

PRETEST: Choose the word that best completes each sentence. SCORE: _____

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solipsistic	umbrage	succinct	elegy
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POST-TEST 2: Match each vocabulary word with its definition. SCORE: _____

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| _____ 1. sanguine | a. boredom |
| _____ 2. contravene | b. a puzzle; a problem |
| _____ 3. emulate | c. concerned; attentive; worried |
| _____ 4. solipsistic | d. to signal by some system of flags |
| _____ 5. strident | e. to violate; infringe; transgress |
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| _____ 21. desiccated | u. idealistic; impractical |
| _____ 22. ennui | v. something of tremendous power or size |
| _____ 23. unctuous | w. whiny; complaining; grouchy |
| _____ 24. disparage | x. greasy in texture or appearance; ingratiating |
| _____ 25. elegy | y. sharp in quality, often used to describe tastes or smells |
| _____ 26. surfeit | z. effective; efficient; productive |
| _____ 27. rapport | @. dried up; dehydrated |
| _____ 28. quixotic | % . based on observation or experience; capable of being proved or disproved by experiment |

ANSWER KEY: PRETEST/ POST-TEST 1

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