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Vocabulary ₂

| Vocabulary Word | Definition | Example Sentence |
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| 1. Disarming | <i>Adj.</i> Having the effect of getting rid of suspicion or hostility, especially through charm. | The vampire had a very disarming personality, therefore his victims never saw it coming. |
| 2. Frivolous | <i>Adj.</i> Not worthy of serious attention | The cops thought prank calls were just frivolous and didn't take them seriously. |
| 3. Nuisance | <i>Noun.</i> A person, thing, or circumstance causing inconvenience or annoyance. | Thomas thought having to check-in with his mom, every hour, was such a nuisance that he always complained about it. |
| 4. Haggard | <i>Adj.</i> Looking exhausted and unwell from fatigue, worry, or suffering | My English teacher always looked rather haggard after spending the weekend grading papers. |
| 5. Nostalgia | <i>Noun.</i> A sentimental longing or wistful affection for the past, typically for a period or place with happy memories. | The football player always felt nostalgia for his high school days, his "glory days," he'd call them. |
| 6. Mesmerizing | <i>Verb.</i> Hold the attention of someone to the exclusion of all else; to be transfixed by someone or something. | The children were mesmerized by all the candy they got for Halloween. |
| 7. Livid | <i>Adj.</i> Very angry | My parents were livid that I took the car without asking. |
| 8. Meticulous | <i>Adj.</i> Extreme or excessive care given to details. | My best friend was very meticulous about how he organized his movies. |
| 9. Banquet | <i>Noun.</i> A feast or dinner | Frankenstein and his wife loved to have a Halloween banquet, for all their friends to tell scary stories. |
| 10. Simultaneously | <i>Adverb.</i> To do something at the same time. | The haunted house was simultaneously frightening and hilarious. |
| 11. Ambivalent | <i>Adj.</i> Having mixed feelings about someone or something; being unable to choose between the two. | He felt ambivalent about whether or not he should go out for Halloween or stay in and watch scary movies. Both sounded fun. |
| 12. Condescending | <i>Adj.</i> Displaying a superior attitude towards someone or something. To look down on someone. | Dracula was always so condescending towards the Wolfman and Frankenstein, so they stopped inviting him to parties. |
| 13. Vulnerable | <i>Adj.</i> Capable of or susceptible to being wounded or hurt, by someone or something | Anyone who walks alone at night is vulnerable to being chased by zombies. |

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| 14. Ambiguous | <i>Adj.</i> Having several possible meanings or interpretations and not being sure which is which. | She always felt that her boyfriend sent ambiguous texts. She always had to discuss with her friends what he meant. |
| 15. Boasting | <i>Verb.</i> To brag or exaggerate, especially about oneself. | My brother boasted about how great he was doing in school. |
| 16. Empathetic | <i>Adj.</i> Showing comprehension and compassion of other's people's feelings. | My mother was so empathetic that she'd often cry at Hallmark commercials. |
| 17. Defiant | <i>Adj.</i> To challenge authority or do what you're not supposed to. | Even though it said "STAY OUT BEWARE," the defiant teenagers went in any way. |
| 18. Suspicious | <i>Adj.</i> To think that something is wrong | The town was very suspicious of the town witches for the disappearance of all the black cats. |
| 19. Adequate | <i>Adj.</i> Satisfactory or acceptable in quality | "You're more than adequate," Frankenstein's wife always told him. "Many people are afraid to you, don't listen to Dracula," |
| 20. Inference | <i>Noun.</i> To make an educated guess based on evidence and reasoning. | Based on their history and because they always broke up and got back together, you could make an inference that they wouldn't be together long. |