

# Words from Jane Austen's Pride and Prejudice

## Avocabo Word List 45

ABBORRENCE, ACQUIESCE, BESTOW, DEIGN, DERIVE, EMINENT, EXUBERANCE, FELICITY, FRIVOLOUS, GALLANTRY, LAMENTATION, LICENTIOUSNESS, PROFLIGATE, PROXY, REFUTE, REPUGNANT, SIMPLETON, TINCTURE, VILLAINOUS



*"It is a truth universally acknowledged, that a single man in possession of a good fortune, must be in want of a wife."*

**Pride and Prejudice, Jane Austen (1775 - 1817)**

### **Exercise 45-1: Fill in the blanks**

*Complete each sentence with the best word. (18 x 1 mark)*

1. Even if a cloning technique emerges that is safe and reliable, Human genetic duplication is viewed with \_\_\_\_\_ because it evokes the stench of Nazi-style eugenics, with all the nightmare implications of a master race that is fit to be cloned and underlings who are not.
2. The empire would probably cut a deal either with Russia, to defend western Siberia in return for the eastern half, or with China, to \_\_\_\_\_ in their annexation of half of the same in return for America getting its cut. Negotiations with both parties would probably go on to the last hour.
3. Under Japan's postwar constitution, the royal family has no official political powers and its role is largely symbolic. They frequently travel abroad, sign government documents, greet dignitaries and \_\_\_\_\_ various cultural awards.
4. The TAC (Treatment Action Campaign) has forced the government to change its policies on AIDS treatment through the courts, but is now fighting for anti-retroviral treatment for all infected. "We are seriously worried that our president didn't \_\_\_\_\_ to speak about treatment of people living with HIV," said Mr Akmad.
5. Heineken and Visa are believed to have paid \$ 2million to sponsor the World Cup and Coke \$3.5 million for the 1999 and 2003 events. The Australian Rugby Union, which is hosting the tournament, will \_\_\_\_\_ all of its revenue from ticket sales. Sponsorship revenue goes directly to the IRB's coffers.
6. The Mississippi Supreme Court ruled today that a \$2.3 million verdict will stand in a widely watched \_\_\_\_\_ domain case. The court denied a

motion for rehearing filed by the Mississippi Transportation Commission in the case filed by the Commission against Highland Development, LLC, a DeSoto County development company whose 462 acre residential subdivision was split by a highway being built to casino destinations in adjoining Tunica County.

7. As provisions for adults to exercise have ballooned in recent years, the opportunities for children to do likewise at school have declined. Almost every schoolchild of two decades ago could expect some sort of structured physical activity as part of their day. Together with safety concerns, which mean few children walk or cycle to school, and litigation worries that most recently resulted in them being kept indoors away from the dangers of snowball fights during playtime, the chances for young people to explore their natural \_\_\_\_\_ are now severely curtailed.

8. Finally getting a chance to defend herself against axed employee Charles Bell, the reputedly meanest woman in New York is sad and more than a little fed up. Bell's case must have looked easy at first. Now, many observers, gay and straight, fear such a \_\_\_\_\_ case could wind up hurting the chances of gay men with legitimate beefs from being taken seriously.

9. "Police officers put their lives on the line to protect us all and we are proud to honour their \_\_\_\_\_ and dedication," Moeser said.

10. As the Bush administration beats the war drums, it is well to ponder the mistakes of the last Gulf War. Before the war began we wrote, "The war will last as long as it takes a tank to drive to Baghdad, and American casualties will be less than 500." But we did not go to Baghdad, a fact we lamented at the time – a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ that was shared by very few others. It seemed that the nation was euphoric over our easy victory and our early termination of hostilities for humanitarian reasons.

11. Campaigning 'pro-life' Romanian doctors counting the cost of sexual \_\_\_\_\_ of the post-communist years claim that it is killing their nation. Democracy, they say, has brought not only personal freedom but an epidemic of sexually transmitted diseases and an abortion rate that in 12 years has claimed the equivalent of a third of the country's present population of 24 million.

12. A discount-funeral director was sentenced today to three years in prison for stealing prepaid cremation money and spending it on a \_\_\_\_\_ style of life that included a stripper girlfriend.

13. Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee today launched a frontal attack on Islamabad for promoting cross-border terrorism as an instrument of state policy and creating new hubs in Bangladesh and Nepal for executing the nefarious anti-India agenda of the ISI. "The Pakistani establishment does not appear to be interested in establishing tension-free and good neighborly relations with India by ending its \_\_\_\_\_ war against our country", Mr. Vajpayee said while speaking at the Chief Ministers' Conference on Internal Security here today.

14. When North Korea test-launched a Taepodong-1 missile in August 1998 on a course that took it over the Japanese archipelago, an Aegis destroyer, equipped with a radar system able to monitor movements over several hundred kilometers, tracked its route — data that Japan used to \_\_\_\_\_ North Korea's claim that it was a satellite launch.

15. It's long been thought that there was no effective treatment for the nightmarish condition that makes people obsessed with doing the unthinkable - stabbing a child, for instance, or pushing strangers in front of oncoming cars. These people are bombarded with mental pictures or thoughts of themselves perpetrating \_\_\_\_\_ acts: sexually abusing a child, even their own child; murdering

people or performing some blasphemous act. Most of these thoughts centre around inappropriate sex, violence or blasphemy.

16. Too often, though, compression becomes simplification. Thus we get references to colonialism, oil and militarism and a naive admiration for the Palestinian struggle. George W. Bush is caricatured as a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ out to avenge Saddam Hussein's attempt to assassinate his father or doing the bidding of Big Oil. This is not the compression of wisdom, nor, for that matter, is it art. Art demands that we see something familiar in a new way. This poetry makes no demands at all. It simply repeats slogans, presenting the familiar as new — the brittle dogmatism of Bush recited back to him in iambic pentameter.

17. Both the crystallized and liquid versions of iodine do have legitimate uses. Iodine crystals are used as an antiseptic on horse hooves while the liquid form, known as \_\_\_\_\_ iodine, is swabbed on the umbilical cords of newborn livestock.

18. Foods with saturated fats are especially \_\_\_\_\_. Saturated fat primes the liver to make cholesterol, and liver cholesterol constitutes the greatest source of blood cholesterol. Saturated fats are fats that are solid at room temperature — lard, shortening, the fat found around and in meats.

**Exercise 45-2: Synonyms**

*From the three choices circle the one that is closest in meaning to the list word (bold face) in the context displayed. (19 marks)*

1. abhorrence  
a. love            b. fate            c. abomination
2. acquiesce  
a. reject            b. accede            c. ignore
3. bestow  
a. withdraw            b. take out            c. grief

4. deign  
a. stoop            b. climb up            c. rise
5. derive  
a. lost            b. receive            c. get
6. eminent  
a. eminent            b. unusual            c. distinguished
7. exuberance  
a. apathy            b. lack of interest            c. an enthusiastic act
8. felicity  
a. good fortune            b. bliss            c. both of them
9. frivolous  
a. light-hearted            b. picky            c. fastidious
10. gallantry  
a. courageousness            b. cowardly            c. craven
11. lamentation  
a. celebration            b. merriment            c. expression of grief
12. licentiousness  
a. restraint            b. dissoluteness            c. self-control
13. Profligate  
a. recklessly extravagant            b. frugality            c. calculative
14. proxy  
a. consumption            b. substitute            c. authority
15. refute  
a. arraignment            b. rebut by argument            c. misdemeanour
16. repugnant  
a. good            b. disgusting            c. agree
17. simpleton  
a. idiot            b. genius            c. alien
18. tincture  
a. erudite            b. smattering            c. stupid
19. villainous  
a. wicked            b. clean            c. grief

**Exercise 45-3: Antonyms**

Provide an antonym for each word (6 X 1 mark)

- 1. felicity \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. gallantry \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. licentiousness \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. profligate \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. refute \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. villainous \_\_\_\_\_

4. simpleton whiz kid

5. villainous flagitious

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**Exercise 45-4: Making Connections**

Use a few sentences to describe the relationship between each pair of words (10 marks)

1. gallantry courage

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2. profligate save

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3. repugnant creepy

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