

## Vocabulary Quiz: Can You Name the Meaning of 10 Words Out of 12?

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- Beloved person
- Opponent

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- Denial

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- a jumble and confusion
- fine taste

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- Plants
- Cats
- Elephants

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- addiction to it
- inability to smell it
- its intolerance

6. Palinfrasia is ...

- constant utterance of the same (parasitic) words

- verbosity and floridity of speech
- constant forgetting of words

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- In a state of aggression and rejection
- In a state of indifference and despondency
- In a state of peace of mind and serenity

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- compliment
- a hint, understatement or ploy
- meaningless nodding, nodding

9. With euphemisms we replace ...

- coarse language
- words we don't understand
- mockery

10. A truism is ...

- a sense of superiority over others
- a hackneyed truth
- a great discovery that has become commonplace.

11. An a priori adverb can replace an expression ...

- irrespective of the human condition
- unambiguously wrong
- irrespective of experience

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- bold, defiant antics
- marginal behavior
- frightening to the point of disgust

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