

things fall apart

VOCABULARY 2

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1. **adherent**

adjective

- 1 : able or tending to adhere
- 2 : connected or associated with especially by contract
- 3 : ADNATE

2. **affirmation**

noun

- 1 a : the act of affirming
b : something affirmed : a positive assertion
- 2 : a solemn declaration made under the penalties of perjury by a person who conscientiously declines taking an oath

3. **atonement**

noun

- 1 : RECONCILIATION
- 2 : the reconciliation of God and man through the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ
- 3 : reparation for an offense or injury : SATISFACTION
- 4 : the exemplifying of man's oneness with God

4. **beget**

verb

- 1 : to procreate as the father : SIRE
- 2 : to produce especially as an effect or outgrowth

5. **benevolent**

adjective

- 1 a : marked by or disposed to doing good
b : organized for the purpose of doing good
- 2 : marked by or suggestive of goodwill

6. **bereaved**

verb

- 1 : to deprive of something — usually used with of
- 2 : to take away (a valued or necessary possession) especially by force

7. **blaspheme**

verb

- 1 : to speak of or address with irreverence
- 2 : REVILE, ABUSE
- 3 : to utter blasphemy

8. **callow**

adjective

lacking adult sophistication : IMMATURE

9. degenerate

adjective

- 1 a : having declined (as in nature, character, structure, or function) from an ancestral or former state
- b : having sunk to a condition below that which is normal to a type; especially : having sunk to a lower and usually corrupt and vicious state
- c : DEGRADED
- 2 : being mathematically simpler (as by having a factor or constant equal to zero) than the typical case
- 3 : characterized by atoms stripped of their electrons and by very great density; also : consisting of degenerate matter
- 4 : having two or more states or subdivisions
- 5 : having more than one codon representing an amino acid; also : being such a codon synonym VICIOUS

10. derisive

adjective

expressing or causing derision

11. desecrate

verb

- 1 : to violate the sanctity of : PROFANE
- 2 : to treat disrespectfully, irreverently, or outrageously

12. diffuse

adjective

- 1 : being at once verbose and ill-organized
 - 2 : not concentrated or localized
- synonym WORDY

13. discordant

adjective

- 1 a : being at variance : DISAGREEING
- b : QUARRELSOME
- 2 : relating to a discord

14. emanation

noun

- 1 a : the action of emanating
- b : the origination of the world by a series of hierarchically descending radiations from the Godhead through intermediate stages to matter
- 2 a : something that emanates or is produced by emanation : EFFLUENCE
- b : an isotope of radon produced by radioactive disintegration

15. enthrall

verb

- 1 : to hold in or reduce to slavery
- 2 : to hold spellbound : CHARM

16. evangelism

noun

- 1 : the winning or revival of personal commitments to Christ
- 2 : militant or crusading zeal

17. ferment

verb

- 1 : to undergo fermentation
- 2 : to be in a state of agitation or intense activity
- 3 : to cause to undergo fermentation
- 4 : to work up (as into a state of agitation) : FOMENT

18. fetish

noun

- 1 a : an object (as a small stone carving of an animal) believed to have magical power to protect or aid its owner; broadly : a material object regarded with superstitious or extravagant trust or reverence
- b : an object of irrational reverence or obsessive devotion : PREPOSSESSION
- c : an object or bodily part whose real or fantasied presence is psychologically necessary for sexual gratification and that is an object of fixation to the extent that it may interfere with complete sexual expression
- 2 : a rite or cult of fetish worshipers
- 3 : FIXATION

19. harbinger

noun

- 1 : a person sent ahead to provide lodgings
 - 2 a : one that pioneers in or initiates a major change : PRECURSOR
 - b : one that presages or foreshadows what is to come
- synonym FORERUNNER

20. imminent

adjective

ready to take place; especially : hanging threateningly over one's head

21. impotent

adjective

- 1 a : not potent : lacking in power, strength, or vigor : HELPLESS
- b : unable to have sexual intercourse because of erectile dysfunction; broadly : STERILE - usually used of males
- 2 : incapable of self-restraint : UNGOVERNABLE

22. inadvertent

adjective

- 1 : not focusing the mind on a matter : INATTENTIVE
- 2 : UNINTENTIONAL

23. irreparable

adjective

not reparable : IRREMIEDIABLE

24. lamentation

noun

an act or instance of lamenting

25. **mean**

verb

- 1 a : to have in the mind as a purpose : INTEND — sometimes used interjectionally with I, chiefly in informal speech for emphasis or to introduce a phrase restating the point of a preceding phrase
- b : to design for or destine to a specified purpose or future
- 2 : to serve or intend to convey, show, or indicate : SIGNIFY
- 3 : to have importance to the degree of
- 4 : to direct to a particular individual
- 5 : to have an intended purpose

26. **miscreant**

adjective

- 1 : UNBELIEVING, HERETICAL
- 2 : DEPRAVED, VILLAINOUS

27. **molest**

verb

- 1 : to annoy, disturb, or persecute especially with hostile intent or injurious effect
- 2 : to make annoying sexual advances to; especially : to force physical and usually sexual contact on

28. **ominous**

adjective

- being or exhibiting an omen : PORTENTOUS; especially : foreboding or foreshadowing evil : INAUSPICIOUS
- synonyms PORTENTOUS, FATEFUL

29. **orator**

noun

- 1 : one who delivers an oration
- 2 : one distinguished for skill and power as a public speaker

30. **ostracize**

verb

- 1 : to exile by ostracism
- 2 : to exclude from a group by common consent

31. **pacification**

noun

- 1 a : the act or process of pacifying : the state of being pacified
- b : the act of forcibly suppressing or eliminating a population considered to be hostile
- 2 : a treaty of peace

32. **resilient**

adjective

- 1 : capable of withstanding shock without permanent deformation or rupture
- 2 : tending to recover from or adjust easily to misfortune or change
- synonym see ELASTIC

33. **rite**

noun

- 1 a : a prescribed form or manner governing the words or actions for a ceremony
- b : the liturgy of a church or group of churches
- 2 : a ceremonial act or action
- 3 : a division of the Christian church using a distinctive liturgy

34. **superfluous**

adjective

1 a : exceeding what is sufficient or necessary : EXTRA

b : not needed : UNNECESSARY

2 : marked by wastefulness : EXTRAVAGANT

35. **tremulous**

adjective

1 : characterized by or affected with trembling or tremors

2 : affected with timidity : TIMOROUS

3 : such as is or might be caused by nervousness or shakiness

4 : exceedingly sensitive : easily shaken or disordered

36. **tumult**

noun

1 a : disorderly agitation or milling about of a crowd usually with uproar and confusion of voices : COMMOTION

b : a turbulent uprising : RIOT

2 : HUBBUB, DIN

3 a : violent agitation of mind or feelings

b : a violent outburst

37. **zeal**

noun

eagerness and ardent interest in pursuit of something : FERVOR

synonym PASSION