

Vocabulary 15 - How to Talk about a Broken Heart

Indicate whether the pairs of words below have similar or different meanings.

1. buffet bludgeon _____
2. discomfiture chagrin _____
3. accost comfort _____
4. nadir acme _____
5. abhor adore _____
6. alleviate mitigate _____
7. ephemeral long-lasting _____
8. cherish renounce _____
9. despondency anguish _____
10. obloquy praise _____

From the list below, select the word that best describes each person portrayed in the phrases that follow.

desolate composed mortified mercurial flabbergasted treacherous

1. Someone sighing and looking sad on a park bench
2. Someone who just saw an elephant fall out of a city window
3. Someone waiting a round the corner with a knife
4. Someone who doesn't get upset when his dad yells at him
5. Someone who is caught walking out of the bathroom with his fly unzipped
6. Someone who decides he loves rap one day, country the next, and classical music the next

Choose the word that best completes the sentence.

1. The Spice Girls' fame was _____. What happened to them, anyway?
treacherous inconsolable ephemeral bludgeoned
2. My room is always in a state of _____. I'm amazed I can find anything in it.
stigma chaos derision obloquy
3. When my old lab partner walked by me in the hall without even saying hi, I felt totally _____.
accosted reciprocated alleviated slighted
4. broccoli. I'd rather eat cafeteria burritos!
abase disseminate mortify abhor
5. I was _____ after the Rex debacle. Not even Janet could cheer me up.
inconsolable mercurial accosted obliterated
6. I couldn't possibly _____ calculus. I can barely make it through pre-algebra.
buffet raze deride fathom
7. After Walter wet the bed once at sleep away camp, he had to endure the _____ of being known as a bed wetter.
carnage dissemination stigma composure
8. I was completely _____ when I saw Madonna at the mall last weekend.
reciprocated obliterated nonplussed aggrieved
9. A being deckish would be _____ to me. I want a job that will keep me really active.

Your twenty-five words for Week 15

	Word	Pt. of Speech	Definition
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