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| Word | My Definition | Your Definition |
| 1. Avant-Garde
 | Liking or experimenting with new ideas, especially in the art |  |
| 1. Banal
 | Lacking originality |  |
| 1. Belligerent
 | Hostile and aggressive |  |
| 1. Blasé
 | unimpressed |  |
| 1. Chador
 | A large cloth worn as a veil, head-covering, and shawl worn by Muslim women |  |
| 1. Chignon
 | A low bun worn on the back of the neck |  |
| 1. Clandestine
 | Secret or low-key |  |
| 1. Coagulating
 | When a liquid congeals |  |
| 1. Coup d’etat
 | A violent overthrowing of a government by a smaller group |  |
| 1. Courtesan
 | A prostitute |  |
| 1. Decadent
 | Luxuriously self-indulgent |  |
| 1. Deplorable
 | Deserving of contempt |  |
| 1. Diabolical
 | devilish |  |
| 1. Dialectical Materialism
 | A Marxian view of reality in that matter is the sole subject of change and all change is the result of inherent conflict between opposites that exist in all things. |  |
| 1. Existentialist
 | Someone who holds the view that man is all alone in the cold, uncaring universe and subject to free will |  |
| 1. Exude
 | To ooze |  |
| 1. Flagellate
 | To whip |  |
| 1. Frivolities
 | Things that lack seriousness or sense or things that are useless |  |
| 1. Ideological
 | Concerned with suggested ideas |  |
| 1. Imam
 | A title for a Muslim leader |  |
| 1. Inane
 | Lacking sense or ideas (stupid) |  |

Exercise 1:

Rewrite the definitions in your own words in the space above. Do not use a dictionary or thesaurus.

Exercise 2:

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is just an archaic term for a high-end escort.
2. A frequent punishment for stealing in medieval times and currently in some areas of Asia is to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in public.
3. Although Kierkegaard is the first philosopher to term \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Nietzsche is the philosopher most associated with it.
4. Despite international outrage, Iran’s government acted extremely \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ about hanging Reyhaneh Jabbari after she killed the man who raped her.
5. Elegance at formal events often calls for an up-do; many western women opt for a simple \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
6. Emma’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ caused her destruction.
7. Fatemah chooses to wear the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ instead of the manteau in an effort to comply with Iranian regulations of modesty.
8. In 1979 there was an attempted \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Iran, backed by the United States, in an effort to overthrow the interim government in place after the Iranian Revolution.
9. Jelly and jam have to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in order to be preserved.
10. Love affairs in strict religious countries often have to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or the lovers face a certain death of stoning.
11. Most genocides are considered \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
12. Most westerners find the Taliban’s attempted murder of Malala Yousafzai \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
13. Obama called North Korea \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for creating a nuclear weapon small enough to fit on a missile and testing it repeatedly after international sanctions.
14. One should \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ confidence and humility when seeking a job.
15. Perhaps it is because so many \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ artists have taken its (Fluxus) precepts and popularized them in popular media.
16. Talking about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ celebrities instead of completing assignments is not a wise use of class time.
17. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ aim of religion is sometimes convoluted by zealots.
18. The Fluxus movement was once thought to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, but now elicits more eye-rolls than applause.
19. The official adopted term for Marxism is also known as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
20. Your extra-curricular activities are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ when it comes to your academics.

Exercise 3:

Develop three concepts for each word.

Exercise 4:

Create an original sentence and original illustration for each word.

Exercise 5:

Write a letter either in support in or in opposition to the Shah of Iran. Be sure to appropriately use at least twelve of the words above.