

Words to Own

Collection 11: Say It!

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Developing Vocabulary

Carefully read each word's definition, explanation, and sample sentence. Then write a sentence of your own using that word.

1. **fester** (fesv tĕr) *v.* to putrefy, rot, or deteriorate. ▲ This word comes from the Latin *fistula*, which means both “pipe” and “ulcer.” The English word *fistula* refers to a tube-like surgical incision. ■ The leaves that fell to the bottom of the pond began to fester. (“Harlem,” line 4)

Original sentence: _____

2. **abash** (E•bashv) *vt.* to disconcert or embarrass. ▲ The verb *abash* and the noun *abeyance*, which means “temporary inactivity or suspension,” both come from the same Old French word for “to gape.” ■ Hyun would try to abash his little sister by calling her names in front of her friends. (“‘Hope’ Is the Thing with Feathers,” line 7)

Original sentence: _____

3. **extremity** (ek•stremv E•tĕ) *n.* extreme danger; desperate act; most distant point. ▲ *Extremity* comes from a Latin word meaning “being on the outside.” ■ Considering the extremity of the situation, Thuy decided it was better to give up than fight. (“‘Hope’ Is the Thing with Feathers,” line 11)

Original sentence: _____

4. **drafting** (draftv•in) *vt.* a form of *to draft*, which means “to make a preliminary sketch or outline.” ▲ *To draft* has many meanings, among which are “to select for military service,” “to mark,” and “to draw off liquid.” ■ June spent all afternoon drafting a letter to a potential employer. (“Legal Alien,” line 5)

Original sentence: _____

5. **prejudged** (prĕ•jujd) *v.* past tense of *to prejudge*, which means “to judge before knowing all the facts.” ▲ The related word *prejudice* means “a preconceived opinion” or “unfounded hostility toward a person or race.” ■ Suspects are sometimes prejudged as guilty by the media before they have had a fair trial. (“Legal Alien,” line 21)

Original sentence: _____

6. bilaterally (bĭ•latĕr•ĕl•lē) *adv.* a form of the adjective *bilateral*, which means “having two sides” or “affecting two sides equally.”
 ▲ The common prefix *bi-* means “two.” It creates such words as *bilingual*, meaning “able to speak two languages,” and *bicultural*,

meaning “participating in two cultures.”
 ■ The opposing generals drew up the contract bilaterally so that neither side was considered a winner or loser. (“Legal Alien,” line 22)

Original sentence: _____

7. ere (er) *prep.* before. ▲ *Ere*, an archaic word, derives from a Gothic word meaning “early.”

■ When I was still a lad, my grandfather would tell me, “Ere I was your age I had already written two books, built a bridge, and traveled once around the world.” (“Lucinda Matlock,” line 9)

Original sentence: _____

8. repose (ri•pōzv) *n.* a state or place of rest; lack of activity; poise. ▲ *Repose* comes from the Latin *pausare*, which means “to stop.”

■ The energy of youth stands in stark contrast to the repose of old age. (“Lucinda Matlock,” line 17)

Original sentence: _____

9. degenerate (dē•jĕnĕr•it) *adj.* having deteriorated from a former state or sunk to a lower condition. ▲ *Degenerate* derives from the Latin *genus*, which means “race or kind,” and the prefix *de-*, which means “from, down, or away.”

■ The man who was guilty of the heinous crimes was a degenerate person. (“Lucinda Matlock,” line 20)

Original sentence: _____

10. borne (bôrn) *pp.* A form of the verb *to bear*, which means “to give birth to.” ▲ The verb *to bear* comes from an Old English word meaning “to carry,” whereas the noun *bear* comes from a word meaning “brown.”

■ Only those who have borne children can understand both the pain and wonder of creation. (“Ain’t I a Woman?,” line 20)

Original sentence: _____