

English 10 Honors Vocabulary Lesson 10

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. Next day, the instructor returned my theme with a number of comments, queries, and other **annotations** penciled in the margin.

Definition:

2. The revolutionary forces were a **motley** group, made up of people of all ages, backgrounds, and political sympathies.

Definition:

3. Anyone who **procrastinates** when the opportunity to make a very profitable deal presents itself is not going to be notably successful in the business world.

Definition:

4. His elegant appearance was matched by the **debonair** ease and polish of his manners.

Definition:

5. She is a leader who can command loyalty and instant obedience without resorting to abusive language threats, or an **imperious** manner.

Definition:

6. Daily exercise is recommended particularly for people whose occupations are for the most part **sedentary**.

Definition:

7. It will be helpful if you can state the **gist** of his arguments in a few sentences.

Definition:

8. Although she said nothing to indicate her true feelings, the expression on her face gave away her **covert** sympathy for the young culprits.

Definition:

9. If you resent being **dun**(ned) by tradespeople, why not try paying your bills on time?

Definition:

10. In view of the fact that I have been driving for many years without having a single accident, his advice on how to handle a car seemed entirely **gratuitous**.

Definition:

11. **Bedlam** broke out in the meeting hall as the speaker tried vainly to be heard over the angry shouting of the audience.

Definition:

12. Think of the great advantages that will **accrue** to all of us if we can carry out a truly effective program to conserve and maintain our natural resources.

Definition:

13. Our meeting seemed at the time to be entirely **fortuitous**, but I learned later that it was the result of a careful plan.

Definition:

14. This research program is entirely devoted to developing a drug that will be **efficacious** in the treatment of arthritis.

Definition:

15. The editorial on "Legal Rights for Teenagers" was so **provocative** that it brought in more letters to the editor than any other single article we published all year.

Definition:

16. The kinds of books I enjoy reading range from light and airy comedies to **recondite** studies of social and philosophical problems.

Definition:

17. No sooner had the incorrigible old **reprobate** gotten out of jail than he returned to the wicked ways that had landed him there in the first place.

Definition:

18. My opponent's last speech was filled with such wild charges, acrimonious language, and bitter **invectives** that I walked out of the room without even trying to reply.

Definition:

19. The **munificent** gift of the Mellon family made it possible to set up the National Gallery of Art in Washington, DC.

Definition:

20. We have seen her accept victory with grace; now can she face defeat with **equanimity**.

Definition:

Part II: 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
		accidental, happening by chance
		hidden, disguised, purposefully kept secret
		a state or scene of uproar and confusion
		pleasant, courteous, lighthearted; smooth and polished (in manners and appearance)
		critical or explanatory note or comment, especially for a literary work
		the essential part, main point, or essence of a matter
		effective, producing results
		to grow or accumulate in the course of time; to happen as a natural result
		to demand insistently, especially payment of a debt
		calmness, composure, refusal to panic
		tending to produce a strong feeling or response; arousing desire or appetite; irritating, annoying
		characterized by or calling for continued sitting; remaining in one place
		overbearing, arrogant; seeking to dominate
		freely given; not called for by circumstances, unwarranted
		to delay; put off until later
		exceeding ordinary knowledge and understanding, profound, abstruse
		extremely generous, lavish
		showing great diversity or variety; composed of different elements of many colors
		a strong denunciation or condemnation; abusive language
		depraved, vicious, or unprincipled person, scoundrel

