



Test Your Regency Word Power

A synonym is defined as *a word or phrase that means exactly or nearly the same as another word or phrase in the same language*. Below in the left-hand column are fifteen synonyms. Their definitions are found in the right-hand column. Can you accurately match up the synonym with its dictionary definition?

<u>Synonym</u>	<u>Definition</u>
_____ 1. Superior	A. showing contempt, scornful
_____ 2. Condescending	B. from cavalier, showing contempt or lack of respect
_____ 3. Contemptuous	C. behaving or looking as though one thinks one is superior to others
_____ 4. Disdainful	D. higher in rank status or quality
_____ 5. Dismissive	E. affectedly grand, solemn, or self-important
_____ 6. Haughty	F. arrogantly superior and disdainful
_____ 7. Insolent	G. feeling or expressing contempt or derision
_____ 8. Supercilious	H. having or showing an attitude of patronizing superiority
_____ 9. Scornful	I. feeling or showing that something is unworthy of consideration
_____ 10. Pompous	J. showing a rude and arrogant lack of respect

WIN A PRIZE! The first person to correctly return to us the answers to both of these questions, will have your pick of ebook copy of any book by our group of authors – Sarah Johnson, Rose Fairbanks, Zoe Burton, or Leslie L. Diamond. You can contact any of us on facebook, email us, or leave a comment on the blog post.

- All of these words were in use at the time of the writing of Jane Austen's novels; however, one of the words was never used by Miss Austen. Which one is it? _____
- The following is a sentence from my favourite Jane Austen novel: *For, though elated by his rank, it did not render him supercilious; on the contrary, he was all attention to everybody.*
To which Pride and Prejudice character is this quotation referring? _____

