

Vocabulary booster

Task 1: Combine the explanations below with the words in the box by writing the corresponding word on the line. First try the words that you think you know. Also write the Swedish translation of the word.

After having tried use the following on-line dictionaries:

<http://www.thefreedictionary.com/>

www.ord.se

A.

1. (lat. "id est") - that is to say; in other words _____
2. very funny _____
3. an important food fish of northern Atlantic waters that is close to extinction (Swe. "torsk") _____
4. to eat up greedily _____
5. far-reaching, deep _____
6. an opinion formed beforehand, esp. an unfavourable one

7. on the other hand; by contrast _____
8. [for a problem] to reach a critical or crucial stage

9. an attorney (in Britain) who advises clients on legal matters, represents clients in certain lower courts _____
10. the outer parts or area, especially of a town _____
11. a native or inhabitant of Switzerland _____
12. to express polite refusal _____
13. a person who is authorized to act as an agent for the sale of land (in Britain: land agent) _____
14. a leather with a fine velvet-like surface on one side (literally: gloves from Sweden) _____
15. making claim to distinction or importance _____
16. characterized by or subject to whim; impulsive and unpredictable _____
17. a sense of deep regret and guilt for something one did _____

profound
real estate agent
hilarious
i.e.
devour
outskirts
suede
Swizz
come to a head
capricious
remorse
cod
prejudice
solicitor
decline
pretentious
however

B.

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| 1. alone, single _____ | suburb |
| 2. a physician who specializes in the care of babies _____ | conundrum |
| 3. a situation in which further progress is impossible _____ | bigoted |
| 4. the usually residential region around a major city _____ | initial |
| 5. with bad intent _____ | blog |
| 6. blindly and obstinately attached to some creed or opinion and intolerant toward others _____ | pediatrician |
| 7. bad language in a religious context _____ | malicious |
| 8. a deep to vivid purplish red to vivid red _____ | inconspicuous |
| 9. a unit of volume the US. customary system (equal to 0.551 litre) and the British imperial system (equal to 0.568 litre). _____ | solitary |
| 10. study of the origin and development of words _____ | corduroy |
| 11. to write entries in, add material to, or maintain a weblog (verb) _____ | crimson |
| 12. not very noticeable _____ | pint |
| 13. a paradoxical, insoluble, or difficult problem _____ | a dead end |
| 14. hard-wearing fabric with soft velvety stripes (Swe. "manchester") _____ | swede |
| 15. the edible root of a European plant (Am eng. rutabaga, "kålrot") _____ | blasphemy |
| 16. first _____ | etymology |

C.

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| 1. a reality show on TV _____ | CEO |
| 2. old, shabby and in bad repair _____ | proximity |
| 3. <i>informal</i> a very hot place _____ | dexterity |
| 4. to make a bad situation worse _____ | dilapidated |
| 5. wiped out _____ | illiterate |
| 6. nearness _____ | congregation |
| 7. the foreign minister in the US _____ | add insult to injury |
| 8. gathering of people in a church (sv. "församling") _____ | stifling |
| 9. unasked for entry _____ | furnace |
| 10. fragments of something destroyed _____ | obliterated |
| 11. (chief executive officer) the corporate executive _____ | debris |
| 12. hot and airless _____ | inadequate |
| 13. not able to read or write _____ | intrusion |
| 14. skill and grace in physical movement, especially in the use of the hands _____ | the Secretary of State |
| 15. not good enough _____ | Big Brother |
| 16. very clear and detailed _____ | vivid |

D.

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| 1. word used to replace one which has become too negative
_____ | copulate |
| 2. (Am. E.) an apartment in a building in which each apartment is individually owned (sv "bostadsrätt") _____ | euphemism |
| 3. to steal (money) that belongs to the company or organization that one works for _____ | ferocious |
| 4. the gradual increase of the temperature of the earth's lower atmosphere as a result of the increase in greenhouse gases
_____ | conscience |
| 5. have sex _____ | overthrow |
| 6. uneasy and apprehensive about an uncertain event or matter
_____ | notion |
| 7. make peace _____ | embezzle |
| 8. forcibly remove from power _____ | cashier |
| 9. the sense of right and wrong that governs a person's thoughts and actions _____ | vast |
| 10. a person responsible for handling cash in a bank, shop, or other business (kassör/kassörska) _____ | alien |
| 11. idea _____ | bilingual |
| 12. unusually large in size, degree, or number _____ | Facebook |
| 13. a social networking site founded in 2004 initially targeting Harvard students _____ | global warming |
| 14. a person who is a citizen of a country other than the one in which he or she lives _____ | bury the hatchet |
| 15. using or able to use two languages _____ | anxious |
| 16. savagely fierce or cruel _____ | condominium |

Task 2

After having finished task 1 and divided the word-groups (A, B, C and D) among you in a group of four come up with a story using at least 12 of the words in the box (but try to use them all). You have about 5-10 minutes to prepare your story and you can make notes if you want to.

Tell the story to each other in the group. Begin with: "Once upon time there was ... " (e.g. ... an inconspicuous mason who grew up in a bilingual family in a dilapidated condominium. ...)

When finished give the explanations to five of the words of your choosing and ask the other group members to give you the word in question. The first one who answers gets a point.

Good luck! / Kristian.