BARRON'S 1100 WORDS YOU NEED TO KNOW

Barron's 1100 Words You Need to Know (MCQ Test + PDF) Week 44 – Day 4

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1.

THE ISLAND OF WILD DOGS

The saga of the introduction of that **diminutive** song bird, the canary, into the homes of the world as tame pets is an interesting one. In the sixteenth century a trading ship going to Italy stopped at an island named "Canis," from the Latin word for wild dog, which could be found there in **profuse** numbers, off the coast of Africa. The **dulcet** song of the wild birds whetted the interest of the captain. In **impromptu** cages hundreds were taken aboard to be traded. The sailors called these gray-green birds, spotted with yellow, "canaries." As they approached the island of Elba, near Italy, a **malevolent** storm put the boat in jeopardy of sinking. A member of the crew released the birds, and the intrepid canaries instinctively flew towards land. The peasants on Elba took the wild canaries in as pets. Eventually, the birds found their way into homes throughout Europe where they were domesticated and bred for variety of song and shades of colors. The canaries prevalent today differ greatly from the ones discovered over four hundred years ago.

Sample Sentences: Use the new words in these sentences.

As the music reached a frenetic tempo, the audience lost all decorum and broke into _____ dancing.

A) diminutive **B)** impromptu
C) dulcet **D)** malevolent
E) profuse

2. **He had no qualms about opposing the clique who insidiously exerted a _____ influence on the president.**

A) diminutive **B)** impromptu
C) dulcet **D)** malevolent
E) profuse

3. **The connoisseur was able to glean a worthwhile painting from the _____ variety of poor ones at the exhibit.**

A) diminutive **B)** impromptu
C) dulcet **D)** malevolent
E) profuse

4. **Europeans drive _____ cars because their narrow roads and high prices for gasoline are not conducive to or compatible with our large ones.**

A) diminutive **B)** impromptu
C) dulcet **D)** malevolent
E) profuse

5. **The blasé devotee of the opera was awakened from his ennui by the _____ tones of the new soprano.**

A) diminutive **B)** impromptu
C) dulcet **D)** malevolent
E) profuse

6. **Definitions:** Match the new words with their definitions.

diminutive
A) ill-disposed, ill-intentioned
B) tiny, small
C) spur of the moment, offhand
D) sweet or melodious to the ear
E) overflowing, abundant

7. **profuse**
A) ill-disposed, ill-intentioned
B) tiny, small
C) spur of the moment, offhand
D) sweet or melodious to the ear
E) overflowing, abundant

8. **dulcet**
A) ill-disposed, ill-intentioned
B) tiny, small
C) spur of the moment, offhand
D) sweet or melodious to the ear
E) overflowing, abundant

9. **impromptu**
A) ill-disposed, ill-intentioned
B) tiny, small
C) spur of the moment, offhand
D) sweet or melodious to the ear
E) overflowing, abundant

10. **malevolent**
A) ill-disposed, ill-intentioned
B) tiny, small
C) spur of the moment, offhand
D) sweet or melodious to the ear
E) overflowing, abundant