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English 10 Honors Vocabulary Lesson 9

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. After giving us extremely detailed instructions for more than an hour, she **recapitulate**(d) briefly and then sent us out on our assignments.

Definition:

2. As he gave a **succinct** account of what had happened, we admired his ability to reduce a complicated matter to its essentials.

Definition:

3. I was impressed by the **astute** way our hostess guided the conversation away from topics that might be embarrassing to her guests.

Definition:

4. It will mean more to him to gain the approval of the few people who can appreciate his work than to receive the **adulation** of the crowd.

Definition:

5. Your brilliant plan is based on one false **supposition** -- that I am willing to work without pay.

Definition:

6. Tom was so **irresolute** about whether to go out for basketball or swimming that he ended by going out for neither.

Definition:

7. Isn't it strange that a young person who spends hours making sure that he or she looks "just right" for a big date is often so **slovenly** at other times?

Definition:

8. Her mind, **torpid** as a result of hours of exposure to the bitter cold, was not alert enough to sense the impending danger.

Definition:

9. Using the most modern and up-to-date equipment, the fire fighters worked tirelessly to **resuscitate** the victim of smoke inhalation.

Definition:

10. Since Tony was a **novice** at bridge, the three veteran players hoped to find someone more suitable to fill out their table.

Definition:

11. The **penury** she has experienced in her childhood and youth made her keenly aware of the value of money.

Definition:

12. As her anger slowly **abated**, she realized that such childish outbursts of emotion would do nothing to help solve her problems.

Definition:

13. I don't think I'd call such an **egregious** grammatical mistake a minor "slip of the pen."

Definition:

14. How can you consider him **culpable** when the accident was caused by a landslide that no one could have foreseen or prevented?

Definition:

15. Sure, it's great to be a big-league ballplayer, but bear in mind that the years of stardom are brief and **evanescent**.

Definition:

16. The study of history teaches us that a hunger for land, like other kinds of **avarice**, is the cause of great many wars.

Definition:

17. He holds forth in great detail on what is wrong with our city government, but the remedies he suggests are exceedingly **nebulous**.

Definition:

18. Although she tried to **equivocate**, we insisted on a simple "yes" or "no" answer.

Definition:

19. Does he use all those quotations as a means of clarifying his meaning, or simply as a **pretentious** display of his learning?

Definition:

20. When you are **dilatory** in returning a book to the library, you are preventing someone else from using it.

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

Vocabulary Word	POS	Definition	+, -, N
		praise or flattery that is excessive	
		vanishing, soon passing away	
		not on time, not prompt; tending to delay	
		to make less in amount, degree, etc.; to subside, become less	
		unable to make up one's mind, hesitating	
		shrewd, crafty, showing practical wisdom	
		a greedy desire, particularly for wealth	
		conspicuous, standing out from the mass (used particularly in an unfavorable sense)	
		deserving blame, worthy of condemnation	
		to speak or act in a way that allows of more than one interpretation; to be deliberately vague or ambiguous	
		untidy, dirty, careless about one's appearance	
		something that is assumed or taken for granted without conclusive evidence	
		expressed briefly and clearly	
		to review a series of facts; to sum up in an orderly way	
		vague, confused, indistinct	
		to revive, bring back to consciousness	
		inactive, sluggish, dull	
		one who is just a beginner at some activity requiring skill and experience	
		extreme poverty; barrenness, insufficiency	
		done for show, striving to make a big impression; claiming merit or position unjustifiably	

Part III: Synonyms/Prefixes/Suffixes

Vocabulary Word	Synonyms	Prefix	Suffix
Recapitulate			
Succinct			
Astute			
Adulation			
Supposition			
Irresolute			
slovenly			
Torpid			
Resuscitate			
Novice			
Penury			
Abate			
Egregious			
Culpable			
Evanescent			
Avarice			
Nebulous			
Equivocate			
Pretentious			
Dilatory			

Common Prefixes	Common Suffixes	Adjective suffixes	Noun suffixes	Verb Suffixes