



# Daily Warm-Ups

# TEST-PREP WORDS

Level I



**inane** (adj) —lacking significance or a point

The **inane** babbling of the nervous student teacher irritated the class.

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1. Write a synonym for *inane*. \_\_\_\_\_

2. Now write a sentence of your own using *inane*.

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**vapid** (adj) —dull and unimaginative; boring

The student nodded as she suffered through the **vapid** performance of Shakespeare's play; it almost put her to sleep.

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1. Circle the pair of words that is related in the same way as the pair in capital letters.

VAPID : EXCITING ::

- (A) dull : gloomy
- (B) tedious : monotonous
- (C) acceptable : taboo
- (D) sensitive : caring
- (E) guiltless : innocent

2. Now use *vapid* in a sentence of your own.

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**revere (v)**—to hold in high regard

Although many people may **revere** a candidate, there will always be others who despise him or her.

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Circle three words that are synonyms and three words that are antonyms of *revere* in the word search.

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S R E R E E C D E Z E L L I  
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**feasible** (adj) —capable of being done

Mark determined that it was **feasible** for him to attend both meetings in the morning because they were in neighboring communities.

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1. Circle the synonyms, and underline the antonyms of *feasible*.

likely    futile    attainable    practicable    impractical

2. Now use *feasible* in a sentence of your own.

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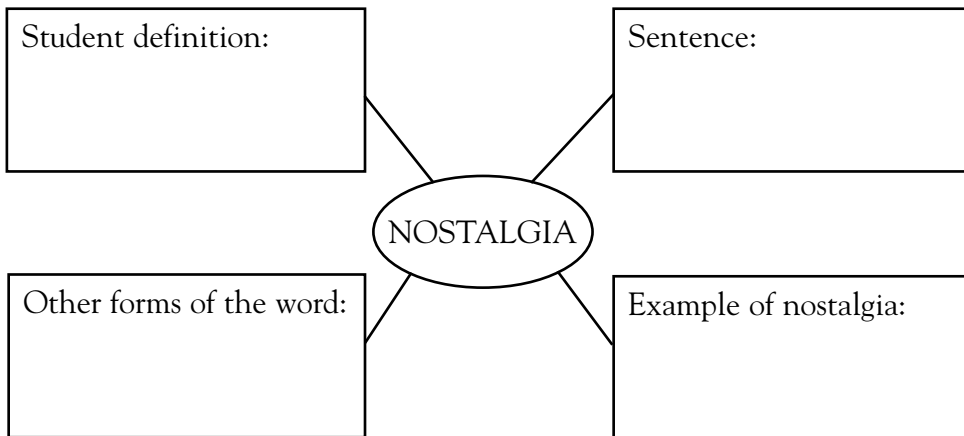
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**nostalgia** (n)—a longing for the past

My grandmother's **nostalgia** is evident in the antique furnishings throughout her home.

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Complete the web below.





# affinity (n) —a natural attraction

The veterinarian had an **affinity** for large dogs.

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1. Decide whether each word below is an antonym or a synonym of *affinity*. Circle the synonyms and underline the antonyms.

attraction

pull

repugnance

distaste

rejection

sympathy

2. Now describe something for which you feel an affinity, and explain why.

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**disparate** (adj) —completely different in nature

The candidates had **disparate** views on education that divided the voters on the choice for school committee.

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1. Circle the synonyms and underline the antonyms for *disparate*.

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| alike      | divergent |
| different  | identical |
| dissimilar | same      |

2. Now use *disparate* in a sentence of your own.

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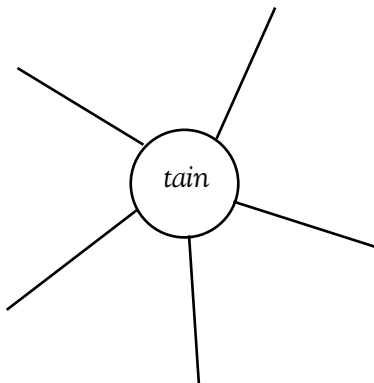


**retain (v)**—to keep in one’s possession

Although she was moving to a smaller apartment, Olga wanted to **retain** some of her favorite furniture.

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The word *retain* comes from the Latin *tenere*, which means “to hold.” Can you think of other words that end in *tain*? Complete the word wheel below.





**notorious** (adj) —famous, usually in a negative way

That teacher is **notorious** for giving surprise quizzes right after a vacation.

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*Notorious* is a synonym for *famous*, but it carries a negative connotation, or emotional association. Read the synonyms for *famous* below. Then write them on the continuum, from most negative to most positive.

distinguished	infamous	notorious
eminent	noted	renowned

