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Vocabulary – New Words

Learn 100 New Words with the Suffix -ous (Part 2) – Gap-Fill

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

*efficaci salubri cantanker impetu sagaci hazard anomal meretrici contigu parl
obsequi pugnaci tortu perfidi splendifer disingenu parsimoni ludicr bumpti garrul*

1. My teacher described it as a _____ piece of writing that was more style than substance.
2. Your tone of voice is rather _____, so I would appreciate it if you could tone it down.
3. I wouldn't say that Todd was a _____ person; in fact I've hardly heard him say a word.
4. She shouldn't have reacted so quickly, but unfortunately she was just far too _____.
5. Dangling from a cliff with a storm swirling around him, Jeff was in a _____ situation.
6. There's a _____ old man who lives near me, who is always moaning about my kids.
7. Oh, the roller coaster ride was _____! I can't describe how utterly fabulous it was!
8. His brother is ingratiating – he's so _____; clearly making sure that he's in the will.
9. The two countries of Niger and Sudan are not _____, because Chad lies between them.
10. Take three spoons of this medicine and I believe you will find it to be perfectly _____.
11. Thank you for your _____ advice, O Wise One. I am determined to put it into practice.
12. The prices in the hotel restaurant were absolutely _____! Forty-five pounds for a starter!
13. Some of the figures on this spreadsheet you gave me are rather _____.
14. What she did was pretty _____, because she filmed him at work without his permission.
15. Deluded Alan and Pam believe they're the best couple in the village; they're so _____.
16. It's such a _____ place to live – right on the coast, with a fresh sea breeze.
17. I don't know whether to trust Fay. Arthur told me that she is a little bit _____.
18. We got lost because the satnav broke and we ended up following a _____ route.
19. There was plenty of ice on the road, which made my drive home rather _____.
20. Why doesn't Mr. Roland ever pay for a round of drinks? He's such a _____ old man.

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Answers:

1. meretricious
2. pugnacious
3. garrulous
4. impetuous
5. parlous
6. cantankerous
7. splendiferous
8. obsequious
9. contiguous
10. efficacious
11. sagacious
12. ludicrous
13. anomalous
14. perfidious
15. bumptious
16. salubrious
17. disingenuous
18. tortuous
19. hazardous
20. parsimonious