

**English 10 Honors Vocabulary Lesson 12**

**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. She did her work so quietly that it took us time to realize that she was a veritable **paragon** of efficiency and diligence.

**Definition:**

2. Of all the noteworthy civil rights leaders this nation has produced, none is as **preeminent** as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**Definition:**

3. To characterize the literary style of Edgar Allan Poe as “unique and one of a kind” is certainly **redundant**.

**Definition:**

4. In most contracts there are **implicit** duties and obligations that must be fulfilled even though they aren't expressed in so many words.

**Definition:**

5. Marie is not particularly pretty, but her engaging personality and charming manner make her quite **winsome**.

**Definition:**

6. Since I could not bring to mind the exact words of the speech I had tried to memorize, I delivered a **paraphrase** of it.

**Definition:**

7. Until he rose to speak the meeting had been dull, but he immediately enlivened it with his **scintillating** wit.

**Definition:**

8. Her new hairstyle, which softly frames the delicate features of her face, greatly **enhances** her beauty.

**Definition:**

9. The fact that he had hungry children at home does not justify what he did, but it does **extenuate** his crime.

**Definition:**

10. Since we had been told that the new TV series was original and witty, we were disappointed by the obvious and **prosaic** “situation comedy” that unfolded on our screen.

**Definition:**

11. We resented his **sanctimonious** self-assurance that he was morally superior to everyone else.

**Definition:**

12. Detective stories seem to **enthrall** her to such a degree that she reads virtually nothing else.

**Definition:**

13. “Evening dress is far too **ostentatious** for such an informal occasion,” I thought to myself as I tried to decide what to wear that evening.

**Definition:**

14. The **clangor** of the fire bells as they echoed through the night filled our hearts with terror.

**Definition:**

15. His long nose and prominent teeth give the candidate the kind of face that cartoonists love to **caricature**.

**Definition:**

16. The jury may have found him not guilty, but the “court of public opinion” will never **absolve** him of responsibility for the crime.

**Definition:**

17. We observed that the trunk of the rubber tree was **exuding** a sticky substance.

**Definition:**

18. How can anyone be so foolish as to develop a smoking habit when it has been proven that cigarettes are **deleterious** to health?

**Definition:**

19. With that one **incisive** comment, she brought an end to all the aimless talk and directed our attention to the real problem facing us.

**Definition:**

20. Since the gym is **contiguous** to the library, it is easy for me to shift from academic to athletic activities.

**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
		a loud ringing sound (with a suggestion of being disturbing)
		harmful, injurious
		to clear from blame, responsibility, or guilt
		to raise to a higher degree; to increase the value or desirability of
		a representation (especially a drawing) in which the subject's characteristic features are deliberately exaggerated
		to lessen the seriousness or magnitude of an offense by making partial excuses
		side by side, touching; near
		to ooze out; to discharge through the pores; to emanate (as a quality or a personal impression)
		implied or understood through unexpressed; without doubts or reservations, unquestioning
		to captivate, charm, hold spellbound
		sparkling, twinkling, exceptionally brilliant (applied to mental or personal qualities)
		extra, excess, more than is needed; wordy, repetitive
		charming, attractive, pleasing (often suggesting a childlike charm and innocence)
		superior, outstanding; prominent
		a model of excellence or perfection
		making a show of virtue or righteousness; hypocritically moralistic or pious
		sharp, keen, penetrating (with a suggestion of decisiveness and effectiveness)
		dull, ordinary, lacking in distinction and originality; characteristic of prose, not poetic
		to restate in other words OR a statement that presents a given idea in a new language
		marked by conspicuous or pretentious display, showy

