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# Audacious Words



**Directions:** Cornelia was a lover of words. Her vocabulary was amazing. Match the words she used with the correct definition. Use the book, a dictionary, or the internet to find the answers.

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| A. nugatory  | E. galoot     | I. bavardage    | M. defenestrate | Q. rebarbative |
| B. quidanunc | F. pilgarlic  | J. incommodious | N. temerity     | R. reprobate   |
| C. quotidian | G. mephitical | K. cacophony    | O. ludicrous    | S. sagacious   |
| D. hamadryad | H. parisology | L. portentous   | P. hinny        | T. prodigy     |

- \_\_\_\_ 1. uncomfortable
- \_\_\_\_ 2. to throw something out a window
- \_\_\_\_ 3. pointless, trifling
- \_\_\_\_ 4. a poor bald-headed man who presents a sorry spectacle
- \_\_\_\_ 5. occurring everyday
- \_\_\_\_ 6. crafty
- \_\_\_\_ 7. a baboon
- \_\_\_\_ 8. showing a sign of evil or calamity to come
- \_\_\_\_ 9. foolish or empty
- \_\_\_\_ 10. a person with exceptional talents
- \_\_\_\_ 11. repulsive and off-putting
- \_\_\_\_ 12. stinking, noxious
- \_\_\_\_ 13. the use of words that are unnecessarily complicated
- \_\_\_\_ 14. boldness, audaciousness
- \_\_\_\_ 15. ridiculous
- \_\_\_\_ 16. one who is forever anxious about everything that is going on
- \_\_\_\_ 17. a clumsy oaf
- \_\_\_\_ 18. hubbub, racket
- \_\_\_\_ 19. the offspring of a female donkey and a male horse
- \_\_\_\_ 20. wrongdoer

## Challenge

Choose five words from above, and write a sentence for each word.



This activity is based on *Cornelia and the Audacious Escapades of the Somerset Sisters* by Lesley M. Blume.

Answer Key:  
1. J 2. M 3. A 4. F  
5. C 6. S 7. D 8. L  
9. I 10. T 11. Q 12. G  
13. O 14. N 15. O 16. B  
17. E 18. K 19. P 20. R