy and flexible cranes to offload the ships.

Exercise 38-2: Synonyms

From the three choices circle the one that is closest in meaning to the list word (bold face) in the context displayed. (24 marks)

- detailed **affidavit**
a) certificate b) declaration c) newspaper
- lifelong **albatross**
a) rivalry b) pain c) burden
- the electronic device **attenuates** the signal
a) phase-shifts b) weakens c) amplifies
- beguiling** the viewers
a) bewitching b) increasing c) mocking
- beleaguered** by legal woes
a) beset b) surprised c) impressed
- the **cacoethes** to smoke
a) reason b) excuse c) compulsion
- enemies were **cannonaded** by the Canadian army
a) captured b) assaulted c) confronted
- a **convivial** mood at the reunion
a) festive b) solitary c) depressing
- the unavoidable **dalliance** of a child
a) behaviour b) immaturity c) dawdling
- the **effulgent** light
a) coloured b) weak c) radiant
- egregious** language
a) unheard-of b) sophisticated c) reprehensible
- a **fiduciary** contract
a) forged b) illegal c) held in trust
- he **gallivanted** around in search of amusement.
a) wandered b) ran c) swam
- the fence **galvanized** the child's neural system!
a) shocked b) cut c) blocked
- heinous** treatment
a) unauthorized b) abominable c) thorough

16. a simple **heuristic** can be employed to calculate the square root of a number

- a) ancient mathematical tool b) guess c) set of rules

17. **illicit** acts

- a) thorough b) unlawful c) trivial

18. lawyers **kowtow** to their superiors

- a) admire b) disrespect c) attempt to please

19. a germane and **maladroit** remark

- a) polite b) inept c) appropriate

20. a century old **mendacity**

- a) tradition b) artifact c) lie

21. **nostalgic** person

- a) homesick b) drowsy c) energetic

22. he **objurgated** the salesperson because of the prices

- a) thanked b) berated c) thumped

23. a **pecuniary** loss

- a) monetry b) severe c) humiliating

24. as a summer job I would like to be a **stevedore**

- a) a ceremonial guard b) a captain of a ship c) someone who loads and unloads ships

Exercise 38-3: Making Connections

In a few sentences, describe the relationship between each pair of words. Use a good dictionary to clarify unclear words. (8 marks)

1. affidavit jurat

2. fiduciary blind trust

3. Maladroit

Left-handed

5. Pecuniary

Taxes

Exercise 38-4: Antonyms

Fill in each blank with the corresponding antonym represented by a letter. (10 marks)

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| ___ 1. attenuate | a. arrogant |
| ___ 2. beguile | b. engaged |
| ___ 3. convivial | c. hostile |
| ___ 4. effulgent | d. intensify |
| ___ 5. egregious | e. stifle |
| ___ 6. gallivant | f. respectable |
| ___ 7. galvanize | g. disenchant |
| ___ 8. heinously | h. legally |
| ___ 9. illicitly | i. gloomy |
| ___ 10. kowtowing | j. kindly |

Exercise 38-5: Anagrams

Unscramble the addled words below. (8 marks)

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| 1. VIA FIT FAD | _____ |
| 2. SAL SOB ART | _____ |
| 3. TAM ICY DEN | _____ |
| 4. GAB RUE EEL | _____ |
| 5. SAC LOG NIT | _____ |
| 6. SEE DOT REV | _____ |
| 7. ALE CAN LID | _____ |
| 8. HIS ICE RUT | _____ |

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