DOFF  
(dof) v.  
to take off; to remove; to put aside  

Link: OFF

“To DOFF is to take OFF.”

- A gentleman should DOFF his hat to a lady.
- Uncle Jeff always DOFFED his cap at the dinner table.
- He DOFFED the invitation and promptly forgot to respond.
DON
(don) v.
to put on

Link: ON

“To DON is to put ON.”

- Bryan DONNED his scuba gear and dove down to the wreck.
- Ed took a deep breath, DONNED his parachute, and jumped out of the airplane.
- As the storm intensified, Bill went below deck to DON his foul weather gear.
**SVELTE**
(sfelt) adj.
slim, slender

Link: FELT

“Tina FELT great when she became SVELTE.”

- The ballerina appeared as SVELTE as an angel as she floated effortlessly across the stage.
- One way to stay SVELTE is to exercise a great deal.
- The SVELTE waitress was able to move easily between the closely arranged tables.
**OBESE**

(oh BEECE) *adj.*
extremely fat; grossly overweight

**Link:** BEES

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STALACTITE
(stah LAK tite) n.
a tapering formation hanging from the ceiling of a cave, produced by the dripping of mineral-rich water

Link: TIGHTS

“STALACTITES hang down like her loose TIGHTS.”

- As we worked ourselves through the cave we had to be aware of STALACTITES so we wouldn’t bump our heads.
- The icicle looked like a giant STALACTITE as it grew drip by drip during the winter.
- Another way to remember STALACTITE is: A STALACTITE has to hold TIGHT to the ceiling so it won’t fall.
The MITES climb up the STALAGMITES.

The STALAGMITE grew straight up in the center of the cave.

It is hard to believe that a giant STALAGMITE was once just a lump on the cave’s floor.

When our light flickered off, we tripped over the STALAGMITES.

“The MITES climb up the STALAGMITES.”
DIURNAL
(dye UR nul) adj.
occurring every day; occurring
during the daytime

Link: DAY TURTLE

Brad enjoys his DIURNAL cup of coffee while he reads
the newspaper.

Sunrise is a DIURNAL occurrence.

DIURNAL is the opposite of nocturnal, which means
occurring during the night.
NOCTURNAL
(nawk TUR nul) adj.
of or occurring at night

Link: NIGHT TURTLE

“A NOCTURNAL TURTLE”

- **NOCTURNAL** animals sleep during the day and are active at night.

- A **NOCTURNAL** person is one who stays up late at night.

- **DIURNAL**, which means of or occurring during the day, is the opposite of **NOCTURNAL**.
PRISTINE
(PRIS teen) adj.
extremely pure; untouched

Link: CLEAN

“The coin discovered under layers of ash was still in PRISTINE condition.

Those who know about the island keep it a secret because they want to continue to enjoy its PRISTINE beaches.

When the archeologists discovered the cave, they ascertained that it was PRISTINE and that they had been the first to examine it.
The house was completely run down; it was amazing how someone could live in such SQUALID conditions.

After the old recluse had died, animal lovers made their way through the SQUALIDITY of her home as they rescued eighty cats.

Upton Sinclair wrote about the SQUALID life of the meat packers in Chicago during the early 1900s.
Vocabulary Cartoons II: Review #28

Match the word with its definition.

___  1. doff  a. occurring at night
___  2. don  b. to take off
___  3. svelte  c. occurring daily
___  4. obese  d. extremely pure; untouched
___  5. stalactite  e. slim, slender
___  6. stalagmite  f. dirty and wretched
___  7. diurnal  g. a mineral formation which hangs in
___  8. nocturnal  h. a cave
___  9. pristine  i. extremely fat
___ 10. squalid  j. a mineral formation which protrudes
                  from the floor of a cave

Fill in the blanks with the appropriate word.

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