

**English 10 Honors Vocabulary Lesson 5**

**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. Shivers went up and down our spines, as in a **sepulchral** voice, he spoke to us of ghosts, vampires and the “living dead”.

**Definition:**

2. Her approach to the problem seems to have been guided by the time-honored **precept** that, “force is the remedy for nothing.”

**Definition:**

3. Ms. Montoya’s criticism of my term paper was so **scathing** that after reading it, I felt thoroughly crushed.

**Definition:**

4. Who would have thought that the new treasurer could sink so low as to **filch** money from the club’s petty cash?

**Definition:**

5. It became clear that the squad of policemen would be unable to control the small but **fractious** crowd of angry protesters.

**Definition:**

6. The situation is so blurred and uncertain that I would not venture to **prognosticate** what is likely to happen.

**Definition:**

7. I tried to warn them of the dangers involved in such an undertaking, but all my **caveats** and admonitions fell on deaf ears.

**Definition:**

8. The carton was not heavy but it was so **unwieldy** that it took four of us to carry it to the shed.

**Definition:**

9. Both parties later agreed to an **addendum** to the contract, stating the terms under which the agreement might be voided.

**Definition:**

10. Any unit of government-national or local- that **flouts** sound economic principles is headed for disaster.

**Definition:**

11. It is **axiomatic** that democracy, more than any other form of government, calls for the active participation of all the people in public affairs.

**Definition:**

12. Since the close of WWII, almost 100 former colonies have gained full **autonomy** and joined the family of nations.

**Definition:**

13. The decision was a disappointment to me, but after thinking it over I had to agree that it was **equitable**.

**Definition:**

14. She has made so many contradictory promises to so many people that I don't see how she can **extricate** herself from the situation.

**Definition:**

15. His fame as a football star proved to be **transient**, and he found himself just another young man looking for a job.

**Definition:**

16. The new government, seeking to restore normal conditions, declared an **amnesty** for all political prisoners.

**Definition:**

17. The fighter planes of WWII sometimes had pictures of famous movie stars, like Betty Grable, **blazoned** on the fuselage.

**Definition:**

18. It was Lincoln who said, "Fondly do we hope, fervently do we pray, that this mighty **scourge** of war may speedily pass away."

**Definition:**

19. Failures are always unpleasant, but if you learn from them, they may have a **salutary** effect on your future.

**Definition:**

20. The **soporific** effect of this droning lecture surpasses that of any sleeping pills now in use.

**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 mock; treat with contempt
		A warning or caution to prevent misunderstanding
		To adorn or embellish; to display; publish widely
		To steal, especially in a sneaky way and in petty amounts
		Tending to be troublesome, unruly
		Fair, just, embodying principles
		Self-government
		An addition or supplement designed to increase correctness
		A general pardon for an offense against government; any act of forgiveness
		Self-evident, expressing a universally accepted rule
		To free from entangle
		Tending to cause sleep, relating to sleepiness
		Bitterly severe, withering; causing great harm
		Not easily carried, handled, or managed
		To predict especially on the basis of present indications or signs
		typical of the tomb, extremely gloomy or dismal
		Beneficial, helpful; healthy; wholesome
		To whip or punish; To cause suffering
		A rule of conduct or action
		Lasting only a short time; One who stays only a short time

