

**English 10 Honors Vocabulary Lesson 2**

**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. The mere fact that we cannot explain at the present time how she was hurt doesn't mean that she was the victim of some **occult** power.

**Definition:**

2. "The rash and **precipitate** actions of that young hothead almost cost us the battle, to say nothing of the war," the general remarked sourly.

**Definition:**

3. "If you think my training rules are too **stringent** and confining," the coach said, "then you probably shouldn't be a candidate for the team."

**Definition:**

4. Though fossils show that human beings have been on earth a very, very long time, the earliest written records of their activities date back only about five **millennia**.

**Definition:**

5. He tries to give the impression of being a true man of the world, but his conduct clearly shows him to be a **callow** and somewhat feckless youth.

**Definition:**

6. The Vice President of the United States, the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense are **ex officio** members of the National Security Council.

**Definition:**

7. After completing those long, grueling exams, I was overwhelmed by a **lassitude** so great that I felt I would never be able to study again.

**Definition:**

8. We do not know what her motives were, but we may **surmise** that she was concerned mainly for the child's well-being.

**Definition:**

9. He has a great deal to say on the subject, but unfortunately most of it is meaningless **drivel**.

**Definition:**

10. We looked up hungrily as the delightful odor of broiled steak and fried onions **permeated** the room.

**Definition:**

11. The voters of this city are looking for practical answers to urgent questions and will not respond to that kind of **bombastic** and pretentious claptrap.

**Definition:**

12. The prophets of old fervently **exhorted** the people to amend their lives and follow the path of righteousness.

**Definition:**

13. I refuse to accept the idea that conditions in this slum have deteriorated so far that nothing can be done to **ameliorate** them.

**Definition:**

14. Addressing the school assembly for the first time was a nerve-wracking experience, but I managed to deliver my speech with a reasonable amount of **aplomb**.

**Definition:**

15. Lucy no doubt is an attractive girl, but isn't it going rather far to call her "the very **epitome** of feminine beauty and grace?"

**Definition:**

16. A good definition of *freedom* is: "The right to do anything you wish as long as you do not **infringe** on the rights of others."

**Definition:**

17. Representing an organization of senior citizens, the rally's keynote speaker **inveighed** vehemently against conditions that rob the elderly of their dignity and independence.

**Definition:**

18. The people trying to "crash" our dance may think of themselves as merry pranksters, but they are really **interlopers** who would prevent us from having a good time.

**Definition:**

19. This old necklace has little **intrinsic** value, but it means a great deal to me because it belonged to my mother.

**Definition:**

20. How can we have any respect for people who try to **ingratiate** themselves with their superiors by flattery and favors?

**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
		by virtue of holding a certain office
		to violate, trespass, go beyond recognized bounds
		without experience; immature, not fully developed; lacking cleverness and poise
		to improve, make better, correct a flaw or shortcoming
		pompous or overblown in language; full of high-sounding words intended to conceal a lack of ideas
		to make oneself agreeable and thus gain favorable acceptance by others (sometimes in a critical or derogatory sense)
		a summary, condensed account; an instance that represents a larger reality
		poise, assurance, great self-confidence
		to urge strongly, advise earnestly
		foolish, aimless talk or thinking, nonsense
		to make a violent attack in words, express strong disapproval
		to think or believe without certain supporting evidence; to conjecture or guess
		belonging to someone or something by its very nature; essential, inherent
		mysterious, magical, supernatural
		-to cause or bring about hastily -acting with or characterized by excessive haste or impulsiveness; lack of energy
		weariness of mind or body, lack of energy
		a period of one thousand years; a period of great joy, prosperity, or peace
		to spread through, penetrate, soak

