

English 10 Honors Vocabulary Lesson 1

Part I: Directions: Each of the following sentences correctly uses a vocabulary word. Write the definition of each word under the sentence. Underline the words in the sentence that could help you guess what the word means.

1. Various insects have a marvelous capacity to protect themselves by **simulating** the appearance of twigs and other objects in their environment.

Definition:

2. Of course you have a right to ask for a glass of water, but is there any need to use the **petulant** tone of a spoiled child?

Definition:

3. I take no **umbrage** at your personal remarks, but I feel you would have been better advised not to make them.

Definition:

4. I feel that, as an old friend, I have the **prerogative** of criticizing your actions without arousing resentment.

Definition:

5. The midnight fire in our apartment building cast a **lurid** unearthly light on the faces of the fire fighters.

Definition:

6. If you take pride in expressing yourself with force and originality, you should not use so many **hackneyed** phrases.

Definition:

7. In an age when the United States has truly global responsibilities, we cannot afford to have leaders with **provincial** points of view.

Definition:

8. In the question-and- answer session, we tried to **elicit** from the candidates some definite indication of how they proposed to reduce the national debt.

Definition:

9. If you cannot meet the college's entrance requirements, it will be futile to have someone **intercede** on your behalf.

Definition:

10. His confidence grew as he received clear signs of the **approbation** of his superiors.

Definition:

11. The issue of good faith that your conduct raises far **transcends** the specific question of whether or not you are responsible for the problem.

Definition:

12. I certainly appreciate your praise, but I must say that I can see nothing so remarkably **meritorious** in having done what any decent person would do.

Definition:

13. When we played back the crucial tape, we realized that there was a **hiatus** of several minutes duration that prevented us from understanding what happened.

Definition:

14. I like the sales people in that store because they do their jobs efficiently and pleasantly, without making a big show of **unctuous** courtesy.

Definition:

15. Since I do not like people who play favorites in the office, I have frequently **expostulated** against such behavior with my superiors.

Definition:

16. Their tastes have been so **jaded** by luxurious living that they seem incapable of enjoying the simple pleasures of life.

Definition:

17. The only way to defeat the party in power is for all reform groups to form a **coalition** and back a single slate of candidates.

Definition:

18. Weakened military and with a large part of the population living on free “bread and circuses,” the once mighty Roman Empire now entered a period of **decadence**.

Definition:

19. The manager expressed her unfavorable opinion of the job applicant by **innuendo** rather than by direct statement.

Definition:

20. Although we tried to express our sympathy, we knew that mere words could do nothing to **assuage** her grief.

Definition:

Part II: Directions: Now that you have a better understanding of the meaning of your vocabulary words, write each word next to its corresponding definition and write the part of speech.

Vocabulary Word	Part of Speech	Definition
		to plead on behalf of someone else; to serve as a third party or go-between
		used so often as to lack freshness or originality
		the expression of approval or favorable opinion; praise
		a hint, indirect suggestion or reference (often in a derogatory sense)
		a combination, union or merger of specific purpose
		to draw forth, bring out from some source
		a gap, opening, break (an element missing)
		to make easier or milder; to quiet or calm
		decline, decay; condition time period of decay
		attempt to dissuade someone from course of action of decision by sincere reasoning
		to make a pretense of; imitate, show signs of
		wearied, worn out, dulled
		offense, resentment
		a special right or privilege
		causing shock, horror, or revulsion
		to rise above or beyond, exceed
		pertaining to an outlying area, narrow in mind; person with narrow point of view

