

Antigone Vocabulary

Study the following definitions and parts of speech for the Words to Own for Antigone. Note how the words are used in the play.

1. **repulse** (ri puls') : n. driving back; repelling
2. **sated** (sayt' ed): v. filled; satisfied
3. **swagger** : n. bold, arrogant strut
4. **auspicious**: adj. promising success, favorable
5. **contempt**: n. an attitude of regarding someone or something as worthless or inferior
6. **reverence**: n. awe and respect
7. **comprehensive** (kam pree hen' sive): adj. including all the relevant details
8. **impassively**: adv. in a way that shows no emotion or feeling
9. **senile** (see' nile):adj. mentally impaired (most often used to describe mental deterioration that may accompany old age)
10. **anarchist**: n. a person favoring the overthrow of government
11. **sententiously** (sen ten' shus lee): adv. a trite or moralizing way
12. **lithe** (lieth): adj. flexible and graceful
13. **insolence** (in' suh lens): n. bold disrespect
14. **reverence**: n. a feeling of deep respect
15. **perverse**: adj. willfully determined to go against what is expected or desired
16. **waver** : v. show doubt or uncertainty about what to do
17. **transcends** (tran sendz') : v. goes beyond the limits of
18. **deference** (def' ere ns): n. courteous respect
19. **malicious** (muh lish' us): adj. mean-spirited or n. mean-spirited people
20. **somberly** (som' ber lee): adv. earnestly and solemnly; in a gloomy manner
21. **piety** (pie' uh tee): n. loyal, dutiful devotion
22. **vigil** (vij' uhl): n. purposeful watching and staying awake
23. **transgress** (trans gres'): v. disobey
24. **wrath** (rath): n. intense anger

25. **calamity** (kuh lam' uh tee): n. great misfortune resulting in immense loss and sorrow; disaster

26. **recoils** (ri koilz'): v. draws back, as in fear and disgust

27. **lamentation**: n. an expression of grief

28. **defile** (dee file'): v. make dirty

For each of the following word groups, cross out the word(s) whose meaning is different from the meanings of the Words to Own in boldface and the other words. Use the dictionary as needed.

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| 1. repulse | repel | reinstate | drive back |
| 2. satisfied | filled | sated | desired |
| 3. strut | swagger | slur | walk arrogantly |
| 4. all-encompassing | exclusive | inclusive | comprehensive |
| 5. senile | dying | mentally impaired | deteriorating |
| 6. moralizing | sententiously | tritely | sedately |
| 7. pliable | rigid | lithe | flexible |
| 8. reverence | disrespect | impertinence | insolence |
| 9. show doubt | vacillate | waver | decide |
| 10. transcends | surpasses | transpires | exceeds |

For each of the following, write the new word that most nearly is a synonym for the words below. Write the vocabulary word on the blank.

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| 11. devotion | _____ |
| 12. disaster | _____ |
| 13. draws back | _____ |
| 14. evil | _____ |
| 15. great anger | _____ |
| 16. make dirty | _____ |
| 17. respect | _____ |
| 18. soberly | _____ |
| 19. violate limits | _____ |
| 20. a wakeful watch | _____ |