

Essential Vocabulary

- assimilationism** *n.* The policy of completely absorbing groups into the main culture.
- indictment** *n.* An accusation; blame.
- resignation** *n.* A passive acceptance.
- retrogression** *n.* A moving backward, especially into a worse condition.
- vindicated** *adj.* Cleared from criticism or guilt.

Useful Words

- beseechingly** *adv.* In a begging way; pleadingly.
- defer** *v.* To put off; postpone; delay.
- disheveled** *adj.* Untidy and rumped; disordered.
- graphically** *adv.* In realistic detail; vividly.

Fill in each set of blanks with the correct word from the word list. (Clue: The boxed letters will spell something that is the opposite of a raisin in the sun.)

- This is supported by those who think that the United States should function as a melting pot.
- This is the opposite of headway, advancement, and development.
- This is *not* how one usually wants an illness or operation described.
- This is almost always found in statements that begin with "How dare you . . . !"
- When you have to do something and you can't do it with enthusiasm, you may do it with this.
- This describes you after you've been pulled backwards through a hedge.
- This is how children ask for something they really, *really*, REALLY want.
- This is how you would feel if it were proven that the dog really *did* eat your homework.
- Rain at the beginning of a ballgame can do this to the start of play.

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