

Advanced Vocabulary Worksheet – Letter B

Vocabulary List

Bellicose – Aggressive; eager to fight

Example: His bellicose remarks escalated the conflict.

Bombastic – Using grand, inflated language

Example: The speech was bombastic but lacked substance.

Bifurcate – To divide into two branches

Example: The road bifurcates after the bridge.

Burgeon – To grow or develop rapidly

Example: The startup began to burgeon within months.

Brusque – Abrupt or blunt in manner

Example: The receptionist gave a brusque reply.

Banal – Unoriginal; lacking freshness

Example: The movie's ending was disappointingly banal.

Baleful – Threatening harm; ominous

Example: He cast a baleful glance across the room.

Bloviate – To speak pompously at great length

Example: The politician continued to bloviate.

Bedizen – To decorate in a gaudy way

Example: The hall was bedizened with flashy ornaments.

Beatific – Showing serene happiness

Example: She wore a beatific smile.

Boorish – Rude and ill-mannered

Example: His boorish behavior embarrassed everyone.

Byzantine – Extremely complicated

Example: The contract had Byzantine clauses.

Bucolic – Relating to the countryside

Example: They loved the bucolic landscape.

Braggadocio – Boastful talk

Example: His braggadocio impressed no one.

Bastion – A stronghold

Example: The school became a bastion of excellence.

Bemoan – To express sorrow

Example: Residents bemoaned the loss.

Benighted – Ignorant

Example: The article criticized benighted views.

Blithe – Carefree; unconcerned

Example: He made a blithe promise.

Bromide – An overused remark

Example: The speech was full of bromides.

Burgeoning – Growing rapidly

Example: The burgeoning industry created jobs.

Exercise 1: Fill in the Blanks

1. The manager's _____ attitude worsened the negotiation.
2. Instead of facts, the speaker delivered a _____ speech.
3. The hiking trail will _____ near the river.
4. The city's tech sector continues to _____.
5. His _____ reply offended the customer.
6. The article was so _____ that readers lost interest.
7. The villain gave a _____ stare.
8. The professor warned students not to _____ during presentations.
9. The room was _____ with unnecessary decorations.
10. She wore a _____ smile after the results.

Exercise 2: Match the Words

- A. Boorish
- B. Bucolic
- C. Bastion
- D. Bromide
- E. Beatific

1. Peaceful countryside
2. A place of protection
3. A worn-out cliché
4. Showing bliss
5. Ill-mannered

Exercise 3: Choose the Best Word

1. Which word means 'rapidly growing'?
 - A. Banal
 - B. Burgeoning
 - C. Bromide
 - D. Brusque
2. Which word describes overly grand language?
 - A. Bombastic
 - B. Beatific
 - C. Bucolic
 - D. Bastion
3. Which word means 'very complicated'?
 - A. Byzantine

B. Bellicose

C. Blithe

D. Boorish

4. Which word means 'boastful talk'?

A. Braggadocio

B. Baleful

C. Bedizen

D. Bemoan

5. Which word means 'carefree or unconcerned'?

A. Blithe

B. Bellicose

C. Bifurcate

D. Banal

Exercise 4: Sentence Transformation

1. Replace the highlighted phrase with one vocabulary word: 'The lawyer used overly grand language.'

2. Replace: 'The village had a peaceful countryside atmosphere.'

3. Replace: 'The child spoke rudely to everyone.'

4. Replace: 'The market is growing rapidly.'

5. Replace: 'The speech contained many clichés.'

Exercise 5: Create Your Own Sentence

Write an original sentence using **Bellicose**.

Write an original sentence using **Byzantine**.

Write an original sentence using **Braggadocio**.

Write an original sentence using **Beatific**.

Write an original sentence using **Bemoan**.