

English 10 Honors Vocabulary Lesson 8

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. I am not trying to **impugn** his truthfulness, but I still do not see how the facts support his claims.

Definition:

2. Under the American form of government, all branches of the military are clearly **subservient** to the civilian authority.

Definition:

3. Because Vidkun Quisling betrayed his country, Norway, to the Nazis, his name has become a symbol of **perfidy**.

Definition:

4. People with a tendency toward being **corpulent** must wage a lifelong struggle against rich foods.

Definition:

5. Our discussion that day was a **hypothetical** one, based on the possibility – still far from definite – that I would take the job.

Definition:

6. Last-minute cramming for examinations is scarcely **conducive** to earning high grades.

Definition:

7. To the **consternation** of the people in the stands, the lion leaped out of the cage and bounded toward the exit.

Definition:

8. Though her overall position seemed to be sensible, her language was so tactless and **intemperate** that people wouldn't support her.

Definition:

9. Anyone as **squeamish** as Pete will have trouble accustoming himself to the sights, sounds, and smells of hospital work.

Definition:

10. She is a person of such fine moral standards that she seems incapable of an **ignoble** act.

Definition:

11. Now that these ugly facts about his business dealings have come to light, I must **disavow** my support of his candidacy.

Definition:

12. The job of cleaning up the field and the stands after the big game was **relegate** to the freshmen.

Definition:

13. We have had enough of high-powered, excited oratory; what we need now is a **dispassionate** examination of the facts.

Definition:

14. He is so **susceptible** to flattery that with a few complimentary words I can get him to do almost anything I want.

Definition:

15. Far from presenting a unified front, the party is torn by all kinds of strife and **dissension**.

Definition:

16. The bold candidate threw down the **gauntlet** and dared her opponent to face her in a televised debate.

Definition:

17. Vigorous debate is fine, but is there any real need for such outlandishly strident and **acrimonious** name-calling?

Definition:

18. Instead of using all their forces in one concerted attack on the enemy, they **dissipate** their strength in minor engagements.

Definition:

19. The **odium** for this tragic failure does not belong to any individual or small group but to the community as a whole.

Definition:

20. Although she seems rather plodding in her behavior and rarely becomes excited, I think it is unfair to call her "**bovine**."

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	POS	Definition	+, -, N
		to scatter, dispel; to spend foolishly, squander; to be extravagant in pursuit of pleasure	
		to deny responsibility for or connection with	
		tending to promote or assist, helpful, favorable	
		impartial; calm, free from emotion	
		dismay, confusion	
		disagreement, sharp difference of opinion	
		resembling a cow or ox; sluggish, unresponsive	
		stinging, bitter in temper or tone	
		fat; having a large, bulky body	
		subordinate in capacity or role; serving to promote some end; submissively obedient	
		faithlessness, treachery	
		based on an assumption or guess; used as a provisional or tentative idea to guide or direct investigation	
		to call into question; attack as false	
		hatred, contempt; disgrace or infamy resulting from hateful conduct immoderate; lacking in self-control	
		Mean, low, base	
		Easily shocked or upset; excessively fastidious or refined	
		Open to; easily influenced; lacking in resistance	
		An armored or protective glove; a challenge to combat; men armed with weapons with which to beat a person forced to run between them; an ordeal	
		To place in a lower position; to assign, refer, turn over	

