

English 10 Honors Vocabulary Lesson 7

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. They **desecrate**(ed) the funeral service by talking loudly during the ceremonies, laughing and generally showing a complete lack of respect.

Definition:

2. An official who is responsible for shaping vital national policies should not waste on such **inconsequential** matters.

Definition:

3. His work on behalf of the homeless was merely the latest in a long line of **beneficent** matters.

Definition:

4. Before they arrived home from the party, they **concoct**(ed) an elaborate story that they hoped would excuse their being two hours late.

Definition:

5. Though most of our players were the equals of theirs, the awesome size of their **grandiose** center filled us with apprehension.

Definition:

6. At a time when we need a modest, low-cost housing program, how can we be expected to accept such a **redoubtable** scheme?

Definition:

7. I'm telling you this is not to **debase** you for having made a mistake but to prevent the mistake from being repeated.

Definition:

8. Fond remembrances of happy days of family life intensified rather than **mitigate** her grief.

Definition:

9. Unless you can persuade them to **desist** from their plans to tear down the goalposts after the game, there may be serious disorder.

Definition:

10. Is there any way that we can make **restitution** for the terrible wrong we have done them?

Definition:

11. I became desperately tired of listening to him **prate** about how important he was, how much money he had and so forth.

Definition:

12. Who can ever forget those pictures showing the **cadaverous** faces of the people who had been in concentration camps!

Definition:

13. I found that beneath Mr. Peccarero's rather **austere** manner and appearance there was a warm, sympathetic person.

Definition:

14. Though she looked rather frail, her **stalwart** spirit made her a tireless crusader for women's rights.

Definition:

15. She has **reprove(d)** her considerable talents by writing books that are designed to appeal to the lowest tastes.

Definition:

16. It is hard to forgive the **crass** selfishness with which they took most of the food supplies for their own use.

Definition:

17. We are, I trust, long past the time when it was considered quite "natural" for newly elected officials to **pillage** the city treasury.

Definition:

18. Even so-called minor **infractions** of the traffic laws may lead to a serious accident.

Definition:

19. Whenever she serves as chairperson, she is so **punctilious** that she insists on observing every fine point of preliminary procedure.

Definition:

20. He went right on with his speech, refusing to be **disconcert(ed)** by the heckling of a few loudmouths.

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, write the part of speech, and label each word as positive, negative, or neutral.

Vocabulary Word	POS	Definition	+, -, or N
		to commit sacrilege; to treat irreverently	
		trifling, unimportant	
		to prepare by combining ingredients; make up, invent	
		to confuse; to disturb the composure of	
		pale, gaunt, resembling a corpse	
		grand and impressive; marked by grandeur	
		to lower in character, quality or value; degrade	
		performing acts of kindness or charity	
		coarse, unfeeling; stupid	
		to cease to do something	
		severe or stern in manner; without luxury; simple	
		breaking of a law or obligation	
		inspiring fear and awe	
		to rob by force (war) ; the act of looting	
		to talk foolishly or aimlessly	
		returning to rightful owner	
		careful and exact; attentive to fine details	
		strong and sturdy; brave; resolute	
		to find fault with; scold, reprimand	
		to make milder or softer, moderate intensity	

