

English 10 Honors Vocabulary Lesson 4

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 sharp crack of the rifle shot **reverberated** through the hills.

Definition:

2. Am I to **infer** from what you just said that you were not present at the scene of the accident?

Definition:

3. This jacket is made of a material so **resilient** that it sheds wrinkles and keeps its shape even when one has worn it for days.

Definition:

4. He is really insufferable when he gets into one of those **querulous** moods in which nothing in the world pleases him.

Definition:

5. If you happen to have an **affable** seatmate on a long airplane flight, you may find yourself talking more freely about personal matters than you would under other circumstances.

Definition:

6. **Sleazy** dives full of disreputable and dangerous-looking characters have given the waterfront areas of many cities a bad reputation.

Definition:

7. As my opponent cited facts and figures without once referring to notes, I became aware of how **erudite** she was.

Definition:

8. He used his admittedly remarkable talents only to **aggrandize** himself, not to benefit the society that has been so kind to him.

Definition:

9. I'm not going to **repudiate** the ideas and standards by which I have guided my life just because they have become unpopular.

Definition:

10. The commitment you have made is **irrevocable** without the consent of the other party to the agreement.

Definition:

11. For all practical purposes the British Parliament was the **archetype** of the various representative assemblies that now exist in the world.

Definition:

12. When father lost his job, we held a family council to plan how we would **retrench** on household expenses.

Definition:

13. Because of her **propensity** for gossiping, we tried not to let her learn anything about our personal affairs.

Definition:

14. Since our efforts to **remonstrate** with the factory managers about pollution of the lake have been ineffective, we are not considering legal action.

Definition:

15. The program he suggested was so barren of guiding ideas and specific proposals that I felt justified in referring to it as **amorphous**.

Definition:

16. He tried in vain to guess what surprise he might expect next from that **inscrutable** power, Lady Luck.

Definition:

17. Perhaps she had less native ability than some of her classmates, but her powers of concentration and **sedulous** study program enabled her to finish first in the class.

Definition:

18. On his combat uniform he wore absolutely no insignia of rank, but he was surrounded with an unmistakable **aura** of authority.

Definition:

19. Under the latest regulations, any shipment of arms to those countries is illegal and may be seized as **contraband**.

Definition:

20. The drops of dew sparkled like diamonds on the **gossamer** threads of the spider web.

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
		to increase in greatness, power, or wealth; to build up or intensify
		incapable of being understood
		an original model after which similar things are patterned; a perfect or typical example
		scholarly; learned
		to find out by reasoning; to arrive at a conclusion on the basis of thought
		courteous and pleasant, sociable, easy to speak to
		shapeless, without definite form of no particular type or character
		a very thin, light cloth
		that which surrounds (as in atmosphere); a distinctive air or personal quality
		illegal traffic, smuggled goods
		thin or flimsy in texture; cheap, shoddy, or inferior in quality or character
		incapable of being changed or called back
		persistent; showing industry and determination
		to argue or plead with someone against something, protest against, object to
		to cut down, reduce in scope and cost
		able to return to an original shape or form; able to recover quickly
		to re-echo, resound; to be repeatedly reflected
		peevish, complaining, fretful
		to disown, reject, or deny the validity of
		a natural inclination or bent toward

