

Vocabulary – New Words

Learn 100 New Words with the Suffix -ous (Part 1) – Gap-Fill

Complete each gap with one of the options below + ous:

*egregi capaci fatu lugubri pernici homogen injudici autonom salaci incongru
copi tumultu nebul vivaci acrimoni surreptiti precoci speci supercili rambuncti*

1. The boys were so _____ on the coach on the way home after the football match.
2. We're not looking for a lot of variety, so we want the jobs to be fairly _____.
3. The tent was really _____, which meant we all had plenty of room.
4. Our daughter is incredibly _____ for her age, what with dancing, singing, music...
5. I didn't expect to meet my uncle at the nightclub, so it felt really _____.
6. I don't understand the point you are trying to make; your writing is completely _____.
7. The defendant continued his _____ behaviour by launching a one-man crime wave.
8. I hope you are all taking _____ notes. I will be asking questions after this presentation.
9. Their divorce became _____ when they failed to agree on the custody of their children.
10. Have you got any _____ gossip for me from the party?
11. His _____ decision to drive down the motorway at 4 mph may have cost him his licence.
12. It was such a _____ atmosphere, with grandpa in tears and Leo checking his watch.
13. That new boy is so _____. He's always looking down his nose at the other students.
14. Emilia is such a lovely _____ girl – always so lively, and she never stops!
15. 'My brother could have written a better story – and he's two.' 'What a _____ remark!'
16. 'Do you think we'll all be travelling around in _____ cars by 2025?' 'No.'
17. Kami's teenage years were _____ as she went from jailbird to number one hockey star.
18. Your _____ proposal can never become law, because it is based upon a falsehood.
19. Rejecting your own son as heir will be an _____ mistake, sir!
20. Petra leaned below her seat and gave the dog a cake in as _____ a way as possible.

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Answers:

1. rambunctious
2. homogenous
3. capacious
4. precocious
5. incongruous
6. nebulous
7. pernicious
8. copious
9. acrimonious
10. salacious
11. injudicious
12. lugubrious
13. supercilious
14. vivacious
15. fatuous
16. autonomous
17. tumultuous
18. specious
19. egregious
20. surreptitious