

English 10 Honors Vocabulary Lesson 6

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 speaker's blatant appeal to the emotions of the crowd smacked more of the **demagogue** than the true leader of the people.

Definition:

2. Although most of us lead a quiet, humdrum sort of life we can all get a **vicarious** thrill from the achievements of our astronauts.

Definition:

3. The **surreptitious** way in which they planned the undertaking shows that they were aware of its illegal character.

Definition:

4. In his determination to be blunt and honest, he has **transgressed** the limits of good taste.

Definition:

5. How can we be at the airport to meet her when her secretary will not **vouchsafe** any information about her time of arrival?

Definition:

6. The Emancipation Proclamation issued by Abraham Lincoln once and for all broke the **fetters** that bound Southern blacks to a life of servitude and humiliation.

Definition:

7. Is there any other crime in history as **heinous** as the attempt of the Nazis to annihilate so-called "inferior" racial groups?

Definition:

8. Resorting to rather farfetched promises, I finally **cajoled** Tina into going to the prom with me.

Definition:

9. Although the **insurgents** were defeated by the government's forces, a small group escaped into the mountains, where they kept alive the spirit of rebellion.

Definition:

10. After the reporters had submitted detailed questions to the Governor, they were annoyed by his **brusque** answer, "No comment."

Definition:

11. Whenever we disagree over which TV program to watch, my father serves as an **arbiter** by selecting the program *he* wants.

Definition:

12. His conceit is so great and so immune to the lessons of experience that it must be considered a kind of **megalomania**.

Definition:

13. The alchemists of the Middle Ages, who were both skilled magicians and primitive chemists, hoped to **transmute** base metals into gold.

Definition:

14. At the very outset of the term, I urged you to **disabuse** yourself of the idea that you can pass this course without hard, regular work.

Definition:

15. Wearing **bizarre** masks at Halloween is a tradition that goes back many centuries.

Definition:

16. The one fact about nature that seems completely **immutable** is that everything is subject to change.

Definition:

17. His endless talk about himself and his interests is truly unexcelled for producing **ennui** in others.

Definition:

18. I find it hard to understand how they were able to **contrived** such an elaborately underhanded scheme in so short a time.

Definition:

19. Since he had always been quiet and retiring, we were amazed when he stood up at the meeting and **castigated** the chairperson for failing to give everyone a chance to speak.

Definition:

20. Can you imagine anything as **anomalous** as a successful drama coach who has never acted on stage?

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 |
|-----------------|----------------|---|
| | | abrupt, blunt, with no formalities |
| | | a leader who exploits popular prejudices and false claims and promises in order to gain power |
| | | to coax, persuade through flattery or artifice |
| | | weariness and discontent from lack of occupation or interest; boredom |
| | | abnormal, irregular, departing from the usual |
| | | to plan with ingenuity, invent; to bring about as the result of a scheme or plan |
| | | to free from deception or error, set right in ideas or thinking |
| | | one having power to decide a matter at issue; a judge, umpire |
| | | extremely strange, unusual |
| | | to punish severely; criticize severely |
| | | to give or furnish condescendingly; to grant |
| | | a delusion marked by a feeling of power, wealth, talent, etc. far in excess of reality |
| | | stealthy, secret, intended to escape observation |
| | | to change from one nature, substance or form to another; to transform |
| | | not subject to change; constant |
| | | to go beyond a limit or boundary; to sin, violate a law |
| | | very wicked, offensive, hateful |
| | | one who rebels or rises against authority; rising in revolt, refusing to accept authority |
| | | a chain or shackle placed on the feet; anything that confines or restrains |
| | | performed, suffered, or otherwise experienced by one person in place of another |

