

Mark Twain's Humorous Stories
Vocabulary Quiz

Instructions: Match the word with its definition.

A. delirium tremens	B. ducal	C. epitome
D. eschew	E. expectorate	F. fulsome
G. garrulous	H. mephitic	I. obsequy
J. palliation	K. propitiate	L. purl
M. sagacity	N. smirch	O. succinct
P. vindicate		

1. _____ a representative or an example of a class or type
2. _____ offensively flattering or insincere; offensive to the sensibilities
3. _____ a funeral rite or ceremony
4. _____ delirium caused by withdrawal from alcohol
5. _____ to clear of accusation, blame, suspicion, or doubt
6. _____ sound in judgment, and farsighted; wisdom
7. _____ to conciliate an offended power; appease
8. _____ to flow or ripple with a murmuring sound
9. _____ to soil, stain, or dirty
10. _____ of or relating to a duke or dukedom
11. _____ to avoid; shun
12. _____ to eject from the mouth; spit
13. _____ poisonous or foul-smelling
14. _____ given to excessive or rambling talk; tiresomely talkative
15. _____ something that makes anything seem less serious; mitigation
16. _____ characterized by clear expression in few words; concise and terse