

Weekly WOD List

- # 1 **precarious** (adj) - dangerous and uncertain (≠ safe and secure)
Driving very fast when the roads are covered with ice and snow is putting the driver and passengers in a **precarious** situation.
- # 2 **optimistic** (adj) - looking on the bright side, expecting the best (≠ pessimistic)
Since I am **optimistic** about the chances for good weather - this weekend, I am planning a big outdoor barbeque.
- # 3 **pessimistic** (adj) - looking on the dark side, expecting the worst (≠ optimistic)
I was **pessimistic** about passing the test because I hadn't studied the difficult material.
- # 4 **ludicrous** (adj) - silly, ridiculous (opp. serious, sensible)
He wore a **ludicrous** revolving hat with kitchen utensils dangling from the brim.
- # 5 **tepid** (adj) lukewarm, slightly warm
Be sure to bathe the baby in **tepid** water so he won't get too chilly or be burned.
- # 6 **ostentatious** (adj.) - showy, flashy (≠ modest, private)
If you travel alone at night in the subway, dressed in an **ostentatious** manner wearing lots of jewelry and an expensive fur coat, you are likely to get robbed.
- # 7 **loiter** (verb) - to hang around, to linger wasting time
Alicia and Jessica **loitered** along the street looking in the shop windows waiting for their mother to pick them up.
- # 8 **affluent** (adj) - very rich, wealthy (≠ very poor, destitute)
The real estate agent didn't show us homes in the Gold Coast because she knew we weren't **affluent** enough to live in that luxurious neighborhood.
- # 9 **elated** (adj) - extremely happy, full of joy (≠ depressed, despondent)
The parents were **elated** when their kidnapped son was returned home safe and sound.
- # 10 **former** (adj) 1) the first of two things mentioned 2) earlier; past
1) When I'm offered ice cream or pie, I always choose the **former**. 2) In **former** times, cooking was always done in fireplaces instead of stoves.
- # 11 **latter** (adj) 1) the second of two things mentioned 2) nearer the end (≠ former)

- 1) Canada and the United States are in North America; the former lies north of the **latter**.
- 2) The year 1999 is in the **latter** part of the 20th Century.
- # 12 **destitute** (adj) extremely poor; lacking the necessities to survive (\neq affluent)
The **destitute** families who lost everything in the earthquake in Turkey will depend on outside support for a long time.
- # 13 **despondent** (adj) extremely sad, depressed (\neq elated)
Many people in North Carolina felt **despondent** after Hurricane Floyd totally destroyed their homes and killed members of their families.
- # 14 **inferior** (adj) of poor quality (noun) person of lower rank (\neq superior)
1. The **inferior** T-shirt shrank, ripped at the seams and faded the first time it was washed.
2. The boss spoke harshly to his **inferiors** and expected them to obey his orders immediately and without question.
- # 15 **superior** (adj) of excellent quality (noun) person of higher rank, the boss
1. We were willing to pay a higher price for a **superior** car believing it would last longer and give better performance.
2. All members of the armed forces are required to salute their **superior** officers.
- # 16 **fleet** (adj) very fast (noun) a group of vehicles under one command (\neq slow moving)
1. The cheetah is the most **fleet** land animal in the world.
2. My uncle owns a limousine company and parks his **fleet** of limousines in a huge garage on Tenth Avenue.
- # 17 **ominous** (adj) threatening looking
The **ominous** clouds in the sky led us to believe a severe storm was approaching.
- # 18 **significant** (adj) important (\neq trivial)
When taking notes, students should include only the most **significant** details.
- # 19 **trivial** (adj) unimportant, insignificant ($=$ significant)
During the emergency, citizens were asked not to tie up phone lines for **trivial** conversations; the lines had to be kept open for urgent communications.
- # 20 **minute** (adj and noun) 1) tiny, very small (\neq immense, huge, enormous) 2) a short unit of time, 60 seconds

- 1) The legs of the flea were so minute we found them easier to see under a microscope. 2) Wait a minute! Our classes are 41 minutes long (not counting passing time).
- # 21 **immense** (adj) extremely large, huge, gigantic (≠ minute)
An ocean is an immense body of water.
- # 22 **lethargic** (adj) slow-moving, sluggish, lacking energy (≠ energetic)
A hot, humid day makes most people feel lethargic.
- # 23 **rancid** (adj) stale, spoiled, rotten (food, not children!) (= fresh)
I almost gagged when I discovered mold on the rancid cottage cheese.
- # 24 **irate** (adj) extremely angry, furious
My mother was irate when she realized the spilled nail polish remover had eaten away the paint on the hood of her beautiful new car.
- # 25 **belligerent** (adj) fond of fighting; at war (≠ peace-loving, neutral)
1) The belligerent neighborhood gang fought against rival gangs, beat up "weaklings" on our block, and fought against each other when there was nothing better to do.
2) Great Britain and Germany were belligerent countries during World War II.
- # 26 **dilapidated** (adj) run down, neglected (≠ well cared for)
To save money, the couple bought a dilapidated house which they thought they could fix up together.
- # 27 **lean** (adj) not fat; slender, slim (≠ chubby, plump)
My doctor recommended eating lean meat as a way of keeping my cholesterol level low.
Modeling agencies hire girls with lean bodies to be fashion models.
- # 28 **placid** (adj) calm, peaceful (≠ distressed, agitated, upset)
The surface of the placid lake looked like a mirror.
Placid babies are easy to care for because they rarely cry or act upset.
- # 29 **replenish** (verb) to refill (≠ to use up, to empty)
We need to replenish our supply of cookies; I just ate the last ones.
- # 30 **trepidation** (noun) fright, the feeling of fear
The snarling, lunging dogs filled me with trepidation as I rode my bike past them on my way to school.
- # 31 **feline** (noun & adj) (1) a cat, member of the cat family; (2) catlike

1. Tigers, lions, cheetahs, pumas and panthers live in the Feline House in the zoo.
2. Some people say that Sophia Lauren has feline eyes.
- # 32 **immaculate** (adj) perfectly clean, spotless (\neq filthy, messy)
The campers were told to make their bunk look immaculate to pass inspection.
- # 33 **succinct** (adj) brief, to the point (\neq long-winded, rambling, wordy)
We always make our telephone conversations succinct to save on long-distance charges.
- # 34 **flaw** (noun) (1) a mistake, blemish or imperfection
(2) flawless (adj) perfect
1. If a diamond has a flaw, it is less valuable than a perfect one.
2. Skaters earn a score of ten for a flawless performance.
- # 35 **dense** (adj) (1) very thick, packed tightly together (\neq sparse)
(2) slang - stupid, thick-headed
1. Crowded cities have very dense populations.
2. The dense looks of the students showed they did not understand at all.
- # 36 **agile** (adj) able to move quickly with ease and grace
(an agile dancer, athlete, animal) (\neq awkward, clumsy)
The agile cat-burglar climbed over roof tops into open windows without making a sound.
- # 37 **berserk** (adj) insane, crazy (describes a person or animal) (\neq sane)
The man who pushed a young woman to her death in front of a subway train must have been berserk.
- # 38 **superfluous** (adj) extra, more than enough (\neq insufficient)
My mother always prepares a superfluous amount of food for parties and then wonders what to do with the leftovers.
- # 39 **indolent** (adj) lazy (\neq hard-working, ambitious)
The indolent housekeeper was fired for lying on the couch, eating chips and watching game shows all afternoon.
- # 40 **sparse** (adj) scanty, widely spaced, thinly populated (\neq dense)
(sparse hair, vegetation, population)
The population in wilderness areas is very sparse.
- # 41 **tardy** (adj) late (\neq early)
When I was stuck in traffic on Northern Boulevard at 5:30 PM and I had a 5:45 PM appointment at North Middle School, I feared I would be tardy for the meeting.
- # 42 **emaciated** (adj) extremely thin, skinny, bony (\neq obese, very fat)