

The Importance of Being Earnest Vocabulary Quiz

Instructions: Match the word with its definition.

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| A. aristocratic | B. canonical | C. capacious |
| D. celibacy | E. effrontery | F. equanimity |
| G. expurgations | H. impetuous | I. machinations |
| J. mercenary | K. metaphysical | L. portmanteaus |
| M. profligate | N. recumbent | O. quixotic |
| P. vacillating | | |

1. _____ wavering, unsteady
2. _____ acting suddenly or rashly
3. _____ evil schemes; evil plots
4. _____ elite; superior in class; exclusive
5. _____ authorized, recognized; accepted
6. _____ purging or cleansing
7. _____ lying down; reclining, idle
8. _____ even-tempered; calm, composed
9. _____ impudent boldness; shameless audacity
10. _____ able to hold a lot; roomy; spacious
11. _____ a type of suitcase; clothing case for travel
12. _____ recklessly extravagant; shamelessly immoral
13. _____ abstract; beyond the physical
14. _____ excessively romantic; chivalrous
15. _____ working for gain; hired as a soldier
16. _____ unmarried; a vow not to marry