

New Vocabulary Words

Meander

(verb) To follow a winding, curved path rather than going straight

Example: *Tourists often meander along the pathways of Liberty Island, taking their time to appreciate the views.*

(verb) To wander without a specific goal or direction

Example: *Tourists often meander along the pathways of Liberty Island, taking their time to appreciate the views.*

Benign

(adjective) Kind, gentle, and not harmful

Example: *The Statue writes in her diary that she tries to maintain a benign expression, even when pigeons use her crown as a resting spot.*

(adjective) Not dangerous or threatening

Example: *The Statue writes in her diary that she tries to maintain a benign expression, even when pigeons use her crown as a resting spot.*

Scenario

(noun) A description of possible events or situations

Example: *In her diary, Lady Liberty describes a scenario where a marriage proposal goes hilariously wrong when the ring falls into the harbor.*

Insubordination

(noun) Refusing to obey orders from authority

Example: *Lady Liberty notes an act of insubordination when a security guard ignores his supervisor's orders to stop taking selfies during his shift.*

Masochist

(noun) Someone who enjoys pain or difficulty

Example: *"Only a masochist would climb all 354 steps to my crown in the middle of summer without water," Lady Liberty writes in her diary.*

The Statue of Liberty's SAT Diary

Scene 1 *meander*



Tourists often **meander** along the pathways of Liberty Island, taking their time to appreciate the views.

Lady Liberty watches them with amusement as they zigzag without any particular direction.

Scene 2 *benign*



The Statue writes in her diary that she tries to maintain a **benign** expression, even when pigeons use her crown as a resting spot.

Her kind and gentle face has welcomed millions to America's shores for over a century.

Scene 3 *scenario*



In her diary, Lady Liberty describes a **scenario** where a marriage proposal goes hilariously wrong when the ring falls into the harbor.

She's witnessed countless unexpected sequences of events from her permanent spot in the bay.

Scene 4 *insubordination*



Lady Liberty notes an act of **insubordination** when a security guard ignores his supervisor's orders to stop taking selfies during his shift.

She silently observes as the supervisor gives the rebellious guard extra duties as punishment.

Scene 5 *masochist*



"Only a **masochist** would climb all 354 steps to my crown in the middle of summer without water," Lady Liberty writes in her diary.

She watches as sweaty visitors seem to enjoy the punishing climb despite the heat and exhaustion.

Vocabulary Quizzes

1. What is the meaning of masochist?

- A. Someone who enjoys pain or difficulty
- B. A description of possible events or situations
- C. To follow a winding, curved path rather than going straight
- D. Kind, gentle, and not harmful

2. Which word can fit in the blank in the following sentence?

Tourists often meander along the pathways of Liberty Island, taking their time to appreciate the views.

- A. scenario
- B. masochist
- C. insubordination
- D. meander

3. What is the meaning of scenario?

- A. Someone who enjoys pain or difficulty
- B. A description of possible events or situations
- C. To follow a winding, curved path rather than going straight
- D. Refusing to obey orders from authority

4. Spell the word with the meaning: To follow a winding, curved path rather than going straight

5. Which word can fit in the blank in the following sentence?

Tourists often meander along the pathways of Liberty Island, taking their time to appreciate the views.

- A. benign
- B. masochist
- C. insubordination
- D. meander

6. Spell the word with the meaning: Kind, gentle, and not harmful

7. What is the meaning of meander?

- A. Kind, gentle, and not harmful
- B. A description of possible events or situations
- C. Someone who enjoys pain or difficulty
- D. To wander without a specific goal or direction

8. Spell the word with the meaning: Refusing to obey orders from authority

9. Spell the word with the meaning: Not dangerous or threatening

10. What is the meaning of insubordination?

- A. A description of possible events or situations
- B. Someone who enjoys pain or difficulty
- C. Refusing to obey orders from authority
- D. To follow a winding, curved path rather than going straight

11. Which word can fit in the blank in the following sentence?

"Only a masochist would climb all 354 steps to my crown in the middle of summer without water," Lady Liberty writes in her diary.

- A. masochist
- B. benign
- C. meander
- D. scenario

12. Spell the word with the meaning: To wander without a specific goal or direction

13. Which word can fit in the blank in the following sentence?

In her diary, Lady Liberty describes a scenario where a marriage proposal goes hilariously wrong when the ring falls into the harbor.

- A. masochist
- B. insubordination
- C. scenario
- D. benign

14. What is the meaning of benign?

- A. Refusing to obey orders from authority

- B. Kind, gentle, and not harmful
- C. A description of possible events or situations
- D. Someone who enjoys pain or difficulty

15. Which word can fit in the blank in the following sentence?

The Statue writes in her diary that she tries to maintain a benign expression, even when pigeons use her crown as a resting spot.

- A. meander
- B. scenario
- C. benign
- D. masochist

16. What is the meaning of benign?

- A. Not dangerous or threatening
- B. Refusing to obey orders from authority
- C. Someone who enjoys pain or difficulty
- D. A description of possible events or situations

17. Which word can fit in the blank in the following sentence?

The Statue writes in her diary that she tries to maintain a benign expression, even when pigeons use her crown as a resting spot.

- A. masochist
- B. meander
- C. insubordination
- D. benign

18. Which word can fit in the blank in the following sentence?

Lady Liberty notes an act of insubordination when a security guard ignores his supervisor's orders to stop taking selfies during his shift.

- A. meander
- B. insubordination
- C. benign
- D. masochist

19. Spell the word with the meaning: A description of possible events or situations

20. What is the meaning of meander?

- A.** Someone who enjoys pain or difficulty
- B.** To follow a winding, curved path rather than going straight
- C.** Refusing to obey orders from authority
- D.** A description of possible events or situations

21. Spell the word with the meaning: Someone who enjoys pain or difficulty

Answer Key

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| 1. Someone who enjoys pain or difficulty | (meaning) |
| 2. meander | (in context) |
| 3. A description of possible events or situations | (meaning) |
| 4. meander | (spelling) |
| 5. meander | (in context) |
| 6. benign | (spelling) |
| 7. To wander without a specific goal or direction | (meaning) |
| 8. insubordination | (spelling) |
| 9. benign | (spelling) |
| 10. Refusing to obey orders from authority | (meaning) |
| 11. masochist | (in context) |
| 12. meander | (spelling) |
| 13. scenario | (in context) |
| 14. Kind, gentle, and not harmful | (meaning) |
| 15. benign | (in context) |
| 16. Not dangerous or threatening | (meaning) |
| 17. benign | (in context) |
| 18. insubordination | (in context) |
| 19. scenario | (spelling) |
| 20. To follow a winding, curved path rather than going straight | (meaning) |
| 21. masochist | (spelling) |