

WORD POWER

BUILDING AND MAINTAINING
A STRONGER VOCABULARY

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REG / RECT

To combat heart disease, doctors prescribe a strict **regimen** of healthy food and exercise.

Marcus admitted his fault and tried to **rectify** his error.

Angry peasants staged an **insurrection** against the tyrannical landowners.

Moral **rectitude** is sorely lacking in the corruption-riddled world of political campaigning.

When the Queen died without an heir, the Prime Minister ruled during the **interregnum**.

The conductor's diligence and enthusiasm was a **corrective** to the laziness of the musicians.

Because of Malcolm's **adroit** handling of the labor crisis, a strike was averted.

After a long period of neglect, there was a **resurgence** of interest in early music.

Inter- means *between*. . . .

An **interregnum** is the period between the *rule* of two kings or *rulers*. More generally, it refers to a pause or a break.

A **regimen** is a systematic plan. You follow a **regimen** to maintain or improve your health. Do you have a daily **regimen**?

Adroit comes from the Latin *dirigere*, meaning *to direct*. A person capable of directing must be **adroit**, *skillful* and *clever*. What does **maladroit** mean?

REG/RECT
ruling, straight

Insurgent comes from *sub-* (*below*) and *regere* (*lead*) and means *rising up*. **Insurgent** people are rebellious and an **insurrection** is an *rebellion*. **Resurge** means *rise again*.

A **corrective** is simply something that **corrects** or counteracts a bad situation or an error. It can also be used as an adjective (as in **corrective** surgery).

Rectitude refers to one's moral *straightness* or *integrity*. To **rectify** means to *straighten* or *make right*. When you **rectify** a problem, you *correct* it.

Resurrection is a different kind of *rising up* from *insurrection*. This word means *raised* or *restored to life*. It often refers to the **Resurrection** of Christ but can also be used more generally (the **resurrection** of one's hopes).

The best antonym for **rectitude** is:

- a) depravity
- b) inaccuracy
- c) clumsiness

Which use of **corrective** is right?

- a) We used the answer key as a **corrective** to the test.
- b) A back brace can act as a **corrective** for bad posture.
- c) Exercise is the best **corrective** of good health.

Because the board couldn't agree on a new president, the business went leaderless for several weeks. It went through:

- a) an insurrection
- b) a regimen
- c) an interregnum

Which of the following expressions means "**rectify** your behavior?"

- a) "Speak softly and carry a big stick."
- b) "Straighten up and fly right."
- c) "When in Rome, do as the Romans do."

The best synonym for **insurgence** is:

- a) revolt
- b) revival
- c) invasion

Which use of **regimen** is wrong?

- a) I quickly tired of my daily **regimen** of a five-mile run and low-fat food.
- b) Jonas observed a strict **regimen** of prayer and meditation to heal his soul.
- c) We had prepared enough food to feed an entire **regimen**.

A mediator who deftly appeases one angry party without offending the other is behaving:

- a) correctively
- b) adroitly
- c) insurgently

A custody trial often **resurrects** past disagreements. This means:

- a) Arguments of the past are recalled.
- b) Past conflicts are resolved.
- c) Discussions of the past are avoided.

WORD TO THE WISE

FLAUNT / FLOUT

Be careful not to confuse these two verbs.

Flout means *defy, scorn, show contempt*.

Flaunt means *show off, display boldly*.

- Samantha **flouted** tradition by wearing a purple sequined gown to her wedding.
- Samantha strutted up the aisle, **flaunting** her purple gown.

Friar John was a man of great _____.



Complete each sentence. Be sure that your sentence demonstrates knowledge of the word in bold.

The chess champion **ceded** his title to a computer when _____

Brad's **noncommittal** response to her query made Joan think _____

If you want to study **jurisprudence**, you'll have to _____

People responded to Jonah's **sanctimonious** advice with _____

Myron tried to **ingratiate** himself with his boss by _____

The interviewer knew the artist considered his studio **sacrosanct**, so _____

Although the two critics usually **concurred**, _____

In **contravening** his superior's order, the officer _____

Match each word at left with the word closest in meaning at right.

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| _____ accede | a. meek |
| _____ covenant | b. refuge |
| _____ submissive | c. blasphemy |
| _____ adjure | d. appeal |
| _____ incursion | e. consent |
| _____ gratuitous | f. fabricate |
| _____ sanctuary | g. attack |
| _____ sacrilege | h. agreement |
| _____ gratis | i. free |
| _____ conjure | j. unnecessary |