

### English 10 Honors Vocabulary Lesson 11

**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. If I had the time, I could point out many flaws in the **specious** arguments you find so impressive.

Definition:

2. It is hard to believe that people coming from such a refined social environment could be so **gauche** and rude in their behavior.

Definition:

3. After the long summer vacation, I was **satiated** with loafing and eager to return to school!

Definition:

4. Her **perceptive** remarks gave us a new and much more realistic insight into the problem.

Definition:

5. Since we wished our group to have some say in the town council's final decision, we sent a small **contingent** of our most articulate and convincing speakers to the hearings.

Definition:

6. When I referred to her favorite singer as an "untalented, overpaid, and conceited hoodlum," she looked at me in shock, as though I had been guilty of **heresy**.

Definition:

7. Is there any need for me to describe at length the **pernicious** effects of bad companions on impressionable young people?

Definition:

8. No honest mechanic will try to **foist** inferior replacement parts on his customers.

Definition:

9. His talk on world affairs was so disorganized and **discursive** that it left us more confused than ever.

Definition:

10. By wearing those bright, light-colored, and tightly fitting clothes, you simply **accentuate** the fact that you are overweight.

Definition:

11. The purpose of this program is to **disseminate** throughout the community information about job-training opportunities for young people.

**Definition:**

12. When I see the awesome body armor of the redoubtable knights of old, I can easily understand why some of their opponents **quailed** in fear before them.

**Definition:**

13. I don't like to criticize your behavior, but I feel obliged to tell you that your discourtesy to that confused tourist was highly **censurable**.

**Definition:**

14. Unless you can produce witnesses to **corroborate** your claim that you stopped at the red light, the mere assertion will have little or no effect on the injury.

**Definition:**

15. Among all those pale and sallow people, her highly **florid** complexion stood out like a beacon.

**Definition:**

16. The old fellow did indeed look like a typical **denizen** of the racetrack, as described in Damon Runyon's famous stories.

**Definition:**

17. If you wish to seal in the juices and bring out the flavor of your pot roast, **sear** it briefly in a hot pan before you put it in the oven.

**Definition:**

18. Her good health in old age is due in large part to the **abstemious** habits of her younger years.

**Definition:**

19. The stubborn refusal to give me a chance to compete for the scholarship on the same basis as everyone else is a **palpable** injustice to the whole idea of fair play.

**Definition:**

20. A **salient** characteristic of every great athlete is the ability to perform at maximum efficiency when under extreme pressure.

**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
		an inhabitant, resident; one who frequents a place
		likely but not certain to happen, possible; dependent on uncertain events or conditions OR a representative group forming part of a larger body
		to impose by fraud; to pass off as worthy or genuine; to bring by stealth, dishonesty, or coercion
		to confirm, make more certain
		moderate, sparing (as eating and drinking); characterized by abstinence and self-discipline
		to scatter widely
		highly colored, reddish; excessively ornate, over decorated, showy
		deserving of blame or correction
		passing aimlessly from one subject to another, rambling
		to emphasize, place stress on
		deceptive, apparently good or valid but lacking real merit
		having sympathetic insight or understanding, capable of keen appreciation
		capable of being touched or felt; easily seen, heard, or recognized
		to make or become dry and withered; to char or scorch the surface of
		to satisfy completely; to fill to excess
		awkward, lacking in social graces, tactless, clumsy
		an opinion different from accepted belief; the denial of an idea that is generally held sacred
		extremely harmful; deadly, fatal
		to shrink back in fear, lose heart in a difficult or dangerous situation
		prominent, standing out, conspicuous OR a projection or bulge (often used in a military sense)

