

Words from Ancient Greece

Avocabo Wordlist 82

ANTHROPOLOGY, ATHLETE, ATLAS, CHAOS, CHRONOLOGY, DELPHI, ECHO, ELIXIR, GYMNASIUM, HYDROSPHERE, HYPNOTIZE, LOGO, MONARCHY, NARCISSISTIC, NYMPH, ODYSSEY, ORACLE, OSTRACISM, PARABOLA, PLATONIC, SOPHIST

Exercise 82-1: Fill in the Blanks

Match list words to their definitions. Solve each anagram to find the list word. (21 marks)

1. _____ *n.* utter confusion. A formless mass of matter preceding the existence of the universe.
2. _____ *n.* intimate spiritual, non-sexual love
3. _____ *the seat of the Oracle who delivered riddling responses to questions of the people.*
4. _____ *n.* the study of human beings, their societies and customs.
5. _____ *n.* the arrangement of dates in order of their occurrence over time.
6. _____ *n.* a book of maps and geographical charts.
7. _____ *n.* the waters of the planet Earth.
8. _____ *v.* to capture the mind (of a person)
9. _____ *n.* building used for indoor sports and physical training.
10. _____ *n.* repetition of a sound reflected by sound waves.
11. _____ *n.* a concoction able to grant immortality. A remedy for illness.
12. _____ *adj.* to be excessively interested and adoring of one's self.
13. _____ *n.* a form of government led by a head sovereign.



14. _____ *n.* a trademark symbol designed and used by a company.
15. _____ *n.* a teacher of philosophy specializing in human morals and behaviour
16. _____ *n.* a mathematical curve moving in a plane so that its distances from a fixed point are equal.
17. _____ *n.* a person or thing regarded as an infallible guide to future action.
18. _____ *v.* exclude or banish someone from a society by common resent.
19. _____ *n.* long, adventurous journey
20. _____ *adj.* to be proficient in sports and physical activities.
21. _____ *n.* a breathtakingly beautiful young woman

Exercise 82-2: Fill in the blanks. Complete each sentence with the most appropriate list word. (21 marks)

1. John was incredibly _____ in his youth; he ran his first marathon at the age of eighteen and played on three different sports teams in his senior year at high school.

2. Many lakes surrounded by mountains in the Eastern Townships of Quebec have particularly clear sound resonance, particularly in the evening when the water is still. The _____ of talking cottagers can often be heard across the water shortly after dinnertime.
3. All classic Ralph Lauren Blue Label polo shirts have the designer's signature _____ embossed across the front.
4. The building had a large, well-equipped _____(n) where athletes trained before major events.
5. The classical Athenian intellectual Socrates is still considered to be one of the most significant philosophers of the Western World. Being especially curious about mortal behaviour and relationships, the _____ devoted the majority of his career and life to exploring the principle morals and values of human beings.
6. Temperance Brennan, star of the Bones television series, is a well-known specialist in forensic _____, who is called in when human remains are discovered at a crime scene.
7. Mrs. Viveros would often write equations on the blackboard for students to solve, find the vertex and sketch the _____.
8. In ancient mythology, Delphi was described as the center of the Earth and the seat of the priestess Pythia: the most important _____(n) in the classical Greek world. The Pythia was recognized for her prophecies; all inspired by Apollo, the god of truth.
9. The navel of the Earth is claimed to be located at _____; a site on the slopes of Mount Parnassus. In Greek mythology, this spot was guarded by a mighty dragon, who was slain by Apollo before building his temple.
10. A(n) _____ can be described as an autocratic government in which only one individual has complete power.
11. Approximately 75% of the Earth's surface is made up of the _____, which is about 0.023% of the planet's total mass.
12. Plato was greatly inspired by his mentor Socrates, who advocated transcendence through spiritual love. Plato decided to follow in his teacher's footsteps and pursue the idea of desire and attraction to the mind. He wrote many literary works based on what we know today as _____ love.
13. Angela always loved to explore her grandfather's study. In her youth, she developed a particular interest in the ship models by the window and the beautiful map of the world covering two full pages in the old man's _____.
14. Only a few hours after taking the _____, Elise's entire body seemed to be rejuvenated; her eyes were bright again, and she rose from her bed and slipped into her shoes, ready for a walk outdoors.
15. Since the beginning of time, humans have been on the pursuit of an answer to how the Earth came to be. What came before this planet we call our home? It is said in the Bible that before God created Earth, there was nothing but _____ and darkness.
16. Paul gingerly swung the golden stopwatch in front of Antoinette's already drooping eyes, and would continue to do so until she was completely _____. He knew that once she was under his spell, she would succumb to every one of his demands.
17. The fair maiden was a true beauty; a mysterious, almost mythical _____ that would appear under the willow tree at dawn and disappear before the crow of the rooster.
18. Certain individuals have been found to have a condition known as _____ personality disorder, in which they have an extreme obsession and preoccupation with themselves a strong sense of self-importance.
19. The study of locating historical events in order of their occurrence is known as _____, and helps humans to determine when certain events took place in time.
20. A Qualicum Beach family will begin a cross-Canada _____ on Saturday to raise funds for the Canadian Mental Health Association and Free the Children.
21. In most cases, the upward mobility and economic independence of Dalits have resulted in furthering oppression against them by caste Hindus and dominant castes. One such case is the social _____ of Dalits of Thum-makundu in Usilampatti in Madurai district.

Exercise 82-3: Synonyms *Select the word with a similar meaning to the bolded list word. (21 marks)*

1. Homer's poem talks of Ulysses' great **odyssey**
a) famine b) journey c) battle
2. The sovereign ruled the **monarchy**.
a) team b) kingdom c) dominion
3. Jake had always been **athletic**.
a) sporty b) lazy c) flexible
4. A **chronology** of disastrous events occurred that month.
a) string b) storytelling c) shock
5. She took a sip of the **elixir** before laying down.
a) medicine b) brandy c) poison
6. In Athens, unpopular citizens were often **ostracized**.
a) signed up b) invited c) banished
7. The graceful **nymph** danced in the moonlight.
a) invertebrate b) divine maiden c) ballerina
8. A **parabola** was neatly drawn on the board.
a) curve b) triangle c) equation
9. Lucius was an extremely **narcissistic** character.
a) egocentric b) humble c) witty
10. **Echoes** could be heard from across the lake.
a) screams b) laughs c) reverberations
11. Peter was **hypnotized** within seconds.
a) enchanted b) in danger c) asleep
12. There was **chaos** going on outside.
a) party b) disorder c) riot
13. Jayne was particularly interested in the study of **anthropology**.
a) humans b) bones c) plants
14. The traveller curiously analyzed the **atlas**.
a) poem b) map c) photograph
15. Their relationship could only be described as **Platonic**.
a) physical b) abusive c) non-sexual

16. Nestlé's **logo** was stamped onto the cereal box.
a) symbol b) ingredients c) catchphrase
17. The class was currently studying the Earth's **hydro-sphere**.
a) oceans b) water mass c) rain
18. He spent afternoons in the **gymnasium**
a) sports complex b) library c) Roman bath
19. The **oracle** had many predictions.
a) witch b) priestess c) goddess
20. Socrates was known for being a **sophist**.
a) trickster b) writer c) philosopher
21. It is claimed that **Delphi** is the centre of our Earth.
a) sanctuary b) space shuttle c) ocean

Exercise 82-4: Anagrams. *Solve each anagram to find the list word. (10 marks)*

1. Coal Re: _____
2. Roped Her Shy: _____
3. A Critics Sins: _____
4. Corn Go Holy: _____
5. Phoney Zit: _____
6. A Boar Pal: _____
7. Cars Moist: _____
8. Amusing My: _____
9. Plain Cot: _____
10. Led Hip _____

Exercise 82-5: Etymologies.

Fill in the blank with a list word. (5 marks)

1. Originated in late 16th century: via Latin from Greek. The god who held up the pillars of the universe. _____
2. Originated in late 15th century, denoting a gaping void or chasm; a formless abyss. _____
3. Originated in mid 16th century: associated with the Greek philosopher Plato and his ideas concerning intimate, non-sexual affection. _____
4. Originated in late 16th century: the study of historical records to establish the dates of past events. _____

5. Originated in mid 16th century: Riddling responses delivered by the priestess Pythia. _____

BONUS: This word originated from the myth of an anthropomorphic man who was so self-obsessed, he fell in love with his own reflection in a pond and eventually died of hunger, as he refused to leave the water. _____.

12. Platonic
13. atlas
14. elixir
15. chaos
16. hypnotized
17. nymph
18. narcissistic
19. chronology
20. odyssey
21. ostracism

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ANSWERS:

Exercise 82-1

1. Chaos
2. Platonic
3. Delphi
4. Anthropology
5. Chronology
6. Atlas
7. Hydrosphere
8. Hypnotize
9. Gymnasium
10. Echo
11. Elixir
12. Narcissistic
13. Monarchy
14. Logo
15. Sophist
16. Parabola
17. Oracle
18. Ostracize
19. Odyssey
20. Athletic
21. Nymph

Exercise 82-2

1. athletic
2. echoes
3. logo
4. gymnasium
5. sophist
6. anthropology
7. parabola
8. oracle
9. Delphi
10. monarchy
11. hydrosphere

Exercise 82-3

1. journey (b)
2. dominion
3. sporty
4. string
5. medicine
6. banished
7. divine maiden
8. curve
9. egocentric
10. reverberations
11. enchanted
12. disorder
13. humans
14. map
15. non-sexual
16. symbol
17. water mass
18. sports complex
19. priestess
20. philosopher
21. sanctuary

Exercise 82-4

1. Oracle
2. Hydrosphere
3. Narcissistic
4. Chronology
5. Hypnotize
6. Parabola
7. Ostracism
8. Gymnasium
9. Platonic
10. Delphi

Exercise 82-5

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1. Atlas
2. Chaos
3. Platonic
4. Chronology
5. Oracle

BONUS:
Narcissistic