

Warm-Ups: 05/11/2009 – 05/15/2009

Monday, May 11, 2009

Curtail – verb – to shorten; to reduce

When Deb sprained her ankle, she had to **curtail** all physical activity for two weeks.

Copy and complete the following analogy:

curtail : extend :: _____

- (A) settle : arbitrate
- (B) debase : degrade
- (C) expedite : obstruct
- (D) commend : applaud

Tuesday, May 12, 2009

Obstinate – adj – stubborn

He was an **obstinate** little boy, adamantly refusing to eat any vegetables.

Determine whether the following words are synonyms or antonyms of **obstinate**:

headstrong yielding inflexible intractable pliant submissive

Wednesday, May 13, 2009

Bellicose – adj – warlike; quarrelsome

Soon after conquering the small nation, the **bellicose** leader declared war on another country.

Determine whether the following words are synonyms or antonyms of **bellicose**:

peaceable meek aggressive feisty combative

Thursday, May 14, 2009

parochial – adj – limited in scope

The twins were quite different; Joe's **parochial** ideas were in sharp contrast to Pat's open-mindedness.

Determine whether the following words are synonyms or antonyms of **parochial**:

provincial open-minded cosmopolitan narrow restricted broad-minded

Friday, May 15, 2009

lugubrious – adj – exaggeratedly mournful

The young man wore a **lugubrious** expression for weeks after his favorite musician died.

Which words are **antonyms** of **lugubrious**?

sad dismal blissful melancholy merry cheerful plaintive