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504 ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL WORDS

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ABANDON

abandon (a·ban·don || ə'bændən) desert; leave without planning to come back; quit

1. When Roy abandoned his family, the police went looking for him.
2. The soldier could not abandon his friends who were hurt in battle.
3. Because Rose was poor, she had to abandon her idea of going to college.

KEEN

keen (ki:n) sharp; eager; intense; sensitive

1. The butcher's keen knife cut through the meat.
2. My dog has a keen sense of smell.
3. Bill's keen mind pleased all his teachers.

JEALOUS

jealous [jeal·ous | | 'dʒeləs] afraid that the one you love might prefer someone else; wanting what someone else has

1. A detective was hired by the jealous widow to find the boyfriend who had abandoned* her.
2. Although my neighbor just bought a new car, I am not jealous of him.
3. Being jealous, Mona would not let her boyfriend dance with any of the cheerleaders.

TACT

tact [takt] ability to say the right thing

1. My aunt never hurts anyone's feelings because she always uses tact.
2. By the use of tact, Janet was able to calm her jealous* husband.
3. Your friends will admire you if you use tact and thoughtfulness.

OATH

oath [əʊθ; pl. əʊðz] a promise that something is true; a curse

1. The president will take the oath of office tomorrow.
2. In court, the witness took an oath that he would tell the whole truth.
3. When Terry discovered that he had been abandoned,* he let out an angry oath.

VACANT

vacant ['va·cant | | 'veɪkənt] empty; not filled

- Someone is planning to build a house on that vacant lot.
- I put my coat on that vacant seat.
- When the landlord broke in, he found that apartment vacant.

HARDSHIP

hardship [hard·ship | | 'hardʃɪp /'hɑː-] something that is hard to bear; difficulty

1. The fighter had to face many hardships before he became champion.
2. Abe Lincoln was able to overcome one hardship after another.
3. On account of hardship, Bert was let out of the army to take care of his sick mother.

GALLANT

gallant [gal·lant | | gə'lant /'gælənt ,gə'lænt] brave; showing respect for women

1. The pilot swore a gallant oath* to save his buddy.
2. Many gallant knights entered the contest to win the princess.
3. Ed is so gallant that he always gives up his subway seat to a woman.

DATA

- data [da·ta | | 'deɪtə] facts; information
- The data about the bank robbery were given to the F.B.I.
- After studying the data, we were able to finish our report.
- Unless you are given all the data, you cannot do the math problem.

UNACCUSTOMED

unaccustomed [ənə'kʌstəm | | -md] not used to something

1. Coming from Alaska, Claude was unaccustomed to Florida's heat.
2. The king was unaccustomed to having people disobey him.
3. Unaccustomed as he was to exercise, Vic quickly became tired.

BACHELOR

bachelor [bach·e·lor | | 'bætʃələ] a man who has not married

1. My brother took an oath* to remain a bachelor.
2. In the movie, the married man was mistaken for a bachelor.
3. Before the wedding, all his bachelor friends had a party.

QUALIFY

qualify [qual·i·fy || 'kwɔlɪfaɪ /'kwɒ-] become fit; show that you are able

1. I am trying to qualify for the job that is now vacant.*
2. Since Pauline can't carry a tune, she is sure that she will never qualify for the Girls' Chorus.
3. You have to be taller than 5' 5" to qualify as a policeman in our town.

WORDS IN USE

MY BROTHER, THE GENTLEMAN

The story of Sir Walter Raleigh, who spread his cloak on the ground to keep Queen Elizabeth from the hardship of crossing a muddy puddle, can qualify that nobleman for an award as a man of tact and good breeding. My brother Kenny, a bachelor with a keen interest in history, was impressed by that anecdote and thought he might demonstrate his excellent upbringing in a parallel situation. Accordingly he decided to abandon his subway seat in favor of a woman standing nearby.

WORDS IN USE

Although unaccustomed to such generous treatment, the young woman was pleased to accept Kenny's kind offer. However, her jealous boyfriend swore an oath under his breath because he thought my brother was flirting with his girl-friend. I don't have any data on the number of young men who get into similar trouble as a result of a gallant gesture, but it's probably one in a thousand. Poor Kenny! He pointed to the now vacant seat.

Abandon, oath, data, keen, vacant, unaccustomed
Jealous, hardship, bachelor, tact, gallant, qualify

FILL IN THE BLANKS

- As I looked at all the _____ the salesman showed me, I knew that I was getting more and more mixed up.
- I used _____ when I told my fat uncle that his extra weight made him look better.
- When the guard saw that the cot was _____, he realized that the prisoner had left the jail.
- Although he took an _____ on the Bible, Sal lied to the jury.
- My aunt was so _____ of our new couch that she bought one just like it.
- I enjoyed reading the story of the _____ man who put his cloak over a mud puddle so that the queen would not dirty her feet.
- The loss of Claudia's eyesight was a _____ which she learned to live with.
- The driver was forced to _____ his car when two of the tires became flat.
- Betty could not _____ for the Miss Teenage America Contest because she was twenty years old.
- The blade was so _____ that I cut myself in four places while shaving. to being kept waiting, the angry woman marched out of the store.
- Because he was a _____, the movie actor was invited to many parties.

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WORD DETECTIVE

1. a promise that something is true
2. sharp; eager; intense
3. to desert; to leave without planning to come back
4. something that is hard to bear
5. to become fit
6. wanting what someone else has
7. brave; showing respect for women
8. a man who has not married
9. facts; information
10. the ability to say the right thing
11. empty; not filled
12. not used to something

CORPSE

corpse (kɔ:ps) a dead body, usually of a person

- When given all the data* on the corpse, the professor was able to solve the murder.
- The corpse was laid to rest in the vacant* coffin.
- An oath* of revenge was sworn over the corpse by his relatives.

CONCEAL

conceal (con·ceal || kən'si:l) hide

- Tris could not conceal his love for Gloria.
- Count Dracula concealed the corpse* in his castle.
- The money was so cleverly concealed that we were forced to abandon* our search for it.

DISMAL

dismal (dis·mal | | 'dɪzməl) dark and depressing

- When the weather is so dismal, I sometimes stay in bed all day.
- I am unaccustomed* to this dismal climate.
- As the dismal reports of the election came in, the senator's friends tactfully* made no mention of them.

FRIGID

frigid (frig·id || 'frɪdʒɪd) very cold

- It was a great hardship* for the men to live through the frigid winter at Valley Forge.
- The jealous* bachelor* was treated in a frigid manner by his girlfriend.
- Inside the butcher's freezer the temperature was frigid.

INHABIT

inhabit (in·hab·it | | ɪn'hæbɪt) live in

- Eskimos inhabit the frigid* part of Alaska.
- Because Sidney qualified,* he was allowed to inhabit the vacant* apartment.
- Many crimes are committed each year against those who inhabit the slum area of our city.

NUMB

numb (nʌm) without the power of feeling; deadened

- My fingers quickly became numb in the frigid* room.
- A numb feeling came over Mr. Massey as he read the telegram.
- When the nurse stuck a pin in my numb leg, I felt nothing.

PERIL

peril (per·il || 'perəl) danger

- The hunter was abandoned* by the natives when he described the peril that lay ahead of them.
- There is great peril in trying to climb the mountain.
- Our library is filled with stories of perilous adventures.

RECLINE

recline (re·cline | | rɪ'klaɪn) lie down; stretch out; lean back

- Richard likes to recline in front of the television set.
- After reclining on her right arm for an hour, Maxine found that it had become numb.*
- My dog's greatest pleasure is to recline by the warm fireplace.

SHRIEK

shriek (ʃri:k) scream

- The maid shrieked when she discovered the corpse.*
- With a loud shriek, Ronald fled from the room.
- Facing the peril* of the waterfall, the boatman let out a terrible shriek.

SINISTER

sinister (sin·is·ter | | 'sɪnɪstə(r)) evil; wicked; dishonest; frightening

- The sinister plot to cheat the widow was uncovered by the police.
- When the bank guard spied the sinister-looking customer, he drew his gun.
- I was frightened by the sinister shadow at the bottom of the stairs.

TEMPT

tempt (tempt) try to get someone to do something; test; invite

- A banana split can tempt me to break my diet.
- The sight of beautiful Louise tempted the bachelor* to change his mind about marriage.
- Your offer of a job tempts me greatly.

WAGER

wager (wa·ger || 'weɪdʒə(r)) bet

- I lost a small wager on the Super Bowl.
- After winning the wager, Tex treated everyone to free drinks.
- It is legal to make a wager in the state of Nevada.

WORDS IN LJSE

Terror in the Cemetery

I like to bet on anything that is exciting, so when my friends tried to tempt me with an offer, I took it. The idea was for me to spend a frigid December night in a cemetery, all alone, in order to win twenty dollars. Little did I realize that they would use dirty tricks to try to frighten me into abandoning the cemetery, therefore losing my wager.

My plan was to recline in front of a large grave, covered by a warm blanket, with a flashlight to help me cut through the dismal darkness. After midnight, I heard a wild shriek. I thought I saw the grave open and a corpse rise out of it!

Although I was somewhat numb with fear, I tried to keep my senses. Using good judgment, I knew that no peril could come to me from that sinister figure. When I did not run in terror, my friends, who had decided to conceal themselves behind the nearby tombstones, came out and we all had a good laugh. Those spirits that may inhabit a cemetery must have had a good laugh, too.

FILL IN THE BLANKS

1. The chances of my winning the election were so _____ that I decided to quit before the votes were counted.
2. I won the _____ that my bachelor* friend would be married by June.
3. Kit Carson's keen* eyesight protected him from the _____ in the forest.
4. While escaping from the bank, the robbers forced the teller to _____ on the floor of their car.
5. Since the shack was vacant,* we did not expect to hear the terrible _____ which came from it.
6. With a _____ smile, the gangster invited Martha into his Cadillac.
7. You cannot _____ the truth when you are questioned by the keen* lawyer.
8. It is said that many ghosts _____ the old Butler house.
9. In _____ weather I always wear three or four sweaters.
10. After standing guard duty for four hours, I became completely _____
11. As the closet was opened, the _____ fell out, frightening the janitor out of one year's growth.
12. With the promise of a raise in pay, my boss tried to _____ me to stay on in the job.

TYPICAL

typical (typ·i·cal | | 'tɪpɪkl) usual; of a kind

- The sinister* character in the movie wore a typical costume, a dark shirt, loud tie, and tight jacket.
- The horse ran its typical race, a slow start and a slower finish, and my uncle lost his wager.*
- It was typical of the latecomer to conceal* the real cause of his lateness.

MINIMUM

minimum ('min·i·mum || 'mɪnɪmə) the least possible amount; the lowest amount

- Studies show that adults need a minimum of six hours sleep.
- The minimum charge for a telephone, even if no calls are made, is about \$60 a month.
- Congress has set a minimum wage for all workers.

SCARCE

scarce (skers /skeəs) hard to get; rare

- Chairs that are older than one hundred years are scarce.
- Because there is little moisture in the desert, trees are scarce.
- How scarce are good cooks?

ANNUAL

annual (an·nu·al || 'ænjʊəl) once a year; something that appears yearly or lasts for a year

- The annual convention of musicians takes place in Hollywood.
- The publishers of the encyclopedia put out a book each year called an annual.
- Plants that live only one year are called annuals.

PERSUADE

persuade (per·suade || pər'sweɪd /pə's-) win over to do or believe; make willing

- Can you persuade him to give up his bachelor* days and get married?
- No one could persuade the captain to leave the sinking ship.
- Beth's shriek* persuaded Jesse that she was in real danger.

ESSENTIAL

essential (es·sen·tial | | ɪ'senʃl) necessary; very important

- The essential items in the cake are flour, sugar, and shortening.
- It is essential that we follow the road map.
- Several layers of thin clothing are essential to keeping warm in frigid* climates.

BLEND

blend (blend) mix together thoroughly; a mixture

- The colors of the rainbow blend into one another.
- A careful blend of fine products will result in delicious food.
- When Jose blends the potatoes together, they come out very smooth.

VISIBLE

visible (vis·i·ble || 'vɪzəbl) able to be seen

- The ship was barely visible through the dense fog.
- Before the stars are visible, the sky has to become quite dark.
- You need a powerful lens to make some germs visible.

EXPENSIVE

expensive (ex'pen·sive || -sɪv) costly; high-priced

- Because diamonds are scarce* they are expensive.
- Margarine is much less expensive than butter.
- Shirley's expensive dress created a great deal of excitement at the party.

TALENT

talent (tal·ent || 'tælənt) natural ability

- a. Medori's talent was noted when she was in first grade
- b. Feeling that he had the essential* talent, Carlos tried out for the school play.
- c. Hard work can often make up for a lack of talent.

DEVISE

devise (de·vise || dɪ'vaɪz) think out; plan; invent

- The burglars devised a scheme for entering the bank at night.
- I would like to devise a method for keeping my toes from becoming numb* while I am ice skating.
- If we could devise a plan for using the abandoned* building, we could save thousands of dollars.

WHOLESALE

wholesale in large quantity; less than retail in price

- The wholesale price of milk is six cents a quart lower than retail.
- Many people were angered by the wholesale slaughter of birds.
- By buying my eggs wholesale I save fifteen dollars a year.

WORDS IN USE

An Unusual Strike

The baseball strike of 1994-95, which kept the public from seeing the annual World Series, was not a typical labor dispute in which low-paid workers try to persuade their employers to grant a raise above their minimum wage.

On the contrary, players who earned millions of dollars yearly, who were visible on 1V commercials, drove expensive autos, and dined with presidents, withheld their essential skills until the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of our government were forced to devise solutions to the quarrel.

The team owners, a blend of lawyers, manufacturers, corporate executives, etc., felt that something had to be done about the huge salaries that the players were demanding. Since the talent beyond the major leagues was scarce, they had to start spring training in 1995 with a wholesale invitation to replacement players. The regular athletes returned in late April but there was a feeling that the strike could happen again.

FILL IN THE BLANKS

typical, minimum, scarce, annual, persuade, essential
Blend, visible, expensive, talent, devise, wholesale

- The March of Dimes makes its _____ appeal in the early spring.
- Oil paints _____ easily to form thousands of different shades.
- The _____ passing mark in most schools is 65%.
- The producer always had her eye out for young _____
- Your gifts do not tempt* me and will not _____ me to change my mind.
- In the cemetery the corpse* was _____ in the bright moonlight.
- A _____ day in Florida is full of sunshine and warm breezes.
- Let's _____ a plan for doing away with homework.
- Everyone agrees that friendship is _____ for all of us.
- A sharp rise in _____ prices is bound to affect the prices in our neighborhood stores.
- The buffalo, which once roamed the plains, is quite _____ today.
- Government experts told us to buy chicken without realizing how _____ it had become.

VAPOR

vapor (va·pour || 'veɪpə(r)) moisture in the air that can be seen; fog; mist

- Scientists have devised* methods for trapping vapor in bottles so they can study its makeup.
- He has gathered data* on the amount of vapor rising from the swamp.
- A vapor trail is the visible* stream of moisture left by the engines of a jet flying at high altitudes.

ELIMINATE

eliminate (e·lim·i·nate | | ɪ'limɪneɪt) get rid of; remove; omit

- When the railroad tracks are raised, the danger of crossing will be eliminated.
- When figuring the cost of a car, don't eliminate such extras as air conditioning.
- If we were to eliminate all reclining* chairs, no one would fall asleep while watching television.

VILLAIN

villain (vil·lain || 'vɪlən) a very wicked person

- A typical* moving picture villain gets killed at the end.
- The villain concealed* the corpse* in the cellar.
- When the villain fell down the well, everyone lived happily ever after.

DENSE

dense (dens) closely packed together; thick

- The dense leaves on the trees let in a minimum* of sunlight.
- We couldn't row because of the dense weeds in the lake.
- His keen* knife cut through the dense jungle.

UTILIZE

utilize (u·ti·lize || 'ju:tlaɪ /-tɪl-) make use of

- No one seems willing to utilize this vacant* house.
- The gardener was eager to utilize different flowers and blend* them in order to beautify the borders.
- Does your mother utilize leftovers in her cooking?

HUMID

humid (hu·mid | | 'hju:mɪd) moist; damp

- It was so humid in our classroom that we wished the school would buy an air conditioner.
- New Yorkers usually complain in the summer of the humid air.
- Most people believe that ocean air is quite humid.

THEORY

theory (the·o·ry || 'θɪ:ri /'θɪəri) explanation based on thought, observation, or reasoning

- Einstein's theory is really too difficult for the average person to understand.
- My uncle has a theory about the effect of weather on baseball batters.
- No one has advanced a convincing theory explaining the beginnings of writing.

DESCEND

descend (de·scend | | dɪ'send) go or come down from a higher place to a lower level

- If we let the air out of a balloon, it will have to descend.
- The pilot, thinking his plane was in peril,* descended quickly.
- Knowing her beau was waiting at the bottom of the staircase, Eleanor descended at once.

CIRCULATE

circulate (cir·cu·late | | 'sɜ:kjʊleɪt) go around; go from place to place or person to person

- A fan may circulate the air in summer, but it doesn't cool it.
- My father circulated among the guests at the party and made them feel comfortable.
- Hot water circulates through the pipes in the building, keeping the room warm.

ENORMOUS

enormous (e'nor·mous | | -məs) extremely large; huge

- The enormous crab moved across the ocean floor in search of food.
- Public hangings once drew enormous crowds.
- The gallant* knight drew his sword and killed the enormous dragon.

PREDICT

predict (pre·dict || prɪ'dɪkt) tell beforehand

- Weathermen can predict the weather correctly most of the time.
- Who can predict the winner of the Super Bowl this year?
- Laura thought she could predict what I would do, but she was wrong.

VANISH

vanish (van·ish | | 'væniʃ) disappear; disappear suddenly

- Even in California the sun will sometimes vanish behind a cloud.
- Not even a powerful witch can make a jealous* lover vanish.
- Give him a week without a job and all his money will vanish.

WORDS IN USE

A Fan in the Air

Fog, tiny droplets of water **vapor**, is the **villain** of the airports. In an effort to **eliminate dense** fog from airports, weathermen **utilize** giant fans, nylon strings, and chemicals dropped from planes or shot upwards from strange machines on the ground. Nothing works as well, though, as a new weapon in the fight against fog: the helicopter.

Researchers believe that if warm dry air above the fog could somehow be driven down into the **humid** blanket of fog, the droplets would evaporate, thus clearing the air. In a recent experiment to test their **theory** the researchers had a helicopter **descend** into the fog above barely visible* Smith Mountain Airport near Roanoke, Virginia. The blades of the helicopter caused the air to **circulate** downwards and an **enormous** hole in the clouds opened above the airport. Weathermen **predict** that with larger, more expensive* helicopters they will be able to make the thickest fog **vanish**.

FILL IN THE BLANKS

Vapor, eliminate, villain, dense, utilize, humid
Theory, descend, circulate, enormous, predict
vanish

1. If we have one more hot _____, day, you will be able to persuade* me to move to Alaska.
2. In the show the magician waved his wand to make a lady _____
3. The hair on his head was so _____, a special pair of scissors was used to thin it.
4. Since he has passed all his subjects, I'll _____ that he will graduate.
5. The _____ in the movie was played by an actor who was able to look mean.
6. _____ rose out of the valve on top of the steam engine.
7. The basketball player was _____; he could practically drop the ball through the hoop.
8. What _____ can you suggest to explain the frequent changes in women's clothing?
9. Why don't you _____ all the space on that page?
10. Sooner or later the elevator will _____ and we'll be able to go up.
11. I heard a doctor on a television show say that if we _____ one slice of bread each day, we'll lose weight.
12. Copies of some magazines are so scarce,* the librarian won't allow them to _____

TRADITION

tradition (tra·di·tion || trə'dɪʃn) beliefs, opinions, and customs handed down from one generation to another

- The father tried to persuade* his son that the tradition of marriage was important.
- All religions have different beliefs and traditions.
- As time goes on, we will eliminate* traditions that are meaningless.

RURAL

rural (ru·ral | | 'rʊrəl /'rɒərəl) in the country

- Tomatoes are less expensive* at the rural farm stand.
- Rural areas are not densely* populated.
- The rural life is much more peaceful than the city one.

BURDEN

burden (bur·den || bɜːdn) what is carried; a load

- The burden of the country's safety is in the hands of the president.
- Irma found the enormous* box too much of a burden.
- Ricky carried the burden throughout his college career.

CAMPUS

campus (cam·pus || 'kæmpəs) grounds of a college, university, or school

- The campus was designed to utilize* all of the college's buildings.
- Jeff moved off campus when he decided it was cheaper to live at home.
- I chose to go to Penn State because it has a beautiful campus.

MAJORITY

majority (ma·jor·i·ty || mə'dʒɔrətɪ /-'dʒɔr-) the larger number; greater part; more than half

- A majority of votes was needed for the bill to pass.
- The majority of people prefer to pay wholesale* prices for meat.
- In some countries, the government does not speak for the majority of the people.

ASSEMBLE

assemble (as·sem·ble | | ə'sembl) gather together; bring together

- The rioters assembled outside the White House.
- I am going to assemble a model of a spacecraft.
- All the people who had assembled for the picnic vanished* when the rain began to fall.

EXPLORE

explore (ex·plore | | ɪk'splɔː) go over carefully; look into closely; examine

- Lawyer Spence explored the essential* reasons for the crime.
- The weather bureau explored the effects of the rainy weather.
- Sara wanted to know if all of the methods for solving the problem had been explored.

TOPIC

topic (top·ic || 'tɒpɪk /'tɒp-) subject that people think, write, or talk about

- Predicting* the weather is our favorite topic of conversation.
- Valerie only discussed topics that she knew well.
- The speaker's main topic was how to eliminate* hunger in this world.

DEBATE

debate (de·bate | | dɪ'beɪt) a discussion in which reasons for and against something are brought out

- The debate between the two candidates was heated.
- Debate in the U.S. Senate lasted for five days.
- Instead of shrieking* at each other, the students decided to have a debate on the topic.*

EVADE

evade (e·vade | | ɪ'veɪd) get away from by trickery or cleverness

- Juan tried to evade the topic* by changing the subject.
- In order to evade the police dragnet, Ernie grew a beard.
- The prisoner of war evaded questioning by pretending to be sick.

PROBE

probe (prəʊb) search into; examine thoroughly; investigate

- The lawyer probed the man's mind to see if he was innocent.
- After probing the scientist's theory,* we proved it was correct.
- King Henry's actions were carefully probed by the noblemen

REFORM

reform (re·form | | rɪ'fɔrm /-'fɔ:m) make better; improve by removing faults

- After the prison riot, the council decided to reform the correctional system.
- Brad reformed when he saw that breaking the law was hurting people other than himself.
- Only laws that force companies to reform will clear the dangerous vapors* from our air.

WORDS IN USE

Shape Up at Shaker

Each summer at the Shaker Work Group, a special school in **rural** Pittsfield, Massachusetts, where teenagers learn by working, it has been a **tradition** to have the teenagers take on the **burden** of setting their own rules and living by them. Although there are some adults on the **campus**, teenagers are a majority.

One summer the group **assembled** to **explore** the **topic** of lights-out time. There was little **debate** until 10:30 P.M. was suggested. Why? Everyone at the Shaker Work Group works a minimum* of several hours each morning on one project and several hours each afternoon on another. Since everyone has to get up early, no one wanted to stay up later at night anyway.

Few teenagers at the Shaker Work Group try to **evade** the rules. When one does, the entire group meets to **probe** the reasons for the "villain's"* actions. Their aim is to **reform** the rule breaker. However, at Shaker Village, the theory* is that teenagers who are busy working will have no time to break rules.

tradition, rural, burden, campus, majority, assemble
Explore, topic, debate, evade, probe, reform

FIL IN THE BLANKS

1. I left the city for a peaceful _____ farm.
2. Professor Dixon liked the atmosphere of the university _____
3. He tried to _____ questions he didn't know how to answer.
4. The _____ of people wanted him to be president.
5. The guests began to _____ for Thanksgiving dinner.
6. Christmas trees are a popular _____ for many people.
7. Making a living for his family was too much of a _____
8. I want to _____ all the cities I haven't visited.
9. If Gene doesn't _____, he will get into serious trouble.
10. He had to do research on the _____ of biology for a school report.
11. Historians will _____ the causes of the war in Iraq.
12. Whether or not eighteen-year-olds should be allowed to vote was in _____ for a long time.

APPROACH

approach (ap·proach | | ə'prəʊtʃ) come near or nearer to

- The lawyers in the trial were often asked to approach the bench.
- Her beau kissed Sylvia when he approached her.
- Ben approached the burden* of getting a job with a new spirit

DETECT

detect (detect) find out; discover

- Sam Spade detected that the important papers had vanished.*
- From her voice it was easy to detect that Ellen was frightened.
- We detected from the messy room that a large group of people had assembled* there.

DEFECT

defect (de·fect || 'di:fekt) fault; that which is wrong

- My Chevrolet was sent back to the factory because of a steering defect.
- His theory* of the formation of our world was tilled with defects.
- The villain* was caught because his plan had many defects.

EMPLOYEE

employee a person who works for pay

- The employees went on strike for higher wages.
- My boss had to tire many employees when meat became scarce.*
- Joey wanted to go into business for himself and stop being an employee.

NEGLECT

neglect (neg·lect || nɪ'glekt) give too little care or attention to

- The senator neglected to make his annual* report to Congress.
- Bob's car got dirty when he neglected to keep it polished.
- It is essential* that you do not neglect your homework.

DECEIVE

deceive (de·ceive | | dɪ'si:v) make someone believe as true something that is false;
mislead

- Atlas was deceived about the burden* he had to carry.
- Virginia cried when she learned that her best friend had deceived her.
- The villain* deceived Chief White Cloud by pretending to be his friend.

UNDOUBTEDLY

undoubtedly (un'doubt·ed·ly | | ʌn'daʊtɪdli) certainly; beyond doubt

- Ray's team undoubtedly had the best debators* in our county.
- The pilgrims undoubtedly assembled* to travel to Rome together.
- If she didn't want to get into an argument, Valerie would have followed the majority* undoubtedly.

POPULAR

popular (pɒp·u·lɑr || 'pɒpjələ(r) / 'pɒpjʊl-) liked by most people

- The Beatles wrote many popular songs.
- At one time miniskirts were very popular.
- Popular people often find it hard to evade* their many friends.

THOROUGH

thorough (thor·ough | | 'θɜrəʊ /'θʌrə) being all that is needed; complete

- The police made a thorough search of the house after the crime had been reported.
- My science teacher praised Sandy for doing a thorough job of cleaning up the lab.
- Mom decided to spend the day in giving the basement a thorough cleaning.

CLIENT

client (cli·ent || 'klaɪənt) person for whom a lawyer acts; customer

- The lawyer told her client that she could predict* the outcome of his trial.
- My uncle tried to get General Motors to be a client of his company.
- If this restaurant doesn't improve its service, all its clients will vanish.*

COMPREHENSIVE

comprehensive (,com·pre'hēn·siv || ,kamprɪ'hensɪv /'kɒm-) including much; covering completely

- After a comprehensive exam, my doctor said I was in good condition.
- The engineer gave our house a thorough*, comprehensive checkup before my father bought it.
- Mrs. Silver wanted us to do a comprehensive study of Edgar Allan Poe.

DEFRAUD

defraud (de·fraud | | dɪ'frɔ:d) take money, rights, etc., away by cheating

- My aunt saved thousands of dollars by defrauding the government.
- If we could eliminate* losses from people who defraud the government, tax rates could be lowered.
- By defrauding his friend, Dexter ruined a family tradition* of honesty.

WORDS IN USE

The Health of Your Car

The newest **approach** to automobile repair is the clinic, a place where car doctors go over an automobile in an attempt to **detect defects**. Since the clinic does no repairs, its employees do not **neglect** the truth. So many automobile owners feel that mechanics **deceive** them that the clinics, even though they **undoubtedly** charge high fees, are quite **popular**.

The experts do a **thorough** job for each **client**. They explore* every part of the engine, body, and brakes; they do all kinds of tests with expensive* machines.

Best of all, the **comprehensive** examination takes only about half an hour. With the clinic's report in your hand no mechanic will be able to **defraud** you by telling you that you need major repairs when only a small repair is necessary.

approach, detect, defect, employee, neglect
deceive, Undoubtedly, popular, thorough
client, comprehensive, defraud

FILL IN THE BLANKS

1. Each of our workers is trained to give your car a _____ examination. (Which two words might fit this sentence?)
2. Tom Jones was _____ the best singer in the choir when he was young.
3. He could _____ the problem from all angles.
4. Mrs. Spector always wanted to be _____ with her friends.
5. Why did you _____ cleaning your room today?
6. The _____ bought his boss a birthday present.
7. Rocco's only _____ was that he walked with a slight limp.
8. None of the other poker players suspected that their friend would _____ them in order to win.
9. When Cynthia realized that nobody liked her, she knew she had been _____
10. I could _____ from the tone of his voice that he was in a bad mood.
11. His _____ was happy with the work Terence had been doing for him.
12. I do not want to do anything less than a _____ job on my term paper. (Which two words might fit this sentence?)

WORD REVIEW #1

- It was a (*dense, typical*) day in July, hot and sticky.
- I could tell that Matt was coming because I knew his (*blend, vapor*) of tobacco.
- Please realize that if you try to climb the icy mountain (*peril, tradition*) awaits you.
- The mechanic (*defected, detected*) an oil leak in the engine.
- How could you (*recline, neglect*) paying the rent?
- Felix made a (*sinister, frigid*) remark that sent chills up and down my spine.
- Many questions had to be answered before Mrs. Soto could (*qualify, evade*) for the job.
- I am (*unaccustomed, dismal*) to receiving gifts from people I don't know very well.
- Factory-made goods are plentiful, but farm products are (*rural, scarce*).
- When he got to the jail, the people in charge tried to (*reform, abandon*) him.

WORD REVIEW #1

1. approach

2. expensive

3. visible

4. popular

5. vacant

6. keen

7. descend

8. humid

9. vanish

10. essential

a. unseen

b. filled

c. hated

d. dull

e. dry

f. be seen

g. leave

h. not needed

i. climb

j. cheap

WORD REVIEW #1

- 1. Sailors ___ Sinking Ship (*Defraud, Circulate, Abandon, Devise*)
- 2. Congress Votes to Raise ___ Wage (*Hardship, Minimum, Typical, Rural*)
- 3. ___ Fog Covers Bay Area (*Dense, Thorough, Scarce, Keen*)
- 4. Unfit Parents Arrested for Child ___ (*Defect, Tradition, Neglect, Theory*)
- 5. Escaped Convict Continues to ___ Police (*Abandon, Evade, Inhabit, Conceal*)
- 6. College ___ Quiet After Demonstration (*Client, Campus, Debate, Probe*)
- 7. Mayor Takes ___ of Office on Steps of City Hall (*Oath, Data, Majority, Reform*)
- 8. Rescuers into Mine to Find Lost Workers (*Descend, Assemble, Circulate, Recline*)
- 9. New Apartment House to Rise on ___ Land (*Frigid, Comprehensive, Dense, Vacant*)
- 10. Poll to ___ Outcome of Election (*Qualify, Predict, Tempt, Eliminate*)

WORD REVIEW #1

deceive	tradition	abandon	persuade	inhabit	gallant
thorough	evade	descend	comprehensive	eliminate	hardship
villain	assemble	circulate	talent	majority	wholesale
client	dense	predict	devise	defraud	recline
probe	theory	tact	conceal	data	tempt

1. in large amounts *as well as* less costly
2. an evil doer, *but originally meant* someone who lived on a farm
3. more than half *as well as* the legal age at which persons can manage their affairs
4. search or investigate *either* by means of an instrument or simply by questioning
5. cheat *and also* deprive someone of rights or property
6. give up on a plan *as well as* neglect one's post
7. gather (data) or just get together
8. reject *and also* expel
9. leaving out little or nothing *and* is related to the word for "understanding"
10. skill in dealing with people *as well as* a fine touch or cleverness

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Dear Sirs:

Three weeks ago, I bought a 20" Royal TV set (Item #996R) from your catalog, which had featured an 1 clearance sale at 2 savings. I am enclosing a copy of the \$200 money order that I sent to you.

When my father and I unpacked the set, we 3 (ed) several 4 (s), including a scratched screen and a broken volume dial. Since that was not my fault, I believe that I am entitled to receive a new set.

It was a 5 for me to save part of my weekly allowance for six months in order to pay for the TV, and I would appreciate your help in this matter. Even though it is not an 6 set, and I was getting it at a 7 price, I still feel that the merchandise should be perfect.

Obviously, one of your 8 (s) had 9 (d) to do an 10 inspection before the TV was shipped to my home.

Sincerely,
Arthur Karnes

POSTPONE

postpone (post·pone || ,pəʊst'pəʊn /,pəʊ'spəʊn ,ə-) put off to a later time; delay

- The young couple wanted to postpone their wedding until they were sure they could handle the burdens* of marriage.
- I neglected* to postpone the party because I thought everyone would be able to come.
- The supermarket's owner planned to postpone the grand opening until Saturday.

CONSENT

consent (con·sent || kən'sent) agree; give permission or approval

- My teacher consented to let our class leave early.
- David would not consent to our plan.
- The majority* of our club members consented to raise the dues.

MASSIVE

massive (mas·sive || 'mæsv) big and heavy; large and solid; bulky

- The boss asked some employees* to lift the massive box.
- From lifting weights, Willie had developed massive arm muscles.
- The main building on the campus* was so massive that the new students had trouble finding their way around at first.

CAPSULE

capsule (cap·sule | | 'kæpsju:l) a small case or covering

- The small capsule contained notes the spy had written after the meeting.
- A new, untested medicine was detected* in the capsule by the police scientists.
- He explored* the space capsule for special equipment.

PRESERVE

preserve (pre·serve || prɪ'zɜrv /-'zɜ:v) keep from harm or change; keep safe; protect

- The lawyers wanted to preserve the newest reforms* in the law.
- Farmers feel that their rural* homes should be preserved.
- The outfielder's records are preserved in the Baseball Hall of Fame.

DENOUNCE

denounce (de·nounce | | dɪˈnaʊns) condemn in public; express strong disapproval of

- The father denounced his son for lying to the district attorney.
- Some people denounce the government for probing* into their private lives.
- The consumer advocate denounced the defective* products being sold.

UNIQUE

unique (u·nique || ju:'ni:k) having no like or equal; being the only one of its kind

- Going to Africa was a unique experience for us.
- The inventor developed a unique method of making ice cream.
- Albie has a unique collection of Israeli stamps.

TORRENT

torrent (tor·rent || 'tɒrənt , 'tɔ- /'tɒrənt) any violent, rushing stream; flood

- A massive* rain was coming down in torrents.
- In the debate,* a torrent of questions was asked.
- After trying to defraud* the public, Lefty was faced with a torrent of charges.

RESENT

resent (re·sent | | rɪ'zent) feel injured and angered at (something)

- Bertha resented the way her boyfriend treated her.
- The earthquake victim resented the poor emergency care.
- Columbus resented the fact that his crew wanted to turn back.

MOLEST

molest (mo·lest | | mə'lest) interfere with and trouble; disturb

- My neighbor was molested when walking home from the subway.
- The gang did a thorough* job of molesting the people in the park.
- Lifeguards warned the man not to molest any of the swimmers.

GLOOMY

gloomy ('gloom·y || 'glu:mɪ) dark; dim; in low spirits

- My cousin was gloomy because his best friend had moved away.
- The reason Doris wasn't popular* was that she always had a gloomy appearance.
- Jones Beach is not so beautiful on a gloomy day.

UNFORESEEN

unforeseen (un·fore'see || ,ʌnfɔr'si: /fɔ:-) not known beforehand; unexpected

- We had some unforeseen problems with the new engine.
- The probe* into the congressman's finances turned up some unforeseen difficulties.
- The divers faced unforeseen trouble in their search for the wreck.

WORDS IN USE

The Frozen Future

Doctors are always devising* new cures for diseases that kill people. But suppose you are dying from an incurable illness now. If only you could postpone death until a cure was found!

Now some people are trying to do just that. One young man consented to having his body frozen and placed in a massive capsule in order to preserve it until doctors find a cure for his disease. Some people have denounced this unique experiment with a torrent of angry words.

They resent human attempts to molest the natural order of life and death. There is also a gloomy fear that the world is already overcrowded and that people have to die to make room for those who are about to be born. If the experiment works, unforeseen problems undoubtedly* will arise.

Postpone consent massive capsule preserve denounce
Unique torrent resent molest gloomy unforeseen

FILL IN THE BLANKS

- We have tried for over 200 years to _____ the United States Constitution.
- The _____ weather predictions* upset him.
- Will Karen _____ to having her baby picture published in the school newspaper?
- I found a _____ collection of old books in the attic.
- Dave knew that if he mistreated her, she would _____ it.
- The president _____ the criminal activities that were going on.
- Lori feared that if she walked the streets, she would be _____
- Owning a house created _____ difficulties.
- The new movie invited a _____ of disapproval.
- A telephone call told us that the employees'* picnic was _____ until next week.
- The _____ was filled with records of the past.
- It was a _____ job for just one person to unload the big truck.

EXAGGERATE

exaggerate (ex·ag·ger·ate | | ɪg'zædʒəreɪt) make something greater than it is; overstate

- He wasn't trying to deceive* you when he said that his was the best car in the world; he was just exaggerating.
- The bookkeeper exaggerated her importance to the company.
- When he said that O'Neal was eight feet tall, he was undoubtedly* exaggerating.

AMATEUR

amateur (am·a·teur | | 'æmətə) person who does something for pleasure, not for money or as a profession

- The amateur cross-country runner wanted to be in the Olympics.
- After his song, Don was told that he wasn't good enough to be anything but an amateur.
- Professional golfers resent* amateurs who think they are as good as the people who play for money.

MEDIOCRE

mediocre (me·di·o·cre | | ,mɪːdɪ'əʊkə(r)) neither good nor bad; average; ordinary

- After reading my composition, Mrs. Evans remarked that it was mediocre and that I could do better.
- Howard was a mediocre scientist who never made any unique* discoveries.
- The movie wasn't a great one; it was only mediocre.

VARIETY

variety (va·ri·e·ty || və'raɪəti) lack of sameness; a number of different things

- Eldorado Restaurant serves a wide variety of foods.
- The show featured a variety of entertainment.
- He faced unforeseen* problems for a variety of reasons.

VALID

valid (val·id || 'vælɪd) supported by facts or authority; sound; true

- The witness neglected* to give valid answers to the judge's questions.
- Rita had valid reasons for denouncing* her father's way of life.
- When Dave presented valid working papers, the foreman consented* to hiring him immediately.

SURVIVE

survive (sur·vive || sə'rvaɪv /sə'-) live longer than; remain alive after

- It was uncertain whether we would survive the torrent* of rain.
- Some people believe that only the strongest should survive.
- The space capsule* was built to survive a long journey in space.

WEIRD

weird (wɪrd /wɪəd) mysterious; unearthly

- She looked weird with that horrible makeup on her face.
- Allen felt that weird things were starting to happen when he entered the haunted house.
- Becky had a weird feeling after swallowing the pills.

PROMINENT

prominent ('prom-i-nent || 'prɒmɪnənt /'prɒm-) well-known; important

- My client* is a prominent businessperson.
- Napoleon is a prominent figure in the history of France.
- Her violet eyes were the prominent feature of the model's face.

SECURITY

security (se·cu·ri·ty | | sɪ'kjʊərətɪ /-kjʊər-) freedom from danger, care, or fear; feeling or condition of being safe

- Our janitor likes the security of having all doors locked at night.
- When the president travels, strict security measures are taken.
- Pablo wanted to preserve* the security of his lifestyle.

BULKY

bulky (bulk·y || 'bʌlkɪ) taking up much space; large

- Charley and Morty removed the bulky package from the car.
- The massive* desk was quite bulky and impossible to carry.
- His client* wanted an item that wasn't so bulky, Olsen told us.

RELUCTANT

reluctant (re'luc·tant | | rɪ'lʌktənt) unwilling

- It was easy to see that Herman was reluctant to go out and find a job.
- The patient was reluctant to tell the nurse the whole gloomy* truth.
- I was reluctant to give up the security* of family life.

OBVIOUS

obvious (ob·vi·ous || 'ɒvɪəs /'ɒb-) easily seen or understood; clear to the eye or mind; not to be doubted; plain

- It was obvious that the lumberjack was tired after his day's work.
- The fact that Darcy was a popular* boy was obvious to all.
- The detective missed the clue because it was too obvious.

WORDS IN USE

The Guitar

It is impossible to exaggerate the popularity* of the guitar. One out of every four amateur musicians in the United States plays the guitar. Even a mediocre player can produce a variety of music with this unique* instrument. Trying to find valid reasons for the guitar's ability to survive through the years isn't hard.

One weird theory* by a prominent musician states that guitarists find security hiding behind the bulky instrument. But most people are reluctant to accept this idea because there are more obvious reasons for playing a guitar. It can be carried anywhere, it is inexpensive* to buy, and only a few lessons are required to learn to play it well.

FILL IN THE BLANKS

exaggerate amateur mediocre variety valid survive
weird prominent security bulky reluctant obvious

1. Most people agreed that he was a _____ looking man because of the long red beard.
2. Chuck's reason for quitting his job was _____ ; he was not being paid.
3. The answer to the question was so _____ that everyone knew it.
4. The _____ tennis player would never make the Olympic squad.
5. She was _____ to take on any more responsibilities at work.
6. People often tend to _____ stories they hear.
7. The bank is kept under very tight _____
8. Because the box was so _____ it took two men to lift it.
9. Even though he was not a professional, the _____ photographer entered the contest.
10. A wide _____ of shows is playing at the concert hall.
11. Mrs. Meyers is a _____ member of the staff.
12. We all hoped that the small boat would _____ the storm.

MATCHING

1. reluctant
 2. mediocre
 3. prominent
 4. obvious
 5. exaggerate
 6. bulky
 7. variety
 8. valid
 9. security
 10. survive
 11. weird
 12. amateur
- a. large; taking up much space
 - b. true; supported by facts
 - c. person who does something for pleasure, not as a profession
 - d. average; ordinary
 - e. mysterious; unearthly
 - f. unwilling
 - g. easily seen or understood
 - h. well-known; important
 - i. remain alive; live on
 - j. overstate; make something greater than it is
 - k. feeling or condition of being safe
 - l. a number of different things

VICINITY

vicinity (vi·cin·i·ty | | vi'sɪnəti) region near a place; neighborhood

- Living in the vicinity of New York, Jeremy was near many museums.
- The torrent* of rain fell only in our vicinity.
- We approached* the Baltimore vicinity by car.

CENTURY

century (cen·tu·ry || 'sentʃʊri) 100 years

- George Washington lived in the eighteenth century.
- The United States is more than two centuries old.
- Many prominent* men have been born in this century.

RAGE

rage (reɪdʒ) violent anger; something that arouses intense but brief enthusiasm

- Joan's bad manners sent her mother into a rage.
- In a fit of rage, Francine broke the valuable glass.
- The mayor felt a sense of rage about the exaggerations* in the press.

DOCUMENT

document (doc·u·ment | | 'dɒkjʊmənt) something handwritten or printed that gives information or proof of some fact

- Newly discovered documents showed that the prisoner was obviously* innocent.
- The documents of ancient Rome have survived* many centuries.*
- We were reluctant* to destroy important documents.

CONCLUDE

conclude (con·clude || kən'klu:d) end; finish; decide

- Most people are happy when they conclude their work for the day.
- The gloomy* day concluded with a thunderstorm.
- Work on the building could not be concluded until the contract was signed.

UNDENIABLE

undeniable (un·de·ni·a·ble | | ,ʌndɪ'naɪəbl) not to be denied; cannot be questioned

- The jury concluded* that the teenagers were undeniably guilty.
- It is undeniable that most professionals can beat any amateur.*
- That Leon resented* Rita's good marks in school was undeniable.

RESIST

resist (re·sist | | rɪˈzɪst) act against; strive against; oppose

- Totie could not resist eating the chocolate sundae.
- Tight security* measures resisted Jimmy's entrance into the bank.
- Harold resisted the opportunity to poke fun at the weird* man.

LACK

lack (lak) be entirely without something; have not enough

- Your daily diet should not lack fruits and vegetables.
- His problem was that he lacked a variety* of talents.*
- As an amateur* dancer, Vincent knew that he lacked the professional touch.

IGNORE

ignore (ig·nore | | ɪg'nɔr /ɪg'nɔː) pay no attention to; disregard

- Little Alice realized that if she didn't behave, her parents would ignore her.
- The student could not answer the question because he ignored the obvious* facts.
- Older brothers and sisters often feel ignored when their parents only spend time with a new baby.

CHALLENGE

challenge (chal·lengə || 'tʃælɪndʒ) call to a fight

- Aaron Burr challenged Alexander Hamilton to a duel.
- No one bothered to challenge the prominent* lawyer.
- Trying to become a doctor was quite a challenge, Dick discovered.

MINIATURE

miniature (min·i·a·ture || 'mɪnətʃər /-tʃə) represented on a small scale

- The young boy wanted a miniature sports car for his birthday.
- Instead of buying a massive* dog, Teddy got a miniature poodle.
- We were seeking a miniature model of the bulky* chess set.

SOURCE

source (sɔ:rs /sɔ:s) place from which something comes or is obtained

- The college student knew that he needed more than a basic textbook as a source for his report.
- The source of Buddy's trouble was boredom.
- Professor Smith's speech was a valid* source of information on chemistry.

WORDS IN USE

More About the Guitar

The guitar is one of the oldest instruments known to man. It probably originated in the **vicinity** of China. There were guitars in ancient Egypt and Greece as well, but the written history of the guitar starts in Spain in the 13th **century**. By 1500 the guitar was popular in Italy, France, and Spain.

A French **document** of that time **concludes** that many people were playing the guitar. Stradivarius, the **undeniable** king of violin makers, could not resist creating a variety* of guitars. Also, there was no **lack** of music written for the instrument. Haydn, Schubert, and others wrote guitar music.

When the great Beethoven was asked to compose music for the guitar, he went into a **rage** and refused, but eventually even Beethoven could not **ignore** the **challenge**; legend tells us he finally called the guitar a **miniature** orchestra. Indeed the guitar does sound like a little orchestra! Perhaps that is why in rural* areas around the world the guitar has been a **source** of music for millions to enjoy.

vicinity century rage document conclude undeniable
resist lack ignore challenge miniature source

FILL IN THE BLANKS

1. Ernesto would constantly ____ his father's questions.
2. Historical ____ are kept in a special section of the library.
3. Great scientific progress has been made in this ____
4. The massive* wrestler accepted the ____ of the newcomer.
5. Not wearing warm clothing was the ____ of his illness.
6. "When do you expect to ____ your investigation of the case?"
7. It is ____ that this restaurant's food is delicious.
8. Lena showed a ____ of good judgment.
9. Everyone who lived in the ____ of the bomb test was in peril.*
10. Anita's habit of interrupting him sent her husband into a ____
11. My nephew was given a set of ____ soldiers for Christmas.
12. When you are tired it is hard to ____ staying in bed all day.

SYNONYM SEARCH

1. **century**
(a) countless years (b) three score years (c) one hundred years (d) generation
2. **document**
(a) official paper (b) critical review (c) decree (d) composition
3. **undeniable**
(a) essential* (b) unforeseen* (c) comprehensive (d) unquestionable
4. **vicinity**
(a) region near a place (b) division of a city or town (c) residential district
(d) metropolitan area
5. **challenge**
(a) banish permanently (b) verify easily (c) call to a fight (d) join together
6. **lack**
(a) take responsibility (b) correct (c) be without (d) give freely
7. **miniature**
(a) balanced (b) tiny (c) eager (d) forbidden
8. **rage**
(a) extreme anger (b) foolish explanation (c) rapid movement (d) bad habit
9. **conclude**
(a) show (b) reorganize (c) examine (d) decide
10. **source**
(a) origin (b) task (c) onlooker (d) chart
11. **resist**
(a) discuss honestly (b) change completely (c) strive against (d) pay attention
12. **ignore**
(a) disregard (b) complete (c) exaggerate* (d) offer

EXCEL

excel (ex·cel | | ɪk'sel) be better than; do better than

- Because he was so small, Larry could not excel in sports.
- At least Hannah had the security* of knowing that she excelled in swimming.
- Clarence Darrow wanted to become a prominent* lawyer, but he felt that he must first excel in the study of history.

FEMININE

feminine (fem·i·nine || 'femɪnɪn) of women or girls

- When my sister wants to look feminine she changes from dungarees into a dress.
- Aunt Sarah can always be counted on to give the feminine viewpoint.
- My brother is ashamed to cry at a sad movie because people might think he is behaving in a feminine manner.

MOUNT

mount (maʊnt) get up on

- Congressman Jones mounted the platform to make his speech.
- The watchman mounted the tower to see if there were any people in the vicinity.*
- My sister couldn't mount the horse so they gave her a pony instead.

COMPETE

compete (com·pete || kəm'pi:t) try hard to get something wanted by others; be a rival

- The former champion was challenged* to compete for the tennis title.
- The runner was reluctant* to compete in front of his parents for the first time.
- When the amateur* became a pro he had to compete against better men.

DREAD

dread (dred) look forward to with fear; fear greatly; causing great fear

- The poor student dreaded going to school each morning.
- He had a dread feeling about the challenge* he was about to face.
- I dread going into that deserted house.

MASCULINE

masculine (mas·cu·line || 'mæskjʊlɪn) of man; male

- The boy became more masculine as he got older.
- It is undeniable* that his beard makes him look masculine.
- The girls liked Jerry because of his masculine ways.

MENACE

menace (men·ace || 'menɪs) threat

- Irv's lack* of respect made him a menace to his parents.
- The torrents* of rain were a menace to the farmer's crops.
- Sergeant Foy's raw language was an obvious* menace to the reputation of the entire police department.

TENDENCY

tendency (tend·en·cy || 'tendənsɪ) leaning; movement in a certain direction

- My algebra teacher has a tendency to forget the students' names.
- His tendency was to work hard in the morning and then to take it easy in the afternoon.
- The tendency in all human beings is to try to survive.*

UNDERESTIMATE

underestimate (,un·der'es·ti·mate || ,ʌndə(r)'estimeɪt) set too low a value, amount, or rate

- I admit that I underestimated the power in the bulky* fighter's frame.
- Undoubtedly* the boss underestimated his employee's* ability to work hard.
- The value of our house was underestimated by at least two thousand dollars.

VICTORIOUS

victorious (vic·to·ri·ous | | vɪk'tɔːrɪəs) having won a victory; conquering

- Playing in New Jersey, the Jets were victorious two years in a row.
- Terry faced the challenge* with the bad attitude that he could not be victorious.
- Our girls' volleyball squad was victorious over a taller team.

NUMEROUS

numerous (nu·mer·ous | | 'nu:mərəs /'nju-) very many; several

- Critics review numerous movies every week.
- Dr. Fischer had resisted* accepting money from the poor woman on numerous house calls.
- The debater* used numerous documents* to back up his statements.

FLEXIBLE

flexible (flex·i·ble || 'fleksəbl) easily bent; willing to yield

- The toy was flexible, and the baby could bend it easily.
- Remaining flexible, Nick listened to arguments from both sides.
- A mouse's flexible body allows it to squeeze through narrow openings.

WORDS IN USE

Bet on the Blond

Can women **excel** as jockeys in big-time horse racing? Years ago the **feminine** touch was kept out of racing, but now at tracks all over the country women **mount** horses and **compete** with men, many of whom **dread** the whole idea.

Their **masculine** image, they feel, may be threatened.* Also, some offer the **weak** argument that females are a **menace** on the track. But, as we all know, we should resist* the **tendency** to **underestimate** the power of women.

A few female jockeys have been **victorious** in **numerous** races, and this is probably what has put the male jockeys in a rage.* It would be wise if the men were more **flexible** in their attitudes toward women athletes.

FILL IN THE BLANKS

excel feminine mount compete dread
masculine menace tendency underestimate
victorious numerous flexible

1. The massive* tree on the corner was a _____ to traffic.
2. At parties, the shy girl would _____ being asked to dance.
3. My uncle has a _____ to repeat the same story over and over again.
4. The modest man used to _____ his own strength.
5. No person can ever _____ in all things he does.
6. Being _____ is far better than being stubborn.
7. We went to the beach on _____ occasions last summer.
8. Playing with dolls is traditionally* a _____ pastime.
9. Only the brightest students were invited to _____ for the prize.
10. Carole was ten years old before her parents finally let her _____ a horse.
11. The amateur* tennis player completed many matches without being _____
12. When Stuart started growing a mustache, it was obvious* he was becoming more _____

EVIDENCE

evidence (ev·i·dence || 'evidəns) that which makes clear the truth or falsehood of something

- Each juror felt he needed more evidence before voting to convict the former football star.
- Her many awards were evidence enough that Leona excelled* in dancing.
- Our teacher ignored* the evidence that Simon had cheated on the test.

SOLITARY

solitary (sol·i·tar·y || 'sɒlɪtəri /'sɒlɪtri) alone; single; only

- Sid's solitary manner kept him from making new friendships.
- There was not a solitary piece of evidence* that Manuel had eaten the cheesecake.
- The convict went into a rage* when he was placed in a solitary cell.

VISION

vision (vi·sion || 'vɪʒn) power of seeing; sense of sight

- With the aid of the binoculars, my vision improved enough to see the entire vicinity.
- Ted had perfect vision, and that helped to make him a good baseball player.
- The glasses that Irma bought corrected her nearsighted vision.

FREQUENT

frequent (fre·quent || 'frɪ:kwənt) happening often; occurring repeatedly

- We made frequent visits to the hospital to see our grandfather.
- On frequent occasions Sam fell asleep in class.
- Dr. Bonner gave me some pills for my frequent headaches.

GLIMPSE

glimpse (glimps) a short, quick view

- This morning we caught our first glimpse of the beautiful shoreline.
- One glimpse of the very feminine* vision* was enough to tell Romeo that he loved Juliet.
- The tall shrubs kept us from getting a glimpse of the new people who inhabited* the beach house

RECENT

recent (re·cent || 'ri:snt) done, made, or occurring not long ago

- At a recent meeting, the Board of Education provided the evidence* we had been asking for.
- Bessie liked the old silent movies better than the more recent ones.
- Recent studies have concluded* that more people are unemployed than ever before.

DECADE

decade (dec·ade || 'dekeɪd) ten years

- After a decade of granting salary increases, my boss ended the practice.
- Many people moved out of this city in the last decade.
- I have a vision* that this decade will be better than the last one.

HESITATE

hesitate ('hes·i·tate | | 'hezɪteɪt) fail to act quickly; be undecided

- Nora hesitated to accept the challenge.*
- When he got to the robbers' vicinity,* he hesitated before going on.
- The proverb tells us that he who hesitates is lost.

ABSURD

absurd (ab·surd | | əb'sɜːd) plainly not true Or Sensible; foolish

- It was absurd to believe the fisherman's tall tale.
- The flabby boy realized that the suggestion to diet was not absurd.
- Underestimating* the importance of reading is absurd.

CONFLICT

conflict (con·flict | | 'kɒnflɪkt) direct opposition; disagreement

- Our opinions about the company's success in the last decade* are in conflict with what the records show.
- There was a noisy conflict over who was the better tennis player.
- The class mediation team was invited to settle the conflict.

MINORITY

minority (mi·nor·i·ty || maɪ'nɔːrəti /-'nɔ-) smaller number or part; less than half

- Only a small minority of the neighborhood didn't want a new park.
- A minority of our athletes who competed* in the Olympics were victorious.*
- Native Americans are a minority group in the United States.

FICTION

fiction (fic·tion | | 'fɪkʃn) that which is imagined or made up

- The story that the president had died was fiction.
- We hardly ever believed Vinny because what he said was usually fiction.
- Marge enjoys reading works of fiction rather than true stories.

WORDS IN USE

The Famous Monster of the lake

There seems to be more and more **evidence** that the enormous* monster in Loch Ness, a **solitary** lake in Scotland, is more than a **vision**. Each year there are numerous* **glimpses** of the monster by visitors and neighborhood people; also **recent** films, not easy to ignore,* are making even scientists **hesitate**.

The story of **frequent** visits by a monster once seemed **absurd** to them, but now they are not so sure. Yet the **conflict** is far from over. Those who believe the monster exists are still in the **minority**, and they are constantly competing* for more information to prove that the Loch Ness monster is not a **fiction**. Even now they are trying to get more and clearer moving pictures of what has become the famous inhabitant* of the lake.

Perhaps the question of whether the monster exists or not will be answered in this coming **decade**.

Evidence solitary vision frequent
glimpse recent decade hesitate
absurd conflict minority fiction

FILL IN THE BLANKS

1. The old man had lived for seven _____
2. He had the _____ that some day there would be peace on earth.
3. Only a _____ of the senators were against welfare.
4. No one has ever had even a _____ of the future.
5. People used to think it was an _____ idea that human beings could ever fly.
6. We make _____ visits to Florida in the winter.
7. If you have any questions, don't _____ to ask.
8. There was only a _____ man on the beach.
9. The _____ was over the high cost of bread.
10. _____ studies have shown that the cost of living has gone up rapidly.
11. The gun alone was _____ enough to convict the killer.
12. The stories Henry told people about his adventures turned out to be merely _____

MATCHING

1. vision
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IGNITE

ignite (ig·nite | | ig'nait) set on fire

- Spark plugs ignite in an automobile engine.
- One match can ignite an entire forest.
- A, careless remark helped to ignite the conflict* between the brothers and the sisters.

ABOLISH

abolish (a·bol·ish | | ə'boʊlɪʃ) do away with completely; put an end to

- The death penalty has recently* been abolished in our state.
- We abolished numerous* laws that didn't serve any purpose in this decade.*
- My school has abolished final exams altogether.

URBAN

urban (ur·ban || 'ɜrbən /'ɜ:bən) of or having to do with cities or towns

- Many businesses open offices in urban areas.
- I plan to exchange my urban location for a rural* one.
- Only a small minority* of the people of the United States live far from any urban area.

POPULATION

population (pop·u·la·tion || 'pɒpjə'leɪʃn /,pɒpjʊ-) people of a city or country

- China has the largest population of any country.
- The population of the world has increased in every decade.*
- After the recent* floods, the population of Honduras was reduced by 10,000.

FRANK

frank (fræŋk) free in expressing one's real thoughts, opinions, or feelings; not hiding what is in one's mind

- Never underestimate* the value of being frank with one another.
- Eretha was completely frank when she told her friend about the sale.
- People liked Duffy because they knew he would be frank with them.

POLLUTE

pollute (pol·lute || pə'lu:t) make dirty

- The Atlantic Ocean is in danger of becoming polluted.
- There is much evidence* to show that the air we breathe is polluted.
- It is claimed that soap powders pollute the water 'Ne drink.

REVEAL

reveal (re·veal || rɪˈvi:l) make known

- Napoleon agreed to reveal the information to the French population.*
- The evidence* was revealed only after hours of questioning.
- The auto company revealed reluctantly* that there were defects* in their new models.

PROHIBIT

prohibit (pro·hib·it || prəʊ'hɪbɪt /prə-) forbid by law or authority

- Elvin's manager prohibited him from appearing on television.
- Many homeowners prohibit others from walking on their property.
- The law prohibits the use of guns to settle a conflict.*

URGENT

urgent ('ur·gent || 'ɜrdʒənt /'ɜ:d-) demanding immediate action or attention;
important

- An urgent telephone call was made to the company's treasurer.
- The principal called an urgent meeting to solve the school's numerous* problems.
- When he heard the urgent cry for help, the lifeguard did not hesitate.*

ADEQUATE

adequate (ad·e·quate || 'ædɪkwət) as much as is needed; fully sufficient

- Rover was given an adequate amount of food to last him the whole day.
- A bedroom, kitchen, and bath were adequate shelter for his living needs.
- Carlos was adequate at his job but he wasn't great.

DECREASE

decrease (de·crease | | di:'kri:s) make or become less

- As he kept spending money, the amount he had saved decreased.
- In order to improve business, the store owner decreased his prices.
- The landlord promised to decrease our rent.

AUDIBLE

audible (au·di·ble | | 'ɔ:dəbl) able to be heard

- From across the room, the teacher's voice was barely audible.
- After Len got his new hearing aid, my telephone calls became audible.
- Commands from Ann's drill sergeant were always easily audible.

WORDS IN USE

The Electric Auto Is on Its Way

Ignite gasoline and you have noise and smoke; turn on an electric motor and you **abolish** two headaches that are dreaded* by **urban populations**. Automobile manufacturers are **frank** about the way their motors **pollute** the air, and that is why there are frequent* hints that the big companies will soon **reveal** a practical electric car.

So far, lack* of knowledge of storing electricity in the car **prohibits** wide production of electric autos, but recently* Congress called **urgently** for **adequate** research into the battery or fuel cell problem. Electric autos would be inexpensive* to run and would **decrease** air pollution.* It might be weird,* however, to live in the quiet surroundings of a city where autos that used to be noisily **audible** would be whisper-quiet.

FILL IN THE BLANKS

ignite abolish urban population frank
pollute reveal prohibit urgent
adequate decrease audible

1. The doctor was completely _____ with the dying man.
2. In an _____ whisper, Maria called for my attention.
3. We didn't need any evidence* to see that the poor man was in _____ need of money and food.
4. All his life the child was used to living in _____ areas.
5. Dry matches to _____ the campfire were sought by the boy scout.
6. Smoking is _____ in the medical building.
7. Gasoline fumes help to _____ the air.
8. The _____ in the number of people voting in national elections is due to lack* of interest.
9. Some citizens believe that we will never be able to _____ war.
10. The _____ of New York City is about eight million people.
11. In the comics, Superman never _____ his true identity.
12. They needed an _____ supply of water to last for the entire trip through the desert.

WORD DETECTIVE

Ignite frank urgent abolish pollute adequate
urban reveal decrease population prohibit audible

- having to do with cities or towns
- make known
- as much as is needed; sufficient
- make dirty
- do away with completely
- make or become less
- free in expressing one's thoughts
- demanding immediate action
- set on fire
- people of a city or country
- able to be heard
- forbid by law or authority

WORD REVIEW#2

1. We will have to (postpone, decrease) our meeting unless more members show up.
2. Rex (underestimated, resisted) the skill of the other tennis player, and he was beaten badly.
3. With only a (frank, mediocre) typing ability, Veronica never expected to be hired.
4. Germs are a (menace, dread) to our health.
5. Although Rip was (challenged, reluctant) to tell all he knew, he remained silent.
6. We invited only the most (prominent, undeniable) people in town to our fund-raising party.
7. When her job in the city was (molested, abolished}, Daisy went home to the farm.
8. (Unforeseen, Amateur) problems kept coming up each day, making it harder and harder for me to finish my work.
9. I believe in our doctor and like the (absurd, adequate) reasons he gave us for keeping Grandma in the hospital.
10. Don't you get angry when someone (ignores, concludes) your questions?

OPPOSITES

1. consent
 2. valid
 3. ignite
 4. reveal
 5. urgent
 6. victorious
 7. survive
 8. mount
 9. prohibit
 10. miniature
- a. put out
 - b. not important
 - c. die
 - d. refuse
 - e. allow
 - f. large
 - g. get off
 - h. hide
 - i. beaten
 - j. untrue

CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION

- "Charges Against Me Are "Complains Governor (**Undeniable, Frank, Absurd, Mediocre**)
- High School Principal to Student Autos (**Preserve, Prohibit, Abolish, Underestimate**)
- Flight of Space Shuttle for 48 Hours (**Unforeseen, Ignite, Preserve, Postpone**)
- Witness Promises to Truth Today (**Reveal, Denounce, Exaggerate, Challenge**)
- "Best Novel in a "Says Critic (**Conflict, Decade, Variety, Fiction**)
- Sick Child Visited by Specialist (**Obvious, Prominent, Amateur, Dread**)
- Flu Germs Elderly Citizens (**Menace, Resist, Pollute, Prohibit**)
- Stolen jewels Are Objects of Search (**Adequate, Valid, Unforeseen, Massive**)
- Huge Unemployment in Areas (**Reluctant, Recent, Urban, Urgent**)
- Weatherman Apologizes for Weekend Forecast (**Valid, Gloomy, Obvious, Solitary**)

CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION

conclude	solitary	excel	massive	fiction	preserve
urban	obvious	menace	denounce	vision	century
torrent	unique	compete	tendency	security	source
frank	glimpse	dread	numerous	mediocre	undeniable
decrease	conflict	hesitate	document	reluctant	absurd

- be undecided as well as show reluctance
- an untruth but one that is practiced by even the best writers
- ponderous or large and is the opposite of capsule
- ten decades and has the same root as cent
- finish as well as make an inference
- ridiculous yet in a certain phrase is close to sublime
- easily understood as well as evident and apparent
- save and in its origin bears a relation to family
- a dream or hope as well as sight
- one of a kind and also rare or without equal

THE FRIENDLY LETTER

abolish
adequate
conclude
consent

decrease
dread
excel
frank

glance
glimpse
hesitate
obvious

prohibit
security
source
tendency

urban
urgent
valid
vision

May 17, 2011

Dear Rona,

My first day at the Herricks Junior High here in Sandy, Utah was a weird* one. Everyone knew each other, and I was like an alien from outer space. After having spent seven years in classes with you in Miami, I have to adjust to a new state, a new city, a new neighborhood, and a new school!

To be perfectly 1, I 2 to guess how I'll manage to survive* because I really miss you and the whole gang back in sunny Florida. You and I always talked about swimming and scuba diving but here all the kids are into skiing. I'm sure that I'll 3 my first time on the big slopes because I have a 4 to fear new experiences. To start with, I'll have to swap my swim gear for down jackets, mittens, and ear muffs. Brrr!

Back to Herricks Jr. High. We have only 140 kids in this less than 5 school where there is absolutely no need for a 6 guard. A quick 7 of my program reveals* that I have five major subjects, including French. In addition, *ma cherie*, I have Phys. Ed. three times a week, plus Computer Lab., Home Eco. (we made jello the first day!) and Music. It's 8 I won't have time to loaf.

There is a Senior Prom and a class trip to Los Angeles, if I can get my Mom to 9. I have to 10 this letter now because they gave me a ton of homework.

Fondly,
Blanche

JOURNALIST

journalist ('jour·nal·ist || 'dʒɜːrnəlɪst /'dʒɜːn-) one who writes for, edits, manages, or produces a newspaper or magazine

- There were four journalists covering the murder story.
- Barbara's experience working at a book store wasn't adequate* preparation for becoming a journalist.
- Journalists must have a comprehensive* knowledge* of the city where they work.

FAMINE

famine (fam·ine || 'fæmɪn) starvation; great shortage

- Famine in Africa caused the death of one tenth of the population.*
- There has been a famine of good writing in the last decade.*
- The rumor of a famine in Europe was purely fiction.*

REVIVE

revive (re·vive | | rɪ'vaɪv) bring back or come back to life or consciousness

- There is a movement to revive old plays for modern audiences.
- The nurses tried to revive the heart attack victim.
- Committees are trying to revive interest in population* control.

COMMENCE

commence (com·mence || kə'mens) begin; start

- Graduation will commence at ten o'clock.
- Bella hesitated* before commencing her speech.
- The discussion commenced with a report on urban* affairs.

OBSERVANT

observant (ob'serv·ant || əb'sɜrvnt /əb'sɜ:-) quick to notice; watchful

- We were observant of the conflict* between the husband and his wife.
- Because Cato was observant, he was able to reveal* the thief's name.
- Milt used his excellent vision* to be observant of everything in his vicinity.*

IDENTITY

identity (i·den·ti·ty || aɪ'dentətɪ) recognize as being, or show to be, a certain person or thing; prove to be the same

- Numerous* witnesses identified the butcher as the thief.
- Mrs. Shaw was able to identify the painting as being hers.
- With only a quick glimpse,* Reggie was able to identify his girlfriend in the crowd.

MIGRATE

migrate (maɪ'greɪt) move from one place to another

- The fruit pickers migrated to wherever they could find work.
- Much of our population* is constantly migrating to other areas of the country.
- My grandfather migrated to New York from Italy in 1919.

VESSEL

vessel a ship; a hollow container; tube containing body fluid

- The Girl Scouts were permitted a glimpse* of the vessel being built when they toured the Navy Yard.
- My father burst a blood vessel when he got the bill from the garage.
- Congress voted to decrease* the amount of money being spent on space vessels.

PERSIST

persist (per·sist || pər'sɪst /pə's-) continue firmly; refuse to stop or be changed

- The humid* weather persisted all summer.
- Would Lorraine's weird* behavior persist, we all wondered?
- Lloyd persisted in exaggerating* everything he said.

HAZY

hazy (ha·zy || 'heɪzi) misty; smoky; unclear

- The vicinity* of London is known to be hazy.
- Factories that pollute* the air create hazy weather conditions.
- Although Cora had a great memory, she was unusually hazy about the details of our meeting on January 16th.

GLEAM

gleam (glɪm) a flash or beam of light

- A gleam of light shone through the prison window.
- The only source* of light in the cellar came in the form of a gleam through a hole in the wall.
- My grandmother gets a gleam in her eyes when she sees the twins.

EDITOR

editor ('ed·i·tor || 'editə(r)) person who prepares a publication; one who corrects a manuscript and helps to improve it

- The student was proud to be the editor of the school newspaper.
- Meredith's journalistic knowledge* came in handy when she was unexpectedly given the job of editor of The Bulletin.
- It is undeniable* that the magazine has gotten better since Ellis became editor.

WORDS IN USE

Flying Saucers Again

Whenever **journalists** face a news **famine** they **revive** the undeniably* interesting question: How can we explain UFOs-unidentified flying objects? The story usually **commences** with a description of the object by some **observant** night watchman who doesn't hesitate* to **identify** the object as having **migrated** from outer space.

The **vessel**, he **persists**, appeared over the **hazy** lake at about 30 feet. A greenish **gleam** prohibited* him from seeing its exact shape, he admits. Newspaper **editors** love these stories because they keep the population* interested in knowledge about UFOs and keep them buying newspapers.

journalist famine revive commence
observant identify migrate vessel
persist hazy gleam editor

FILL IN THE BLANKS

1. The wedding will _____ at eight o'clock.
2. When Abe lost his job, he had to _____ to a place where he could find work.
3. We could tell Ira was happy by the bright _____ in his eyes.
4. Because of the _____, people were dying in the streets.
5. Many people claim to have seen a ghostly _____ sailing through the fog.
6. Can you _____ the flags of all the states in the United States?
7. He was _____ of all the rules of his religion.
8. The _____ sent five reporters to cover the big story.
9. They were trying to _____ interest in old movies.
10. The travelers were stupid to _____ in eating the food after they were told it was spoiled.
11. _____ weather kept the pilot from seeing the airfield clearly.
12. The young _____ applied for his first job at a small newspaper.

UNRULY

unruly (un·ru·ly | | ʌn'ru:lɪ) hard to rule or control; lawless

- Unruly behavior is prohibited* at the pool.
- When he persisted* in acting unruly, Ralph was fired from his job.
- His unruly actions were a menace* to those who were trying to work.

RIVAL

rival (ri·val | | 'raɪvəl) person who wants and tries to get the same thing as another; one who tries to equal or do better than another

- The boxer devised* an attack that would help him to be victorious* over his young rival.
- Sherry didn't like to compete* because she always thought her rival would win.
- Seidman and Son decided to migrate* to an area where they would have fewer rivals.

VIOLENT

violent ('vi·o·lent || 'vaɪələnt) acting or done with strong, rough force

- Carefully, very carefully, we approached* the violent man.
- Violent behavior is prohibited* on school grounds.
- Vernon had a tendency* to be violent when someone angered him.

BRUTAL

brutal (bru·tal | | 'bru:tɪ) coarse and savage; like a brute; cruel

- Dozens of employees* quit the job because the boss was brutal to them.
- The brutal track coach persisted* in making the team work out all morning under the hot sun.
- Swearing to catch the murderer, the detectives revealed* that it had been an unusually brutal, violent* crime.

OPPONENT

opponent (op·po·nent | | ə'pəʊnənt) person who is on the other side of a fight, game, or discussion; person fighting, struggling or speaking against another

- The Russian chess player underestimated* his opponent and lost.
- He was a bitter opponent of costly urban* reform.
- Seeing his flabby* opponent, Slugger was sure he would be victorious.*

BRAWL

brawl (brɔ:l) a noisy quarrel or fight

- The journalist* covered all the details of the brawl in the park.
- Larry dreaded* a brawl with his father over finding a job.
- What started out as a polite discussion soon became a violent* brawl.

DUPLICATE

duplicate (du·pli·cate || 'dju:plɪkət) an exact copy; make an exact copy of; repeat exactly

- Elliott tried to deceive* Mrs. Held by making a duplicate of my paper.
- We duplicated the document* so that everyone had a copy to study.
- The so-called expert did a mediocre* job of duplicating the Van Gogh painting.

VICIOUS

vicious (vi·cious | | 'viʃəs) evi l; wicked; savage

- Liza was unpopular* because she was vicious to people she had just met.
- The vicious editor* published false stories about people he disliked.
- Mr. Voss was reluctant* to talk about his vicious pit bull.

WHIRLING

whirling (hwɜrl /wɜ:l /wɜ:l) turning or swinging round and round; spinning

- The space vessel* was whirling around before it landed on earth.
- As they tried to lift the bulky* piano, the movers went whirling across the living room.
- Because Angelo drank too much, he commenced* to feel that everything was whirling around the bar.

UNDERDOG

underdog (un·derdɒg || 'ʌndə(r)dɒg) person having the worst of any struggle; one who is expected to lose

- Minority* groups complain about being the underdogs in this century.*
- I always feel sorry for the underdog in a street fight.
- The Jets were identified* as underdogs even though they had beaten the Steelers earlier in the season.

THRUST

thrust (θrʌst) push with force

- Once the jet engine was ignited,* it thrust the rocket from the ground.
- He had adequate* strength to thrust himself through the locked door.
- Eva was in a terrible rage* when she thrust herself into the room.

BEWILDERED

bewildered (be'wil·dered || -əd) confused completely; puzzled

- The lawyer was bewildered by his client's* lack* of interest in the case.
- His partner's weird* actions left Jack bewildered.
- Bewildered by the sudden hazy* weather, he decided not to go to the beach.

WORDS IN USE

Roller Derby

The most **unruly** game known to man or woman is the Roller Derby. Revived* every so often on television, it has no **rival** for **violent, brutal** action. The game commences* with two teams on roller skates circling a banked, oval track. Then one or two skaters try to break out of the pack and "lap" the **opponents**.

When the skater leaves the pack, the **brawl** begins. No sport can **duplicate** the **vicious** shrieking,* pushing, elbowing, and fighting, all at high speed while the skaters are **whirling** around the track. And women are just as much of a menace* as the men.

Often considered the **underdog**, the female skater can **thrust** a pointed fingernail into the face of a **bewildered** enemy.

FILL IN THE BLANKS

Unruly rival violent brutal opponent
brawl duplicate vicious whirling
underdog thrust bewildered

- Rory was thrown out of school because of his _____ behavior.
- The _____ lion attacked the lost child in the forest.
- They had a _____ over who was a better swimmer.
- The magician _____ his hand into his hat, and out came a rabbit.
- A man was caught trying to _____ documents* that were top secret.
- His _____ was a man who was trying to win the heart of his girl.
- The experienced chess player tried to keep his _____ guessing.
- The boy was _____ by the fact that his parents had abandoned* him.
- Whenever the skinny boy got into a fight he was the _____
- When some animals aren't fed on time they become very _____
- The ball was hit so hard that it went _____ down the field.
- Five hundred men were killed in that _____ battle.

TRUE OR FALSE

- A **violent** person is someone who uses strong, rough force.
- An **underdog** is someone who is likely to win.
- A **brawl** is a noisy quarrel or fight.
- To **thrust** means to push forcibly.
- A **rival** is someone who wants and tries to get the same thing as another.
- **Unruly** means easy to control.
- **Brutal** means sweet-tempered and easygoing.
- An **opponent** is a person or group who is on the other side of a fight, game, or discussion.
- A **duplicate** is something that is imagined or made up.
- To be **bewildered** is to be ready for action.
- A **vicious** act is one that is evil, wicked, and savage.
- **Whirling** means turning or swinging round and round.

EXPAND

expand (ex·pand || ɪk'spænd) increase in size; enlarge; swell

- We will expand our business as soon as we locate a new building.
- Present laws against people who pollute* the air must be expanded.
- Expanding the comic strips, the editor* hoped that more people would buy his paper.

ALTER

alter (al·ter || 'ɔ:ltə) make different; change; vary

- I altered my typical* lunch and had a steak instead.
- Dorothy agreed to alter my dress if I would reveal* its cost to her.
- It's absurd* to spend money to alter that old candy store.

MATURE

mature (ma·ture | | mə'tjʊə(r)) ripe; fully grown or developed

- I could tell that Mitch was mature from the way he persisted* in his work.
- Only through mature study habits can a person hope to gain knowledge.*
- It is essential* that you behave in a mature way in the business world.

SACRED

sacred (sa·cred || 'seɪkrɪd) worthy of respect; holy

- Her sacred medal had to be sold because the family was in urgent* need of money.
- It was revealed* by the journalist* that the sacred temple had been torn down.
- Kate made a sacred promise to her parents never to miss a Sunday church service.

REVISE

revise (re·vise | | rɪ'vaɪz) change; alter*; bring up to date

- My family revised its weekend plans when the weather turned hazy.*
- The dictionary was revised and then published in a more expensive* edition.
- Under the revised rules, Shane was eliminated* from competing.*

PLEDGE

pledge (pledʒ) promise

- Before the grand jury, the sinister* gangster pledged to tell the whole truth.
- Monte was reluctant* to pledge his loyalty* to his new girlfriend.
- Pledged to discovering the facts, the journalist* began to dig up new evidence* for his readers.

CASUAL

casual (cas·u·al || 'kæʒjʊəl) happening by chance; not planned or expected; not calling attention to itself

- As the villain* stole the money from the blind man, he walked away in a casual manner.
- The bartender made a casual remark about the brawl* in the backroom.
- Following a casual meeting on the street, the bachelor* renewed his friendship with the widow.

PURSUE

pursue (pur·sue || pər'su: /pə'sju-) follow; proceed along

- We pursued the bicycle thief until he vanished* from our vision.*
- Ernie rowed up the river, pursuing it to its source.*
- The senior wanted to pursue urban* affairs as his life's work.

UNANIMOUS

unanimous (u·nan·i·mous | | ju:ˈnæɪməs) in complete agreement

- The class was unanimous in wanting to eliminate* study halls.
- There has never been an election in our union that was won by a unanimous vote.
- The Senate, by a unanimous vote, decided to decrease* taxes.

FORTUNATE

fortunate (for·tu·nate || 'fɔrtʃnət /'fɔ:t-) having good luck; lucky

- Wesley was fortunate to have an adequate* sum of money in the bank.
- It is fortunate that the famine* did not affect our village.
- The underdog* was fortunate enough to come out a winner.

PIONEER

pioneer (pi·o·neer | | ,paɪə'niːr /-'niːə) one who goes first or prepares a way for others

- My grandfather was a pioneer in selling wholesale* products.
- England was a pioneer in building large vessels* for tourists.
- In the fourth grade I assembled* a picture collection of great American pioneers.

INNOVATIVE

innovative ('in·no·va·tive | | ɪnəveɪtɪv) fresh; clever; having new ideas

- The innovative ads for the computers won many new customers.
- Everyone in our office praised the boss for his innovative suggestions.
- Nicole decided to alter* her approach and become more innovative.

WORDS IN USE

John Dewey High School; Brooklyn, New York

The high school of the future may be New York City's John Dewey High School. Located in Brooklyn, this unique* school offers an **expanded, altered** course of study for **mature** students. The **sacred** 40 minute period has been abolished* and replaced with 20 minute units, so that some classes are 20, 40, 60 or even 80 minutes long.

Courses have been **revised** into seven-week units. In honor study halls, students **pledge** themselves to quiet study. Generally, the teachers' attitude toward students is **casual**. Pupils may utilize* the cafeteria any time they have no class. Pupils **pursue** courses they choose themselves.

So far the positive reaction is **unanimous**; everyone senses that the **fortunate** students at John Dewey High School are **pioneers** in the thrust* to find new ways of teaching and learning. We salute this **innovative** school.

FILL IN THE BLANKS

expand alter mature sacred revise
pledge casual pursue unanimous
fortunate pioneer innovative

- Dominick was _____ to have such good friends.
- Rhonda didn't believe in divorce because she felt that marriage is _____
- The pilot had to _____ his course when he ran into bad weather.
- Everyone approved of Dave's _____ proposal.*
- David wanted to _____ medicine as a career.
- He moved out of the house when he became a _____ young man.
- The vote to make Jim president of the camera club was _____
- When his mother died of cancer, the young doctor decided to _____ his life to finding a cure for it.
- They had to _____ their plans when a third person decided to join them for lunch.
- My grandfather was a _____ in the field of sports medicine.
- The relaxed friends spoke in a _____ manner as they talked on the street.
- I can feel my stomach _____ when I breathe deeply.

SLENDER

slender (slen·der || 'slendə(r)) long and thin; limited; slight

- Carlotta's slender figure made her look somewhat taller than she was.
- There was only a slender chance that you could conceal* the truth.
- The slender thief was able to enter the apartment through the narrow window.

SURPASS

surpass (sur·pass | | sə'r'pæs /sə'pɑ:s) do better than; be greater than; excel*

- The machines of the twenty-first century* surely surpass those of earlier times.
- Most farmers believe that rural* life far surpasses urban* living.
- It is undeniable* that a cold lemonade in July cannot be surpassed

VAST

vast (væst /vɑ:st) very great; enormous*

- Daniel Boone explored* vast areas that had never been settled.
- Our campus* always seems vast to new students.
- Vast differences between the two sides were made clear in the debate.*

DOUBT

doubt (daʊt) not believe; not be sure of; feel uncertain about; lack of certainty

- Scientists doubt that a total cure for cancer will be found soon.
- The question of whether he could survive* the winter was left in doubt.
- We don't doubt that the tradition* of marriage will continue.

CAPACITY

capacity (ca'pac·i·ty | | -sətɪ) amount of room or space inside; largest amount that can be held by a container

- A sign in the elevator stated that its capacity was 1100 pounds.
- The gasoline capsule* had a capacity of 500 gallons.
- So well-liked was the prominent* speaker that the auditorium was filled to capacity when he began his lecture.

PENETRATE

penetrate (pen·e·trate || 'penɪtreɪt) get into or through

- We had to penetrate the massive* wall in order to hang the mirror.
- Although Kenny tried to pound the nail into the rock with a hammer, he couldn't penetrate the hard surface.
- The thieves penetrated the bank's security* and stole the money.

PIERCE

pierce (pɪrs /pɪəs) go into; go through; penetrate*

- My sister is debating* whether or not to get her ears pierced.
- I tried to ignore* his bad violin playing, but the sound was piercing.
- Halloran violently* pierced the skin of his rival,* causing massive* bleeding.

ACCURATE

accurate ('ac·cu·rate || 'ækjərət) exactly right as the result of care or pains

- Ushers took an accurate count of the people assembled* in the theater.
- Emma's vision* was so accurate that she didn't need glasses.
- In writing on the topic,* Vergil used accurate information.

MICROSCOPE

microscope (mi·cro·scope || 'maɪkrəskəʊp) instrument with a lens for making objects larger so that one can see things more clearly

- The students used a microscope to see the miniature* insect.
- When young Oprah's birthday came around, her uncle gave her a microscope.
- Using a microscope, the scientist was able to probe* into the habits of germs.

GRATEFUL

grateful (grate·ful || 'grɛɪtʃəl) feeling gratitude; thankful

- The majority* of pupils felt grateful for Mr. Ash's help.
- We were grateful that the gloomy* weather cleared up on Saturday.
- In his letter, Waldo told how grateful he was for the loan.

CAUTIOUS

cautious (cau·tious | | 'kɔːʃəs) very careful; never taking chances

- Be cautious when you choose your opponent.*
- Good authors are cautious not to exaggerate* when they write.
- If the rain is falling in torrents,* it is best to drive cautiously.

CONFIDENT

confident (con·fi·dent || 'kɒnfɪdənt) firmly believing; certain; sure

- Judge Emery was confident he could solve the conflict.*
- When he lifted the burden,* Scotty was confident he could carry it.
- Annette was confident she would do well as a nurse.

WORDS IN USE

A Valuable Discovery

The laser is a marvelous device that sends out a **slender**, concentrated beam of light, a light that **surpasses** the light at the sun's surface. So **vast** is the laser beam's power that it has without a **doubt** the **capacity** to vaporize* any substance located anywhere on earth.

The laser can **penetrate** steel, **pierce** a diamond, or make an **accurate** die for wire so thin that it can be seen only with a **microscope**. **Grateful** eye surgeons report that they have used laser beams to repair the retinas in some fortunate* patients by creating tiny scars that joined the retina to the eyeball.

Pioneering* medical men are making **cautious** exploration* into cancer cures with the laser, **confident** that they will alter* the course of this brutal* disease.

FILL IN THE BLANKS

Slender surpass vast doubt capacity
penetrate pierce accurate microscope
grateful cautious confident

1. Little Paul was _____ that he got the Christmas present he asked for.
2. I _____ that you can break Michael's scoring record.
3. My mother used to say that I was as _____ as a toothpick.
4. Be _____ about swimming right after eating a meal.
5. The map he drew of our neighborhood was not very _____.
6. In Superman comics, the only thing Superman couldn't _____ was lead.
7. When my family went to look for a new house, we had a _____ choice.
8. Modern highways far _____ the old dirt roads of yesterday.
9. The jar was filled to _____.
10. We were all very _____ that Duane would pass his exams.
11. The _____ used by my biology teacher is very expensive.
12. The music was so loud that I thought that it would _____ my eardrums.

SYNONYM SEARCH

1. penetrate the skin
(a) pass through (b) moisten (c) burn (d) protect
2. electron microscope
(a) rangefinder (b) reflection mirror (c) optical enlarging instrument (d) three-dimensional focuser
3. confident speaker
(a) certain (b) aboveboard (c) reasonable (d) well informed
4. slender forms
(a) round and curvy (b) bright and shiny (c) colorful and attractive (d) long and thin
5. accurate information
(a) error-free (b) endless (c) available (d) remarkable
6. taste that cannot be surpassed
(a) pursued* (b) excelled* (c) seen (d) approved

SYNONYM SEARCH

7. an unlimited capacity
(a) ability to store (b) attention to detail (c) resistance* to change (d) talent
8. move cautiously
(a) very carefully (b) with exaggeration (c) hurriedly (d) in a satisfying manner
9. grateful for the help given
(a) tearful (b) proud (c) thankful (d) persuaded*
10. vast wilderness
(a) unknown (b) enormous (c) untamed (d) quiet
11. a road that pierces the dense* jungle
(a) cuts through (b) winds in and out of (c) runs parallel to (d) avoids
12. innocent beyond a shadow of a doubt
(a) lack of certainty (b) lack of freedom (c) lack of vision* (d) lack of courage

APPEAL

appeal (ap·peal | | ə'pi:l) attraction; interest; to urge

- Anything Jorge could get at wholesale* price had a great appeal for him.
- My boss always appeals to his employees* to work swiftly and neatly.
- I found her clothing designs to be enormously* appealing.

ADDICT

addict (ad·dict || 'ædɪkt) one who cannot break away from a habit or practice

- Because he was a heroin addict, it was essential* for Carlos to get the drug each day.
- Marcia became flabby* because she was addicted to ice cream sodas.
- Those who take aspirins and other pain-killers regularly should realize that they may become drug addicts, too.

WARY

wary (war·y || 'werɪ /'weərɪ) on one's guard against danger or trickery; cautious*

- Marilyn's mother told her to be wary of strangers.
- After Orlando had been the victim of a cheat, he was wary of those who said they wanted to help him.
- Living in a polluted* city makes you wary of the air you breathe.

AWARE

aware (a·ware | | ə'weə) knowing; realizing

- Donna was aware of her tendency* to exaggerate.*
- It was some time before the police became aware of the brawl* that was taking place on the street.
- One way to gain knowledge* is to be aware of everything around you.

MISFORTUNE

misfortune (mɪs'fɔːtʃən /-'fɔː-) bad luck

- It was my misfortune that our car wasn't thoroughly* checked before the trip through the desert.
- Being bitten by the vicious* dog was quite a misfortune for Tommy.
- I had the misfortune of working for a greedy* man.

AVOID

avoid (a·void || ə'vɔɪd) keep away from; keep out of the way of

- If you are fortunate* you can avoid people who are trying to deceive* you.
- There was no way to avoid noticing her beautiful green eyes.
- Avoid getting into a brawl* if you can.

WRETCHED

wretched (wretch·ed || 'retʃɪd) very unsatisfactory; miserable

- I feel wretched after a night when I've scarcely* slept.
- There was unanimous* agreement that we had seen a wretched movie.
- Toby had wretched luck at the gambling tables.

KEG

keg (keg) small barrel, usually holding less than ten gallons

- The corner saloon uses numerous* kegs of beer on a Saturday night.
- "Get a keg of nails," the carpenter shouted at me.
- It is obvious* to me that the situation is filled with peril,* a real powder keg if I ever saw one.

NOURISH

nourish (nour·ish | | 'nɜːrɪʃ /'nʌ-) make or keep alive and well, with food; feed; develop an attitude

- A diet of nourishing food is served to every hospital patient.
- It was easy to detect* that the skinny boy was not well nourished.
- After the operation, our doctor plans to nourish my mother with vitamins and good food.

HARSH

harsh (hɑːʃ /hɑːʃ) rough to the touch, taste, eye, or ear; sharp

- The law is harsh on people who go around menacing* others.
- Looking at his cigarette, Phil realized it was absurd* to inhale such harsh smoke.
- Hazel altered* her tone of voice from a harsh one to a soft tone.

QUANTITY

quantity (quan·ti·ty || 'kwantəti /'kwɒ-) amount

- I never neglect* to carry a small quantity of money with me.
- Who believes that quantity is better than quality?
- A large quantity of meat is always stored in our freezer.

OPT

opt (opt /opt) choose or favor; select

- If you give me an ice cream choice, I'll opt for chocolate.
- Our cheerleaders plan to opt for new sweaters.
- On Friday, three of my buddies will opt to go into the navy.

WORDS IN USE

A Cup of Coffee?

The drink with the most **appeal** for Americans is still coffee, but coffee **addicts** had better be **wary** of the instant forms. Greedy for customers and confident* they won't lose them, companies will put their product in any instant form-liquid, powder, chips- and the coffee drinker, **aware** of his **misfortune**, finds it hard to **avoid** some of the more **wretched** instant products.

The **harsh** fact is that an enormous* **quantity** of instant coffee is being sold, no doubt,* to **nourish** the popular demand for convenience. A **keg** of real coffee may become a museum piece as more and more people opt for instant coffee.

opt quantity misfortune nourish
appeal harsh addict keg
wretched wary avoid aware

FILL IN THE BLANKS

1. Sometimes it is best to _____ being too nice to strangers.
2. I wasn't _____ that there were concerts in the park on Tuesdays.
3. We bought a large _____ of potato chips for the party.
4. Rock 'n roll music just doesn't _____ to me.
5. My aunt was in _____ health and had to have nurses on twenty-four hour duty.
6. The _____ smoke from the fireplace burned my eyes.
7. It was quite a _____ that Beverly's husband died in an automobile accident.
8. If I had to _____ for a new career, it would be medicine.
9. It is smart to be _____ of foods whose contents are not listed on the package.
10. The judge denounced* the thief for stealing a _____ of molasses.
11. A candy bar will not _____ you the way a piece of meat will.
12. Baxter took pep pills regularly and became a drug _____ without realizing it.

MATCHING

1. opt
 2. quantity
 3. misfortune
 4. nourish
 5. appeal
 6. harsh
 7. addict
 8. keg
 9. wretched
 10. wary
 11. avoid
 12. aware
- a. attraction
 - b. miserable
 - c. one who cannot break a habit
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 - e. small barrel
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 - i. amount
 - j. choose or favor
 - k. bad luck
 - l. make or keep alive and well with food

TRAGEDY

tragedy (trag·e·dy || 'trædzɪdɪ) a very sad or terrible happening; a sad play

- It was a tragedy that some pioneers* were killed on their way west.
- If you had your choice between seeing a comedy or a tragedy, which play would you choose?
- Harry's enormous* jealousy* led to the tragedy in their family.

PEDESTRIAN

pedestrian (pe·des·tri·an || pi'destrɪən) person who goes on foot; walker

- After driving a bus all day, Norris liked to be a pedestrian and take long, casual* walks in the evening.
- The police say it is urgent* that pedestrians stay on the sidewalk .
- I don't doubt* that a pedestrian can get places faster than a car in downtown traffic.

GLANCE

glance (glæns /glɑ:ns) to look at quickly; a quick look

- The observant* driver glanced at the accident at the side of the road.
- I took one glance at the wretched* animal and turned away.
- Thompson identified* the burglar after a glance at the photograph in the police station.

BUDGET

budget (budg·et || 'bʌdʒɪt) estimate of the amount of money that can be spent for different purposes in a given time

- We had to decrease* the budget this year because our club is broke.
- The prominent* executive presented her budget to the Board of Directors.
- When my mother draws up her budget for the week, she sets aside a goodly sum for nourishing* food.

NIMBLE

nimble (nim·ble || 'nɪmbl) active and sure-footed; quick moving; light and quick

- Although Dusty was a miniature* poodle, he was nimble enough to fight bigger dogs.
- The nimble policeman leaped over the fence to pursue* the car thief.
- With my nimble fingers, I'm good at text messaging.

MANIPULATE

manipulate (ma·nip·u·late || mə'nɪpjəleɪt /-jəl-) handle or treat skillfully

- Scientists must know how to manipulate their microscopes.*
- While Mr. Baird manipulated the puppets, Fran spoke to the audience.
- The wounded pilot manipulated the radio dial until he made contact.

RECKLESS

reckless (reck·less || 'reklɪs) careless; heedless; wild

- We must not ignore* reckless drivers; we must take them off the road.
- After breaking his hand fighting recklessly, Arthur decided to be more cautious* in the future.
- The reckless smoker ignited* the entire forest.

HORRID

horrid terrible; frightful

- Janey avoided* staring at the horrid man's face.
- It is simply horrid the way cars pollute* the air we breathe.
- When Mary was good, she was very good, but when she was bad, she was horrid.

RAVE

rave (reɪv) talk wildly

- Shortly after taking the drug, the addict* began to rave and foam at the mouth.
- Speedy raved that his car had the capacity* to reach 120 miles per hour.
- Sadie was confident* that Mr. Stebbe would rave about her essay.

ECONOMICAL

economical (,e·co'nom·i·cal || ,'ekə'nɒmɪkl /-nɒm-) not wasting money or time

- I find it economical to shop in the large supermarkets.
- Marissa was praised for her economical management of the budget.*
- The President made Congress aware* of the need to be more economical.

LUBRICATE

lubricate (lu·bri·cate || 'lu:brɪkeɪt) make (machinery) smooth and easy to work by putting on oil, grease, or a similar substance

- The bulky* wheels of a railroad train must be lubricated each week.
- A large quantity* of grease is needed to lubricate an airplane engine.
- When an engine is lubricated, it works much better.

INGENIOUS

ingenious (in·gen·ious | | ɪn'dʒɪːniəs) having great mental ability; clever

- Bernie devised* an ingenious plan to cheat on his income tax.
- Rube Goldberg was a journalist* who won fame for his ingenious inventions.
- The master spy had an ingenious way of passing secrets to the agent.

WORDS IN USE

The Challenge* of the Small Car

The auto makers in Detroit barely survived* the **tragedy** of 1956. That was the year the consumer became aware* of the Volkswagen, and the auto market was forever altered.*

Once Americans got a **glance** at this low-priced, **nimble**, small car that one could **manipulate** so easily, they frequently* refused those **horrid** Detroit monsters with eight cylinders and ten miles to each gallon of gasoline. Many **pedestrians**, previously uninterested in owning a car, began to purchase small foreign cars.

Conservative as well as **reckless** drivers found the price within their **budget** and became customers. Volkswagen owners would **rave** about their **economical** cars, telling everyone how little gas they used and how infrequently* they needed to be **lubricated**.

Volkswagen, once one of the most popular* small cars sold in America, has now fallen behind the autos of the **ingenious** Japanese manufacturers.

tragedy pedestrian glance
budget nimble manipulate
reckless horrid rave economical
lubricate ingenious

FILL IN THE BLANKS

- Try not to be _____ when you drive a car, especially at night.
- The brilliant investigator found an _____ answer to the problem.
- I find it more _____ to buy a monthly train ticket than to pay for each ride each day.
- If you continue to _____ about the play, everyone will think you are a relative of the author.
- I took one _____ and I knew it was Miley Cyrus.
- Every week Mrs. Evans made a _____ covering the essential* sums she would have to spend.
- The coach knew how to _____ the players to do what he wanted.
- Bobby's job at the gas station was to _____ all the cars after they had been worked on.
- When someone you love dies, it is a _____
- Journalists* reported that the dropping of the bombs was a _____ act.
- The car leaped up on the sidewalk, struck a _____, and then crashed into the bakery's window.
- Whirling* across the stage, the _____ ballet dancer captured our hearts.

WORD REVIEW#3

- It broke our hearts to see the suffering caused by the (**famine, wretched**) in Africa.
- Watching the piano player's (**nimble, wary**). fingers was great entertainment.
- The once-rich manufacturer was trying hard to (**revive, surpass**) interest in his product.
- Lois received a pat on the back for her (**unruly, mature**) behavior.
- Only if you (**alter, avoid**) the plans for the vacation will I be able to go along with you.
- Bruce's (**reckless, cautious**) way of driving caused many accidents.
- Since you are unwilling to (**pursue, duplicate**) the matter, I think we ought to forget about it.
- Parker's (**casual, economical**) way of handling his money saved a fortune for his family.
- Every member of our club agreed to the new rule and it was passed (**unanimously, confidently**).
- Our cellar is filled to (**capacity, quantity**) with old furniture and other junk.

OPPOSITES

1. ingenious
 2. nourish
 3. commence
 4. hazy
 5. slender
 6. expand
 7. misfortune
 8. harsh
 9. migrate
 10. pedestrian
- a. starve
 - b. make smaller
 - c. stupid
 - d. thick
 - e. good luck
 - f. clear
 - g. driver
 - h. stay at home
 - i. smooth
 - j. finish

WORD REVIEW#3

1. "Send Food to Relieve in Africa" (***Famine, Underdog, Reckless, Economical***)
2. City Council in Vote to Lower Taxes (***Casual, Fortunate, Unanimous, Ingenious***)
3. Henry Ford Honored as in Auto Industry (***Sacred, Pioneer, Rival, Brutal***)
4. Millions to Warmth of the Southwest (***Appeal, Surpass, Expand, Migrate***)
5. Producer to Musical Comedy Hit of the 1920s (***Appeal, Commence, Revive, Pledge***)
6. "Be of Get-Rich-Quick Schemes," Warns Banker (***Wary, Reckless, Grateful, Confident***)
7. Referees Fail to Control Hockey Game (***Nimble, Duplicate, Unruly, Vast***)
8. Dieter Praised for Figure (***Observant, Slender, Bewildered, Casual***)
9. Training Film Shows How to Avoid Being Driver (***Nimble, Wary, Reckless, Accurate***)
10. Dog Bites Three Children (***Vicious, Wary, Harsh, Sacred***)

WORD REVIEW#3

manipulate	quantity	thrust	penetrate	rival	bewildered
rave	pioneer	duplicate	capacity	pledge	observant
appeal	casual	whirling	tragedy	gleam	identify
wary	unruly	confidence	expand	nourish	persist
wretched	brawl	surpass	sacred	vessel	revise

1. self-assurance and boldness *but* in the phrase "_____ man" is not complimentary
2. the first in a new field *and* began as the French word for foot soldier
3. a competitor *but originally* meant one who lives across the river
4. a ship *as well as* a hollow utensil such as a pot, kettle, or dish
5. push *as well as* pierce or lunge
6. correct *as well as* update
7. volume or ability to learn *and* occurs in the phrases "full to _____" and "operate at _____"
8. give food *as well as* develop an attitude or habit
9. a type of drama *as well as* a sad event
10. talk wildly *but* also a form of praise

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84 Pine Drive
Stony Point, NY 10980
April 3, 2011

Mr. George Ziotis
Camp Skylark
Mohawk Junction, NJ 07043

Dear Mr. Ziotis:

I am hereby applying for the position of camp counselor, which was advertised in the Sunday edition of this week's *Bergen Record*.

For the past two summers, I served as a counselor-in-training at Camp Tekapusha in Kiamesha, NY. My skills in arts and crafts, as well as at the waterfront, won 1 reviews from the camp owners. They liked the fact that I was an 2 junior counselor, always coming up with new ideas.

I am 3 that I'm now 4 enough to lead my own group. The parents of the boys I worked with during the last two years said that I related very well to their children.

In addition, I hope to 5 a career as a 6 after my graduation and would be able to organize a newspaper at your camp.

Finally, my neighbor, Ed Miller, sends his son to Camp Skylark, and he made me 7 that you want to 8 your nature program. I can help the campers to 9 local birds and flowers, another one of my skills that might prove valuable if you hire me.

I would be 10 if you called me at 212-400-5555 for an interview.

Sincerely,
Robert Kassel

HARVEST

harvest (har·vest || 'harvɪst /'hɑ:v-) gathering in of grain or other food crops

- This year's harvest was adequate* to feed all our people.
- The farmer decided to expand* his fields so that he would get a bigger harvest.
- If the harvest is poor, there is always the possibility of a famine.*

ABUNDANT

abundant (a·bun·dant | | ə'bʌndənt) more than enough; very plentiful

- It is urgent* that the hospital have an abundant supply of blood.
- An abundant harvest* was predicted* by the secretary of agriculture.
- In recent* years an abundant number of complaints have disturbed the telephone company.

UNEASY

uneasy (un·easy | | ,ʌn 'i:zi) restless; disturbed; anxious

- Mrs. Spinner was uneasy about letting her son play in the vicinity* of the railroad tracks.
- The treasurer was uneasy about the company's budget.*
- Arnold felt uneasy about the meeting even though he tried to act in a casual* manner.

CALCULATE

calculate (cal·cu·late | | 'kælkjʊleɪt) find out by adding, subtracting, multiplying, or dividing; figure

- The cook had to calculate the number of diners to see whether he could decrease* his order for meat.
- In order to see how expensive* the car was, the buyer calculated the tax and other charges.
- I used an abacus to calculate my average.

ABSORB

absorb (ab·sorb | | əb'sɔ:b) take in or suck up (liquids); interest greatly.

- The sponge absorbed the beer which had leaked from the keg.*
- Our bodies must absorb those things which will nourish* them.
- I became absorbed in what the teacher was saying and did not hear the bell ring.

ESTIMATE

estimate (es·ti·mate | | 'estimeɪt) form a judgment or opinion about; guess

- The driver estimated that the auto race would commence* at nine o'clock.
- I try to avoid* making estimates on things I know nothing about.
- In your estimate, who will be victorious* in this conflict?*

MORSEL

morsel (mor·sel | | 'mɔ:sl /'mɔ:sl) a small bite; mouthful; tiny amount

- When Reynaldo went into the restaurant, he pledged* to eat every morsel on his plate.
- Suzanne was reluctant* to try even a morsel of the lobster.
- If you had a morsel of intelligence, you would be uneasy,* too.

QUOTA

quota (quo·ta || 'kwɒtə) share of a total due from or to a particular state, district, person, etc.

- The company revealed* a quota of jobs reserved for college students.
- There was a quota placed on the number of people who could migrate* here from China.
- Lieutenant Dugan doubted* that a quota had been placed on the number of parking tickets each police officer was supposed to give out.

THREAT

threat (θret) sign or cause of possible evil or harm

- There is always the horrid* threat that my job will be abolished.*
- It is absurd* to think that a tiny bug could be a threat to a person.
- Our English teacher made a threat to take away our cell phones.

BAN

ban (ban | | 'bæn) prohibit; forbid

- The group unanimously* voted to ban all people who were under six feet.
- Health officials are trying to expand* their field in order to ban cigarette advertising from newspapers and magazines.
- I want to ban all outsiders from our discussion on security.*

PANIC

panic (pan·ic || 'pænik) unreasoning fear; fear spreading through a group of people so that they lose control of themselves

- The leader of the lost group appealed* to them not to panic.
- When the danger was exaggerated,* a few people started to panic.
- The source* of panic in the crowd was a man with a gun.

APPROPRIATE

appropriate (ap·pro·pri·ate || ə'prəʊprɪət) fit; set apart for some special use

- At an appropriate time, the chief promised to reveal* his plan.
- The lawn was an appropriate setting for Eileen's wedding.
- After some appropriate prayers, the dinner was served.

WORDS IN USE

Protecting Our Health

Pick an apple, a tomato, a peach-no worms in the **harvest**. We are familiar with the **abundant** use of pesticides by farmers, but today's chemists are becoming **uneasy**. They **calculate** that there are 45,000 different pesticides, and all of them can be **absorbed** by the fruit on which they are sprayed.

The chemists **estimate** that every **morsel** we eat in the future may contain a deadly **quota** of pesticide. The tragedy* will come slowly but the **threat** is real. These government chemists do not suggest that we **ban** pesticides.

They are cautious* and do not easily **panic**. What is needed, they say, are **appropriate**, budgeted* doses that will not pollute* our food.

harvest abundant uneasy calculate
absorb estimate morsel quota
threat ban panic appropriate

FILL IN THE BLANKS

1. The committee recommended that we _____ all dangerous foods.
2. Dave had his _____ of cookies for the day.
3. You should always make sure that you have an _____ supply of gasoline for a long trip.
4. The rain was _____ into the concrete when it was dry.
5. Is this inexpensive* dress _____ for a formal wedding?
6. How much do you _____ that horse is worth?
7. Helen had an _____ feeling as she went on to the stage for the first time.
8. When you are in trouble the worst thing to do is to _____
9. The farmers had a good _____ of corn this year.
10. We _____ all the figures and came to one solid answer.
11. Every _____ the cook prepared was tasty.
12. The _____ of snow caused us to change our holiday plans.

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD

1. When the food supply is (**abundant, appropriate**), there is no reason for anyone to go hungry.
2. Some people believe that the (**threat, quota**) of nuclear war is a very real danger of the twenty-first century.
3. If you feel (**uneasy, appropriate**) about being capable of doing this work, please let me help you get started.
4. It is important not to (**panic, calculate**) in emergency situations.
5. Farmers hope their labors will be rewarded with a plentiful (**harvest, morsel**).
6. To (**calculate, absorb**) whether I need an A or a B on my math final, I had to first figure my average to date.
7. It's difficult to believe that even today there are school boards that (**ban, harvest**) books such as *The Catcher in the Rye*.
8. The dish looked so strange and smelled so foul, that I found it difficult to taste a (**morsel, quota**) of the meal our host had prepared.
9. I can't possibly (**absorb, ban**) such an enormous* amount of information in just two hours.
10. Many countries have strict (**quotas, threats**) on the number of immigrants they admit each year.
11. If my (**estimate, quota**) is correct, the homes presently under construction will mean about 200 new elementary school students in the district next year.
12. The (**appropriate, abundant**) behavior for different situations is something we all learn as part of growing up.

EMERGE

emerge (e·merge | | ɪ'mɜːdʒ) come out; come up; come into view

- When the fight was over, the underdog* emerged the winner.
- You have to be nimble* to emerge from the narrow opening in five seconds.
- What emerged from the bottle was a blend* of fruit juices.

JAGGED

jagged ('jag·ged || 'dʒæɡɪd) with sharp points sticking out; unevenly cut or torn

- Being reckless,* Rudy didn't watch out for the jagged steel.
- It's an enormous* job to smooth the jagged edge of a fence.
- Leslie's hair was so jagged it was scarcely* possible to tell that it had just been cut.

LINGER

linger (lin·ger || 'lɪŋgə(r)) stay on; go slowly as if unwilling to leave

- The odor didn't vanish,* but lingered on for weeks.
- Some traditions* linger on long after they have lost their meanings.
- After the campus* closed for the summer, some students lingered on, reluctant* to go home.

AMBUSH

ambush (ˈambʊʊSH) a trap in which soldiers or other enemies hide to make a surprise attack

- The ambush became a tragedy* for those who attempted it because they were all killed.
- General Taylor raved* about the ingenious* ambush he planned.
- The troops lay in ambush in the dense* woods all through the night.

CRAFTY

crafty (craft·y || 'krɑ:ftɪ) skillful in deceiving others; sly; tricky

- His crafty mind prepared a comprehensive* plan to defraud* his partners.
- Leo didn't use brutal* strength against his opponents,* but he used his crafty bag of tricks to beat them.
- The Indians did not fall for the crafty ambush.*

DEFIANT

defiant (də'fīənt) openly resisting; challenging*

- "I refuse to be manipulated,"* the defiant young woman told her father.
- Professor Carlyle was defiant of any attempt to disprove his theory.*
- Defiant of everyone, the addict* refused to be helped.

VIGOR

vigor ('vigər) active strength or force

- Having a great deal of vigor, Jason was able to excel* in all sports.
- Tom Thumb made up for size by having more vigor than most people.
- Putting all her vigor into the argument, Patsy persuaded* me to let her drive.

PERISH

perish (per·ish || 'perɪʃ) be destroyed; die

- Unless the plant gets water for its roots to absorb,* it will perish.
- Custer and all his men perished at the Little Big Horn.
- We are trying to make sure that democracy will never perish from this earth.

CAPTIVE

captive (cap·tive || 'kæptɪv) prisoner

- The major was grateful* to be released after having been held captive for two years.
- Until the sheriff got them out, the two boys were held captive in the barn.
- Placido can hold an audience captive with his marvelous singing voice.

PROSPER

prosper (pros·per || 'prɒspə(r) /'prɒ-) be successful; have good fortune

- Howard Hughes owned numerous* businesses and most of them prospered.
- No one should prosper from the misfortunes* of his or her friends.
- The annual* report showed that the new business was prospering.

DEVOUR

devour (de·vour || dɪ'vaʊə) eat hungrily; absorb* completely; take in greedily*

- It was a horrid* sight to see the lion devour the lamb.
- The animal doctor was pleased to see the terrier devour the dog food.
- My aunt devours four or five mystery books each week.

FRAGILE

fragile (frag·ile || 'frædʒl /'frædʒaɪl) easily broken, damaged, or destroyed; delicate

- The expensive* glassware is very fragile.
- Things made out of plywood have a tendency* to be fragile.
- On the box was a label that read, "Fragile! Handle with care!"

WORDS IN USE

A Home Where the Buffalo Roam

Even today in South Dakota a cowboy **emerges** from behind a **jagged** rock where he has **lingered** in **ambush** waiting for the **crafty** buffalo to appear. Although not wild - they are raised on vast* ranches - the gallant,* **defiant** bison need to be hunted with the same **vigor** cowboys showed a century* ago.

For a while, Americans thought the buffalo would **perish** from the earth; fortunately* the buffalo is far from being such a **fragile** animal. Now more or less **captive**, the buffalo, an estimated* 10,000, are raised for profit by ranchers who **prosper** from the sale of buffalo meat. When did you **devour** your last morsel* of tasty buffalo burger?

emerge jagged linger ambush
crafty defiant vigor perish fragile
captive prosper devour

FILL IN THE BLANKS

1. If we do not do something about pollution,* we may _____ from this earth.
2. The _____ edge of that sheet of metal is very dangerous.
3. We were held _____ by the sinister* enemy for ten days.
4. The bank teller's _____ plan to steal a million dollars didn't succeed.
5. I like to _____ on until everyone else has left the theater.
6. My parents taught me not to be _____ of authority.
7. Did the _____ of the Lebanese soldiers fail?
8. Business persons can _____ if they are honest with their customers.
9. A new star has just _____ from the rock music world.
10. I can _____ a steak in two minutes when I am hungry.
11. With a surprising show of _____, the old woman swam up and down the pool six times!
12. A lack* of calcium in Tyrone's diet caused his bones to be quite _____

ANTONYMS (OPPOSITES)

1. **emerge**
 - a. go back
 - b. involve
 - c. disturb
 - d. ruin
 - e. amuse
2. **captive**
 - a. reluctant*
 - b. free to leave
 - c. active
 - d. rapidly constructed
 - e. solitary*
3. **ambush**
 - a. openly attack
 - b. readily remove
 - c. secretly strive
 - d. quickly determine
 - e. water thoroughly
4. **fragile**
 - a. demanding
 - b. sturdy
 - c. careful
 - d. genuine
 - e. shrewd
5. **devour**
 - a. charge
 - b. figure out
 - c. nourish*
 - d. leave untouched
 - e. perish
6. **jagged**
 - a. confusing
 - b. smooth-edged
 - c. linked together
 - d. microscopic*
 - e. unspoiled
7. **defiant**
 - a. ready to act
 - b. willing to obey
 - c. reliable
 - d. vulgar
 - e. evasive
8. **linger**
 - a. underestimate*
 - b. exclude
 - c. wither
 - d. leave quickly
 - e. neglect*
9. **vigor**
 - a. lack of strength
 - b. lack of funds
 - c. lack of ability
 - d. lack of understanding
 - e. lack of tradition*
10. **crafty**
 - a. honest
 - b. wretched
 - c. vulgar
 - d. mystical
 - e. absurd*
11. **prosper**
 - a. be unsuccessful
 - b. manipulate*
 - c. penetrate*
 - d. assemble*
 - e. license
12. **perish**
 - a. fight
 - b. live
 - c. ban*
 - d. resent*
 - e. molest*

PLEA

plea (plɪː) request; appeal; that which is asked of another

- The employees* turned in a plea to their boss for higher pay.
- The president's plea to release the captives* was denied by the enemy.
- In court today, the judge consented* to the lawyer's plea for a light sentence.

WEARY

weary (wea·ry || 'wɪɹɪ /'wɪər) tired

- I am weary of debating* the same topic* all day.
- The farmer grew weary of bringing in the harvest* every year for the past forty summers.
- Let me rest my weary bones here before the march commences.*

COLLIDE

collide (col·lide | | kə'laɪd) come together with force

- When the two autos collided, the people in the fragile* smaller car perished.*
- Committees are exploring* ways of keeping cars from colliding.
- In my estimate* the two bicycles collided at five o'clock.

CONFIRM

confirm (con·firm | | kən'fɜ:m) prove to be true or correct; make certain

- The way Victor talked back to his mother confirmed that he was defiant.*
- A probe* of the criminal's background confirmed that he had been in jail numerous* times.
- Years of research confirmed the theory* that smoking is harmful

VERIFY

verify (ver·i·fy || 'verɪfaɪ) prove to be true; confirm*

- A "yes man" is an employee* who will verify everything the boss says.
- I was there as a witness to verify the charges against the bus driver.
- The data* I turned in were verified by the clerks in our office.

ANTICIPATE

anticipate (an·tic·i·pate | | æn'tɪsɪpeɪt) look forward to; expect

- We anticipate a panic* if the news is revealed* to the public.
- Harriet anticipated the approach* of the mailman with fright.
- With his weird* powers, Lonnie was able to anticipate the ringing of the telephone.

DILEMMA

dilemma (di·lem·ma || dɪ'lemə) situation requiring a choice between two evils; a difficult choice

- It is sensible not to panic* in the face of a dilemma.
- Lottie faced the dilemma of whether to approve of the operation or not.
- In "The Lady or the Tiger," the hero had the dilemma of which door to open.

DETOUR

detour (de·tour || 'di:tʊə) a roundabout way

- Pop was uneasy* about taking the detour in this strange town.
- In order to evade* city traffic, Anthony took a detour.
- The detour took us ten miles off our course.

MERIT

merit (mer·it || 'merɪt) goodness; worth; value

- There is little merit in lying to those you love.
- My brother was promoted because of merit, not because of friendship.
- I can't see any merit in your proposal.

TRANSMIT

transmit (trans·mit | | trænz'mɪt ,-s-) send over; pass on; pass along; let through

- Garcia's message was transmitted to the appropriate* people.
- Scientists can now transmit messages from space vessels* to earth.
- Our local radio station does not transmit broadcasts after midnight.

RELIEVE

relieve (re·lieve | | rɪˈli:v) make less; make easier; reduce the pain of; replace; release; free

- The pills relieved the pain from the wound I received in the conflict.*
- A majority* of the population* wanted to relieve the mayor of his duty.
- The peace agreement relieved us of the threat* of an attack.

BAFFLE

baffle (baf·fle || 'bæfl) be too hard to understand or solve

- How so mediocre* a player earned so much money baffled me.
- The topic* of relativity is a baffling one.
- Sherlock Holmes would undoubtedly* have been baffled by the way the crime was committed.

WORDS IN USE

Safety in the Air

The most persistent* *plea* of *weary* pilots has always been for a machine that would warn them that they were about to *collide* with an oncoming airplane. Studies of landing patterns *confirm* that the number of collisions is increasing each year, and pilots *verify* hundreds of reports of near misses.

Recently a system that would electronically *anticipate* oncoming airplanes was devised,* and the pilot's *dilemma* to dive or to climb, to *detour* to left or right, may be solved. The system has *merit*, though, only if every plane is equipped to *transmit* and receive a signal to and from an oncoming plane.

But most aviation experts feel that only a system that watches every airplane in the sky will *relieve* a problem that tends to *baffle* every one who attempts to find a solution.

FILL IN THE BLANKS

plea weary collide confirm verify
anticipate dilemma detour merit
transmit relieve baffle

1. The first time a message was _____ over a telegraph was in 1840.
2. Can you _____ that this is your handwriting?
3. I took a _____ to avoid traffic.
4. We were all very _____ after the long trip.
5. There is _____ in being a good listener.
6. The judge listened to the burglar's _____ of not guilty.
7. The runner and catcher were about to _____ at home plate.
8. Tyrone was _____ that he didn't have any more work to do.
9. When you run a company you have at least one new _____ every day to solve.
10. Did you _____ our reservations at the hotel?
11. We were _____ as to who murdered the wretched* old man.
12. After having been married to Arthur for thirty years, Selma could _____ everything he was going to say.

WORD DETECTIVE

plea weary collide confirm verify
anticipate dilemma detour merit
transmit relieve baffle

1. a roundabout way
2. that which is asked of another
3. come together with force
4. pass along
5. be too hard to understand
6. goodness; worth; value
7. make easier; replace
8. tired
9. make certain
10. a difficult choice
11. prove to be true
12. expect

WARDEN

warden (ward·en | | 'wɔ:dn /'wɔ:dn) keeper; guard; person in charge of a prison

- The warden found himself facing two hundred defiant* prisoners.
- A cautious* warden always has to anticipate* the possibility of an escape.
- When the journalists* asked to meet with Warden Thomas, he sent word that he was sick.

ACKNOWLEDGE

acknowledge (ac·knowl·edge || ək'nɒlɪdʒ) admit to be true

- The experts reluctantly* acknowledged that their estimate* of food costs was not accurate.*
- District Attorney Hogan got the man to acknowledge that he had lied in court.
- "I hate living alone," the bachelor* acknowledged.

JUSTICE

justice (jus·tice || 'dʒʌstɪs) just conduct; fair dealing

- Daniel Webster abandoned* any hope for justice once he saw the jury.
- Our pledge* to the flag refers to "liberty and justice for all."
- The warden* acknowledged* that justice had not been served in my case.

DELINQUENT

delinquent (de'lin·quent || -nt) an offender; criminal; behind time

- The youthful delinquent tried to avoid* going to jail.
- All delinquents are banned* from the Student Council at school.
- If you are delinquent in paying your dues, you will be dropped from membership in the club.

REJECT

reject (re·ject || rɪ'dʒekt) refuse to take, use, believe, consider, grant, etc.

- When Sylvester tried to join the army, he was hoping the doctors would not reject him because of his eyesight.
- The reform* bill was unanimously* rejected by Congress.
- When his promotion was rejected by the newspaper owner, the editor* was thoroughly* bewildered.*

DEPRIVE

deprive (de·prive || dɪ'praɪv) take away from by force

- The poor man was deprived of a variety* of things that money could buy.
- We were deprived of a good harvest* because of the lack* of rain.
- Living in a rural* area, Betsy was deprived of concerts and plays.

SPOUSE

spouse (spaʊz ,-s) husband or wife

- When a husband prospers* in his business, his spouse benefits also.
- The woman and her spouse relieved* each other throughout the night at their child's bedside.
- "May I bring my spouse to the office party?" Dorinda asked.

VOCATION

vocation (vo·ca·tion | | vəʊ'keɪʃn) occupation; business; profession; trade

- Red Smith's vocation was as a journalist* for the Times.
- Hiroko's vocation turned into his life's career.
- It is difficult to pick an appropriate* vocation when you are in elementary school.

UNSTABLE

unstable (un·sta·ble | | ,ʌn'steɪbl) not firmly fixed; easily moved or overthrown

- Some unstable people may panic* when they find themselves in trouble.
- I could detect* that the drinking glass was unstable and about to fall.
- Cathy's balance became unstable because she was very weary.*

HOMICIDE

homicide (hom·i·cide || 'hɑmɪsaɪd /'hɒm-) a killing of one human being by another;
murder

- The police were baffled* as to who was responsible for the homicide.
- It took a crafty* person to get away with that homicide.
- News of the homicide quickly circulated* through our vicinity.*

PENALIZE

penalize ('pe·nal·ize | | 'pɪ:nəlaɪz) declare punishable by law or rule; set a penalty for

- The Detroit Lions were penalized fifteen yards for their rough play.
- We were penalized for not following tradition.*
- Mrs. Robins penalized us for doing the math problem in ink.

BENEFICIARY

beneficiary (,ben·e'fi·ci·ar·y || ,benɪfɪjəri) person who receives benefit

- I was the beneficiary of \$8,000 when my grandfather died.
- When the paintings were sold, the millionaire's niece was the beneficiary.
- My brother was the beneficiary of excellent advice from his guidance counselor.

WORDS IN USE

A New Way to Treat Prisoners

The **warden** of a prison today will readily **acknowledge** the new trend in prison reform.* In an attempt to provide a different brand of **justice** for society's **delinquents**, officials now **reject** the idea that prison should completely **deprive** the convict of freedom.

Thus, in some prisons inmates are allowed to leave the prison grounds to visit their **spouses** or to pursue* their **vocation**. Even the more **unstable** convict who may have committed **homicide** is not **penalized** as harshly* as before.

The hope is that if persons emerge* from prison less defiant* than they do now, society will be the **beneficiary**.

FILL IN THE BLANKS

warden penalize justice delinquent
vocation spouse homicide acknowledge
unstable beneficiary reject deprive

1. Wayne's parents yelled at him because he was known as a _____
2. The courts will _____ you if you don't obey the law.
3. Are you satisfied with your _____ or are you thinking of getting a different job?
4. Five persons were being questioned by the police about the brutal* _____
5. I _____ the fact that I received the tapes.
6. When Steve asked his girlfriend to marry him, he did not anticipate* that she would _____ him.
7. The _____ of the prison set up stricter rules.
8. Mrs. Fried's _____ came home weary* after each day's work.
9. It is often _____ persons who commit serious crimes.
10. Clara felt as if she had been _____ of the better things in life.
11. _____ was served when the villain* was put behind bars.
12. Joseph was the _____ of large sums of money from his uncle's insurance policy.

MATCHING

1. warden
 2. penalize
 3. justice
 4. delinquent
 5. vocation
 6. spouse
 7. homicide
 8. acknowledge
 9. unstable
 10. beneficiary
 11. reject
 12. deprive
- a. murder
 - b. admit to be true
 - c. person in charge of a prison
 - d. not firmly fixed
 - e. take away from by force
 - f. a criminal
 - g. person who receives benefit
 - h. declare punishable by law or rule
 - i. husband or wife
 - j. occupation
 - k. fair dealing
 - l. refuse to take, use, believe, grant, etc.

REPTILE

reptile ('rep·tile | | 'reptl /-taɪl) a cold blooded animal that creeps or crawls; snakes, lizards, turtles, alligators, and crocodiles

- The lizard is a reptile with a very slender* body.
- Reptiles are kept in the museum's large hall.
- A crocodile is a reptile that is more nimble* in the water than out of it.

RARELY

rarely ('rerli /'reəl-) seldom; not often

- You rarely hear adults raving* about a movie they just saw.
- People are rarely frank* with each other.
- I rarely attend the annual* meetings of our family circle.

FORBID

forbid (for·bid | | fə(r)'bɪd) order someone not to do something; make a rule against

- Spitting on the floor is forbidden in public places.
- The law forbids drunken drivers to handle their autos .
- I forbid you to enter the dense* jungle because of the peril* that awaits you there.

LOGICAL

logical ('log·i·cal || 'lɒdʒɪkl /'lɒd-) reasonable; reasonably expected

- It is logical to spend a minimum* on needless things.
- In order to keep your car running well, it is only logical that you lubricate* it regularly.
- I used a logical argument to persuade* Lester to leave.

EXHIBIT

exhibit (ex·hib·it || ɪg'zɪbɪt) display; show

- A million-dollar microscope* is now on exhibit at our school.
- The bride and groom exhibited their many expensive* gifts.
- Kim frequently* exhibited her vast knowledge* of baseball before complete strangers.

PROCEED

proceed (pro·ceed || prə'si:d) go on after having stopped; move forward

- Only those with special cards can proceed into the pool area.
- When the actor was late, the show proceeded without him.
- The senator proceeded to denounce* those wholesalers* who would deprive* Americans of their quota* of beef.

PRECAUTION

precaution (pre·cau·tion || prɪ'kɔːʃn) measures taken beforehand; foresight

- Detectives used precaution before entering the bomb's vicinity.*
- We must take every precaution not to pollute* the air.
- Before igniting* the fire, the hunters took unusual precaution.

EXTRACT

extract (ex·tract || ɪk'strækt) pull out or draw out, usually with some effort

- Dr. Fogel extracted my tooth in an amateur* fashion.
- Chemists extracted the essential* vitamins from the grain.
- Spencer was ingenious* in extracting information from witnesses.

PRIOR

prior (pri·or || 'praɪə(r)) coming before; earlier

- Prior to choosing his life's vocation,* Paul traveled to India.
- Myrna was unhappy prior to meeting her beau.
- President Obama had prior service as a senator.

EMBRACE

embrace (em·brace | | im'breɪs) hug one another; a hug

- After having been rivals* for years, the two men embraced.
- When Ellen's spouse* approached,* she slipped out of Doug's embrace.
- The young girl was bewildered* when the stranger embraced her.

VALIANT

valiant ('valɪənt) brave; courageous

- Robin Hood was valiant and faced his opponents* without fear.
- The valiant paratroopers led the invasion.
- Grandma Joad had the ability* to be valiant when the need arose.

PARTIAL

partial (par·tial || 'parʃl /'pa:ɪ-) not complete; not total

- We made a partial listing of the urgently* needed supplies.
- Macy's had a sale on a partial selection of its winter clothes.
- Using only a partial amount of his great speed, Jim surpassed* all the other runners.

WORDS IN USE

Handling Poisonous Snakes

How do the Indian snake charmers handle those live poisonous **reptiles** without being poisoned? Visitors to the Hopi Indians **rarely** leave the reservation without asking. Because Indians **forbid** any white person from taking part in such a ceremony, scientists could come to one **logical** answer: before the Indians **exhibit** the snakes, they **proceed** to remove the fangs.

Yet some scientists verify* the fact that all the snakes have fangs. They have a different theory.* The Indians take an important **precaution**: they **extract** most of the poison **prior** to the snake dance. Now the Indian can **embrace** the snake without being poisoned. He will appear **valiant** because he knows that the snake has only a **partial** supply of its deadly poison.

FILL IN THE BLANKS

reptile rarely forbid logical exhibit
proceed precaution extract prior
embrace valiant partial

1. I _____ my daughter when she came home from camp.
2. We _____ you to leave the area.
3. Did you _____ along the hall until you got to the room?
4. A turtle is a very common _____
5. We made a _____ listing of the people who owed the library books because it would take too long to copy all the names.
6. Betty Sue is always very _____ when she prepares her arguments for a debate.*
7. I _____ if ever go to the movies.
8. Have you seen the cave dweller _____ in the museum?
9. I went to high school _____ to entering the army.
10. Be sure to take the _____ not to swim after eating.
11. Sergeant York got a medal for being _____ in war.
12. Did you _____ the splinter from his foot?

FIERCE

fierce (fɪrs /fɪəs) savage; wild

- Barry was so fiercely angry that he thrust* his hand through the glass.
- One must take appropriate* precautions* when approaching* fierce dogs.
- He took one look at his fierce opponent* and ran.

DETEST

detest (de·test | | dɪ'test) dislike very much; hate

- The world detests people who aren't valiant.*
- Wally was certain that his girlfriend's parents would detest him because he had been a delinquent.*
- I detest Chinese food but I won't deprive* you of the chance to eat it.

SNEER

sneer (sniɪ /sniə) show scorn or contempt by looks or words; a scornful look or remark

- The journalists* were cautious* about sneering at the Secretary of Defense.
- "Wipe that sneer off your face!" the dean told the delinquent.*
- When offered a dime as a tip, the taxi driver sneered at his rider.

SCOWL

scowl (skaʊl) look angry by lowering the eyebrows; frown

- Laverne scowled at her mother when she was prohibited* from going out.
- I dread* seeing my father scowl when he gets my report card.
- Because of a defect* in her vision,* it always appeared that Polly was scowling.

ENCOURAGE

encourage (en·cour·age | | ɪn'kʌrɪdʒ) give courage to; increase the confidence of

- We encouraged the coach to devise* a plan for beating Jefferson High.
- Some unstable* persons need to be encouraged to find a vocation.*
- A valiant* person rarely* needs to be encouraged.

CONSIDER

consider (con·sid·er || kən'sɪdə) think about in order to decide

- Jon considered whether a comprehensive* report was necessary.
- Do you consider that dress to be a bargain at the wholesale* price?
- The wrestler was always considered to be the underdog* in every match.

VERMIN

vermin (ver·min || 'vɜrmin /'vɜ:-) small animals that are troublesome or destructive; fleas, bedbugs, lice, rats, and mice are vermin

- We should try to eliminate* all vermin from our house.
- Some reptiles* eat vermin as their food.
- Although vermin are not always visible,* they probably inhabit* every house in the city.

WAIL

wail (weɪl) cry loud and long because of grief or pain

- When tragedy* struck, the old people began to wail.
- In some countries the women are expected to wail loudly after their husbands die.
- When the Yankees lost the World Series, there was much wailing in New York.

SYMBOL

symbol (sym·bol || 'sɪmbəl) something that stands for or represents something else

- The statue outside the court building is considered* a symbol of justice.*
- Symbols for God are prohibited* in their religion.
- An olive branch is a symbol of peace.

AUTHORITY

authority (au·thor·i·ty || ɔ:'θɒrəti) the right to command or enforce obedience; power delegated to another; an author or volume that may be appealed to in support of an action or belief

- No one should have the authority to dictate our career choice.
- Today a monarch* does not have the authority he once enjoyed.
- The Supreme Court is entrusted with the authority to interpret our Constitution.

NEUTRAL

neutral (neu·tral | | 'nu:trəl /'nju:ɪ-) on neither side of a quarrel or war

- It is logical* to remain neutral in a violent* argument between spouses.*
- Switzerland was a neutral country in World War II.
- Adolph did not reject* the idea but remained neutral about it.

TRIFLE

trifle (tri·fle | | 'traɪfl) a small amount; little bit; something of little value

- I ate a trifle for dinner rather than a vast* meal.
- Walter spends only a trifle of his time in studying French.
- At our meetings Alex always raises trifling objections to any new plan.

WORDS IN USE

Punishment for Drug Abuse

A recent* attempt by New Jersey's attorney general to lessen the penalties* for use of marijuana has caused **fierce** arguments around the country. Those who **detest** the drug users **sneer** and **scowl** at the light treatment of offenders.

They reject* the attorney general's recommendation as lacking a morsel* of sense, claiming it would only **encourage** more drug abuse. They **consider** the drug addict much like **vermin** that must be stamped out. Such citizens continually **wail** for stiffer penalties. Those in favor of a milder approach* to the drug problem point to the poor results achieved by prison terms.

They feel addicts* should be given medical help. Also, in enforcing harsh* drug laws, police tend to be viewed as a **symbol** of unwelcome **authority**. The problem demands a solution. We cannot remain **neutral** or unconcerned, nor can we afford to muddle through with ineffective measures, for this is not a **trifling** matter.

FILL IN THE BLANKS

Fierce detest sneer scowl encourage
consider vermin wail symbol
authority neutral trifle

1. I have it on the highest _____ that the lead in the play has been chosen.
2. I am going to _____ my brother to become a lawyer.
3. Uncle Sam is the well-known _____ of the United States.
4. We pay \$5 a month to keep our house free from _____
5. When a country is _____ , it does not want to get involved in foreign conflict . *
6. What type of art work do you _____ to be beautiful?
7. The _____ lion clawed at the visitors to the zoo.
8. To hear the _____ of a person in sorrow is to hear a dismal* sound.
9. Only a _____ of Ivan's fortune was left to his human beneficiaries;* most of the money was given to his cats.
10. I _____ people who are jealous* of my success.
11. The unpleasant salesgirl always had _____ a on her face.
12. My father warned me not to _____ at our poor relatives.

SYNONYMS

1. **encourage**

- a. evade*
- b. approach*
- c. reassure
- d. cuddle

2. **neutral**

- a. impartial
- b. reckless
- c. abundant*
- d. bulky

3. **scowl**

- a. alter*
- b. forbid*
- c. frown
- d. complicate

4. **consider**

- a. think over
- b. assume responsibility
- c. issue orders
- d. accept a challenge*

5. **fierce**

- a. massive*
- b. sinister*
- c. savage
- d. coarse

6. **detest**

- a. abolish*
- b. hate
- c. baffle*
- d. ignore*

7. **authority**

- a. opinion
- b. valuable skill
- c. deciding factor
- d. power to act

8. **symbol**

- a. image
- b. concealed* evidence*
- c. absurdity*
- d. sacred* object

9. **trifle**

- a. fragile* glass
- b. flexible* hours
- c. small amount
- d. ignorant statement

10. **vermin**

- a. small and troublesome animals
- b. boring and disappointing movies
- c. curious readers
- d. crafty* clients*

11. **sneer**

- a. scornful look
- b. gallant* gesture
- c. sinister* act
- d. rude interruption

12. **wail**

- a. calm down
- b. cry loud and long
- c. go forward
- d. break even

WORD REVIEW #4

1. In order to help our own auto companies; the government set up (**quotas, estimates**) on the number of foreign cars it would allow to be sent here.
2. To make sure that our sauce is good, we hire workers to (**harvest, reject**) those tomatoes that are not ripe.
3. My hopes for visiting Canada this summer hang on a (**fragile, logical**) thread.
4. Try to (**extract, acknowledge**) every ounce of juice you can get from these oranges.
5. When I need help with a (**dilemma, trifle**), I turn to my father, who always gives me good advice.
6. Since you have made (**partial, abundant**) payment for your bicycle, you still owe quite a few dollars.
7. If you (**linger, proceed**) too long over your breakfast, you will be late for school.
8. I didn't want to get mixed up in the fight between Luke and Pete, so I took a (**neutral, defiant**) position.
9. Once I had (**calculated, exhibited**) how long it would take to do the jobs, I knew what to charge.
10. After the facts were (**confirmed, relieved**), the editor* printed the story.

OPPOSITES

1. detest
 2. perish
 3. valiant
 4. emerge
 5. unstable
 6. weary
 7. scowl
 8. prior
 9. morsel
 10. rarely
- a. huge piece
 - b. hide
 - c. wide awake
 - d. afraid
 - e. afterwards
 - f. be fond of
 - g. often
 - h. live
 - i. smile
 - j. steady

WORD REVIEW #4

- Egyptian Art _____ to Open at Local Museum (**Quota, Exhibit, Extract, Symbol**)
- Middle East Countries to Test _____ Peace (**Fragile, Appropriate, Prior, Neutral**)
- Trucks _____ in Highway Accident (**Proceed, Linger, Collide, Detour**)
- Ask Retired judge to Solve _____ (**Threat, Panic, Plea, Dilemma**)
- Slum Houses to Be Rid of _____ (**Vermin, Merit, Reptiles, Vigor**)
- Police _____ Arrest of jewelry Thief (**Transmit, Merit, Extract, Confirm**)
- New Arrivals Hope to _____ in America (**Prosper, Verify, Emerge, Ban**)
- Family Pets _____ in Four-Alarm Fire (**Partial, Perish, Scowl, Devour**)
- "Must Meet _____" Salesmen Are Told (**Beneficiary, Quota, Threat, Merit**)
- Farmers Pleased with _____ Crop (**Logical, Uneasy, Abundant, Jagged**)

wail	precaution	symbol	collide	merit	absorb
quota	beneficiary	baffle	verify	jagged	devour
proceed	acknowledge	prior	ambush	crafty	trifle
penalize	appropriate	deprive	panic	prosper	warden
harvest	transmit	plea	anticipate	defiant	vigor

- a trap from which to make a surprise attack *and* is a simpler word for ambushcade
- the person to be paid money from an insurance policy *and* begins with the prefix meaning "good"
- a letter, character, mark, sign, or abbreviation *that* represents an idea or quality
- the end product of a farmer's work *but also* refers to the product of any toil or effort
- alarm *and* is derived from the name of the Greek god who brought fear whenever he appeared
- succeed *and also* attain one's desires
- defeat *as well as* perplex or puzzle
- the chief officer or a prison *and also* a guardian or a superintendent
- taking care beforehand *as well as* provision for an emergency
- something of little value or importance *and also* to play with or treat lightly someone's feelings

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Bluefish Inn
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March 15, 2011

Mr. Douglas Milleridge
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Dear Mr. Milleridge:

Thank you for your recent inquiry about Bluefish Inn.

Our resort overlooks Bluefish Lake from a beautiful wooded setting at the north end of the lake. The inn was built in 1930 of native pine logs and is one of the most impressive log structures in Colorado. Many travelers make a 1 just to see the inn. Recently remodeled, the inn is 2 for family reunions, company outings, and business meetings.

At 8,700 feet above sea level, Bluefish Lake, five miles long and two miles wide, is a unique mountain lake because of its deep, clear waters and surrounding pine forest. The area around the lake is free of mosquitos, and hikers 3 see dangerous 4. In the summer the lake offers a refreshing change of climate from the hot city. During the winter months, Bluefish Lake is accessible by car, and that is the time to take advantage of excellent ice fishing and skiing. It can be quite cold, so as a 5, bring warm clothes. Fall at the lake is peaceful and spectacular. The forests that surround the lake are brilliant when the fall colors 6.

Although many species of fish are caught, Bluefish Lake is especially famous for its 7 deep water lake trout, that often weigh over 20 pounds. If you fish, you can 8 catching a record breaking trout.

We hope you will 9 vacationing with us. Write soon so we can 10 your reservation. Please feel free to call our toll-free number if you have any questions.

Yours truly,
Richard Constanza
Manager

ARCHITECT

architect (ar·chi·tect || 'ɑ:kɪtekt) a person who makes plans for buildings and other structures; a maker; a creator

- The famous architect, Frank Lloyd Wright, designed his buildings to blend* with their surroundings.
- An architect must have a knowledge of the materials that will be used in his structures.
- General Eisenhower was the architect of victory over the Nazis in World War II.

MATRIMONY

matrimony (mat·ri·mo·ny || 'mætrɪməʊni /-məni) married life; ceremony of marriage

- Though matrimony is a holy state, our local governments still collect a fee for the marriage license.
- Because of lack of money, the sweetness of their matrimony turned sour.
- Some bachelors* find it very difficult to give up their freedom for the blessings of matrimony.

BAGGAGE

baggage (bag·gage || 'bæɡɪdʒ) the trunks and suitcases a person takes when he or she travels; an army's equipment

- When Walt unpacked his baggage, he found he had forgotten his radio.
- Mrs. Montez checked her baggage at the station and took the children for a walk.
- The modern army cannot afford to be slowed up with heavy baggage.

SQUANDER

squander (squan·der || 'skwʌndə(r) /'skwɒn-) spend foolishly; waste

- Do not squander your money by buying what you cannot use.
- Because Freddy squandered his time watching television, he could not catch up on his homework.
- In his will, Mr. Larson warned his children not to squander their inheritance.

ABROAD

abroad (a·broad || ə'brɔ:d) outside one's country; going around; far and wide

- More people are going abroad for vacations.
- Is there any truth to the rumor abroad that school will be open all summer?
- The news of the president's illness spread abroad.

FUGITIVE

fugitive (fu·gi·tive || 'fju:dʒɪtɪv) a runaway

- Paul was a fugitive from the slums, abandoned* by all his friends.
- After escaping from prison, Tom led an unhappy life as a fugitive from the law.
- The fugitives from the unsuccessful revolution were captured.

CALAMITY

calamity (ca·lam·i·ty || kə'lämätɪ) a great misfortune; serious trouble

- Failure in one test should not be regarded as a calamity.
- The death of her husband was a calamity that left Mrs. Marlowe numb.*
- What is more dismal* than one calamity following upon the heels of another?

PAUPER

pauper (pau·per || 'pɔ:pə(r)) a very poor person

- The fire that destroyed his factory made Mr. Bloomson a pauper.
- The richest man is a pauper if he has no friends.
- Since he was once a pauper himself, Max is willing to help the needy whenever he can.

ENVY

envy (en·vy || 'envɪ) jealousy; the object of jealousy; to feel jealous

- Marilyn's selection as Prom Queen made her the envy of every senior.
- My parents taught me not to envy anyone else's wealth.
- Our envy of Nora's skating ability is foolish because with practice all of us could do as well.

COLLAPSE

collapse (col·lapse | | kə'ləps) a breakdown; to fall in; break down; fail suddenly; fold together

- A heavy flood caused the bridge to collapse.
- His failure in chemistry meant the collapse of Bob's summer plans.
- Collapse the trays and store them in the closet.

PROSECUTE

prosecute (pros·e·cute || 'prɒsɪkjʊt /'prɒ-) bring before a court; follow up; carry on

- Drunken drivers should be prosecuted.
- The district attorney refused to prosecute the case for lack of evidence.
- The general prosecuted the war with vigor.*

BIGAMY

bigamy ('big·a·my || 'bɪgəmi) having two wives or two husbands at the same time

- Some people look upon bigamy as double trouble.
- Mr. Winkle, looking at his wife, thought bigamy was one crime he would never be guilty of.
- Some religious groups are in favor of bigamy even though it is against the law of the land.

WORDS IN USE

love and Marriage

The famous **architect** Melville Fenton grew tired of **matrimony** and devised* a scheme to free himself of his spouse.* He told her he had been engaged by an American company to design its new office building in Paris. Packing his **baggage**, he left his home and proceeded* to cut all his ties with his former life.

He changed his name, secured a new job, and quickly forgot his faithful wife. Not having any responsibilities, he began to **squander** his money and energy. He married another woman, believing he was safe from the law. But his first wife had grown suspicious and resentful.* She learned from his employer that he had not gone **abroad**, that in fact he had left the firm altogether.

With a little detective work, she soon discovered her husband's whereabouts. He had become a **fugitive** from justice* and one **calamity** after another overtook him. He lost his job, became a **pauper** and was no longer the **envy** of his acquaintances. Then his second wife grew ill and died. After the **collapse** of his plans, there was only one logical* step for Melville to take. He embraced* his wife and asked for her forgiveness. Much to his relief, she decided not to **prosecute** him for **bigamy**.

architect matrimony baggage squander
abroad fugitive calamity pauper envy
collapse prosecute bigamy

FILL IN THE BLANKS

1. The _____ compartment of the plane was inspected for bombs.
2. A storm on the night of the prom meant _____ for the senior class plans.
3. Good government would assure that there are no more _____ in the land.
4. The strain of the three-hour examination almost brought Leslie to a state of _____. Now that the quintuplets have come along, we are calling on an _____ to devise* plans for an extension to our home.
5. The hungry man was _____ for stealing a loaf of bread.
6. Bringing expensive* toys to newborn infants is just another way to _____ your money.
7. Bloodhounds were brought in to hunt for the _____ in the dense* forest.
8. When it was learned that Mr. Smythe had failed to divorce his first wife, he was charged with _____.
9. Traveling _____ is an educational experience.
10. What is there to _____ in a high mark that was not honestly achieved?
11. Everyone can see that _____ has brought Jim and Stella great happiness.

POSSIBLE

possible (pos·si·ble | | 'pʌsəbl /'pɒ-) able to be, be done, or happen; able to be true; able to be done or chosen properly

- Call me tomorrow evening if possible.
- It is now possible for man to walk on the moon.
- Considering* Melissa's weakness in writing, it is not possible for her to help you with your composition.

COMPEL

compel (com·pel || kəm'pel) force; get by force

- It is not possible* to compel a person to love his fellow man.
- Heavy floods compelled us to stop.
- Mr. Gorlin is a teacher who does not have to compel me to behave.

AWKWARD

awkward (awk·ward || 'ɔ:kwəd) clumsy; not well-suited to use; not easily managed; embarrassing

- Sally is very awkward in speaking to the class but quite relaxed with her own group of friends.
- The handle of this bulky* suitcase has an awkward shape.
- Slow down because this is an awkward corner to turn.

VENTURE

venture (ven·ture | | 'ventʃə(r)) a daring undertaking; an attempt to make money by taking business risks; to dare; to expose to risk

- Ulysses was a man who would not reject* any venture, no matter how dangerous.
- John Jacob Astor made his fortune by a lucky venture in animal furs.
- Medics venture their lives to save wounded soldiers.

AWESOME

awesome (awe·some || 'ɔ:səm) causing or showing great fear, wonder, or respect

- The towering mountains, covered with snow, are an awesome sight.
- Connie had such an awesome amount of work to complete before graduation she doubted* she would have everything ready in time.
- The atom bomb is an awesome achievement for mankind.

GUIDE

guide (gaid) a person who shows the way; to direct; to manage

- Tourists often hire guides.
- The Indian guided the hunters through the forest.
- Use the suggestions in the handbook as a study guide.

QUENCH

quench (kwentʃ) put an end to; drown or put out

- Foam will quench an oil fire.
- Only iced tea will quench my thirst on such a hot day.
- He reads and reads and reads to quench his thirst for knowledge.

BETRAY

betray (be·tray || bi'treɪ) give away to the enemy; be unfaithful; mislead; show

- Nick's awkward* motions betrayed his nervousness.
- Without realizing what he was doing, the talkative soldier betrayed his unit's plans.
- The child's eyes betrayed his fear of the fierce* dog.

UTTER

utter (ut·ter || 'ʌtə(r)) speak; make known; express

- When Violet accidentally stepped on the nail, she uttered a sharp cry of pain.
- Seth was surprised when he was told that he had uttered Joan's name in his sleep.
- When Mr. Fuller saw that his house had not been damaged in the fire, he uttered a sigh of relief.*

PACIFY

pacify ('pac·i·fy || 'pæsɪfaɪ) make calm; quiet down; bring peace to

- This toy should pacify that screaming baby.
- We tried to pacify the woman who was angry at having to wait so long in line.
- Soldiers were sent to pacify the countryside.

RESPOND

respond (re·spond || rɪˈspɒnd /-ˈspond) answer; react

- Greg responded quickly to the question.
- My dog responds to every command I give him.
- Mrs. Cole responded to the medicine so well that she was better in two days.

BECKON

beckon (beck·on || 'bekən) signal by a motion of the hand or head; attract

- Jack beckoned to me to follow him.
- The delicious smell of fresh bread beckoned the hungry boy.
- The sea beckons us to adventure.

WORDS IN USE

Some Tall Tales

Do you think it is **possible** to defeat an opponent so fierce* that a glance* at her turns one to stone? This was the fate of anyone who looked upon the Medusa, a dreaded* monster whose hair was made of hissing serpents. The brave Perseus undertook to fight the Medusa, but he was **compelled** to do battle in a most **awkward** manner. To help Perseus in his **venture**, the goddess Minerva had lent him her bright shield, and the god Mercury had given him winged shoes.

Cautiously he approached the **awesome** monster. Using the image of the Medusa in his shield as a **guide**, he succeeded in cutting off her head and fixing it to the center of Minerva's shield. Perseus then flew to the realm of King Atlas whose chief pride was his garden filled with golden fruit. Thirsty and near collapse,* he pleaded with the king for water to **quench** his thirst and for a place to rest. But Atlas feared that he would be **betrayed** into losing his golden apples. He **uttered** just one word, "Begone!" Perseus, finding that he could not **pacify** Atlas, **responded** by **beckoning** him to look upon Medusa's head.

Atlas was changed immediately into stone. His head and hair became forests, his body increased in bulk and became cliffs, and the gods ruled that the heaven with all its stars should rest upon his shoulders. Can there be a worse calamity* than that which befell Atlas?

possible compel awkward venture
awesome guide quench betray
utter pacify respond beckon

FILL IN THE BLANKS

1. History has shown us that tyranny* cannot _____ the human desire for freedom.
2. The sailors used the North Star to _____ them to their destination.
3. Our eyes _____ to sudden light by blinking.
4. The coach _____ to the pitcher to watch for a bunt.
5. Little Benjy was foolish enough to _____ out on the thin ice.
6. If we are _____ to vote without hearing all sides of the issue, we could make a serious mistake.
7. Power in the hands of the ignorant is an _____ responsibility.
8. Benedict Arnold _____ his country.
9. The only _____ excuse for Barry's failure is his lack* of effort.
10. It was not possible* to _____ the excited woman after she was fined for jaywalking.
11. The last words _____ by the dying soldier were, "We must hold the fort."
12. Ralph found himself in an _____ situation when his blind date turned out to be a foot taller than he.

TRUE OR FALSE

1. An **awkward** person is very graceful.
2. An **awesome** sight is one that causes great wonder and respect.
3. If someone tells you it's **possible** to do something, that means the thing cannot be done.
4. To **beckon** is to signal by a motion of the hand or head to call someone over to you.
5. A person who shows you the way is a **guide**.
6. To **utter** is to remain silent.
7. To quiet an angry mob is to **pacify** the crowd.
8. If you are **compelled** to do something, you are forced to do it.
9. A person who undertakes a **venture** is afraid to take risks of any kind.
10. If I **respond** to your suggestion, I react to it.
11. To **quench** something is to renew it.
12. To **betray** someone is to be unfaithful or misleading.

DESPITE

despite (de·spite || dɪ'spaɪt) in spite of

- The player continued in the game despite his injuries.
- Despite being shy, Ted signed up to audition on American Idol.
- We won the game by a shutout despite the fact that our team got only three hits.

DISRUPT

disrupt (dis·rupt || dɪs'ɹʌpt) upset; cause to break down

- Pam's clowning disrupted the class every day.
- The storm disrupted the telephone lines throughout the area.
- The collapse* of the government disrupted the services we took for granted, such as mail delivery.

RASH

rash (ræʃ) a breaking out with many small red spots on the skin; outbreak of many instances within a short time: too hasty or careless

- The report of a rash of burglaries in the neighborhood was exaggerated.*
- Poison ivy causes a rash.
- It is rash to threaten an action you cannot carry out.

RAPID

rapid (rap·id || 'ræpɪd) very quick; swift

- We took a rapid walk around the camp before breakfast.
- If you work rapidly you can complete the test in twenty minutes .
- The response* to the surprise attack was a rapid retreat.

EXHAUST

exhaust (ex·haust | | ɪg'zɔ:st) empty completely; use up; tire out

- To exhaust the city's water supply would be a calamity.*
- The long climb to the top of the mountain exhausted our strength.
- If we continue to squander* our money recklessly,* our treasury will soon be exhausted.

SEVERITY

severity (se·ver·i·ty | | sɪ'verətɪ) strictness; harshness; plainness; violence

- The severity of the teacher was not appreciated by the pupils until they reached the final examinations.
- The severity of the Black Plague can be imagined from the fact that thirty percent of the population* died.
- Rosita complained to the principal about the severity of the punishment that the Student Court gave to her.

FEEBLE

feeble (fee·ble || 'fi:bl) weak

- We heard a feeble cry from the exhausted* child.
- The guide* made a feeble attempt to explain why he had taken the wrong turn.
- The feeble old man collapsed* on the sidewalk.

UNITE

unite (u·nite | | ju:'naɪt) join together; become one

- The thirteen colonies united to form one country.
- Matrimony* united two famous Virginia families.
- America and Russia were united against a common enemy in World War II.

CEASE

cease (si:s) stop

- Cease trying to do more than you can.
- The whispering in the audience ceased when the curtain went up.
- When you cease making war, you can then begin to pacify* the small villages the enemy controls.

THRIFTY

thrifty (thrif' te) saving; careful in spending; thriving

- By being thrifty, Miss Benson managed to get along on her small income.
- A thrifty person knows that squandering* money can lead to financial* calamity.*
- By thrifty use of their supplies, the shipwrecked sailors were able to survive* for weeks.

MISERLY

miserly (mi·ser·ly | | 'maɪzəlɪ) stingy; like a miser

- Being miserly with our natural resources will help us to live longer on this earth.
- A miserly person rarely* has any friends.
- Silas Marner abandoned* his miserly habits when Eppie came into his life.

MONARCH

monarch (mon·arch | | 'mɒnərk /'mɒnək) king or queen; ruler

- There are few modern nations that are governed by monarchs.
- The monarchs of ancient Rome considered themselves descendants* of the gods.
- Men sometimes believe that they are monarchs in their own homes.

WORDS IN USE

Problems We Face

Despite wars, disease, and natural disasters,* our world is experiencing a population explosion (boom) that threatens* to change or **disrupt** life as we have known it. Vast* numbers of people must be fed and housed, and in the process a whole **rash** of problems has descended* upon the human race.

First has been the pollution* of the air and the contamination* of the water supply. Second has been the **rapid exhaustion** of fuels, minerals, and other natural resources. The response* to this situation has ranged from utter* disbelief to exaggerated* concern.

Since scientists themselves disagree on the **severity** of the problem, our **feeble** knowledge is surely unable to suggest the correct course of action. But we cannot stand still because there is too much at stake. We are, therefore, compelled* to **unite** in our efforts to insure that human life on this planet does not **cease**.

We must learn to be **thrifty**, even **miserly**, with the gifts of nature that we have formerly taken for granted. If our past reveals* a reckless* squandering* of our natural possessions, we must now find an intelligent guide* to their use so that we may remain **monarchs** of a world that has peace and plenty.

FILL IN THE BLANKS

despite disrupt rash rapid
exhaust severity feeble unite
cease thrifty miserly monarch

1. The dying soldier made a last _____ effort to rise.
2. Though the victim's breathing had _____, the fireman continued giving oxygen.
3. We often regret a _____ statement made in the heat of an argument.
4. Now that you have _____ all your excuses, tell us the truth.
5. The bout was fought to determine who would be the _____ of the ring.
6. An increase in pollution* will _____ our normal ways of life.
7. Macy's Department Store always says, "It pays to be _____"
8. I have learned to read Spanish _____, but I cannot speak it so well.
9. The _____ of the pain compelled* Frank to call the doctor in the middle of the night.
10. Under certain conditions, oxygen will _____ with hydrogen to form water.
11. _____ a warning glance from the teacher, Harold continued to annoy the girl next to him.
12. It is best to be neither too nor too _____ careless about one's money.

OUTLAW

outlaw (out·law || 'aʊtlɔː) an exile; an outcast; a criminal; to declare unlawful

- Congress has outlawed the sale of certain drugs.
- The best-known outlaw of the American West was Jesse James.
- An animal that is cast out by the rest of the pack is known as an outlaw.

PROMOTE

promote (pro·mote || prə'məʊt) raise in rank or importance; help to grow and develop; help to organize

- Students who pass the test will be promoted to the next grade.
- An accurate* knowledge of other cultures will promote good will among people of different backgrounds.
- Several bankers invested an enormous* sum of money to promote the idea.

UNDERNOURISHED

undernourished (un·der·nour·ishd || 'ʌndə(r)nɜːrɪʃd) not sufficiently fed

- The undernourished child was so feeble* he could hardly walk.
- There is evidence* that even wealthy people are undernourished because they do not eat sufficient quantities* of healthful foods.
- An infant who drinks enough milk will not be undernourished.

ILLUSTRATE

illustrate (il·lus·trate || 'ɪləstreɪt) make clear or explain by stories, examples, comparisons, or other means; serve as an example

- To illustrate how the heart sends blood around the body, the teacher described how a pump works.
- This exhibit* will illustrate the many uses of atomic energy.
- These stories illustrate Mark Twain's serious side.

DISCLOSE

disclose (dis·close || dɪs'kləʊz) uncover; make known

- The lifting of the curtain disclosed a beautiful winter scene.
- This letter discloses the source* of his fortune.
- Samson, reclining* in the arms of Delilah, disclosed that the secret of his strength was in his long hair.

EXCESSIVE

excessive (ex·ces·sive | | ɪk'sesɪv) too much; too great; extreme

- Pollution* of the atmosphere is an excessive price to pay for so-called progress.
- Numerous* attempts have been made to outlaw* jet planes that make excessive noise.
- The inhabitants* of Arizona are unaccustomed* to excessive rain.

DISASTER

disaster (dis·as·ter || dɪ'zɑːstə) an event that causes much suffering or loss; a great misfortune

- The hurricane's violent* winds brought disaster to the coastal town.
- The San Francisco earthquake and the Chicago fire are two of the greatest disasters in American history.
- The coach considered* the captain's injury a disaster for the team.

CENSOR

censor (cen·sor || 'sensə) person who tells others how they ought to behave; one who changes books, plays and other works so as to make them acceptable to the government; to make changes in

- Some governments, national and local, censor books.
- The censor felt that fiction* as well as other books should receive the stamp of approval before they were put on sale.
- Any mention of the former prime minister was outlawed* by the censor.

CULPRIT

culprit (cul·prit | | 'kʌlprɪt) offender; person guilty of a fault or crime

- Who is the culprit who has eaten all the strawberries?
- The police caught the culprit with the stolen articles in his car.
- In the Sherlock Holmes story, the culprit turned out to be a snake.

JUVENILE

juvenile (ju·ve·nile || 'dʒu:vənəɪl) young; youthful; of or for boys and girls; a young person

- My sister is known in the family as a juvenile delinquent.* •
- Paula is still young enough to wear juvenile fashions.
- Ellen used to devour* "Cinderella" and other stories for juveniles.

BAIT

bait (beɪt) anything, especially food, used to attract fish or other animals so that they may be caught; anything used to tempt or attract a person to begin something he or she does not wish to do; to put bait on (a hook) or in (a trap); torment by unkind or annoying remarks

- The secret of successful trout fishing is finding the right bait.
- How can you expect to bait Mike into running for the class presidency when he has already refused every appeal?*
- Eddie is a good hunter because he knows the merit* of each kind of bait for the different animals.

INSIST

insist (in·sist | | ɪn'sɪst) keep firmly to some demand, statement, or position

- Mother insists that we do our homework before we start sending e-mails.
- She insisted that Sal was not jealous* of his twin brother.
- The doctor insisted that Marian get plenty of rest after the operation.

WORDS IN USE

What Did You Have for Breakfast?

A parents' organization to protect children's health appealed* to a Senate committee to **outlaw** television commercials that **promote** the purchase of sugary products. Too much advertising urges the young child to eat caramels, chocolate, cookies, and pastries. This results in poor eating habits and leaves youngsters **undernourished** and subject to rapid* tooth decay and other diseases.

To **illustrate** the extent of the problem, a recent survey of one typical* day of CBS's Channel 7 in Boston between 7 A.M. and 2 P.M. **disclosed** 67 commercials for sweet-tasting products. Several witnesses said that many children's cereals contained more than 50 percent sugar, that children often forced their parents to buy the cereals, and that **excessive** use of sugar from cereals, soft drinks and snack foods is a national **disaster**. Dr. Jean Mayer, professor of nutrition at Harvard University, recommended **censoring** the **culprits** in advertising for **juvenile** viewers. Recognizing the powerful opponents* in the food industry who will resist* control, Dr. Mayer said that no feeble* efforts will do. "

Sugar-coated nothings," he added, "must cease* to be the standard diet of the American child." Other witnesses pointed out that many cereal boxes, as **bait** for the children, used offers of dolls, balloons, airplane or car models, magic kits, monster cutouts and similar trifles,* but the cereal inside the box, they **insisted**, had no more food value than the container it came in.

outlaw illustrate disaster promote
disclose censor undernourished
excessive culprit juvenile bait insist

FILL IN THE BLANKS

1. Many Americans can be considered* _____ because they deprive* their body of proper foods in favor of rich, fatty foods.
2. Though he was threatened* with imprisonment, Martin would not _____ the whereabouts of the treasure.
3. When the report of the airplane _____ reached us, many people pledged* their help in locating* survivors.*
4. The only hope for the world is to _____ war.
5. The police were reluctant* to use _____ force, even to preserve* order.
6. This is a court of justice* for the _____ and the innocent alike.
7. Certain foods that _____ tooth decay should be banned* from the market.
8. An artist was hired to _____ a book on the birds of this vicinity.*
9. If you _____ on shouting, I shall be compelled* to leave.
10. It would be a disaster* for freedom of the press if the _____ were permitted to tell us what we can read.
11. James has just about exhausted* his father's patience with his _____ behavior.
12. Only a brutal* person would _____ someone who is disabled

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WORD DETECTIVE

1. something used to attract or lure
2. to raise in rank or importance; help to organize
3. a person guilty of a fault or crime
4. to keep firmly to some demand or position
5. to declare unlawful
6. a young person
7. a person who tells others how they should behave
8. to uncover; make known
9. too much; too great; extreme
10. an event that causes much suffering or loss
11. make clear or explain by stories, examples, or other means
12. not sufficiently fed

TOIL

toil (tɔɪl) hard work; to work hard; move with difficulty

- The feeble* old man toiled up the hill.
- After years of toil, scientists disclosed* that they had made progress in controlling the dreaded* disease.
- Despite* all his toil, Fred never succeeded in reaching his goal.

BLUNDER

blunder (blun·der || 'blʌndə) stupid mistake; to make a stupid mistake; stumble; say clumsily

- The exhausted* boy blundered through the woods.
- Bert's awkward* apology* could not make up for his serious blunder.
- The general's blunder forced his army to a rapid* retreat.

DAZE

daze (deɪz) confuse

- The severity* of the blow dazed the fighter and led to his defeat.
- When he ventured* out of the house at night, the child was dazed by the noise and the lights.
- Dazed by the flashlight, Maria blundered* down the steps.

MOURN

mourn (məʊn /mɔ:n) grieve; feel or show sorrow for

- Sandra did not cease* to mourn for John Lennon.
- The entire city mourned for the people lost in the calamity.*
- We need not mourn over trifles.*

SUBSIDE

subside (sub·side | | səb'saɪd) sink to a lower level; grow less

- After the excessive* rains stopped, the flood waters subsided.
- The waves subsided when the winds ceased* to blow.
- Danny's anger subsided when the culprit* apologized.*

MAIM

maim (meɪm) cripple; disable; cause to lose an arm, leg, or other part of the body

- Auto accidents maim many persons each year.
- Though he went through an awesome* experience in the crash, Fred was not seriously maimed.
- Car manufacturers insist* that seat belts can prevent the maiming of passengers in the event of a crash.

COMPREHEND

comprehend (com·pre·hend || ,kɒmpri'hend) understand

- If you can use a word correctly, there is a good chance that you comprehend it.
- You need not be a pauper* to comprehend fully what hunger is.
- My parents say that they cannot comprehend today's music.

COMMEND

commend (com·mend | | kə'mend) praise; hand over for safekeeping

- Everyone commended the mayor's thrifty* suggestion.
- Florence commended the baby to her aunt's care.
- The truth is that we all like to be commended for good work.

FINAL

final (fi·nal | | 'faɪnəl) coming last; deciding

- The final week of the term is rapidly* approaching.
- Jose was commended* for his improvement in the final test.
- The final censor* of our actions is our own conscience.

EXEMPT

exempt (ex·empt | | ɪg'zempt) make free from; freed from

- Our school exempts bright pupils from final* exams.
- School property is exempt from most taxes.
- Juvenile* offenders are not exempt from punishment.

VAIN

vain (veɪn) having too much pride in one's ability, looks, etc.; of no use

- Josephine is quite vain about her beauty.
- To be perfectly frank, I do not see what she has to be vain about.
- Brian made numerous* vain attempts to reach the doctor by telephone.

REPETITION

repetition (rep·e·ti·tion | | ,repɪ'tɪʃn) act of doing or saying again

- The repetition of new words in this book will help you to learn them.
- Any repetition of such unruly* behavior will be punished.
- After a repetition of his costly mistake, Jerry was fired from his job.

WORDS IN USE

Camp Safety

For years a furniture salesman from Connecticut, Mitch Kurman, has **toiled** ceaselessly* for the passage of a youth summer camp safety bill. Why? Because his son David was drowned when his canoe overturned in the raging* waters of the Penobscot River. The camp counselors leading the trip were inexperienced, had **blundered** into dangerous waters, and had no life jackets for the canoers. Mr. Kurman was naturally **dazed** by the tragedy.* But rather than merely **mourn** his loss and wait for the painful memory to **subside**, he began a campaign that took him on hundreds of journeys to speak to governors, senators, and congressmen.

He had learned that 250,000 children are injured or **maimed** annually* in camp accidents. It was hard for him to **comprehend** why we have laws that outlaw* mistreatment of alligators, coyotes, birds and bobcats, but we have no law to prevent disasters* to children in summer camps. Wherever he went, Mr. Kurman was **commended** for his efforts, but he received only trifling* support from the lawmakers. One bill, requiring people to put on life preservers when they took to the water, died in the **final** reading.

Another such bill **exempted** private ponds and lakes, exactly the waters where most summer camps are located.* Even a bill calling for a survey of camp safety conditions was at first defeated. Mr. Kurman's struggle so far has been in **vain**, but he continues his battle to void* a **repetition** of the accident that took his son's life.

comprehend repetition exempt
vain commend maim toil final
blunder mourn daze subside

FILL IN THE BLANKS

1. There is a tendency* to _____ politicians from keeping campaign promises.
2. A _____ of such a blunder* could be disastrous.
3. The guide* was compelled* to admit he had _____ far from the intended route.
4. A miserly* person cannot _____ the joy of sharing.
5. Though doctors _____ to cure the undernourished* child, he never regained his full health.
6. Three workers were _____ when the ladder collapsed.*
7. The policeman was for his bravery in capturing the armed outlaw.*
8. The perfect attendance of our class illustrated* the importance of this _____ exam.
9. Friend and foe united* in _____ the death of the leader, for she was respected by all.
10. The drowning man's cries were uttered* in _____ , because no one was near to hear them.
11. Miguel's fever _____ after he took the medicine.
12. My brother was in such a _____ over the tragedy* that he could hardly respond* to questions.

MATCHING

1. comprehend
 2. repetition
 3. exempt
 4. vain
 5. commend
 6. maim
 7. toil
 8. final
 9. blunder
 10. mourn
 11. daze
 12. subside
- a. grieve
 - b. hard work
 - c. sink to a lower level
 - d. coming last
 - e. stupid mistake
 - f. act of doing or saying again
 - g. praise
 - h. make free from
 - i. understand
 - j. disable; cripple
 - k. confuse
 - l. having too much pride in one's ability, looks, etc.

DEPICT

depict (de·pict || dɪ'pɪkt) represent by drawing or painting; describe

- The artist and the author both tried to depict the sunset's beauty.
- Mr. Salinger depicted the juvenile* character with great accuracy.*
- Al Pacino said he would depict a different kind of Shylock.

MORTAL

mortal (mor·tal || 'mɔrtl /'mɔ:tɪl) sure to die sometime; pertaining to man; deadly; pertaining to or causing death

- We must live with the knowledge that all living creatures are mortal.
- His rash* venture* brought him to a mortal illness.
- The two monarchs* were mortal enemies.

NOVEL

novel (nov·el || 'nɒvl /'nɒvl) new; strange; a long story with characters and plot

- The architect* created a novel design that pleased everyone.
- The novel plan caused some unforeseen* problems.
- Robert was commended* by his teacher for the excellent report on the American novel, *The Grapes of Wrath*.

OCCUPANT

occupant ('oc·cu·pant || 'ɔkjəpənt /ɔkjʊp-) person in possession of a house, office, or position

- A feeble* old woman was the only occupant of the shack.
- The will disclosed* that the occupant of the estate was penniless.
- The occupant of the car beckoned* us to follow him.

APPOINT

appoint (ap·point || ə'pɔɪnt) decide on; set a time or place; choose for a position;
equip or furnish

- The library was appointed as the best place for the urgent* meeting.
- Though Mr. Thompson was appointed to a high position, he did not neglect* his old friends.
- The occupant* of the well-appointed guest room considered* himself quite fortunate.*

QUARTER

quarter (quar·ter | | 'kwɔrtə(r) /'kwɔ:tə) region; section; (quarters) a place to live; to provide a place to live

- The large family was unaccustomed* to such small quarters.
- Ellen moved to the French Quarter of our city.
- The city quartered the paupers* in an old school.

SITE

site (sɑɪt) position or place (of anything)

- The agent insisted* that the house had one of the best sites in town.
- We were informed by our guide* that a monument would be built on the site of the historic battle.
- For the site of the new school, the committee preferred an urban* location.*

QUOTE

quote (kwəʊt) repeat exactly the words of another or a passage from a book; that is, something that is repeated exactly; give the price of; a quotation

- She often quotes her spouse* to prove a point.
- The stockbroker quoted gold at a dollar off yesterday's closing price.
- Biblical quotes offer a unique* opportunity for study.

VERSE

verse (vɜrs / vɜ:s-) a short division of a chapter in the Bible; a single line or a group of lines of poetry

- The verse from the Bible that my father quoted* most frequently* was, "Love thy neighbor as thyself."
- Several verses of a religious nature were contained in the document.*
- Though it is not always easy to comprehend,* Shakespeare's verse has merit* that is worth the toil.*

MORALITY

morality (mo·ral·i·ty || mə'ɹæləɪtɪ) the right or wrong of an action; virtue; a set of rules or principles of conduct

- The editor* spoke on the morality of "bugging" the quarters* of a political opponent.*
- We rarely consider* the morality of our daily actions, though that should occupy* a high position in our thinking.
- Kenny's unruly* behavior has nothing to do with his lack* of morality.

ROAM

roam (rəʊm) wander; go about with no special plan or aim

- In the days of the Wild West, outlaws* roamed the country.
- A variety* of animals once roamed our land.
- The bachelor* promised his girlfriend that he would roam no more.

ATTRACT

attract (at·tract || ə'trækt) draw to oneself; win the attention and liking of

- The magnet attracted the iron particles.
- Adventure was the thrill that attracted the famous mountain climber to the jagged* peak.
- A glimpse* into the brightly colored room attracted the children's attention.

WORDS IN USE

Bible Zoo

One of the most popular* tales of the Bible **depicts** the great flood that destroyed every **mortal** except Noah and his family and the animals on his ark. Should there be a repetition* of that disaster,* there is one place where all the biblical animals are already gathered. The man to be commended* for this **novel** collection is Professor Aharon Shulov, a zoologist at Hebrew University in Jerusalem, Israel.

Professor Shulov **appointed** himself a committee of one to search out the 130 creatures mentioned in the Old Testament. Among the **occupants** of this zoo are crocodiles, camels, apes, peacocks, deer, foxes, and sheep, some of whom had to be imported from other lands. They are settled in suitable **quarters** on a twenty-five acre **site** in Jerusalem.

Visitors to the zoo not only get to view and feed the animals, but they are also treated to **quotes** from Bible **verses** that encourage* the study of the Good Book and teach **morality** amidst the waddling of the ducks and the wailing* of the wolves.

Not surprisingly, the children have the final* word at a special corner of the zoo, called the Garden of Eden, where animal cubs **roam** freely, **attracting** the attention of hundreds of youngsters who visit daily.

depict mortal novel occupant
appoint quarter site quote
verse morality roam attract

FILL IN THE BLANKS

1. The judge _____ to this case must be a person of justice* and honesty.
2. I knew that the culprit* was in _____ terror of being caught.
3. The _____ of the collapsed* building were dazed* by the tragedy.*
4. How can you _____ in a favorable light a person who betrayed* his country?
5. Let us explore* another _____ for the hospital where the population* is not so dense.*
6. A good line of _____ is thrifty* with words and bursting with feeling.
7. Troops were _____ in the city in a vain* attempt to keep order.
8. The price he _____ for the car was essentially* the same as that of his competitor.*
9. Seeing the movie based on the _____ does not exempt* you from reading the book.
10. The death of the millionaire _____ a bewildering* number* of hopeful beneficiaries.*
11. The new _____ has not won unanimous* acceptance; there are those who prefer the traditional* ways.
12. When I _____ abroad,* I come across many historic sites* and structures.

WORD REVIEW #5

1. Will storekeepers be (**prosecuted, pacified**) for raising prices without government permission?
2. With a few strokes of his brush, Norman Rockwell could (**depict, commend**) beautiful scenes.
3. Eric's serious (**toil, blunder**) caused him to lose the card game.
4. It is useless to (**mourn, maim**) over spilt milk.
5. Through his love of racing cars, Trevor (**squandered, subsided**) all the money he had inherited.
6. Although she was very unhappy, Dora refused to (**utter, comprehend**) one word of complaint.
7. At each step of the way, signs have been placed to (**guide, attract**) you through the winding caves.
8. The bachelor* met a lovely girl and decided to enter into (**matrimony, bigamy**).
9. Willie Mays had a (**mortal, novel**) way of catching a fly ball that most fans had never seen.
10. I tried to (**unite, disrupt**) the angry cousins but they would not let me make peace between them.

OPPOSITES

1. roam
 2. undernourished
 3. disclose
 4. rapid
 5. pauper
 6. possible
 7. feeble
 8. cease
 9. excessive
 10. rash
- a. well-fed
 - b. strong
 - c. start
 - d. could not happen
 - e. not enough
 - f. stay at home
 - g. careful
 - h. rich person
 - i. hide
 - j. slow

WORD REVIEW #5

1. Flood Waters _____ as Emergency Ends (***Collapse, Subside, Quench, Respond***)
2. 12-Year-Old Mugger Protected by _____ Law (***Final, Rash, juvenile, Fugitive***)
3. Diplomat Sent to _____ Angry Canadians (***Pacify, Prosecute, Betray, Disrupt***)
4. Hundreds at Church _____ for Accident Victims (***Beckon, Mourn, Respond, Venture***)
5. _____ Fire Expected in Lebanese War (***Cease, Squander, Compel, Commend***)
6. Former _____ Does Not Miss Royal Luxury (***Guide, Monarch, Architect, Censor***)
7. Merger Effort Will _____ the Two Companies (***Daze, Betray, Depict, Unite***)
8. Painter Aims to _____ Life in Haiti (***Outlaw, Depict, Exhaust, Utter***)
9. Bank Rewards _____ Depositors (***Rash, Pauper, Excessive, Thrifty***)
10. "Forgetful" Husband Accused of _____ (***Morality, Bigamy, Toil, Severity***)

occupant	disrupt	calamity	morality	utter	pacify
site	venture	beckon	toil	subside	commend
promote	verse	mortal	culprit	commend	fugitive
quench	exempt	maim	compel	architect	monarch
ensor	quarter	awesome	bigamist	thrifty	disaster

1. subject to death and has the same root as mortgage
2. lose a bodily part and therefore be crippled or disabled
3. a great misfortune and suggests one is under the influence "an unlucky star"
4. economical or stingy but also could describe someone who is prosperous because of hard work and good management
5. one who draws plans for a house but also refers to the creator of any plan or idea
6. a person with two wives or two husbands and is derived from the Greek word for "two weddings"
7. put out, as a fire, and also satisfy, as one's thirst
8. a ruler, rare in modern times and also master
9. an official with the power to remove objectionable material from a book or film as well as a person who reads mail in wartime, to remove information that might be useful to the enemy
10. provide lodgings as well as a particular district or section

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The Student Voice
Eastside High School
New York, NY 10036

Dear Editor:

I am writing in response to the article in the school newspaper, "Cafeteria Needs More Customers."

If the new cafeteria is to 1 more students, I believe the menu should be changed. It would be a good idea to avoid the 2 of the same old sandwiches, soups, and desserts. I think it might be 3 to offer some ethnic foods like pizza, tacos, and bagels. Students also enjoy eating rice dishes and curries. The dietician could 4 good eating habits for 5 students by serving milk instead of soft drinks. I will admit the low prices allow the students to be 6.

I find that the cafeteria is an 7 place in which to eat. 8 the large size of the room, the 9 has designed a very low ceiling. As a result, the noise level is 10, so it is difficult to have relaxing conversation.

I hope the school authorities will make the cafeteria more inviting to the students.

Yours truly,
Jun Ihara

COMMUTER

commuter (com'mut·er || -tə) one who travels regularly, especially over a considerable distance, between home and work

- The average commuter would welcome a chance to live in the vicinity* of his or her work.
- Have your commuter's ticket verified* by the conductor.
- A novel* educational program gives college credit to commuters who listen to a lecture while they are traveling to work.

CONFINE

confine (con·fine || 'kɒnfain) keep in; hold in

- The fugitive* was caught and confined to jail for another two years.
- A virus that was circulating* in the area confined AI to his house.
- Polio confined President Roosevelt to a wheelchair.

IDLE

idle (i·dle || 'aɪdl) not doing anything; not busy; lazy; without any good reason or cause; to waste (time)

- Any attempt to study was abandoned* by the student, who idled away the morning.
- The idle hours of a holiday frequently* provide the best time to take stock.
- Do not deceive* yourself into thinking that these are just idle rumors.

IDOL

idol (i·dol || 'aɪdl) a thing, usually an image, that is worshiped; a person or thing that is loved very much

- This small metal idol illustrates* the art of ancient Rome.
- John Wayne was the idol of many young people who liked cowboy movies.
- Scientists are still trying to identify* this idol found in the ruins.

JEST

jest (dzest) joke; fun; mockery; thing to be laughed at; to joke; poke fun

- Though he spoke in jest, Mark was undoubtedly* giving us a message.
- Do not jest about matters of morality.*
- In some quarters,* honesty and hard work have become subjects of jest.

PATRIOTIC

patriotic (pa·tri·ot·ic || ,peɪtri'ɑtɪk /,pætri'ɒ-) loving one's country; showing love and loyal support for one's country

- It is patriotic to accept your responsibilities to your country.
- The patriotic attitude of the captive* led him to refuse to cooperate with the enemy.
- Nathan Hale's patriotic statement has often been quoted:* "I regret that I have but one life to give for my country."

DISPUTE

dispute (dis·pute || dɪ'spju:t) disagree; oppose; try to win; a debate or disagreement

- Our patriotic* soldiers disputed every inch of ground during the battle.
- The losing team disputed the contest up until the final* minute of play.
- Many occupants* of the building were attracted* by the noisy dispute.

VALOR

valor ('væl·ər) bravery; courage

- The valor of the Vietnam veterans deserves the highest commendation.*
- No one will dispute* the valor of Washington's men at Valley Forge.
- The fireman's valor in rushing into the flaming house saved the occupants* from a horrid* fate.

LUNATIC

lunatic (lu·na·tic || 'lu:nætɪk) crazy person; insane; extremely foolish

- Only a lunatic would willingly descend* into the monster's cave.
- Certain lunatic ideas persist* even though they have been rejected* by all logical* minds.
- My roommate has some lunatic ideas about changing the world.

VEIN

vein (veɪn) mood; a blood vessel that carries blood to the heart; a crack or seam in a rock filled with a different mineral

- A vein of lunacy* seemed to run in the family.
- Mario's wrist was severely* cut by the rock, causing his vein to bleed heavily.
- Explorations disclosed* the rich vein of copper in the mountain.

UNEVENTFUL

uneventful (ʌnɪˈventʃl,ʌnɪˈventf(ə)l) without important or striking happenings

- After the variety* of bewildering* experiences at the start of our trip, we were happy that the rest of the journey was uneventful.
- Our annual* class outing proved quite uneventful.
- The meeting seemed uneventful but expert observers realized that important decisions were being made.

FERTILE

fertile (fer·tile | | 'fɜrtl /'fɜ:tɑɪl) bearing seeds or fruit; producing much of anything

- Chicks hatch from fertile eggs.
- The loss of their fertile lands threw the farmers into a panic.*
- A fertile mind need never be uneasy* about finding life uneventful.*

WORDS IN USE

Record Holders

The Guinness Book of World Records is full of fascinating facts. For example, the champion **commuter** is Bruno Leuthardt of Germany, who traveled 370 miles each day for ten years to his teaching job and was late only once because of a flood.

The record for being buried alive is held by Emma Smith of Ravenshead, England. She was **confined** in a coffin for 100 days. What a way to spend the **idle** hours! Peter Clark of London collected 1276 autographed pictures of famous men and women. Obviously* not all were his **idols**, but he did set a record.

What drives people to these unusual practices? Some are simply done in **jest**, some for **patriotic** reasons. Certainly no one would **dispute** the **valor** of the "record-makers," even if the records themselves may be no more lasting than a popular* song. While one need not be a **lunatic**, he must have a **vein** of recklessness* to participate in such activities as bungee jumping, high diving, or parachute jumping.

If you are tired of leading a dull, **uneventful** life, remember the mortais* whose **fertile** imaginations have found novel* ways to add excitement to their lives.

commuter confine idle idol
jest patriotic dispute valor
lunatic vein uneventful fertile

FILL IN THE BLANKS

- Celia was left _____ after working so hard all her life.
- I would _____ that claim if I did not know you were jesting.*
- This site* will attract many home buyers because of the advantages for the _____
- The early pioneers exhibited* great _____ in braving the hardships* of the new frontiers.
- A _____ of caution* helped Mr. Samler to avoid* the obvious* risks in his new job.
- It is no misfortune* to spend a few _____ days without excitement and conflict.*
- The _____ element of society ignores* the warnings about the dangers of drugs.
- Since the statement was made in _____ it is not a valid* point to argue.
- I asked my opponent* in the debate* to _____ his remarks to the subject under discussion.
- How can we transmit* a healthy _____ view to the next generation?
- People have always wanted to inhabit* the land where the soil is most _____
- People still worship the _____ of greed* and power.

REFER

refer (re·fer | | rɪ'fɜr /-'fɜ:) hand over; send, direct, or turn for information, help, or action; (refer to) direct attention to or speak about; assign to or think of as caused by

- Let us refer the dispute* to the dean.
- Our teacher referred us to the dictionary for the meanings of the difficult words in the novel.*
- The speaker referred to a verse in the Bible to support his theory.*

DISTRESS

distress (dis·tress | | di'stres) great pain or sorrow; misfortune; dangerous or difficult situation; to cause pain or make unhappy

- The family was in great distress over the accident that maimed* Kenny.
- My teacher was distressed by the dismal performance of our class on the final* examination.
- Long, unscheduled delays at the station cause distress to commuters.*

DIMINISH

diminish (di·min·ish || dɪ'mɪnɪʃ) make or become smaller in size, amount or importance

- The excessive* heat diminished as the sun went down.
- Our diminishing supply of food was carefully wrapped and placed with the baggage.*
- The latest news from the battlefield confirms* the report of diminishing military activity.

MAXIMUM

maximum (max·i·mum || 'mæksɪmə) greatest amount; greatest possible

- Chris acknowledged* that the maximum he had ever walked in one day was fifteen miles.
- We would like to exhibit* this rare* collection to the maximum number of visitors.
- The committee anticipated* the maximum attendance of the first day of the performance.

FLEE

flee (fli:) run away; go quickly

- The fleeing outlaws* were pursued* by the police.
- One could clearly see the clouds fleeing before the wind.
- The majority* of students understand that they cannot flee from their responsibilities.

VULNERABLE

vulnerable (vul·ner·a·ble | | 'vʌlnərəbl) capable of being injured; open to attack, sensitive to criticism, influences, etc.

- Achilles was vulnerable only in his heel.
- The investigator's nimble* mind quickly located the vulnerable spot in the defendant's alibi.
- A vulnerable target for thieves is a solitary* traveler.

SIGNIFY

signify (sig·ni·fy || 'sɪgnɪfaɪ) mean; be a sign of; make known by signs, words, or actions; have importance

- "Oh!" signifies surprise.
- A gift of such value signifies more than a casual* relationship.
- The word "fragile"* stamped on a carton signifies that it must be handled with caution.*

MYTHOLOGY

mythology (my·thol·o·gy || mɪ'θɒlədʒɪ /-'θɒ-) legends or stories that usually attempt to explain something in nature

- The story of Proserpina and Ceres explaining the seasons is typical* of Greek mythology.
- From a study of mythology we can conclude* that the ancients were concerned with the wonders of nature.
- Ancient mythology survives* to this day in popular* expressions such as "Herculean task" or "Apollo Project."

COLLEAGUE

colleague (col·league || 'kɒli:g) associate; fellow worker

- The captain gave credit for the victory to his valiant* colleagues.
- Who would have predicted* that our pedestrian* colleague would one day win the Nobel Prize for medicine?
- We must rescue our colleagues from their wretched* condition.

TORMENT

torment (tor·ment || tɔr'ment /tɔ:-) cause very great pain to; worry or annoy very much; cause of very great pain; very great pain

- Persistent* headaches tormented him.
- The illustrations* in our history text show the torments suffered by the victims of the French Revolution.
- The logical* way to end the torment of doubt over the examination is to spend adequate* time in study.

PROVIDE

provide (pro·vide || prə'vaɪd) to supply; to state as a condition; to prepare for or against some situation

- How can we provide job opportunities for all our graduates?
- Hal said he would bring the ball provided he would be allowed to pitch.
- The government is obligated, among other things, to provide for the common welfare and secure the blessings of peace for all citizens

LOYALTY

loyalty ('loy·al·ty || 'lɔɪəlɪ) faithfulness to a person, government, idea, custom, or the like

- The monarch* referred* to his knights' loyalty with pride.
- Nothing is so important to transmit* to the youth as the sacredness* of loyalty to one's country.
- Out of a sense of loyalty to his friends, Michael was willing to suffer torments,* and he therefore refused to identify* his colleagues* in the plot.

WORDS IN USE

How Our Language Grows

Many popular* expressions in our language have interesting backgrounds. When we **refer** to a person's weak spot as his Achilles heel) we are recalling the story of the mighty Greek hero of the Trojan War, Achilles, a warrior of unusual strength and valor.* The mother of Achilles, in whose veins* flowed the blood of the gods, was warned at his birth that her son would die in battle.

In great **distress**, she sought to save her son. In order to **diminish** his chances of being hurt and to give him **maximum** protection* in combat, she dipped the infant in the river Styx. The magic waters touched every part of the child's body except the heel that she held in her hand. Thus it happened many years later that as Achilles started to **flee** from an attack, a poisoned arrow struck him in the heel, the only spot where he was **vulnerable**.

Today, the meaning of Achilles heel is not confined* to a weak spot in the body but it also **signifies** a weakness in the character of an individual, or in the defenses of a nation, or in the structure of a system. American politics, rather than **mythology**, provides the explanation for the word bunk. This word came into the language in 1820 when Felix Walker, the representative from Buncombe County, North Carolina, formed the habit of making long, unnecessary speeches in Congress.

When his **colleagues** asked him why he was **tormenting** them so, he **apologized** by saying it was his patriotic* duty to put those speeches in the record out of **loyalty** to his supporters at home. The word "Buncombe" was shortened to "bunk" and came to mean any thought that has little or no worth.

FILL IN THE BLANKS

refer flee colleague distress
vulnerable torment diminish signify
apologize maximum mythology loyalty

- The uneventful* flow of news was interrupted by a report of a ship in _____
- Our temperature for the day dropped from a _____ of 85 degrees to a minimum* of 70 degrees.
- The dishonest employee* planned to _____ with several thousand dollars of the company's money.
- It was easy to see that the club members resented* Phil's _____ them with silly questions.
- Colonel Bishop's deep sense of _____ to his men signifies* an honest and honorable nature.
- Elizabeth was finally* persuaded* to _____ for her remark and to pledge* to be more careful in the future.
- What I admire in Marty is that he never abandoned* his _____ in their time of need.
- Mr. Harris' manipulation* of the bank funds _____ his greed.*
- Debra had a tendency* to _____ all her questions to the librarian instead of looking them up herself.
- The registration for this course has _____ to the point where we must consider* eliminating* it from the curriculum.
- The names of the days of the week are based on the names of the gods and goddesses of Norse _____
- The distressing* fact is that we are all _____ to natural disasters.*

WORD DETECTIVE

refer flee colleague distress
vulnerable torment diminish signify
apologize maximum mythology loyalty

1. be a sign of
2. run away
3. great pain or sorrow
4. greatest amount
5. direct, send, or turn for information, help, or action
6. faithfulness
7. associate; fellow worker
8. legends or stories
9. capable of being injured
10. cause very great pain to
11. become smaller in size
12. express regret

VOLUNTEER

volunteer (vol·un·teer || ,vɒlən'tɪr /,vɒlən'tɪə) person who enters any service of his or her own free will; to offer one's services

- The draft has been abolished* and replaced by a volunteer army.
- Terry did not hesitate* to volunteer for the most difficult jobs.
- The boys were reluctant* to volunteer their services to help clean up after the dance.

PREJUDICE

prejudice (prej·u·dice || 'predʒʊdɪs) an opinion formed without taking time and care to judge fairly; to harm or injure .

- Prejudice against minority* groups will linger* on as long as people ignore* the facts.
- Eliminating* prejudice should be among the first concerns of a democracy.
- The witness's weird* behavior prejudiced Nancy's case.

SHRILL

shrill (ʃrɪl) having a high pitch; high and sharp in sound; piercing

- Despite* their small size, crickets make very shrill noises.
- The shrill whistle of the policeman was warning enough for the fugitive* to stop in his tracks.
- A shrill torrent* of insults poured from the mouth of the shrieking* woman.

JOLLY

jolly (jol·ly || 'dʒɔlɪ /'dʒɒl-) merry; full of fun

- The jolly old man, an admitted bigamist,* had forgotten to mention his first wife to his new spouse.*
- When the jolly laughter subsided,* the pirates began the serious business of dividing the gold.
- Are you aware* that a red-suited gentleman with a jolly twinkle in his eyes is stuck in the chimney?

WITTY

witty (wit·ty || 'wɪtɪ) cleverly amusing

- Mr. Carlson's witty introduction qualifies* him as a first-rate speaker.
- Fay is too slow to appreciate such witty remarks.
- The lawyer tried to prosecute* the case by being witty and thereby entertaining the jury.

HINDER

hinder (hind·er || 'haɪndə(r)) hold back; make hard to do

- Deep mud hindered travel in urban* centers.
- The storm hindered the pursuit* of the fleeing* prisoners.
- Mona's gloomy* nature hinders her relationships with other people.

LECTURE

lecture (lec·ture || 'lektʃə(r)) speech or planned talk; a scolding; to scold

- Rarely* have I heard a lecture with such clear illustrations.*
- Henry's father lectured him on the awesome* perils* of drug addiction.*
- A famous journalist* delivered a lecture on prejudice* in the press.

ABUSE

abuse (a·buse | | ə'bjuz) make bad use of; use wrongly; treat badly; scold very severely; bad or wrong use; bad treatment

- Those who abuse the privileges of the honor system will be penalized.*
- The editor* apologized* for the abuse we had suffered as a result of his article.
- Brutal* abuse of children in the orphanage was disclosed* by the investigation.

MUTE

mute (mjʊt) silent; unable to speak

- The usually defiant* child stood mute before the principal.
- People are no longer willing to remain mute on the subject of abuse* of gun control.
- The horror of the famine* left the inhabitants* of the land mute with their tragic* memories.

WAD

wad (wad /wɒd) small, soft mass; to roll or crush into a small mass

- To decrease* the effects of the pressure, the diver put wads of cotton in his ears.
- The officer challenged* George to explain the wad of fifty dollars which he had in his pocket.
- Because the automatic firing mechanism was defective,* the hunter had to wad the powder into the gun by hand.

RETAIN

retain (re·tain | | rɪ'teɪn) keep; remember; employ by payment of a fee

- Despite* her lack* of funds Mrs. Reilly retained a detective* to follow her spouse*
- China dishes have the unique* quality* of retaining heat longer than metal pans.
- Like the majority* of people, I can retain the tune but not the words of a song.

WORDS IN USE

Don't look over My Shoulder!

The kibitzer is a person who **volunteers** useless information, especially in card games, causing the players to be **prejudiced** against him. The name comes from a Yiddish word which originally referred* to a certain bird whose **shrill** cry scared the animals away upon the approach* of the hunters.

Though the kibitzer may think he is being **jolly** or **witty**, his advice often **hinders** more than it helps. We may scowl* at him or **lecture** him for his **abuse** of our friendship, but he still continues to **mumble** his unwelcome remarks. The serious player may even wish he could make the kibitzer **mute** by sticking a **wad** of cotton in his mouth.

The kibitzer, however, may not realize that he is causing torment* or distress* to his colleagues.* Thus we may have to resign* ourselves to his annoying habit if we wish to **retain** him as a friend.

volunteer prejudice shrill jolly
witty hinder lecture abuse
mumble mute wad retain

FILL IN THE BLANKS

1. The culprit* ____ his oath* in court as if his tongue were numb.*
2. The ____ of material stuffed under Mr. Marlowe's shirt made him look bulky* enough to play the part of Santa.
3. With the evidence* mounting* against him, Dr. Parkman was persuaded* to ____ the best lawyer in the state.
4. In a fine showing of loyalty,* many ____ responded* to the fire.
5. Our party was a ____ blend* of good fellowship, song, and dance.
6. The defense attorney made a desperate plea* to the jury not to allow the hazy* evidence* to ____ them against his client.*
7. Edith's fierce* loyalty* has ____ the investigation of the crime.
8. Flynn was usually talkative but the accident left him _____
9. There were visible* signs that the child had been severely* _____
10. The ____ screams of the jet planes lead many people to envy* the quiet country life.
11. Father gave Steve a ____ for neglecting* to wash the car.
12. A ____ line in Shakespeare's plays may not get a chuckle in our century.*

CANDIDATE

candidate (can·di·date | | 'kændɪdət) person who is proposed for some office or honor

- We can have a maximum* of four candidates for the office of president.
- Each candidate for mayor seemed confident* he would be victorious.*
- Derek Jeter is a candidate for baseball's Hall of Fame.

PRECEDE

precede (pre·cede | | ,pri:'si:d) go before; come before; be higher in rank or importance

- Lyndon Johnson preceded Richard Nixon as president.
- In a gallant* gesture, Ronnie allowed Amanda's name to precede his in the program listing.
- A prominent* speaker preceded the ceremony of the granting of the diplomas.

ADOLESCENT

adolescent (,ad·o'les·cent || ,ædə'lesnt) growing up to manhood or womanhood; youthful; a person. from about 13 to 22 years of age

- In his adolescent years, the candidate* claimed, he had undergone many hardships.*
- There is a fiction* abroad* that every adolescent is opposed to tradition.*
- Our annual rock festival attracts* thousands of adolescents.

COEDUCATIONAL

coeducational (kəʊɛdju: 'keɪf(ə)nəl) having to do with educating both sexes in the same school

- There has been a massive* shift to coeducational schools.
- Coeducational institutions, once thought to have a disruptive* effect, have been found to be beneficial.*
- In choosing a college, Ned leans toward schools that are coeducational.

RADICAL

radical (rad·i·cal || 'rædɪkl) going to the root; fundamental; extreme; person with extreme opinions

- The tendency* to be vicious* and cruel is a radical fault.
- We observe that the interest in radical views is beginning to subside.*
- Because Richard was a radical, the Conservative Party would not accept him as a candidate.*

SPONTANEOUS

spontaneous (spon·ta·ne·ous || span'teɪniəs /spon-) of one's own free will; natural; on the spur of the moment; without rehearsal

- The vast* crowd burst into spontaneous cheering at the skillful play.
- Be cautious* with these oily rags because they can break out in spontaneous flame.
- William's spontaneous resentment* at the mention of his sister was noted by the observant* teacher.

SKIM

skim (skim) remove from the top; move lightly (over); glide along; read hastily or carelessly

- This soup will be more nourishing* if you skim off the fat.
- I caught a glimpse* of Mark and Marge skimming over the ice.
- Detective Corby, assigned to the homicide,* was skimming through the victim's book of addresses.

VACCINATE

vaccinate (vac·ci·nate | | 'væksɪneɪt) inoculate with vaccine as a protection against smallpox and other diseases

- There has been a radical* decline in polio since doctors began to vaccinate children with the Salk vaccine.
- The general population* has accepted the need to vaccinate children against the once-dreaded* disease.
- Numerous* examples persist* of people who have neglected* to have their infants vaccinated.

UNTIDY

untidy (ʌn'tɪɪdi) not neat; not in order

- The bachelor's* quarters* were most untidy.
- We must start a cleanup campaign to keep the campus* from being so untidy.
- Finding the house in such an untidy condition baffled* us.

UTENSIL

utensil (u·ten·sil || ju:'tensl) container or tool used for practical purposes

- Several utensils were untidily* tossed about the kitchen.
- Edward's baggage* contained all the utensils he would need on the camping trip.
- Some people are so old-fashioned that they reject* the use of any modern utensil.

SENSITIVE

sensitive (sen·si·tive || 'sensitiv) receiving impressions readily; easily affected or influenced; easily hurt or offended

- The eye is sensitive to light.
- From the experiment we may conclude that mercury in a thermometer is sensitive to changes in temperature.
- James is sensitive about his wretched* handwriting.

TEMPERATE

temperate (tem·per·ate | | 'tempərət) not very hot and not very cold; moderate

- The United States is mostly in the North Temperate Zone
- All students received the appeal* to be temperate and not to jump to conclusions* in judging the new grading system.
- Mrs. Rollins commended* her class for their temperate attitude when she announced the extra assignment.

WORDS IN USE

A Course for Parents

A course entitled "The Responsibilities of Parenthood" sounds as if it should be offered to students who are immediate **candidates** for parenthood. Not according to Dr. Lee Salk, who feels that teaching children about parenthood should **precede** the **adolescent** years.

Dr. Salk, of the New York Hospital, teaches a volunteer* **coeducational** class of junior high school youngsters what it means to be a parent. He does not lecture* or present **radical** views. Rather, he conducts **spontaneous** discussions by encouraging* students to imagine that they are parents and asking them such questions as "What would you do if you found your child smoking?" or "How would you prepare your child for the first day of school?" The lessons **skim** over such topics as the need to **vaccinate** children against diseases or to teach them not to be **untidy** or to use **utensils** properly. The class is more concerned with preparing students emotionally to become better parents some day and with making children **sensitive** to the responsibilities of parenthood.

The class members often express **temperate** and mature views. One girl said she would not approve of having a nurse bring up her child. Another felt that money earned through babysitting or other jobs should be shared with parents. When asked how his students rate, Dr. Salk retained* a hopeful outlook. "They are ready for this information," he declared. "I think they'll be honest parents."

FILL IN THE BLANKS

sensitive coeducational vaccinate
spontaneous untidy precede
adolescent radical utensil
candidate temperate skim

1. It is to Mitchell's credit that he gained a harvest* of friends in his _____ years.
2. The _____ who gets the job must have an adequate* knowledge* of journalism.*
3. Detective Wayne threatened* to take _____ action if the outlaws* did not surrender.
4. You can scarcely* call Jay's hour-long acceptance speech a _____ response* to his victory.
5. If you consent* to have yourself _____ against the Asiatic flu, you will be relieved* of further tension or worry.
6. Brad identified* the _____ as a miniature* radiation gauge.
7. Kim is _____ about her poor grades, yet she rejects* offers of help.
8. The warden* tried to soothe* the violent* men by speaking to them in a _____ manner.
9. From the piles of rubbish it is obvious* that the occupant* of this room was an _____ person.
10. The data* show that _____ classes tend to encourage* greater competition* in learning.
11. A rise in the wholesale* prices _____ the sharp increase on the retail level.
12. In the hazy* sunlight, we watched the swallows _____ over the water.

MATCHING

1. sensitive
 2. coeducational
 3. vaccinate
 4. spontaneous
 5. untidy
 6. precede
 7. adolescent
 8. radical
 9. utensil
 10. candidate
 11. temperate
 12. skim
- a. not very hot and not very cold
 - b. of one's own free will
 - c. youthful
 - d. inoculate
 - e. having to do with education of both sexes at the same school
 - f. remove from the top
 - g. extreme
 - h. person who is proposed for some office
 - i. go before
 - j. not neat
 - k. receiving impressions readily
 - l. container or tool used for practical purposes

VAGUE

vague (veig) not definite; not clear; not distinct

- Joe's position was vague because he wanted to remain neutral* in the dispute.*
- When asked her opinion, Gladys was tactful* enough to give a vague answer that did not hurt anyone.
- The vague shape in the distance proved to be nothing more weird* than a group of trees.

ELEVATE

elevate (el·e·vate || 'elIveIt) raise; lift up

- Private Carbo was elevated to higher rank for his valor.*
- Reading a variety* of good books elevates the mind.
- The candidate* spoke from an elevated platform.

LOTTERY

lottery (lot·ter·y || 'lɒtəri /'lɒt-) a scheme for distributing prizes by lot or chance

- The merit* of a lottery is that everyone has an equal chance.
- We thought that a lottery was an absurd* way of deciding who should be the team captain.
- The rash* young man claimed the lottery prize only to find he had misread his number.

FINANCE

finance (fi·nance || fɪ'næns / 'faɪnæns) money matters; to provide money for

- The new employee* boasted of his skill in finance.
- Frank circulated* the rumor that his uncle would finance his way through college.
- Mrs. Giles retained* a lawyer to handle her finances.

OBTAIN

obtain (ob·tain || əb'teɪn) get; be in use

- An adolescent* is finding it increasingly difficult to obtain a good job without a diploma.
- David obtained accurate* information about college from his guidance counselor.
- Because this is a coeducational* school, different rules obtain here.

CINEMA

cinema (cin·e·ma | | 'sɪnɪmə) moving picture

- Censors* have developed a rating system for the cinema.
- Today's cinema is full of homicides* and violence.*
- A best-seller is often the source* of cinema stories.

EVENT

event (e·vent || ɪ'vent) happening; important happening; result or outcome; one item in a program of sports

- The greatest event in Ellie's life was winning the \$1,000,000 lottery.*
- We chose our seat carefully and then awaited the shot put event.
- There is merit* in gaining wisdom even after the event.

DISCARD

discard (dis·card || dɪ'skɑːd) throw aside

- Anna casually* discarded one boyfriend after another.
- Confident* that he held a winning hand, Slim refused to discard anything.
- Asked why he had discarded his family traditions,* Mr. Menzel remained mute.*

SOAR

soar (sɔr /sɔː) fly upward or at a great height; aspire

- We watched the soaring eagle skim* over the mountain peak.
- An ordinary man cannot comprehend* such soaring ambition.
- The senator's hopes for victory soared after his television appearance.

SUBSEQUENT

subsequent ('sub·se·quent || 'sʌbsɪkwənt) later; following; coming after

- Subsequent events* proved that Sloan was right.
- Further explanations will be presented in subsequent lectures.*
- Though the enemy forces resisted* at first, they subsequently learned that their efforts were in vain.*

RELATE

relate (re·late || rɪ'leɪt) tell; give an account of; connect in thought or meaning

- The traveler related his adventures with some exaggeration.*
- After viewing the cinema's* latest show, the observant* student was able to relate every detail.
- Would you say that misfortune* is related to carelessness?

STATIONARY

stationary (sta·tion·ar·y || 'steɪʃnəri ,-nrɪ) having a fixed station or place; standing still; not moving; not changing in size, number or activity

- A factory engine is stationary.
- The population* of our town has been stationary for a decade.*
- Caught in the middle of traffic, the frightened pedestrian* remained stationary in the busy street.

WORDS IN USE

Summer Travel

If you are tired of making **vague** excuses for another dull summer at home, here is a thought to **elevate** your spirits. You do not need anything so radical* as winning a **lottery** to **finance** a trip to Europe. A student identity card that can be **obtained** for a few dollars from the Council on International Educational Exchange entitles you to discount tickets on certain charter flights to London and Paris, as well as reduced admission to many museums, **cinemas**, and musical **events**.

Once in Europe, you can stretch your budget by staying at approved* youth hostels for about ten dollars a night. So don't **discard** your hopes of becoming an international traveler. Soon you can be **soaring** into the skies or skimming* over the waves to new adventures that you will **subsequently** relate to your **stationary** friends.

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FILL IN THE BLANKS

1. Our club consented* to hold a _____ as a means of raising money.
2. If you want to _____ data* on employment opportunities, a good source* is the Bulletin of the Department of Labor.
3. Some call it _____ a but I call it a movie.
4. Our team excelled* in the last _____ of the track meet.
5. As I watched the huge jet _____ into the sky, I wished that I were on board.
6. Since Margaret has become his neighbor, Bud's progress in school has been practically _____
7. _____ to his phone call, I received a confirmation* in the mail.
8. We are compelled* to _____ this outdated theory.*
9. How does that evidence* _____ to the case?
10. Tim's argument may be logical* but it is too _____ to be convincing.
11. With no one to _____ the project, the entire scheme collapsed.*
12. This feeble* speech will do little to _____ the spirits of the audience.

WORD DETECTIVE

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1. raise; lift up
2. later; following; coming after
3. moving picture
4. important happening
5. fly upward or at a great height; aspire
6. not definite; not clear; not distinct
7. not moving
8. a scheme for distributing prizes by lot or chance
9. tell; connect in thought or meaning
10. get; be in use
11. money matters; to provide money for
12. throw aside

PROMPT

prompt (prampt /prompt) quick; on time; done at once; to cause (someone) to do something; remind (someone) of the words or actions needed

- Be prompt in assembling* your baggage.*
- Terry's caution* prompted him to ask many questions before he consented.*
- Larry was confident* he knew his lines well enough not to need any prompting.

HASTY

hasty ('hast·y || 'heɪstɪ) quick; hurried; not well thought out

- A hasty glance* convinced him that he was being followed.
- Rather than make a hasty decision, Mr. Torres rejected* the offer.
- Myra apologized* for the hasty visit.

SCORCH

scorch (skɔrtʃ /skɔ:tʃ) burn slightly; dry up; criticize sharply

- The hot iron scorched the tablecloth.
- Farmers reported that their wheat was being scorched by the fierce* rays of the sun.
- Mr. Regan gave the class a scorching lecture* on proper behavior in the cafeteria.

TEMPEST

tempest (tem·pest || 'tempɪst) violent* storm with much wind; a violent disturbance

- The tempest drove the ship on the rocks.
- Following the weather report of the approaching* tempest, we were prompted* to seek immediate shelter.
- When Mr. Couche saw that a tempest was brewing over the issue, he hastily* called a meeting.

SOOTHE

soothe (su:ð) quiet; calm; comfort

- With an embrace,* the mother soothed the hurt child.
- Heat soothes some aches; cold soothes others.
- Rosalie's nerves were soothed by the soft music.

SYMPATHETIC

sympathetic (sym·pa·thet·ic | | ,sɪmpə'tetɪk) having or showing kind feelings toward others; approving; enjoying the same things and getting along well together

- Judge Cruz was sympathetic to the lawyer's plea* for mercy.
- Father was fortunately* sympathetic to my request to use the car on weekends.
- We were all sympathetic to Suzanne over her recent* misfortune.*

REDEEM

redeem (re-deem | | rɪ'di:m) buy back; pay off; carry out; set free; make up for

- The property on which money has been lent is redeemed when the loan is paid back.
- My family was relieved* to hear that the mortgage had been redeemed.
- Mr. Franklin promptly* redeemed his promise to help us in time of need.

RESUME

resume (re·sume | | rɪ'zʊ:m / -'zju:m) begin again; go on; take again

- Resume reading where we left off.
- Those standing may resume their seats.
- The violinist resumed playing after the intermission.

HARMONY

harmony (har·mo·ny | | 'hɑ:mənɪ /'hɑ:m-) situation of getting on well together or going well together; sweet or musical sound

- We hoped the incident would not disrupt* the harmony that existed between the brothers.
- I am sympathetic* to Warren because his plans are in harmony with mine.
- We responded* to the harmony of the song by humming along.

REFRAIN

refrain (e·frain || rɪˈfreɪn) hold back

- Refrain from making hasty* promises.
- Milo could not refrain from laughing at the jest.*
- If you want to be heard, you must refrain from mumbling.*

ILLEGAL

illegal (il·le·gal | | 'I'lɪ:ɡl) not lawful; against the law

- It is illegal to reveal* the names of juvenile* delinquents.*
- Bigamy* is illegal in the United States.
- Mr. Worthington's illegal stock manipulations* led to his jail sentence.

NARCOTIC

narcotic (nar·cot·ic | | nar'katik /nɑ:'kɑ-) drug that produces drowsiness, sleep, dullness, or an insensible condition, and lessens pain by dulling the nerves

- Opium is a powerful narcotic.
- We do not have adequate* knowledge of the narcotic properties of these substances.
- The doctor prescribed a narcotic medicine to soothe* the patient's suffering.

WORDS IN USE

A Helping Hand

Youth workers Bill Nash and Jim Boyle are house- hunters, not so much for a house as for a concerned family willing to house and feed troubled youngsters temporarily. They try to give **prompt** attention to those who cannot or will not live at home. For some, leaving home may have been the result of a **hasty** decision, based on a **scorching** remark and the subsequent* **tempest** within the family.

The cooling-off period away from the family is a time to **soothe** feelings. With **sympathetic** outsiders, youngsters have a chance to **redeem** them selves. The hope, of course, is that they will learn to relate* to adults again and quickly **resume** a normal life of **harmony** with their own families.

Some people **refrain** from offering their homes, expressing vague* fears of the harmful effects on their own children. But this has not been the case, even when the problem of the "visitor" was the **illegal** use of **narcotics**. One parent remarked, "With us it worked the other way. The horror of drugs became real to my own son. We got a lot more than we gave."

FILL IN THE BLANKS

prompt hasty scorch tempest
soothe sympathetic redeem resume
harmony refrain illegal narcotic

1. I insist* on a _____ answer to my question.
2. Harriet's anger was subsequently* _____ by the apology.*
3. The minister said those who are not _____ from sin will perish.*
4. Joseph could not _____ from embracing* his long-lost brother.
5. My cat and dog, though traditionally* enemies, have lived in perfect _____ for years.
6. Because he liked to be prompt,* Sal ate only a _____ meal.
7. The farmers were grateful* that the _____ had not destroyed their harvest.*
8. Jenny picked up the hot iron just as it was about to _____ my shirt.
9. The couple seemed so _____ that the breakup baffled* us.
10. Chris Pollaro _____ his former position with the company.
11. It is _____ to own firearms without a license.
12. It is impossible* to estimate* the harm caused by the illegal* use of _____

WORD REVIEW#6

1. When he was asked to (**relate, confine**) his story to the judge, Mr. Parsons grew very nervous.
2. I was surprised to get such a (**prompt, shrill**) answer to my letter since I had only mailed it on Tuesday.
3. After drinking for three hours, Corky had only a (**subsequent, vague**) memory of what had taken place at the party.
4. Because my father works in the post office, he can (**redeem, obtain**) the new stamps that come out each month.
5. Mrs. Sykes stopped her daughter's piano lessons in June but will (**resume, refrain**) them in September.
6. We could see that the cook was (**distressed, soothed**) by his wild looks and his violent curses.
7. The cowboys knew that if they lit a fire they would be (**vulnerable, temperate**) to attack by the outlaws.*
8. Everyone agreed that the Wright brothers' idea about flying was a (**radical, sensitive**) one.
9. It was an (**uneventful, idol**) week for us because no one telephoned and no one came to visit.
10. Gina gave (**maximum, stationary**) attention to her little sister after their mother died.

OPPOSITES

1. hasty

2. idle

3. flee

4. mumble

5. jolly

6. elevate

7. discard

8. mute

9. diminish

10. untidy

a. remain

b. lower

c. talkative

d. neat

e. sad

f. grow larger

g. slow

h. keep

i. speak clearly

j. busy

WORD REVIEW#6

1. Health Department to _____ Kindergartners (***Diminish, Retain, Vaccinate, Sooth***)
2. Closing of Factory Causes 450 to Be _____ (***Idol, Temperate, Idle, Sympathetic***)
3. Giants' Chances Are _____ with Loss to Phils (***Resumed, Elevated, Fertile, Diminished***)
4. Divers to _____ Search for Sunken Vessel (***Resume, Redeem, Precede, Signify***)
5. Deny _____ Against Older Workers (***Distress, Prejudice, Dispute, Loyalty***)
6. _____ Professors Speak Out Against Nuclear Plant (***Illegal, Sympathetic, Radical, Adolescent***)
7. Teenage _____ to Sing in Rock Musical (***Colleague, Idol, Mute, Jest***)
8. Our Shoreline _____ to Erosion (***Confined, Related, Vulnerable, Retained***)
9. Frat Members Spend _____ Night in Cemetery (***Uneventful, Vague, Hasty, Prompt***)
10. _____ Refuses to Pay Until Trains Are Cleaned (***Colleague, Commuter, Volunteer, Jest***)

harmony	candidate	subsequent	hinder	diminish	confine
soothe	tempest	utensil	abuse	signify	idol
radical	soar	temperate	lunatic	loyalty	vaccinate
cinema	mute	shrill	lottery	commuter	discard
redeem	spontaneous	prejudice	retain	colleague	fertile

1. insane *and* is related to the Latin word for "moon"
2. a fellow worker *and* sounds like (and is in fact derived from the same source as) *college*
3. unreasonable opinion *and* indicates a closed mind
4. protect against disease *and* is based on the French word for "cow"
5. a motion picture *and* is the first element of _____tography and _____ scope
6. unable to speak *and also* may refer to the softening of colors and tones as well as sounds
7. occurring naturally *and* appears in phrases like "_____ applause" and " _____ generation"
8. having your number picked *and* a _____ are related to games of chance.
9. reject or throw away *and* would be appropriate in a poker game
10. save from sin *as well* as recover ownership

confine	elevate	provide	retain	temperate
diminish	fertile	radical	signified	torment
dispute	harmony	referred	spontaneous	utensil
distress	hinder	relate	sympathetic	vein

38 Grand Avenue
 Rockaway Park, NY
 October 24, 2011

President
 Toshiba Corporation
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Dear Sir:

As president of the Toshiba Corporation, you are perhaps my last resort in helping to solve a problem that has caused me great 1. Let me 2 to you the relevant facts.

On September 20, 1995 I purchased a Toshiba T1960CS 4860X2 50 Mhz Computer from B and G Computer World at Kings Plaza, Brooklyn, NY. I was very pleased with my acquisition for the first few days. Then I ran into difficulties. I went to B and G and exchanged the Intel modem for a Megahertz modem. The computer worked for a few hours, and then the problem returned. I was 3 to Randy's Computer, a computer repair service. Five times I brought my computer in for repairs, all to no avail.

Finally, in complete frustration, I called Toshiba in California and asked for a replacement computer since it appeared that the one I had purchased was not functioning and no one knew how to set it right. The Toshiba representative was 4 but only offered the suggestion that I contact Toshiba's regional manager in New Jersey. This I did and was told that all of Toshiba's products are handled by Ingram Distributors and there are as many as five intermediate companies including them and Toshiba. He did not 5 that there were 6 grounds for complaint, but he 7 that he could not 8 me with a new computer because "There would be too much paperwork."

I loved the machine for the short time it was working properly. Unfortunately, it has a 9 fault that no one can find and correct. I have lost many precious hours trying to 10 the computer I originally purchased, but all my efforts have been in vain.

Now I ask for your cooperation. If it is true that your company has a policy not to replace a defective piece of equipment, maybe you can make an exception in my case. The aggravation I have endured is really not fair. I had so much faith in the Toshiba. Please don't let that trust go to waste.

Sincerely,
 Michael Neuman

HEIR

heir (er /eə) person who has a right to someone's property after that one dies; person who inherits anything

- Though Mr. Sloane is the heir to a gold mine, he lives like a miser.*
- The monarch* died before he could name an heir to the throne.
- It is essential* that we locate the rightful heir at once.

MAJESTIC

majestic (ma·jes·tic || mə'dʒestɪk) grand; noble; dignified; kingly

- The lion is the most majestic creature of the jungle.
- In Greek mythology,* Mt. Olympus was the majestic home of the gods.
- The graduates marched into the auditorium to the music of the majestic symphony.

DWINDLE

dwindle (dwin·dle | | 'dwɪndl) become smaller and smaller; shrink

- Our supply of unpolluted* water has dwindled.
- With no visible* signs of their ship, hopes for the men's safety dwindled with each passing hour.
- After the furious tempest,* the dwindling chances of finding the raft vanished* entirely.

SURPLUS

surplus (sur·plus || 'sɜːrplʌs /'sɜːpləs) amount over and above what is needed; excess, extra

- The bank keeps a large surplus of money in reserve.
- Surplus wheat, cotton, and soybeans are shipped abroad.*
- No mortal* ever considers* that he has a surplus of good things.

TRAITOR

traitor (traɪ·tɔr || 'treɪtə(r)) person who betrays his or her country, a friend, duty, etc.

- The patriot* sneered* when asked to stand on the same platform with the man who was accused of being a traitor.
- No villain* is worse than a traitor who betrays* his country.
- Do not call him a traitor unless you can verify* the charge.

DELIBERATE

deliberate (de·lib·er·ate | | dɪˈlɪbərət) to consider carefully; intended; done on purpose; slow and careful, as though allowing time to decide what to do

- Rico's excuse was a deliberate lie.
- My grandfather walks with deliberate steps.
- Judge Sirica deliberated for a week before making his decision known.

VANDAL

vandal (van·dal || 'vændl) person who willfully or ignorantly destroys or damages beautiful things

- Adolescent* vandals wrecked the cafeteria.
- The vandals deliberately* ripped the paintings from the wall.
- We could scarcely* believe the damage caused by the vandals.

DROUGHT

drought (draʊt) long period of dry weather; lack of rain; lack of water; dryness

- Because of the drought, some farmers began to migrate* to more fertile* regions.
- In time of drought, the crops become scorched.*
- As the drought wore on, people began to grumble against those who had squandered* water when it was more plentiful.

ABIDE

abide (a·bide | | ə'baɪd) accept and follow out; remain faithful to; dwell; endure

- The team decided unanimously* to abide by the captain's ruling.
- Senator Ervin abided by his promise not to allow demonstrations in the committee room.
- My mother cannot abide dirt and vermin.*

UNIFY

unify (u·ni·fy || 'ju:nɪfaɪ) unite; make or form into one

- The novel* traces the developments that unified the family.
- After the Civil War our country became unified more strongly.
- It takes a great deal of training to unify all these recruits into an efficient fighting machine.

SUMMIT

summit (sum·mit || 'sʌmɪt) highest point; top

- We estimated* the summit of the mountain to be twenty thousand feet.
- Do not underestimate* Ruth's ambition to reach the summit of the acting profession.
- The summit meeting of world leaders diminished* the threat* of war.

HEED

heed (hi:d) give careful attention to; take notice of; careful attention

- I demand that you heed what I say.
- Florence pays no heed to what the signs say.
- Take heed and be on guard against those who try to deceive* you.

WORDS IN USE

Listen to Smokey the Bear

At one time the United States was *heir* to great riches, for more than half of our country was covered with forests. Now the *majestic* woodlands have *dwindled* to the point where we have no *sur-plus* of trees. Of course, only a *traitor* to the beauties of nature would *deliberately* set a forest fire, but careless citizens are the *vandals* who are responsible for much of the destruction. In time of *drought* especially, scorching* fires started by careless smokers can reduce a beautiful forest to acres of blackened stumps.

Theodore Roosevelt understood that we cannot *abide* the continual loss of our precious forests but we must learn to live in harmony* with nature. In 1905 he appointed* Gifford Pinchot to head the Forest Service which promptly* began to *unify* efforts in caring for our national forests.

The modern forest rangers, from the "lookouts" stationed on mountain *summits* to the "smoke-jumpers" who parachute from airplanes to fight fires, ask us to *heed* the advice of Smokey the Bear, who has become their symbol.* Smokey says, "Only you can prevent forest fires."

heir majestic dwindle surplus
traitor deliberate vandal drought
abide unify summit heed

FILL IN THE BLANKS

1. The exhausted* regiment _____ down to a few troops.
2. Secret documents* listed the _____ to the large fortune.
3. Iris made a _____ attempt to ignore* their biting comments.
4. The _____ of waste materials has polluted* our rivers.
5. Charles blundered* off in the wrong direction without _____ my warning cries.
6. Lincoln tried in vain* to keep the North and South _____
7. It did not take long before the unruly* crowd turned into a mob of howling _____
8. The confirmed* bachelor* could not _____ having anyone touch a single utensil* in his home.
9. If the _____ does not end soon, I can predict* a famine.*
10. The population* rise will reach its _____ in a few years and then it will level off.
11. Lt. Jenkins lost every morsel* of self-respect and became a _____ to his flag.
12. The loyal* captain, _____ in defeat, won the sympathy* of the people.

ANTONYMS

1. **vandal**

- a. repairer
- b. arsonist
- c. captive*
- d. adolescent*
- e. informer

2. **abide**

- a. discard*
- b. dispute*
- c. deprive*
- d. provide
- e. summon

3. **summit**

- a. tempest*
- b. beneficiary
- c. duplicate*
- d. base
- e. finance*

4. **surplus**

- a. scarceness*
- b. harmony*
- c. hindrance
- d. assistance
- e. rejection

5. **majestic**

- a. fertile*
- b. theatrical
- c. courteous
- d. harsh
- e. ordinary

6. **drought**

- a. ambush*
- b. flood
- c. hardship*
- d. earthquake
- e. windstorm

7. **unify**

- a. separate
- b. redeem*
- c. abuse*
- d. confine*
- e. compress

8. **deliberate**

- a. unintentional
- b. subsequent*
- c. reassuring
- d. comprehensive*
- e. ingenious*

9. **traitor**

- a. addict*
- b. amateur*
- c. bachelor*
- d. patriot*
- e. lunatic*

10. **heed**

- a. abuse*
- b. ignore*
- c. hinder*
- d. discard*
- e. vaccinate*

11. **heir**

- a. evil sinner
- b. accurate reporter
- c. double dealer
- d. fair judge
- e. disinherited son

12. **dwindle**

- a. ignore*
- b. illustrate*
- c. arrest
- d. mumble
- e. increase

BIOGRAPHY

biography (bi'og·ra·phy | | -fɪ) the written story of a person's life; the part of literature that consists of biographies

- Our teacher recommended* the biography of the architect* Frank Lloyd Wright.
- The reading of a biography gives a knowledge of people and events* that cannot always be obtained* from history books.
- The biography of Malcolm X is a popular* book in our school.

DRENCH

drench (drentʃ) wet thoroughly; soak

- A heavy rain drenched the campus,* and the students had to dry out their wet clothing.
- The drenching rains resumed* after only one day of sunshine.
- His fraternity friends tried to drench him but he was too clever for them.

SWARM

swarm (swɔrm /swɔ:m) group of insects flying or moving about together; crowd or great number; to fly or move about in great numbers

- As darkness approached,* the swarms of children playing in the park dwindled* to a handful.
- The mosquitoes swarmed out of the swamp.
- Our campus* swarmed with new students in September.

WOBBLE

wobble (wob·ble || 'wɒbl) move unsteadily from side to side

- Little Perry thrust* his feet into the oversized shoes and wobbled over to the table.
- A baby wobbles when it begins to walk alone.
- Lacking experience on the high wire, the clown wobbled along until he reached the safety of the platform.

TUMULT

tumult (tu·mult | | 'tu:mʌlt /'tju-) noise; uproar; violent* disturbance or disorder

- The sailors' voices were too feeble* to be heard above the tumult of the storm
- There was such a tumult in the halls we concluded* an accident had occurred.
- The dreaded* cry of a Fire!" caused a tumult in the theater.

KNEEL

kneel (ni:l) go down on one's knees; remain on the knees

- Myra knelt down to pull a weed from the drenched* flower bed.
- The condemned* man knelt before the monarch* and pleaded* for mercy.
- Kneeling over the still figure, the lifeguard tried to revive* him.

DEJECTED

dejected (de·ject·ed || dɪ'dʒektɪd) in low spirits; sad

- His biography* related* that Edison was not dejected by failure.
- The defeated candidate* felt dejected and scowled* when asked for an interview.
- There is no reason to be dejected because we did not get any volunteers.*

OBEDIENT

obedient (o'be·di·ent | | ə'bi:dɪənt) doing what one is told.; willing to obey

- The obedient dog came when his master beckoned.*
- Obedient to his father's wishes, Guy did not explore* any further.
- When parents make reasonable requests of them, the majority* of my friends are obedient.

RECEDE

recede (re·cede | | rɪˈsiːd) go back; move back; slope backward; withdraw

- As you ride past in a train, you have the unique* feeling that houses and trees are receding.
- Mr. Ranford's beard conceals* his receding chin.
- Always cautious,* Mr. Camhi receded from his former opinion.

TYRANT

tyrant (ty·rant | | 'taɪərənt) cruel or unjust ruler; cruel master; absolute ruler

- Some tyrants of Greek cities were mild and fair rulers.
- The tyrant demanded loyalty* and obedience* from his subjects.
- Though Ella was a tyrant as director of the play, the whole cast was grateful* to her when the final curtain came down.

CHARITY

charity (char·i·ty || 'tʃærəti) generous giving to the poor; institutions for helping the sick, the poor, or the helpless; kindness in judging people's faults

- A free hospital is a noble charity.
- The entire community is the beneficiary* of Henry's charity.
- The hired hand was too proud to accept help or charity.

VERDICT

verdict (ver·dict | | 'vɜrdɪkt /'vɜ:-) decision of a jury; judgment

- The jury returned a verdict of guilty for the traitor.*
- We were cautioned* not to base our verdict on prejudice.*
- Baffled* by the verdict, the prosecutor* felt that the evidence* had been ignored.*

WORDS IN USE

Gulliver's Travels

Jonathan Swift tried to show the smallness of people by writing the **biography** of Dr. Lemuel Gulliver. In one of his strangest adventures, Gulliver was shipwrecked. **Drenched** and weary,* he fell asleep on the shore. In the morning, he found himself tied to pegs in the ground, and **swarming** over him were hundreds of little people six inches high.

After a time he was allowed to stand, though he began to **wobble** from being bound so long. He was then marched through the streets, naturally causing a **tumult** wherever he went. Even the palace was not big enough for him to enter, nor could he **kneel** before the king and queen. But he did show his respect for them in another way.

The king was **dejected** because he feared an invasion of Lilli put by Blefuscu, the enemy across the ocean. The reason for the war between the two tiny peoples would seem small and foolish to us.

The rebels of Blefuscu were originally Lilliputians who would not abide* by the royal decision to crack their eggs on the small end instead of on the larger end. Gulliver, **obedient** to the king's command, waded out into the water when the tide **receded**, and sticking a little iron hook into each of fifty warships, he pulled the entire enemy fleet to Lilliput. Gulliver later escaped from Lilliput when he realized the tiny king was really a **tyrant** with no **charity** in his heart.

Oddly enough, the **verdict** of generations of readers has taken no heed* of the author's intention in Gulliver's Travels. Instead, while Lilliputians are still the symbol* of small, narrow-minded people, Swift's savage attack upon humankind has become one of the best-loved children's classics.

biography drench swarm wobble
tumult kneel dejected obedient
recede tyrant charity verdict

FILL IN THE BLANKS

1. The principal probed* the cause of the _____ in the cafeteria.
2. A _____ of insects descended* on the picnic food.
3. When asked for their _____ on the agreement, the members gave their approval spontaneously.*
4. The first project in our creative writing class was a _____ of a close friend or relative.
5. Until the flood waters _____, the authorities prohibited* anyone from returning to the vicinity.*
6. Mr. Finley was redeemed* in the eyes of his employees* by his _____ in overlooking their costly error.
7. The grateful* traveler would _____ in prayer every night.
8. Mother is an expert at soothing* our _____ spirits.
9. It is absurd* to surrender your rights to a _____ when you have abundant* reason to remain free.
10. We faced the dilemma* of being _____ in the downpour while we covered our boat or having to bail the water out of the boat after the rain had ceased.*
11. Melinda shrieked* as the unstable* pedestrian* _____ into the path of the oncoming car.
12. A glance* from the mother was enough of a reminder to bring the _____ child back to her side.

TRUE OR FALSE

- A **swarm** is a small group.
- To be **obedient** is to do what you are told; to be willing to obey.
- A painting of a woman **kneeling** shows the woman walking with a parasol.
- A **biography** is the written story of a person's life.
- When reporters describe the **tumult** in the streets, they are referring to the noisy mob.
- To **recede** is to go forward.
- If you get **drenched**, you'll be soaking wet.
- The jury's decision is called the **verdict**.
- I was **dejected** to learn that I had won the lottery.
- A **tyrant** is a just and kind ruler.
- To **wobble** is to move unsteadily from side to side.
- To show **charity** in judging others is to be kind and lenient in judging their faults.

UNEARTH

unearth (ʌn'ə:θ) dig up; discover; find out

- The digging of the scientists unearthed a buried city.
- A plot to defraud* the investors was unearthed by the F.B.I.
- The museum exhibited* the vase that had been unearthed in Greece.

DEPART

depart (de·part || dɪ'pɑ:t) go away; leave; turn away (from); change; die

- We arrived in the village in the morning and departed that night.
- Stan was vague* about departing from his usual manner of choosing a partner.
- Vera was reluctant* to mention that her uncle had long since departed.

COINCIDE

coincide (co·in·cide || ,kəʊɪn'saɪd) occupy the same place in space; occupy the same time; correspond exactly; agree

- If these triangles were placed one on top of the other, they would coincide.
- Because Pete's and Jim's working hours coincide, and they live in the same vicinity,* they depart* from their homes at the same time.
- My verdict* on the film coincides with Adele's.

CANCEL

cancel (can·cel | | 'kænsəl) cross out; mark so that it cannot be used; wipe out; call off

- The stamp was only partially* canceled.
- Because the first shipment contained defective* parts, Mr. Zweben canceled the rest of the order.
- Having found just the right man for the job, Captain Mellides canceled all further interviews.

DEBTOR

debtor ('debt·or || 'detə(r)) person who owes something to another

- If I borrow a dollar from you, I am your debtor.
- As a debtor who had received many favors from the banker, Mr. Mertz was reluctant* to testify against him.
- A gloomy* debtor's prison was once the fate of those who could not repay their loans.

LEGIBLE

legible (leg·i·ble || 'ledʒəbl) able to be read; easy to read; plain and clear

- Julia's handwriting is beautiful and legible.
- Nancy hesitated* in her reading because the words were scarcely* legible.
- Our teacher penalizes* us for compositions that are not legible.

PLACARD

placard (plac·ard || 'plækərd /'plækɑ:d) a notice to be posted in a public place; poster

- Colorful placards announced an urgent* meeting.
- Placards were placed throughout the neighborhood by rival* groups.
- Numerous* placards appeared around the city calling for volunteers.*

CONTAGIOUS

contagious (con'ta·gious || -dʒəs) spreading by contact, easily spreading from one to another

- Scarlet fever is contagious.
- I find that yawning is often contagious.
- Interest in the project was contagious, and soon all opposition to it collapsed.*

CLERGY

clergy (cler·gy || 'klɜːdʒɪ) persons prepared for religious work; clergymen as a group

- We try never to hinder* the clergy as they perform their sacred* tasks.
- Friar Tuck was a member of the clergy who loved a jolly* jest.*
- The majority* of the clergy felt the new morality* was a menace* to society.

CUSTOMARY

customary ('cus·tom·ar·y | | 'kʌstəmri) usual

- It was customary for wealthy Romans to recline* while they were dining.
- The Robin Williams movie received the customary rave* reviews from the critics.
- The traitor* rejected* the customary blindfold for the execution.

TRANSPARENT

transparent (trans'par·ent || træns'perənt /træns'pærənt) easily seen through; clear

- Window glass is transparent.
- Colonel Thomas is a man of transparent honesty and loyalty.*
- The homicide* was a transparent case of jealousy* that got out of hand.

SCALD

scald (skɔːld) pour boiling liquid over; burn with hot liquid or steam; heat almost to the boiling point

- Do not neglect* to scald the dishes before drying them.
- The scalding lava pouring from the mountain placed everyone in peril.
- By being hasty,* Stella scalded her hand.

WORDS IN USE

Roast Beef on Rye

A little digging will **unearth** the roots of our language and habits. For instance, our word "sandwich" is derived from the Earl of Sandwich, who lived in the time of George III. This gentleman would not **depart** from the gambling table for hours on end. If his play happened to **coincide** with dinner, he would **cancel** his regular meal and order a slice of meat to be served to him between two pieces of bread. The biography* of the Earl claims that we are his **debtors** for his discovery of the sandwich.

Charles Dickens later used the phrase "sandwich man" to describe someone who walks about with a clearly **legible** message on **placards** hung on his chest and back. An example of a superstition is the fear of walking under a ladder. This must have been a **contagious** fear for it seems to have started with the ancient belief that spirits lived in trees or wood. "Knocking on wood" was a way of calling up the friendly spirit to protect one from harm. Today a member of the **clergy** might sneer* at this custom, expecting that by this time such superstitions would have receded* into the past with witches and ghosts.

Another expression, "giving someone the cold shoulder," has been traced to the Middle Ages, when a host would serve his guests a cold shoulder of mutton or beef instead of the **customary** hot food. This was a **transparent** attempt to show the guest he was no longer welcome. The host had thus found a more charitable* yet effective way of expressing his feelings without using a **scalding** remark.

FILL IN THE BLANKS

contagious scald clergy cancel
transparent depart unearth customary
debtor coincide legible placard

1. After several hours, Raoul abandoned* his search to _____ for home.
2. The police department _____ all leaves until the dangerous lunatic* was captured.
3. The _____ helped to advertise the circus.
4. Since the disease is so _____, it is essential* to identify* the carrier.
5. It was fortunate* that the journalist* had _____ the sinister* plan to assassinate the president.
6. It was _____ for the victorious* general to ride at the head of a parade.
7. When she slipped in the shower, Myra was _____ by the hot water.
8. Through the _____ curtain, the entire scene was visible.*
9. Only a portion of the scrolls found in the cave were _____, but their value should not be underestimated.*
10. The duties of the _____ are not confined* to religious matters.
11. The _____ was brought to court for having deceived* the bank with a false statement of his finances.*
12. Since their interests do not _____ there is still a lingering* doubt in my mind if they should enter into matrimony.*

MATCHING

- contagious
- scald
- clergy
- cancel
- transparent
- depart
- unearth
- customary
- debtor
- coincide
- legible
- placard
- dig up; discover
- able to be read
- a notice to be posted
- usual
- cross out; call off
- easily spread from one to another
- pour boiling water over
- easily seen through
- going away
- persons prepared for religious work
- person who owes something to another
- correspond exactly

EPIDEMIC

epidemic (ep·i·dem·ic || ,epɪ'demɪk) an outbreak of a disease that spreads rapidly* so that many people have it at the same time; widespread

- All of the schools in the city were closed during the epidemic.
- The depiction* of violence* in the movies has reached epidemic proportions.
- During the epidemic we were forbidden* to drink water unless it had been boiled.

OBESITY

obesity (əʊ'bi:səti) extreme fatness

- Obesity is considered* a serious disease.
- The salesman tactfully* referred* to Jack's obesity as "stoutness."
- At the medical convention the topic* discussed was the prevention of childhood obesity.

MAGNIFY

magnify (mag·ni·fy || 'mægnɪfaɪ) cause to look larger than it really is; make too much of; go beyond the truth in telling

- A microscope* is a magnifying glass.
- It seems that Mr. Steinmetz magnified the importance of the document* in his possession.
- Some people have a tendency* to magnify every minor* fault in others.

CHIROPRACTOR

chiropractor (chi-ro·prac·tor | | 'kaɪərəʊ,præktə) a person who treats ailments by massage and manipulation of the vertebrae and other forms of therapy on the theory* that disease results from interference with the normal functioning of the nervous system

- The chiropractor tried to relieve* the pain by manipulating* the spinal column.
- Mrs. Lehrer confirmed* that a chiropractor had been treating her.
- The chiropractor recommended hot baths between treatments.

OBSTACLE

obstacle (ob·sta·cle || 'ɒbstəkl /'ɒb-) anything that gets in the way or hinders; impediment; obstruction

- The soldiers were compelled* to get over such obstacles as ditches and barbed wire.
- Ignorance* is an obstacle to progress.
- Prejudice* is often an obstacle to harmony* among people.

VENTILATE

ventilate (ven·ti·late || 'ventleɪt /-tɪl-) change the air in; purify by fresh air; discuss openly

- We ventilated the kitchen by opening the windows.
- The lungs ventilate the blood.
- There is merit* in ventilating the topic* of the prom before the entire senior class.

JEOPARDIZE

jeopardize (jeop·ard·ize || 'dʒepə(r)dɑɪz) risk; endanger

- Soldiers jeopardize their lives in war.
- Mr. Marcos revised* his opinion of police officers after two of them had jeopardized their lives to save his drowning child.
- Though it jeopardized his chance for a promotion,* Mr. Rafael ventured* to criticize his boss.

NEGATIVE

negative (neg·a·tive || 'negətɪv) saying no; minus; showing the lights and shadows reversed

- The captain gave a negative response* to the request for a leave.
- Three below zero is a negative quantity.*
- A negative image is used to print a positive picture.

PENSION

pension (pen·sion || 'penʃən) regular payment that is not wages; to make such a payment

- Pensions are often paid because of long service, special merit,* or injuries received.
- The pension is calculated* on the basis of your last year's income.
- Mrs. Colby pensioned off her employee after thirty years of loyal* service.

VITAL

vital (vi·tal || 'vaɪtl) having to do with life; necessary to life; causing death, failure or ruin; lively

- We must preserve* and protect our vital resources.
- Eating is a vital function, the obese* man reminded me.
- The valiant* soldier died of a vital wound in Iraq.

MUNICIPAL

municipal (mu·nic·i·pal | | mju:'nɪsɪpl) of a city or state; having something to do in the affairs of a city or town

- The state police assisted the municipal police in putting down the riot.
- There was only a mediocre* turnout for the municipal elections.
- The municipal government placed a ban* on parking during business hours.

ORAL

oral (o·ral || 'ɔ:rəl) spoken; using speech; of the mouth

- An oral agreement is not enough; we must have a written promise.
- Oral surgery is necessary to penetrate* to the diseased root.
- His unique* oral powers made Lincoln a man to remember.

WORDS IN USE

Weight-watchers

Judging from the popularity* of books on dieting, one would think an **epidemic** of **obesity** is sweeping the nation. Although being fat is not contagious,* it is a condition not to be sneered* at since it affects one-fourth of all Americans. Without **magnifying** the problem, professionals concerned* with the nation's health, from **chiropractors** to medical specialists, agree that being overweight is a major **obstacle** to good health. They point out that people will readily see the need to **ventilate** their homes for fresh air to get rid of vermin* that may cause disease, but they **jeopardize** their health by eating the wrong foods or the wrong amount of foods.

Coincidentally,* a recent survey of employment agencies showed that obesity* has a **negative** effect on a person's chances of landing a job. While the job-seeker is asking about salary and **pensions**, the employer is thinking about the worker's health and weight is a **vital** consideration when it comes to injuries, disease, and absenteeism.

Some **municipal** jobs, in fact, do require an applicant to be within normal weight range, and one New York bank insists on an **oral** understanding that applicants will take off excess weight. As the Wall Street journal put it, "Fat people often find slim pickings in the job market."

FILL IN THE BLANKS

epidemic obesity magnify chiropractor
obstacle ventilate jeopardize negative
pension vital municipal oral

1. Intemperate* eating habits can lead to _____
2. To avoid* an _____, the Surgeon-General ordered a thorough* study of the situation.
3. At a recent* meeting of _____, a new treatment for arthritis was discussed.
4. The humid* air in this room must be _____
5. One thousand angry voters loudly signified* an _____ objection to the motion.
6. The frightened man tormented* himself by _____ every unpleasant experience into a calamity.*
7. If used as a precedent,* this verdict* will prove to be an _____ to justice.*
8. Without the _____ he had confidently* expected, Mr. Halcroft faced hardships* in his retirement.
9. The sale of the vacant* lot for construction of an office building will _____ the residential character of the neighborhood.
10. Preserve* the _____ in case we need more prints.
11. We should all attend the meeting at the _____ center, for the issues are of vital* concern to every citizen.
12. The heart and the brain are considered* the most _____ organs in the human body.

COMPLACENT

complacent (com'pla·cent || -nt) pleased with oneself; self-satisfied

- Senator Troy denounced* the complacent attitude of the polluters* of our air.
- How can you be complacent about such a menace?*
- I was surprised that Martin was so complacent about his brief part in the play.

WASP

wasp (wasp ,wɔ- /wɒ-) an insect with a slender* body and powerful sting

- When the wasps descended* on the picnic, we ran in all directions.
- A swarm* of wasps attacked us as we were reclining* on the porch.
- The piercing* sting of a wasp can be very painful.

REHABILITATE

rehabilitate (re·ha·bil·i·tate || ,rɪ:ə'bilɪteɪt) restore to good condition; make over in a new form; restore to former standing, rank, reputation, etc.

- The old house was rehabilitated at enormous* expense.
- The former criminal completely rehabilitated himself and was respected by all.
- This wing of the house must be rehabilitated promptly,* as there is a danger it will collapse.*

PAROLE

parole (pa·role | | pə'ræl) word of honor; conditional freedom; to free (a prisoner) under certain conditions

- The judge paroled the juvenile* offenders on condition that they report to him every three months.
- Since the prisoner has been rehabilitated,* his family is exploring* the possibility* of having him paroled.
- The fugitive* gave his parole not to try to escape again.

VERTICAL

vertical ('ver·ti·cal || 'vɜrtɪkl /'vɜ:t-) straight up and down with reference to the horizon, for example, a vertical line

- It wasn't easy to get the drunken man into a vertical position.
- The way to vote for your candidate* is to pull the lever from the horizontal position to the vertical position.
- A circle surrounding a vertical line that ends in an inverted V is the well-known peace symbol.*

MULTITUDE

multitude (mul·ti·tude || 'mʌltɪtju:d) a great number; a crowd

- A multitude of letters kept pouring in to the movie idol.*
- The fleeing* culprit* was pursued* by a fierce* multitude.
- Flood victims were aided by a multitude of volunteers.*

NOMINATE

nominate (nom·i·nate || 'nɒmɪneɪt /'nɒ-) name as a candidate for office; appoint to an office

- Three times Bryant was nominated for office but he was never elected.
- The president nominated him for Secretary of State.
- Though Danny was nominated last, he emerged* as the strongest candidate.*

POTENTIAL

potential (po·ten·tial || pəʊ'tenʃl) possibility* as opposed to actuality; capability of coming into being or action

- Mark has the potential of being completely rehabilitated.*
- The coach felt his team had the potential to reach the finals.*
- Destroying nuclear weapons reduces a potential threat* to human survival.*

MORGUE

morgue (mɔrg /mɔ:g) place where bodies of unknown persons found dead are kept;
the reference library of a newspaper office

- There is a slender* chance that we can identify* the body in the morgue.
- Bodies in the morgue are preserved* by low temperatures.
- In the morgue of the New York Times there are biographies* of most famous people.

PREOCCUPIED

preoccupied (,pre'oc·cu·pied || ,prɪ'ɔkjəpaɪd /-ɔkjʊ-) took up all the attention

- Getting to school in time for the test preoccupied Judy's mind.
- My boss is always preoccupied with ways of cutting down on the workers' lateness.
- Charity* cases preoccupied Mrs. Reynaldo's attention.

UPHOLSTERY

upholstery (up'hol·ster·y || ʌp'həʊlstəri) coverings and cushions for furniture

- Our old sofa was given new velvet upholstery.
- The Browns' upholstery was so new that we were wary* about visiting them with the children.
- One hundred eighty-five dollars was the estimate* for changing the upholstery on the dining-room chairs.

INDIFFERENCE

indifference (in·dif·fer·ence || ɪn'dɪfrəns) lack of interest, care, or attention

- Allen's indifference to his schoolwork worried his parents.
- It was a matter of indifference to Bernie whether the story circulating* about his engagement was true or not.
- My father could not refrain* from commenting on Linda's indifference toward her brother's tears.

WORDS IN USE

Where Do We Go from Here?

When we grow too **complacent** with ourselves, along come writers who, **wasp-like**, sting us with reminders of the many problems we face—from **rehabilitating** former prisoners on **parole** to feeding the world's hungry population. Those authors do not see civilization rising almost **vertically** to greater and greater heights. Though a **multitude** of problems beset America, they **nominate** the large urban centers as **potentially** the most dangerous and requiring the most immediate attention. They see the cities as the **morgues** of dead hopes and lost ideals.

We are **preoccupied** with trifles* like the **upholstery** in our homes or personal matters like pension* and benefits, but now we are called upon to contribute to our community on every vital* level—moral,* political, economic. We are not being urged to give up our beloved possessions, but our civilization can be saved only if we overcome the epidemic* of **indifference**. We must begin to live with a new openness to others and a determination to become the best of which we are capable.

wasp parole rehabilitate
multitude potential upholstery
indifference preoccupied vertical
nominated morgue complacent

FILL IN THE BLANKS

1. The children shrieked* with fear as the _____ flew over them.
2. It is illegal* to _____ prisoners until they have served a minimum* sentence.
3. The municipal* council voted to _____ the run-down section of the city and to make it a model residential area.
4. Mike Pavonna was the unanimous* choice of the _____ for the office of mayor.
5. With all this equipment, we have the _____ to survive* for weeks in the most frigid* climate.
6. The worn _____ betrayed* the poverty of the family.
7. His family was distressed at Frank's _____ to the normal adolescent* activities.
8. Unfortunately,* Carmen was too _____ with dates to devote much time to her studies.
9. To start the air circulating,* turn the button to a _____ position.
10. Bob was pleased to be _____ for the presidency, but he gallantly* declined in favor of Carole.
11. When the security* leak was discovered, the editor called the newspaper _____ to check if there was any precedent* for such a case.
12. The winner's _____ smile annoyed some of the members of the audience.

SYNONYM SEARCH

1. stung by a wasp
(a) remark (b) lunatic* (c) tragedy* (d) traitor* (e) insect
2. voters who are too complacent to change
(a) self-satisfied (b) assertive (c) bewildered* (d) distressed* (e) juvenile*
3. the candidate nominated for office
(a) encouraged* (b) underestimated* (c) designated (d) employed (e) motivated
4. furniture upholstery
(a) material (b) antiques (c) wax (d) style (e) comfort
5. rehabilitate a drug user
(a) punish* (b) unearth* (c) locate* (d) restore (e) upset
6. vertical lines
(a) curved (b) jagged* (c) hidden (d) lengthwise (e) sideways

SYNONYM SEARCH

7. preoccupied with thoughts of the work ahead of him
(a) absorbed (b) affected (c) amused (d) covered (e) lost
8. a multitude of sins
(a) great number (b) thorough* review (c) total destruction (d) valid* criticism (e) strong conviction
9. potential earnings
(a) easily financed* (b) economical* and instant (c) possible as opposed to actual (d) miserly* (e) repeatedly jeopardized*
10. bodies kept in the morgue for identification
(a) undertaker's establishment (b) camp grounds (c) office building (d) rooming house (e) health resort
11. indifference to pain
(a) inattention (b) sympathy (c) vulnerability* (d) tendency* (e) prejudice
12. out on parole
(a) appeal* (b) conditional freedom (c) conflicting evidence (d) confinement (e) reduced sentence

MAINTAIN

maintain (main·tain || meɪn'teɪn) keep; keep up; carry on; uphold; support; declare to be true

- Angelo maintained his hold on the jagged* rock though his fingers were becoming numb.*
- The judge maintained his opinion that the verdict* was fair.
- The pauper* was unable to maintain his family without the help of charity.*

SNUB

snub (snʌb) treat coldly, scornfully, or with contempt; cold treatment

- Darryl later apologized* to Sally for snubbing her at the dance.
- Sandra was tormented* by the thought that she might be snubbed by her classmates.
- I considered* it a rude snub when I was not invited to the party.

ENDURE

endure (en·dure | | ɪn'djʊə) last; keep on; undergo; bear; stand

- How can you endure such disrespect?
- The valiant* officer endured serious burns on September 11th.
- Dr. Hardy was confident* he could endure the hardships* of space travel.

WRATH

wrath (ræθ /rɒθ) very great anger; rage

- Anticipating* Father's wrath, we tried to give him the news slowly.
- There is no rage* like the wrath of an angry bear.
- After Ernie's wrath subsided,* we were able to tell him what happened.

EXPOSE

expose (ex·pose || ɪk'spəʊz) lay open; uncover; leave unprotected; show openly

- Soldiers in an open field are exposed to the enemy's gunfire.
- Foolish actions expose a person to the sneers* of others.
- The article exposed the vital* document* as a forgery.

LEGEND

legend (leg·end || 'ledzənd) story coming from the past, which many people have believed; what is written on a coin or below a picture

- Stories about King Arthur and his knights are popular* legends.
- legend has exaggerated* the size of Paul Bunyan.
- The legend on the rare coin was scarcely* legible.*

PONDER

ponder (pon·der || 'pɒndə(r) /'pɒ-) consider carefully

- Not wishing to act hastily,* the governor pondered the problem for days.
- After pondering the question, the board decided to grant the parole.*
- The villagers, faced with a famine,* pondered their next move.

RESIGN

resign (re·sign || rɪ'zʌɪn) give up; yield; submit

- Vito resigned his position as editor* of the school paper.
- Upon hearing the news of the defeat, the football coach promptly* resigned.
- Upon examining the injury, the chiropractor* told Jim he had better resign himself to a week in bed.

DRASTIC

drastic (dras·tic || 'dræstɪk) acting with force or violence*

- The police took drastic measures to end the crime wave.
- The most drastic changes in centuries* have taken place during our lifetime.
- In the interests of justice,* drastic action must be taken.

WHARF

wharf (hwɔːrf /wɔːf) platform built on the shore or out from the shore beside which ships can load or unload

- We watched the exhausted* laborers unloading the cargo on the wharf.
- The lawyer insisted* that his client* was never seen near the wharf where the crime had taken place.
- Waiting at the wharf for the supply ships to unload was a starving multitude* of people.

AMEND

amend (a·mend || ə'mend) change for the better; correct; change

- It is time you amended your ways.
- Each time they amended the plan, they made it worse.
- Rather than amend the club's constitution again, let us discard* it and start afresh.

BALLOT

ballot (bal·lot | | 'bælət) piece of paper used in voting; the whole number of votes cast; the method of secret voting; to vote or decide by using ballots

- Clyde, confident* of victory, dropped his ballot into the box.
- After we counted the ballots a second time, Leo's victory was confirmed.*
- To avoid embarrassing the candidates,* we ballot instead of showing hands.

WORDS IN USE

A Time for Decision

Carl Brown walked wearily* from the bus stop, his thoughts preoccupied* with the day's events. He had become accustomed to receiving the blame for his colleagues'* mistakes. He could remain complacent* when less deserving workers were promoted* ahead of him.

He could even *maintain* an air of indifference* when the young man he had trained now *snubbed* him. What he could not *endure* was the ridicule of his fellow employees.* His *wrath* flamed at the thought that his secret had been *exposed*. The *legend* of his honesty had died.

Carl Brown *pondered* his next move. Should he *resign* or take even more *drastic* measures? His steps led past the *wharf* where the ships were unloading their cargoes of fruit. He looked into the dark waters and took a deep breath. No, this was not a sin that could be erased. He heaved a sigh and determined to *amend* his ways. Never again would he sign his *ballot* "Carl Smith."

FILL IN THE BLANKS

1. snubbed 2. wrath 3. pondered
4. maintained 5. endure 6. expose 7. legend
8. ballot 9. wharf 10. resigned 11. amend
12. drastic

1. When the third person she approached turned away from her, Marilyn had a vague* feeling she was being _____
2. Achilles' _____ did not cease* until he had taken revenge on the slayer of his friend.
3. As the captain _____ their situation, he realized that resistance* was in vain.*
4. Father _____ that all forms of gambling should be declared illegal.*
5. The prophet warned that the land cannot _____ such violations of morality.*
6. To diminish* the chances of raising weaklings, the ancient Spartans used to _____ to the elements the babies that they did not want.
7. The Robin Hood stories are a good illustration* of a _____ from the Middle Ages.
8. The _____ is the symbol* of the democratic way of choosing leaders.
9. Because of the secret nature of the cargo, visits to the _____ area were prohibited.*
10. The patriot* was _____ dying for his deed.
11. We are trying to persuade* the sponsors of the bill to _____ it in order to improve its chances for passage.
12. The guinea pigs could not put up with _____ changes in their diet.

WORD REVIEW#7

- It was (**legible, customary**) for Mrs. Thorpe to leave her baby at our house when she went shopping.
- Only a (**drastic, deliberate**) change in the weather can save our city from the flood.
- Don't (**jeopardize, rehabilitate**) your future by doing something now that you may be sorry for later.
- After the (**parole, tumult**) died down, the prisoners went back to their cells quietly.
- Lucille thought that she could (**ponder, endure**) great pain, but a visit to the dentist changed her mind.
- While walking across the lawn, I got (**drenched, scalded**) by the cold water sprinkler.
- After the waters (**receded, abided**), we walked up and down the beach looking for interesting shells.
- Our chances for success (**dwindled, coincided**) with each passing day.
- When Sheldon reached the (**summit, potential**) of the mountain, he rested before trying to come down.
- I was too (**resigned, preoccupied**) with my work to pay attention to the television set.

OPPOSITES

1. surplus
 2. heed
 3. unearth
 4. magnify
 5. amend
 6. oral
 7. .depart
 8. unify
 9. wrath
 10. kneel
- a. shortage
 - b. bury
 - c. written
 - d. refuse to listen
 - e. leave the same
 - f. arrive
 - g. split up
 - h. happiness
 - i. stand up straight
 - j. make smaller

WORD REVIEW#7

- Search Is on for _____ to Millionaire's Fortune (**Verdict, Heir, Obstacle, Surplus**)
- False "Arabs" _____ Member of Congress (**Heed, Expose, Endure, Ponder**)
- _____ of Measles Breaks Out in County (**Summit, Swarm, Potential, Epidemic**)
- Accused of _____ Attempt to Sell Secrets (**Legible, Customary, Majestic, Deliberate**)
- _____ History of Tribe to Be Tape-Recorded (**Oral, Drastic, Complacent, Negative**)
- Bad Economic News Causes _____ at Stock Market (**Charity, Multitude, Verdict, Tumult**)
- Major Refuses to _____ by Previous Agreement (**Unify, Abide, Recede, Snub**)
- Forced to _____ Tonight's Show, Apologizes Producer (**Magnify, Cancel, Unify, Nominate**)
- Prisons Fail to _____ , Charges Social Work Expert (**Rehabilitate, jeopardize, Amend, Dwindle**)
- Tells Life Story of Michael Jackson _____ (**Clergy, Ballot, Biography, Indifference**)

vandal	wobble	indifference	endure	placard	rehabilitate
legend	coincide	swarm	tumult	resign	municipal
complacent	drench	maintain	transparent	verdict	wasp
abide	nominate	snub	legible	pension	contagious
multitude	potential	dwindle	obesity	ballot	surplus

1. the exercise of a democratic privilege *and* may be done by sophisticated machinery or simply by a piece of paper
2. a stinging insect *and* also is a well-known acronym, an abbreviation whose letters stand for the name of a group
3. a condition caused by overeating *and* comes from a Latin word meaning "to eat away"
4. can be used *but* figuratively can mean able to be clearly seen or noticed
5. a person who defaces or damages public property *and* is based on the name of a German tribe that destroyed Rome in A.D. 455
6. gradually decrease to a vanishing point *and* rhymes with swindle
7. move like a dazed boxer *and also* may refer to the trembling or shaking of one's voice
8. saturate or wet through and through *and* is closely related to the word drink
9. a story handed down from early times *as well as* a key or explanation on a map, or picture
10. restore a person to usefulness and normalcy *as well as* restore a building or a neighborhood that has fallen upon bad times

PANORAMA OF WORDS

- **abandon** They followed him, racing through the trees for a long distance, but finally, one by one, they had to abandon the chase."
Tarzan of the Apes, Edgar Rice Burroughs.
- **keen** "When he looked into her eyes, he felt a keen sense of enjoyment."
The Explorer, W. Somerset Maugham.
- **jealous** "She felt extremely jealous of her brother and his friend because they laughed together happily."
The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest, Stieg Larsson.
- **tact** "A number of commenters suggest that Summers' resignation was due to his lack of tact in dealing with the faculty."
BeckerPosner Blog, January 28, 2011.
- **oath** "She has stated under oath that she was pressured to lie about Mooney's job performance in an attempt to get him fired."
City Weekly, March 1, 2001.
- **vacant** "They sat down at a vacant table and waited for the omelet to be served."
The Explorer, W. Somerset Maugham.

PANORAMA OF WORDS

- **hardship** "At a time of war and economic hardship, the last thing we need is a tax cut for Americans who don't need them."
Barack Obama's Address, January 25, 2011.
- **gallant** "The General spoke of the gallant work of the people who tried to save the horses from the fire."
Life on the Mississippi, Mark Twain.
- **data** "It is just not scientific to take data after an explosion and expect it to be meaningful in any way."
Los Angeles Times, January 28, 2011.
- **unaccustomed** "The National Hockey League players are unaccustomed to different colored uniforms when they play in foreign cities."
The Daily News, February 24, 2010.
- **bachelor** "Quiet to the point of shyness and a lifelong bachelor, the lawyer needed an outgoing partner to handle the difficult cases."
Scorpions, Noah Feldman.
- **quality** "In most countries, where people worry about air quality and discuss ways of reducing carbon emissions, coal is not fashionable."
The Economist, January 27, 2011

PANORAMA OF WORDS

- **corpse** "Her husband was sentenced last June to life in prison after being convicted of second-degree murder and abandonment of a corpse."
Los Angeles Times, January 29, 2011.
- **concealed** "A majority of states require a permit to carry a concealed weapon. Only two other states allow concealed weapons."
New York Times, January 10, 2011.
- **dismal** "The quarterback wasn't worried when his University of Connecticut Huskies football team suffered through a dismal offensive first half."
mercurynews.com, January 26, 2011.
- **frigid** "The weather was frigid this week, especially in Florida. Air temperatures ranged from the upper 20s to low 50s, and surfers all wore wet suits."
Times Union, January 29, 2011.
- **inhabited** "In a certain part of the country there were villages inhabited by numerous and angry settlers."
Life on the Mississippi, Mark Twain.
- **numb** "At one freezing tailgate party at a Bears playoff game, Jeff Meyer, 32, of Lake in the Hills, said his fingers were 'a little numb.'"
The Hartford Courant, January 16, 2011.

PANORAMA OF WORDS

- **peril** "The peril was different, of course, perhaps more clear than ever. We were in the nuclear arms race of the Cold War."
The Stamford Advocate, January 2, 2011.
- **recline** "In Toyota's new Crossover, all you had to do is pull the lever on the seat bases and the seatbacks recline up to 14 degrees."
Houston Chronicle, December 3, 2010.
- **shriek** "They're going to have to find a way to measure decibels to calculate the shrieks that greeted the performers at the concert."
New York Daily News, September 1, 2008.
- **sinister** "The darkest of Shakespeare's comedies, Measure for Measure, combines slapstick comedy with sinister dealings."
Dallas-Fort Worth Register, January 2, 2011.
- **tempt** "It's a sure thing that fall is in full swing when retailers tempt shoppers with special retail bargains."
Post Kansas, October 26, 2010.
- **wager** "There will be no-limit poker games at the new casino in Atlantic City, and players will probably wager large amounts of money."
Time magazine, May 8, 2009.

PANORAMA OF WORDS

- **typical** "The appearance of our visitor was a surprise to me, since I had expected a typical country doctor."
The Hound of the Baskervilles, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.
- **minimum** "I am perfectly willing to act as business manager at a minimum salary of \$500."
Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.
- **scarce** "The homeless population is rising in Jacksonville as affordable housing becomes scarcer and assistance options decrease."
jacksonvilleherald.com, August 31, 2010.
- **annual** "The two daring explorers then embarked for England, and the Geographical Society of Paris awarded them the society's annual medal."
Five Weeks in a Balloon, Jules Verne.
- **persuade** "She is perfectly well-bred, indeed, and has the air of a woman of fashion, but no one can persuade me to fall in love with her."
Lady Susan, Jane Austen.
- **essential** "After the blizzard the mayor came out first with warnings to the public to stay home, except for essential trips."
New York Times, January 20, 2011.

PANORAMA OF WORDS

- **blend** "Having collected an army and concentrated his forces, the general must blend the different elements before pitching his camp."
Art of War, Sun Tzu.
- **visible** "Everyone got up and began watching the movements of our troops below, as plainly visible as if but a stone's throw away."
War and Peace, Leo Tolstoy.
- **expensive** "Zeena always came back laden with expensive remedies, paying twenty dollars for an electric battery."
Ethan Frome, Edith Wharton.
- **talent** "No, I do not have the talent for managing people, but I see what ought to be done."
An Old-Fashioned Girl, Louisa May Alcott.
- **devise** "The mice summoned a council to decide how they might best devise means of warning themselves of the approach of their great enemy the Cat."
Fables, Aesop.
- **wholesale** "Wholesale sales offered fresh evidence that demand strengthened as the holiday shopping season began."
Reuters, January 12, 2011.

PANORAMA OF WORDS

- **vapor** "Houseplants give off water vapor like a living humidifier, helping the indoor air feel more comfortable."
latimes.com, January 31, 2011.
- **eliminate** "Without additional revenue, vital public services may be severely diminished or eliminated."
nydailynews.com, January 30, 2011.
- **villain** "He was always a villain, smooth-spoken and clever, but a dangerous villain all the same."
Beyond the City, Arthur Conan Doyle.
- **dense** "You can expect the fog to be quite dense tonight."
NBC- TV, Al Roker.
- **utilize** "He had never before seen such a tool, but he was quick to see its virtues and to utilize it."
Burning Daylight, Jack London.
- **humid** "It was now fully night-fall, and a thick humid fog hung over the city, soon ending in a settled and heavy rain."
The Man of the Crowd, Edgar Allan Poe.

PANORAMA OF WORDS

- **theory** "I have a theory that it is always the women who propose to us, and not we who propose to the women."
The Picture of Dorian Gray, Oscar Wilde.
- **descend** <<"In the next two winters, an Arctic chill may descend on Europe, burying that continent in snow and ice."
mercurynews.com, January 27, 2011.
- **circulate** "With LeBron James playing poorly at the beginning of each basketball game, rumors began to circulate about the job security of the coach."
nypost.com, November 30, 2010.
- **enormous** "The surface of the valley was dotted with enormous trees, a strange sight so far from a Martian waterway."
Thuvia, Maid of Mars, Edgar Rice Burroughs.
- **predict** "He didn't predict the future, he knew the past-often a more dangerous thing."
Twenty Years After Alexandre Dumas.
- **vanish** "She felt as if all her morning's gloom would vanish if she could see her husband smile when she helped him with his work."
Middlemarch, George Eliot.

PANORAMA OF WORDS

- **tradition** "President Obama made an appearance on You Tube as part of the State of the Union tradition."
New York Times, January 27, 2011.
- **rural** "The average Chinese income is pennies on the dollar because more than 3/4 of their billion people population still live in rural areas."
New York Times, January 31, 2011.
- **burden** "It was with the greatest difficulty that prevented the men from throwing away their burdens and fleeing."
The Return of Tarzan, Edgar Rice Burroughs.
- **campus** "A sixth location of the Manhattan-based cafe opened today on the university campus, with a barista whose sole job is to brew coffee to order."
New York Times, January 24, 2011.
- **majority** "By 7 o'clock in the evening, dinner was about over; a promenade; then a large majority of the party retired to their cabin."
The Innocents Abroad, Mark Twain.
- **assemble** "Congress shall make no law to deny the right of the people peaceably to assemble."
The Bill Of Rights, United States Constitution.

PANORAMA OF WORDS

- **explore** "Mets owners acknowledged Friday they will explore selling a minority stake in the team."
New York Daily News, January 31, 2011.
- **topic** "It has always been a common topic of popular discussion whether animals think."
The Analysis of Mind, Bertrand Russell.
- **debate** "After a long debate:, it was agreed that they should be disarmed and not permitted to have either gun, sword or any weapon."
Adventures of Robinson Crusoe, Daniel Defoe.
- **evade** "A driver who was trying to evade bullets fired from a pursuing sport-utility vehicle Wednesday noon smashed into a car."
jacksonville. com, July 15, 2009.
- **probe** "The Georgia Bureau of Investigation is conducting a probe that began in late January when the company's audit was completed."
jacksonville. com, December 11, 2001.
- **reform** "You want to cure men of their old habits and reform their will in accordance with science and good sense."
Notes from the Underground, Fyodor Dostoyevsky

PANORAMA OF WORDS

- **approach** "My approach is simply this: You've got to slow the growth of spending by all the taxing authorities and make them live within a budget."
Time magazine, December 2010.
- **detect** "And often, from the side of my eye, I could detect her raising a hand, and brushing something off her cheek."
Wuthering Heights, Emily Bronte.
- **defect** "There was a radical defect somewhere, and I must search it out and cure it."
Pudd'nhead Wilson, Mark Twain.
- **employee** "I think Juan is the best employee that I have ever hired, said his boss."
New York Post, December 27, 2010.
- **neglect** "The doctor told him that he should not neglect taking his medications regularly."
Salt Lake Tribune, October 30, 2009.
- **deceive** "Some Senators may deceive the public by not expressing their true position on a subject."
New York Times, February 2, 2011.

PANORAMA OF WORDS

- **undoubtedly** "While the menu guidelines are for consumers and federal programs, they will undoubtedly put pressure on the food industry."
New York Times, February 2, 2011.
- **popular** "The owners of the popular Inwood Road Restaurant have prepared a list of their recipes for their customers."
dallasnews.com, February 1, 2011.
- **thorough** "In a thorough and decisive win over Utah University's basketball team, Brittney had fifteen rebounds."
dallasnews.com, January 2, 2011.
- **client** "As a stockbroker, I want to know where each client has invested his money in the past."
New York Times, February 1, 2011.
- **comprehensive** "Hubbard Hospital is a certified, comprehensive center providing programs and services to more than 6,000 families annually."
jacksonville.com, December 1, 2009.
- **defraud** "An eminent Justice of the Supreme Court of Patagascar was accused after an investigation of having obtained his appointment by defrauding the committee."
Patagascar News, January 12, 2011.

PANORAMA OF WORDS

- **postpone** "Rock band Kings of Leon has been forced to postpone several international tour dates because their drummer was injured in a car accident."
Washington Post, February 1, 2011.
- **consent** "The mayor said she couldn't release information on an individual's nationality without their consent."
Washington Post, October 21, 2010.
- **massive** "The dwellings of the islanders were almost always built upon massive stone foundations."
Typee, Herman Melville.
- **capsule** "E-Ink uses black and white particles with opposite electrical charges, floating in tiny capsules of liquid."
latimes.com, January 31, 2001.
- **preserve** "The Pentagon would undoubtedly like to preserve its working relationship with the Egyptian military."
latimes.com, February 1, 2011.
- **denounce** "I confess that I expected to see my unhappy sister denounce him, and that I was disappointed by her praise."
Great Expectations, Charles Dickens.

PANORAMA OF WORDS

- **unique** "The shooting of a member of Congress cast a harsh spotlight on Arizona's unique politics."
nytimes.com, January 23, 2011.
- **torrent** "One night there was a dreadful storm; it thundered and light-ened and the rain streamed down in a dreadful torrent."
The Yellow Fairy Book, Andrew Lang.
- **resent** "Charles never complained, he asked for nothing, he was perfectly silent; but he seemed to resent the care that was taken of him."
Moon and Sixpence, W. Somerset Maugham.
- **molest** "It has been difficult to understand why people do certain things like murder other people, molest children, commit suicide, or commit robberies."
jacksonville.com, May 7, 2001.
- **gloomy** "There is the gloomy, dreary prospect of going out to buy gifts and finding your bank account empty."
Florida Times-Herald, June 7, 2009.
- **unforeseen** "The project will take approximately three months to complete, barring any unforeseen conditions such as rainy weather."
jacksonville.com, November 1, 2006.

PANORAMA OF WORDS

- **exaggerate** "It was silliness on your part to exaggerate this little trifle of love-making into something serious."
Adventure, Jack London.
- **amateur** "The twins had accepted several invitations, and had also volunteered to play some duets at an amateur entertainment for the benefit of a local charity."
Pudd'nhead Wilson, Mark Twain.
- **mediocre** "Although she had always praised her friend's performances, she said that in this film her friend was merely a commonplace mediocre actress."
The Picture of Dorian Gray, Oscar Wilde.
- **variety** "You can now download and print a variety of puzzles from the Sunday magazine free online."
New York Times, February 5, 2011.
- **valid** "There may only be about four valid title contenders in any given N.B.A. season, but those four contenders change every few years."
New York Times, February 5, 2011.
- **survive** "The owners of failed businesses have a million stories about why they failed, why they did not survive."
New York Times, February 5, 2011.

PANORAMA OF WORDS

- **weird** "Florida officially has a weird deer season, one of the longest, in the nation. With careful planning, one could hunt deer in Florida from July to February."
Florida Times Union, February 5, 2011.
- **prominent** "Cuba freed a prominent political prisoner Friday and the Roman Catholic Church said another would be released."
Washington Post, February 5, 2011.
- **security** "But domestic production alone cannot end the threat to national security because of the high price of oil."
Washington Post, February 5, 2011.
- **bulky** "Although battery technology has improved in recent years, both nickel-metal hydride and the more powerful lithium ion batteries are still too bulky."
Business Day, January 7, 2011.
- **reluctant** "Photographers who were traveling around the city of Cairo on their own a few days ago are now reluctant to take their cameras into the crowded center of the city."
New York Times, February 4, 2011.
- **obvious** "To keep her from marrying, he took the obvious course of keeping her at home and forbidding her to seek the company of people of her own age."
The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.

PANORAMA OF WORDS

- **vicinity** "Representative Peter King of New York introduced a bill to ban anyone from carrying a gun in the vicinity of a federal official."
New York Times, February 1, 2011.
- **century** "Though Debussy was born in 1862 and died in 1918, this leading composer has to be considered a giant of the present century."
New York Times, January 12, 2011.
- **rage** "Road rage is a common conflict on Florida Roads. It takes two drivers to be drawn into a conflict."
Florida Times Union, December 30, 2010.
- **document** "I have brought copies of the documents with me. He opened a small valise and took out several bundles tied with pink tape."
Torn Swift in the Land of Wonders, Victor Appleton.
- **conclude** "Although I attach no sort of credit to the fantastic Indian legend, I must conclude that I am influenced by a certain superstition of my own in this matter."
The Moonstone, Wilkie Collins.
- **undeniable** "Miranda has quickly become one of a handful of go-to musicians for chamber groups that need a violinist who can play thorny works with undeniable musicality."
New York Times, January 20, 2011.

PANORAMA OF WORDS

- **resist** "How much longer can the European Central Bank resist the pressure to raise interest rates?"
New York Times, February 7, 2011.
- **lack** "The lack of electric lines has been the reason for reduced wind-power construction in Texas."
New York Times, January 21, 2011.
- **ignore** "The use of cell phones and laptops may cause people to ignore real life as it unfolds in front of them."
New York Times, February 6, 2011.
- **challenge** "The New York Knicks' only challenge will be from the Boston Celtics, who have won 20 of their last home games."
New York Daily News, February 7, 2011.
- **miniature** "A rare miniature cow with markings similar to a panda bear was born on a farm in northern Colorado."
New York Daily News, February 7, 2011.
- **source** "The main question for the online encyclopedia, Wikipedia, is this: How can a source be reliable when anyone can edit it?"
New York Times, January 20, 2011.

PANORAMA OF WORDS

- **excel** "What the ancients called a clever fighter is one who not only wins, but excels in winning with ease."
The Art of War, Sun Tzu.
- **feminine** "Those were the days when a stylish woman would not wear slacks, and would wear only the most feminine styled dresses or skirts."
The Golden Road, L. M. Montgomery.
- **mount** "A kind of steward appeared just as D'Artagnan and his companions were prepared to mount their horses."
Twenty Years After, Alexandre Dumas.
- **compete** "You can't try to ski in your middle forties and expect to compete with those who have been at it from childhood."
Uneasy Money, Pelham Grenville Wodehouse.
- **dread** "He felt too restless to sleep, and he had a horrible dread of being arrested by the police."
Of Human Bondage, W. Somerset Maugham.
- **masculine** "Women were always absent from noisy town meetings and the purely masculine gatherings at the store or tavern."
Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm, Kate Douglas Wiggin.

PANORAMA OF WORDS

- **menace** "He was an animal, lacking in intelligence and spirit, a menace and a thing of fear, as the tiger and the snake are menaces and things of fear."
The Game, Jack London.
- **tendency** "People who have worked very hard for their money have a tendency to invest in conservative savings accounts rather than the stock market."
New York Post, January 25, 2000.
- **underestimate** "Do not underestimate the importance of cultivating friendly relations with your next-door neighbor."
Snow Country, April 2000.
- **victorious** "They therefore entrenched themselves on a hill over against the enemy's camp, and though victorious, were under greatly disadvantaged."
A Voyage to Abyssinia, Father Lobo.
- **numerous** "We visited numerous overseas communities."
Language Arts & Discipline, Marl is Hellinger.
- **flexible** "One trick for getting the best airline flight deals online is to have flexibility when and where you travel."
New York Daily News, April 15, 2004.

PANORAMA OF WORDS

- **evidence** "The evidence which I have collected from various sources leads me to believe that the person who committed this murder was an American."
The 11/ustrious Prince, E. Phillips Oppenheim.
- **solitary** "The neighborhood was a dreary one at that time; as sad and solitary by night, as any about London."
David Copperfield, Charles Dickens.
- **vision** "In one serious eye disease, vision may become blurred, or a completely dark area may appear in the center of the vision."
Newsweek, May 3, 1999.
- **frequent** "But besides his frequent absences, there was another barrier to friendship with him: he seemed to have a brooding nature."
jane Eyre, Charlotte Bronte.
- **glimpse** "The first glimpse of her new home was a delight to eye and spirit-it looked so like a big, creamy seashell stranded on the harbor shore."
Anne's House of Dreams, Lucy Maud Montgomery.
- **recent** "Although there have been many voters for recent presidential elections, voting has been on a steady decline since Kennedy vs. Nixon in 1960."
jacksonville Herald, May 8, 2010.

PANORAMA OF WORDS

- **decade** "While she slept, six decades or more had rolled back, and she was again in her girlhood."
Margaret Ogilvy, James Barrie.
- **hesitate** "It has been so nice to have you here, but if you only knew how difficult it was to arrange, you'd understand why I hesitate to ask you to come again."
The Kingdom of the Blind, E. Phillips Oppenheim.
- **absurd** "His father thought that it would be absurd for him to marry a woman who he did not love."
The Picture of Dorian Gray, Oscar Wilde.
- **conflict** "During the uprising in Algeria's main square, a smaller conflict took place down a side street."
Salt Lake City Tribune, February 2, 2001.
- **minority** "Ruby Gillis was voted the handsomest girl of the year, but a small minority voted in favor of Anne Shirley."
Anne's House of Dreams, Lucy Maud Montgomery.
- **fiction** "The newspaper columnist suspected that the report that the man was injured was fiction because no one had seen the accident."
City Weekly, January 4, 2011.

PANORAMA OF WORDS

- **ignite** "The speaker during the popular peaceful protest was reluctant to ignite popular fury by discussing the failures of the government."
Newsweek magazine, February 12, 2011.
- **abolish** "The world is very different now, for man holds in his hands the power to abolish all forms of human poverty and all forms of human life."
John F. Kennedy's Inaugural Address.
- **urban** "The mono-rail cable car became a new and unusual method of transportation in the future urban sections of the country."
The War in the Air, H.G. Wells.
- **population** "How comes it, sir, that the population of the valley has been trebled in ten years?"
The Country Doctor, Honore de Balzac.
- **frank** "Fred insisted that he was a victim of fraud, and that his frank opinion of the team's owner's behavior was that they had handled the situation incorrectly."
New York Daily News, February 18, 2011.
- **pollute** "We have overpopulated the earth, and we pollute the water-ways, cut down the forests and fill the atmosphere with CO2."
Mercury Press, February 3, 2011.

PANORAMA OF WORDS

- **reveal** "Some day it may seem worthwhile to take up the story of the younger ones again; therefore, it will be wisest not to reveal any of that part of their lives at present."
Tom Sawyer, Mark Twain.
- **prohibit** "There is an act to prohibit the killing of deer in the mating season."
The Pioneers, James Fenimore Cooper.
- **urgent** "Profound and powerful forces are shaking and remaking our world, and the urgent question of our time is whether we can make change our friend and not our enemy."
Bill Clinton's Inaugural Address.
- **adequate** "Without an adequate income, half the possibilities of life are shut off."
Of Human Bondage, W. Somerset Maugham.
- **decrease** "Proceeding northward, the quantity of rain does not appear to decrease in strict proportion to the distance toward the Arctic Circle."
The Voyage of the Beagle, Charles Darwin.
- **audible** "At long intervals, as he turned the corner of a distant canal, the warning cry of a gondolier was just audible."
The Haunted Hotel, Wilkie Collins.

PANORAMA OF WORDS

- **journalist** "'But I do enjoy finding an interesting story to write about,' said a journalist of considerable local fame."
Can Such Things Be?, Ambrose Bierce.
- **famine** "Just after the great war, during which no man could sow or reap, a famine came upon the land, and the people complained because of lack of food, and looked round like a starved lion."
King Solomon's Mines, Rider Haggard.
- **revive** "She fainted one evening in her husband's arms, and he carried her to the open window to revive her with the fresh air."
The Posthumous Papers of the Pickwick Club, Charles Dickens.
- **commence** "His strokes were long and easy-it would be many hours before those giant muscles would commence to feel fatigue."
The Return of Tarzan, Edgar Rice Burroughs.
- **observant** "For a week Tarzan and his ape friends remained there near the camp, and the ape-man, keenly observant, learned much of the ways of men."
Tarzan, Edgar Rice Burroughs.
- **identify** "He would be able to disguise himself so effectually that ninety-nine people out of a hundred would fail to identify him, either by his voice or his manner."
I Say No, Wilkie Collins.

PANORAMA OF WORDS

- **migrate** "I think he had a dim idea that if he could migrate to a distant parish, he might find neighbors worthy of him."
Adam Bede, George Eliot.
- **vessel** "When the maneuver had been completed, the vessel which bore the admiral saluted France by twelve discharges of cannon, which were returned, discharge for discharge, from Fort Francis 1."
Ten Years Later, Alexandre Dumas.
- **persist** "He has been punished, not because he said he saw a ghost last night, but because he persists in saying he saw the ghost after I have told him that no such thing can possibly be."
The Woman in White, Wilkie Collins.
- **hazy** "It happened, to my further misfortune, that the weather proved hazy for three or four days while I was in the valley, and not being able to see the sun, I wandered about very uncomfortably, and at last was obliged to find the seaside."
Robinson Crusoe, Daniel Defoe.
- **gleam** "Detecting the gleam of Governor Bellingham's lamp, the old lady quickly extinguished her own, and vanished."
The Scarlet Letter, Nathaniel Hawthorne.
- **editor** "'It seems a pity to let the dinner spoil,' said the editor of a well-known daily paper; and thereupon the doctor rang the bell."
The Time Machine, H.G. Wells.

PANORAMA OF WORDS

- **unruly** "Jo Frost, star of Supernanny, tames unruly kids and administers discipline advice to parents."
Parents magazine, 2011.
- **rival** "You can dive your kite around a rival's string, cutting the string and setting the kite flying free."
The Kite Runner, Khaled Hosseini.
- **violent** "Thousands of Yemeni pro- and anti-government protestors threw stones at each other in violent clashes in the city of Sanaa."
news.yahoo.com, February 19, 2011.
- **brutal** "With the brutal murder of Simon, the last vestige of civilized order on the island is stripped away."
Lord of the Flies, William Golding.
- **opponent** "An Iowa wrestler became the first girl to win a state tournament match when her opponent refused to face her."
ABC News/ESPN Sports, February 18, 2011.
- **brawl** "The NHL suspended 3 New York Islanders and issued a \$100,000 fine for their actions in a brawl with the Pittsburgh Penguins."
The Associated Press, February 12, 2011.

PANORAMA OF WORDS

- **duplicate** "Making duplicate copies and printouts of things no one wants is giving America a new sense of purpose."
Andy Rooney, www.brainyquote.com.
- **vicious** "When I get really angry and I feel like my back is up against the wall, I will say vicious things."
Howard Stern, www.brainyquote.com.
- **whirling** "Whirling winds piling up drifts of snow near the highway couldn't keep the young at heart from braving the cold."
www.katu.com, December 21, 2008.
- **underdog** "Everyone expects the favorite to win; therefore, when an underdog wins, it comes as a surprise."
American Sports Analysts, www.asawins.com.
- **thrust** "He seemed to be crouched down, hands splayed on the floor, his head thrust out, nose to the stone."
The Hobbit, J.R.R. Tolkien.
- **bewildered** "If a father feels bewildered and even defeated, let him take comfort from the fact that whatever he does has a fifty percent chance of being right."
Bill Cosby, www.thinkexist.com.

PANORAMA OF WORDS

- **expand** "The Japanese brewer plans to spend \$1.5 billion dollars as he seeks to expand his business in North America."
Bloomberg News, February 20, 2011.
- **alter** "When friends asked me, 'Can we help?' I say not unless you can alter time or teleport me off this rock."
Charlie Sheen, www.brainyquote.com.
- **mature** "A well-cared for property with mature, healthy trees gives the best kind of first impression as a car pulls up to the house."
The Tree Book, Jeff Meyer.
- **sacred** "I pledge myself to the sacred cause, hoping this little book may hasten the day of deliverance to my brethren in bonds."
Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, An American Slave, Frederick Douglass, 1845.
- **revise** "The College Board said it intended to revise all of its Advanced Placement science, history and language courses to emphasize how students can use the knowledge."
New York Times, January 29, 2011.
- **pledge** "The world's leading nations pledge to support the new governments arising in revolution-torn Egypt and Tunisia."
CNN, February 19, 2011.

PANORAMA OF WORDS

- **casual** "Shelving allows for the display of books, collections and decorative objects, which enhances the casual, homey feel of this alcove."
www.silive.com, September 10, 2009.
- **pursue** "I hope he can help us pursue our future education."
The Freedom Writers Diary, 1999.
- **unanimous** "The National Academy of Sciences is unable to give a unanimous decision if asked whether the sun would rise tomorrow."
Paul Ehrlich, www.brainyquote.com.
- **fortunate** "To the Beaudelaire orphans, having each other in the midst of their unfortunate lives felt very fortunate indeed."
The Wide Window: A Series of Unfortunate Events, Lemony Snicket.
- **pioneer** "Molly faces the greatest challenge of her life as she prepares for the pioneer journey to Arizona Territory."
Fried-Egg Quilt, Laura Ostrom.
- **innovative** "The Boeing company, a global aviation leader, has grown through decades of innovative aircraft designs and the acquisition of McDonnell Douglas and Rockwell International."
New York Times, July 29, 2010.

PANORAMA OF WORDS

- **slender** "I counted the miles until I'd see her ... silver bracelets jingling around her slender wrists."
Soraya in The Kite Runner, Khaled Hosseini.
- **surpass** "Few if any of our duties surpass our obligation to provide for the common defense of our nation."
Joe Lieberman, www.brainyquote.com.
- **vast** "Simon found he was looking into a vast mouth. There was blackness within, a blackness that spread."
Lord of the Flies, William Golding.
- **doubt** "Recently I began to have odd, flitting doubts. Did I still believe him?"
Sarah's Key, Tatiana de Rosnay.
- **capacity** "American Airlines announced it would strip 7,200 coach-class seats to cut capacity and make its resulting coach class roomier."
NY Reuters, February 3, 2010.
- **penetrate** "The detector would have to be in space, because gamma rays cannot penetrate the atmosphere."
A Brief History of Time, Stephen Hawking.

PANORAMA OF WORDS

- **pierce** "I am armored above and below with iron scales and hard gems. No blade can pierce me."
Dragon in The Hobbit, J.R.R. Tolkien.
- **accurate** "As years passed, he grew interested in preserving an accurate record of the region's rich heritage."
Pioneer Days in the Black Hills, John McClintock.
- **microscope** "Under the microscope, I found that snowflakes were miracles of beauty."
www.silive.com, January 21, 2010.
- **grateful** "I have benefited greatly from the freedom that exists in my country and for this I am eternally grateful."
Johnny Depp, www.thinkexist.com.
- **cautious** "Cautious my precious! More haste less speed. We mustn't risk our necks!"
The Two Towers, J.R.R. Tolkien.
- **confident** "Remember how confident and cared about you feel when someone smiles at you."
Be True to Yourself A Daily Guide for Teenage Girls, Amanda Ford.

PANORAMA OF WORDS

- **appeal** "For a unique experience, vacation cruises with a theme are growing in appeal to travelers interested in art, photography, and science."
New York Times, February 11, 2011.
- **addict** "I'll admit it ... I'm a college addict, addicted to the freedom, the social aspect, the entertainment, and yes, even the classes! I loved it from the very first day."
Bing News, www.associatedcontent.com, February 17, 2011.
- **weary** "When at last they halted and dismounted, even Aragorn was stiff and weary."
The Two Towers, J.R.R. Tolkien.
- **aware** "I am well aware that the superheated station wagon is not an automotive staple in the United States."
Automobile Magazine, April 2009.
- **misfortune** "Acceptance of what has happened is the first step to overcoming the consequences of any misfortune."
William James, www.quotationsbook.com.
- **avoid** "Rudy, who was farthest away, caught up quickly, but not quickly enough to avoid being last."
The Book Thief, Markus Zusak.

PANORAMA OF WORDS

- **wretched** "So poor Harry spent a wretched Veterans' Day weekend after that. But Dwayne spent a worse one."
Breakfast of Champions, Kurt Vonnegut.
- **keg** "Vintage wine by the keg is now available to New York City eateries."
www.silive.com, October 28, 2010.
- **nourish** "Once you see how easy it is to nourish your heart, you'll be inspired to indulge in these delicious power meals regularly."
Prevention magazine, November, 2010.
- **harsh** "Her voice was softer now, less harsh."
Sarah's Key, Tatiana de Rosnay.
- **quantity** "There was Mrs. Weasley's usual package, including a new sweater and a large quantity of homemade mince pies."
Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire, J.K. Rowling.
- **opt** "The accused stalker will opt to stay in jail and go to trial rather than see a shrink."
New York Daily News, February 14, 2011.

PANORAMA OF WORDS

- **tragedy** "Particularly in light of the recent tragedy-the death of that poor little girl-you will be safer by far at your orphanage."
Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets, J. K. Rowling.
- **pedestrian** "They walked back into the thick of the pedestrian traffic, making their way to the soiled old Cafe du Monde."
The Witching Hour, Anne Rice.
- **glance** "He fell silent for a moment, and his little eyes darted suspicious glances from side to side before he proceeded."
Animal Farm, George Orwell.
- **budget** "The governor unveiled a budget that shows \$33.9 billion in revenue and \$35.3 billion in expenses."
The Daily Journal, February 17, 2011.
- **nimble** "The doctor, by comparison, was like a balding rodent; small and nimble, pacing the school office."
The Book Thief, Markus Zusak.
- **manipulate** "Voldemort attempted to force his way into your mind, to manipulate and misdirect your thoughts."
Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix, J.K. Rowling.

PANORAMA OF WORDS

- **reckless** "After striking and killing a man with his car in November 2001, Mr. Long testified that he was a reckless driver of automobiles."
New York Times, April 20, 2010.
- **horrid** "Last night I had a dream, a horrid dream, fighting with things."
Phil, a "littlun" in Lord of the Flies, William Golding.
- **rave** "The shows were not as bad as movies, but nothing to rave about."
Catcher in the Rye, J.D. Salinger.
- **economical** "Here are recipes for quick, easy, economical meals without using complicated procedures or fancy equipment."
Slapdash Cooking, Carol Barkin and Elizabeth James.
- **lubricate** "Lubricate car doors every time you get an oil change to avoid squeaky car doors."
Happy Living magazine, 2009.
- **ingenious** "You seem to have given this a great deal of thought, Moody, and a very ingenious theory it is."
Karkaroff in Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire, J. K. Rowling.

PANORAMA OF WORDS

- **harvest** "Everywhere there was so much corn that at harvest time every barn was stuffed."
The Return of the King, J.R.R. Tolkien.
- **abundant** "The guests had a very pleasant feast: rich, abundant, varied; and prolonged."
The Fellowship of the Ring, J.R.R. Tolkien.
- **uneasy** "Wahid finally broke the uneasy silence that followed and began to speak."
The Kite Runner, Khaled Hosseini.
- **calculate** "Rowan started to calculate how old the baby would be at Christmas."
The Witching Hour, Anne Rice.
- **absorb** "The two cart-horses could absorb everything that they were told and passed it on to the other animals."
Animal Farm, George Orwell.
- **estimate** "Aristotle even quoted an estimate that the distance around the earth was 400,000 stadia."
A Brief History of Time, Stephen Hawking.

PANORAMA OF WORDS

- **morsel** "Gollum watched every morsel from hand to mouth, like an expectant dog by a diner's chair."
The Two Towers, J.R.R. Tolkien.
- **quota** "NYPD cops have a quota of summonses which they are expected to issue every month."
Staten Island Advance, September 13, 2010.
- **threat** "The children were startled. They expected threats, blows, anything but kindness."
Sarah's Key, Tatiana de Rosnay.
- **ban** "Mayor Bloomberg made a meddling move on nutrition by issuing a ban on trans fats."
New York Daily News, February 22, 2011.
- **panic** "The double attack turned what had hitherto been nervousness into real panic."
Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets, J.K. Rowling.
- **appropriate** "Mrs. Weasley threw him a look, upon which he became immediately silent and assumed an expression appropriate to the sickbed of a close friend."
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, J.K. Rowling.

PANORAMA OF WORDS

- **emerge** "As soon as they were well inside the yard, the animals who had been lying in ambush in the cowshed suddenly emerged in their rear, cutting them off."
Animal Farm, George Orwell.
- **jagged** "The machines evinced the only vitality with their tiny monotonous beeps and jagged neon lines."
The Witching Hour, Anne Rice.
- **linger** "His glance lingered admiringly on my leather coat and my jeans."
The Kite Runner, Khaled Hosseini.
- **ambush** "There seemed no chance of reaching the Ford before he was cut off by the others that had lain in ambush."
The Fellowship of the Ring, J.R.R. Tolkien.
- **crafty** "He is a wizard both cunning and crafty, having many guises."
The Two Towers, J.R.R. Tolkien.
- **defiant** "Some children may be more defiant, stubborn, and negative than others."
www.scholastic.com, 2011.

PANORAMA OF WORDS

- **vigor** "The Prefect got up and shook his hand with vigor."
Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone, J.K. Rowling.
- **perish** "The day will come when they will perish and I shall go back!"
The Hobbit, J.R.R. Tolkien.
- **fragile** "It was the trade name for wood shavings used to protect fragile objects inside packages."
Breakfast of Champions, Kurt Vonnegut.
- **captive** "They comforted the captive that was aboard, and bade him put aside fear."
The Return of the King, J.R.R. Tolkien.
- **prosper** "No race can prosper till it learns that there is as much dignity in tilling a field as in writing a poem."
Booker T. Washington, www.brainyquote.com.
- **devour** "He set two carrots aside and devoured the third, making an astounding noise as he crushed it in his mouth."
The Book Thief, Markus Zusak.

PANORAMA OF WORDS

- plea "His lawyer planned to enter a plea of temporary insanity."
Breakfast of Champions, Kurt Vonnegut.
- weary "The dwarves were sick and weary, and they could not go much better than a hobble and a wobble."
The Hobbit, J.R.R. Tolkien.
- collide "The taxi which took me to my hotel nearly collided with another car as we pulled up to the curb."
The Witching Hour, Anne Rice.
- confirm "He looked over his shoulder to confirm that he was utterly alone."
Simon in Lord of the Flies, William Golding.
- verify "Applications may be reviewed to verify qualifications and eligibility."
www.silive.com, February 14, 2011.
- anticipate "Do not anticipate trouble, or worry about what may never happen. Keep in the sunlight."
Benjamin Franklin, www.brainyquote.com.

PANORAMA OF WORDS

- **dilemma** "That's the dilemma-we can eat anything but how do we know what to eat?"
The Omnivore's Dilemma for Kids: The Secrets Behind What You Eat, Michael Pollan.
- **detour** "Harry made his usual detour along the seventh-floor corridor."
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince, J. K. Rowling.
- **merit** "He served as a salaried clerk of the parish and enjoyed status enough to merit his name on a pew."
Charity and Merit: Trinity School at 300, Timothy Jacobson.
- **transmit** "You love your pet, but you won't love an illness your dog or cat might transmit to you."
Prevention magazine, October 2009.
- **relieve** She dragged him to the steps at the side of the church where they rested, both relieved."
The Book Thief, Markus Zusak.
- **baffle** "Doctors were at first baffled by the disease, which they report is extremely rare."
The Joy Luck Club, Amy Tan.

PANORAMA OF WORDS

- **warden** "There's really only one rule at Camp Green Lake: Don't upset the warden-he's the boss."
Holes, Louis Sachar.
- **acknowledge** "Then the old warrior would walk to the young one, embrace him, acknowledge his worthiness."
The Kite Runner, Khaled Hosseini.
- **justice** "Beregond, perceiving the mercy and justice of the King, was glad ... and departed in joy and content."
The Return of the King, J.R.R. Tolkien.
- **delinquent** "I wrote down mostly typical delinquent-girl stuff-fighting, lying, stealing."
Something Like Hope, Shawn Goodman.
- **reject** "A young boy must decide whether to go along with his father, who is a thief, or reject his father's way of life and risk losing him."
It Ain't All for Nothin', Walter Dean Myers.
- **deprive** "They are waiting to celebrate with you, and it would be a shame to deprive them of this excellent excuse to make a great deal of mess and noise."
Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire, J.K. Rowling.

PANORAMA OF WORDS

- **spouse** "A house is not a home when a spouse is not home."
The Joy Luck Club, Amy Tan.
- **vocation** "An inheritance and a fancy house in New Orleans had lured her away from her true vocation."
The Witching Hour, Anne Rice.
- **unstable** "The woman who pushed Pope Benedict XVI appeared to be mentally unstable and was arrested by Vatican police."
www.silive.com, December 24, 2009.
- **homicide** "The Los Angeles County coroner said Friday in a statement that Michael Jackson's death was a homicide primarily caused by two drugs."
New York Times, August 28, 2009.
- **penalize** "The referee may penalize the other team for misuse of the paint check rule."
Ultimate Paintball Field Guide, John R. Little and Curtis Wong.
- **beneficiary** "Little Stone is the sole beneficiary to all his insurance and property."
Wolf Hunter, Tracie Nix.

PANORAMA OF WORDS

- **reptile** "The snakes, and everything in the Reptile Room, were the last reminders the Baudelaires had of the few happy days they'd spent at the house."
The Reptile Room, Lemony Snicket.
- **rarely** "The rangers had strange powers of sight and hearing, and roamed at will; but they were now few and rarely ever seen."
The Fellowship of the Ring, J.R.R. Tolkien.
- **forbid** "Nina Khan faces the pain of having a crush when her parents forbid her to date."
Skunk Girl, Sheba Karim.
- **logical** "If Mr. Pendanski only thought about it, he'd realize it was very logical."
Holes, Louis Sachar.
- **exhibit** "He wanted the exhibit to show how machines evolved just as animals did, but with much greater speed."
Breakfast of Champions, Kurt Vonnegut.
- **proceed** "He would proceed to say what he really wanted, which was more despicable than all the terrible things I had imagined."
The Joy Luck Club, Amy Tan.

PANORAMA OF WORDS

- **precaution** "Not a punishment, Hagrid, more a precaution, said Fudge."
Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets, j.K. Rowling.
- **extract** "Ron struggled for a moment before managing to extract his wand from his pocket."
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, j.K. Rowling.
- **prior** "Prior studies of weight loss surgeries suggested that gastric banding was safer than gastric bypass surgery."
New York Daily News, February 21, 2011.
- **embrace** "Her arms halfway stretched out as though she would have liked to embrace me but dared not."
Jacob Have I Loved, Katherine Paterson.
- **violent** "A great rumbling noise rolled in the ground and echoed in the mountains; ... it seemed unbearably violent and fierce."
The Two Towers, J.R.R. Tolkien.
- **partial** "They decided against it, since there was at least a partial threat that their presence would be felt."
The Book Thief, Markus Zusak.

PANORAMA OF WORDS

- **fierce** "He rolled over and peered into Jack's fierce, dirty face."
Simon in Lord of the Flies, William Golding.
- **detest** "Much as he detested Filch, Harry couldn't help feeling a bit sorry for him."
Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets, J.K. Rowling.
- **sneer** "Strider had heavy black brows and dark scornful eyes; his large mouth curled in a sneer."
The Fellowship of the Ring, J.R.R. Tolkien.
- **scowl** "She smiled, looking pleased for a moment before the scowl came back."
The Joy Luck Club, Amy Tan.
- **encourage** "The Hawaiian Festival was Harry's golden opportunity to loosen up, to have some fun, to encourage other people to have some fun, too."
Breakfast of Champions, Kurt Vonnegut.
- **consider** "Though the goblins of Gringotts will consider it base treachery, I have decided to help you."
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, J.K. Rowling.

PANORAMA OF WORDS

- **vermin** "Foxes, rats, stoats, weasels and all manner of vermin could be seen fleeing from the armoured mouse."
Triss, Brian Jacques.
- **wail** "Before the old lady could answer, there was a long wail from upstairs."
Sarah's Key, Tatiana de Rosnay.
- **symbol** "It was this symbol of married love that started everyone talking about the desirability of marriage."
Across the Nightingale Floor, Lian Hearn.
- **authority** "I'll be on my third honeymoon, so I'm more of an authority than I care to be."
Alan Thicke, www.brainyquote.com.
- **neutral** "The College of Staten Island has new gender-neutral bathrooms to accommodate different students, including those with small children."
Staten Island Advance, September 7, 2010.
- **trifle** "Out came a long file of pigs, all walking on their hind legs; one or two were even a trifle unsteady and looked as though they would have liked the support of a stick."
Animal Farm, George Orwell.

PANORAMA OF WORDS

- **architect** "Chris Hoy worked with designers and architects in preparing the 6,000-seat, \$152 million Velodrome in London as the main venue for the upcoming Olympic Games."
Washington Post, February 22, 2011.
- **matrimony** "Without thinking highly either of men or matrimony, marriage had always been her object; it was the only honorable provision for well-educated young women of small fortune."
Pride and Prejudice, Jane Austen.
- **baggage** "Check with your airline regarding checked and carry-on baggage allowances and restrictions."
www.tripadvisor.com, February 2011.
- **squander** "Michael's mother's paternal grandmother squandered the entire fortune, leaving behind one carved chair and three heavily framed landscape paintings."
The Witching Hour, Anne Rice.
- **abroad** "Parents had the right to teach witches and wizards at home or send them abroad if they preferred."
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, j. K. Rowling.
- **fugitive** "Illinois law considered a person of color without freedom papers to be a fugitive and thus subject to arrest."
Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, Mark Twain.

PANORAMA OF WORDS

- **calamity** "The calamity that comes is never the one we had prepared ourselves for."
Mark Twain, www.thinkexist.com.
- **pauper** "The clothes of all the paupers, which fluttered on their shrunken forms after a week or two's gruel, was rather expensive."
Oliver Twist, Charles Dickens.
- **envy** "The brand new Schwinn Stingray was sure to make me the envy of every kid in the neighborhood."
The Kite Runner, Khaled Hosseini.
- **collapse** "Emboldened by the collapse of the windmill, the human beings were inventing fresh lies about Animal Farm."
Animal Farm, George Orwell.
- **prosecute** "Merchants are encouraged to prosecute shoplifters and not consider loss from theft a cost of doing business."
www.silive.com, January 10, 2010.
- **bigamy** "A reality TV show Sister Wives featuring a 41-year-old salesman and his 4 wives, 13 children and 3 stepchildren led to a bigamy investigation."
New York Times, September 28, 2010.

PANORAMA OF WORDS

- **possible** "There was more silence than she ever thought possible."
The Book Thief, Markus Zusak.
- **compel** "Her laments always compel Harold to explain things to my mother in simple terms."
The Joy Luck Club, Amy Tan.
- **awkward** "There was a long and awkward silence, which was broken at last by Mrs. Weasley."
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, J.K. Rowling.
- **venture** "You need rest before your venture Frodo; if go you must."
Boromir in The Two Towers, J.R.R. Tolkien.
- **awesome** "The Discovery Channel show Out of the Wild took city dwellers out of their element, into the jungle, for an awesome wasp-eating experience."
www.nydailynews.com, February 15, 2011.
- **guide** "Here you are ... Unfogging the Future-a very good guide to all your basic fortune-telling methods."
Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban, J. K. Rowling.

PANORAMA OF WORDS

- **quench** "Club soda contains sodium and might not quench your thirst."
Self magazine, January 7, 2009.
- **betray** "E-cards cover up your lateness, since they take no time to send and don't betray that you've forgotten a thing."
Washington Post, February 14, 2011.
- **utter** "And by the time the sheep had quieted down, the chance to utter any protest had passed."
Animal Farm, George Orwell.
- **pacify** "They kept the students and doctors in jail for their own safe-keeping, and to pacify the crowd."
It Happened in New York, Fran Capo.
- **respond** "Nailer was almost too tired to respond, but he mustered a grin for the occasion."
Ship Breaker, Paolo Bacigalupi.
- **beckon** "Professor McGonagall lowered the megaphone and beckoned Harry over to her."
Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets, J.K. Rowling.

PANORAMA OF WORDS

- **despite** "These great green sea eagles eventually became extinct, despite anything anyone could do."
Breakfast of Champions, Kurt Vonnegut.
- **disrupt** "The house is sleek, spare and 'fluid,' nothing to disrupt the line, meaning none of my clutter."
The Joy Luck Club, Amy Tan.
- **rash** "By the time Halloween arrived, Harry was regretting his rash promise to go to the death day party."
Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets, J.K. Rowling.
- **rapid** "It only took me about two minutes since I'm a very rapid packer."
Catcher in the Rye, J.D. Salinger.
- **exhaust** "No need to exhaust yourself! MODERATE exercise is best."
Healing Daily, 2002.
- **severity** "Evidence has been accumulating that zinc could reduce the severity and duration of the common cold."
Washington Post, February 15, 2011.

PANORAMA OF WORDS

- **feeble** "The feeble attempt at magic was too much for Harry's wand, which split into two again."
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, J. K. Rowling.
- **unite** "Let both sides explore what problems unite us instead of belaboring those problems which divide us."
John F. Kennedy's Inaugural Address, January 20, 1961.
- **cease** "This doom shall stand for a year and a day, and then cease."
The Two Towers, J.R.R. Tolkien.
- **thrifty** "It is thrifty to prepare today for the wants of tomorrow."
Aesop, www.brainyquote.com.
- **miserly** "A miserly fellow named Joe was obsessed with his weekly cash flow. The guy was so petty, he ordered wife Betty to flush once a day. She said, 'No!'"
Madeleine Begun Kane, www.madkane.com.
- **monarch** "As expected, Colin Firth won best actor for his portrayal of the reluctant monarch in *The King's Speech* at Britain's top film awards."
www.nydailynews.com, February 14, 2011.

PANORAMA OF WORDS

- **outlaw** "No member of our family was ever an outlaw."
The Summer of the Beautiful White Horse, William Saroyan.
- **promote** "Mr. Fotheringay tried to promote himself as a miracle man."
The Man Who Could Work Miracles, H.G. Wells.
- **undernourished** "When Donovan was released, he was badly undernourished."
Guns, Germs, and Steel, Jared Diamond.
- **illustrate** "I can illustrate my method of establishing law in science very easily."
We Are All Scientists, T.H. Huxley.
- **disclose** "Meshenka disclosed that the brooch was worth a thousand kopecks."
An Upheaval, Anton Chekov.
- **excessive** "My Irish teacher showed excessive irritability about my questions on religion."
The Saint, V.S. Pritchett.

PANORAMA OF WORDS

- **disaster** "Unable to breathe properly from nervousness, I was facing disaster."
Breaking With Music, Boris Pasternak.
- **cancel** "Chinese Journalist Defies the Censor."
New York Times, January 27, 2011.
- **culprit** "When my roommates were the culprits, I was not backward with my revenge."
A Room of My Own, Mary Ellen Chase.
- **juvenile** "As a juvenile, I learned to write to help me to survive."
Why I Write, William Saroyan.
- **bait** "I wouldn't take the bait from Sylvester, and I turned away."
The jockey, Carson McCullers.
- **insist** "For those Americans like myself who insist on improving the quality of education, there is good news."
Reds Have the Edge in Science, Inez Robb.

PANORAMA OF WORDS

- **toil** "He undertook all manner of toil because he dreamed of wealth."
Dreams, Walt Whitman.
- **blunder** "Esmond didn't correct the old man's blunder."
The History of Henry Esmond, William Thackeray.
- **daze** "I awoke in a daze to see several natives bending over me."
Typee, Herman Melville.
- **mourn** "Hundreds came to mourn for the 9-year-old who was killed in Tucson, Arizona."
Newsday, January 21, 2011.
- **subside** "After the second whiskey, the pain subsided."
The Man of the House, Frank O'Connor.
- **maim** "The bullet maimed Morris terribly, and he bled to death."
Can We See the Future?, Alison Smith

PANORAMA OF WORDS

- **comprehend** "He knows as much of what he talks about, as a blind man comprehends colors."
On the Ignorance of the Learned, William Hazlitt.
- **command** "The major gave the command to dig in for the night."
The Courting of Dinah Shadd, Rudyard Kipling.
- **final** "Regis Philbin said that his decision to retire is final."
CBS Nightly News, January 18, 2011.
- **exempt** "No Longer Exempt From Taxes."
Newsday, February 16, 2011.
- **vain** "Oliver had every reason to be vain but he wasn't."
A Friend from Ireland, Ben Lucien Burman.
- **repetition** "In tense silence, they listened to a repetition of the sound."
The Outlaw of Tom, Edgar Rice Burroughs.

PANORAMA OF WORDS

- **depict** "Officially produced ads that depict Israel as Palestine and vice versa must be ended."
New York Times, January 26, 2011.
- **mortal** "The jaguar mother lashed out and delivered a mortal wound."
jungle War, Tom Gill.
- **novel** "My father had a novel way of running his business."
My First Boss, Ralph McGill.
- **occupant** "You can't decline an invitation from the occupant of the White House."
The Magnificent Yankee, Emmet Lavery.
- **appoint** "Becky teased her mother to appoint the next day for the long-delayed picnic."
The Adventures of Tom Sawyer, Mark Twain.
- **quarter** "Joel opened his deli in the Jewish quarter."
Save the Deli, David Sax.

PANORAMA OF WORDS

- **site** "The Under Secretary chose a convenient site for the meeting."
Graven Image, John O'Hara.
- **quote** "May I quote you on that?"
Public Lives, Joyce Wadler.
- **verse** "Tear him for his bad verses."
Julius Caesar, Ad III, William Shakespeare.
- **mortality** "I could not accept the mortality of treating the untouchables as inferior."
The Untouchables, Mohandas Gandhi.
- **roam** "Mr. Offord allowed his eyes to roam over the quests."
Brook smith, Henry James.
- **attract** "The screaming is sure to attract the police."
The Good Bad Movie, Norman Holland

PANORAMA OF WORDS

- **commuter** "Today's snowstorm left thousands of commuters stranded."
Weather Channel, January 27, 2011.
- **confine** "Little Penelope was confined to her room after the surgery."
Merry Christmas, Jimmy Cannon.
- **idle** "The hours from seven to midnight are an idle time for the toll takers."
The Law, Robert Coates.
- **idol** "It is only in the past century that art historians have been able to discard the fake idols."
Cleopatra: Last Queen of Egypt, Joyce Tyldesley.
- **jest** "Bouderby's jest failed to entertain us."
Hard Times, Charles Dickens.
- **patriotic** "The President saluted the patriotic men and women of our armed forces."
Barack Obama's State of the Union Address.

PANORAMA OF WORDS

- **dispute** "They agreed to settle their dispute in my office."
Living in the Law, Jeremy Weinstein.
- **valor** "He is as full of valor as of kindness."
Henry V, Act IV, William Shakespeare.
- **lunatic** "The lunatic brought her a watermelon with his initials carved on it."
A Good Man Is Hard to Find, Flannery O'Connor.
- **vein** "He held forth in a vein that recalled the pulpit."
The Man Who Shot Snapping Turtles, Edmund Wilson.
- **uneventful** "Although Cap't. Wentworth was there, breakfast was uneventful."
Persuasion, Jane Austen.
- **fertile** "The land along the Nile River was made fertile because of the annual flooding."
Cleopatra: Last Queen of Egypt, Joyce Tyldesley.

PANORAMA OF WORDS

- **refer** "For that, I will refer you to the Old Testament."
Deuces Are Wild, Archer Lamont.
- **distress** "I was greatly distressed to learn that my mail was opened in Nairobi."
Out of Africa, Isak Dinesen.
- **diminish** "Interest in Lord Strawberry's diminished quickly."
The Phoenix, Sylvia T. Warner.
- **maximum** "The minister's black veil had a maximum effect upon the congregation."
The Minister's Black Veil, Nathaniel Hawthorne.
- **flee** "Wilder decided to flee before the helicopter landed."
White Noise, Don DeLillo.
- **vulnerable** "We were vulnerable to a highly organized war machine."
Their Finest Hour, Winston Churchill.

PANORAMA OF WORDS

- **signify** "Slips of paper signified a change from the chips of wood."
The Lottery, Shirley Jackson.
- **mythology** "Hemingway's simplicity was part of his mythology."
Ernest Was Very Simple, Robert Ruark.
- **provide** "When it comes to food, you will have to provide for yourself."
Army Now, Col. Maxwell Forbes.
- **colleague** "His new colleague chased the butterfly culture with a net."
A Visit to America, Dylan Thomas.
- **torment** "Mr. Martin decided to rub out Mrs. Barrows and end the torment she had caused."
The Catbird Seat, James Thurber.
- **loyalty** "The state commands the complete loyalty of the prosecutor."
Should a Lawyer Defend a Guilty Man?, Joseph Welch.

PANORAMA OF WORDS

- **volunteer** "Nick volunteered to bring the logs in"
The Three-Day Blow, Ernest Hemingway.
- **prejudice** "Red didn't inherit the prejudice of his parents."
Friday with Red, Bob Edwards.
- **shrill** "He heard the shrill voice of the governess calling him a liar."
Main Currents of American Thought, Irwin Shaw.
- **jolly** "Roger and June had a jolly time, driving across the country."
The Call of the Open Road, John Keats.
- **witty** "Mercutio's speech is full of witty puns."
The Development of Shakespeare's Imagery, Wolfgang Clemen.
- **hinder** "'I won't hinder you from making a living,' said Bossett."
The Man Higher Up, O'Henry.

PANORAMA OF WORDS

- **lecture** "After the lecture, we left Genacht alone while we went to lunch."
Dark, Josephine Johnson.
- **abuse** "The Dodger knew the meaning of child abuse."
Oliver Twist, Charles Dickens.
- **mumble** "'Hello, Mom? ... Oh, I'm sorry,' Jerry mumbled."
Snake Dance, Corey Ford.
- **mute** "He was born quietly, he remained mute throughout and died quietly."
Buntcheh the Silent, I.L. Peretz.
- **wad** "Mr. Herder took the wad of tobacco out of his mouth."
How Beautiful with Shoes, Wilbur D. Steele.
- **retain** "Although fired, Maxwell was allowed to retain certain privileges."
Wall Street Folly, Timothy Foster.

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- **candidate** "I could not support him as a candidate."
The Growth of the Law, Benjamin Cardozo.
- **precede** "I saw that it was my brother who had preceded me through the hedge."
The Other Side of the Hedge, E.M. Forster.
- **adolescent** "Because I was an adolescent, I suffered more than the others."
Looking Back, Guy DeMaupassant.
- **coeducational** "He was in the first class when Skidmore went coeducational."
The College for You, Martin G. Blatt.
- **radical** "He's no radical, but he'll represent the working class."
Ivy Day in the Committee Room, James Joyce.
- **spontaneous** "On July 10, a spontaneous strike of conductors and trainmen closed the railroad down."
The Press, A.J. Liebling.

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- **skim** "An attempt to skim the editorial proved unsatisfactory."
Hot Words for the S.A. T., Murray Bromberg.
- **vaccinate** "Their religious beliefs kept them from getting their children vaccinated."
Time magazine, August 17, 2010.
- **untidy** "He didn't think the guy on the untidy porch would pay any attention to him."
Out of Sight, Elmore Leonard.
- **utensil** "He had a brown pot, which he held as his most precious utensil."
Silas Marner, George Eliot.
- **sensitive** "Because I was so sensitive, I felt the terror of being different."
The Neglected Art of Being Different, Arthur Gordon.
- **temperate** "He found himself in the temperate zone."
The Other Two, Edith Wharton.

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- **vague** "Vague thoughts of strange hypnotic things ran through my head."
The Ghosts, Lord Dunsany.
- **elevate** "Woods to Elevate His Game."
Golf Digest, February 10, 2011.
- **lottery** "Carlos invested five dollars on lottery tickets-but lost it all."
Real Stories, Milton Katz.
- **finance** "Laura, who prided herself on a knowledge of finance, did not believe the pearls to be worth forty thousand pounds."
A String of Beads, Somerset Maugham.
- **obtain** "I had to obtain a number of specimens before we could start the project."
Eleven Blue Men, Berton Roueche.
- **cinema** "We used to go to the movies but now we attend the cinema."
The Truth of the Matter, Evelyn L. Dannen.

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- **event** "Hillary baked cookies for the pre-convention event"
The Inside Story, Judith Warner.
- **discard** "Laura felt she should have discarded the big hat with the velvet streamer."
The Garden Party, Katherine Mansfield.
- **soar** "Soar above the split-level house and the two-car garage."
To a Young Doctor, Dr. Thomas Dooley:
- **subsequent** "A subsequent story sees Cleopatra poisoning the flowers in her crown."
Cleopatra: Last Queen of Egypt, Joyce Tyldesley.
- **relate** "Tremaine's words related to the simple truth."
Simple Truth, David Baldacci.
- **stationary** "Hightower remained stationary while Byron moved to the door."
Light in August, William Faulkner.

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- **prompt** "The teacher should receive a prompt report after your classroom visit."
Supervising Instruction, Robert L. Schain.
- **hasty** "During his sister's hasty maneuvers, he was dragged by the arm."
The Red Badge of Courage, Stephen Crane.
- **scorch** "Anyone who got near the burning pit could have been scorched."
Fire Walking in Ceylon, Leonard Feinberg.
- **tempest** "The tempest in the soul of Augusto ended in a terrible calm."
Mist, Miguel de Unamuno.
- **soothe** "We had to soothe her or tell her the truth."
Primary Colors, Joe Klein.
- **sympathetic** "I was sympathetic to P. who has lived in Hollywood with humor and dignity for thirty years."
Hollywood, Truman Capote.

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- **redeem** "He could fix up Lizzie, redeem all of his promises, and still have enough left to build his grass-walled castle."
Martin Eden, Jack London.
- **resume** "Resume your seat; keep yourself fresh for the gentlemen callers."
The Glass Menagerie, Act I, Tennessee Williams.
- **harmony** "Such harmony is in immortal souls."
The Merchant of Venice, Ad V, William Shakespeare .
- **refrain** "After six years in the navy, I learned how to refrain from volunteering."
Our Seven-Mile Drive, Lt. Don Walsh.
- **illegal** "Mr. Bloomberg formed a special group called Mayors Against Illegal Guns."
New York Times, January 25, 2011.
- **narcotic** "I was pleased to be transferred to the Narcotic Squad."
Drugs in the City, A.J. Drexler.

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- **heir** "We dare not forget today that we are the heirs of that first revolution."
John F. Kennedy's Inaugural Address.
- **majestic** "The parade in Alexandria was a majestic spectacle."
Antony and Cleopatra, Adrian Goldsworthy.
- **dwindle** "The days dwindle down to a precious few."
"September Song" in *Knickerbocker Holiday, Kurt Weill.*
- **surplus** "The United States corn surplus before the next harvest will be 5.6 percent larger than estimated a month ago."
businessweek.com, April 11, 2010.
- **traitor** "Every traitor must be hanged."
Macbeth, Act IV, William Shakespeare.
- **deliberate** "A great deal of deliberate cheating goes on in schools."
What About Cheating?, Thaddeus B. Clark.

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- **vandal** "Vandals Damage Church Relics."
New York Daily News, December 1, 2010.
- **drought** "Father always broke the drought with a glass of cold ice water."
Father Wakes Up the Village, Clarence Day.
- **abide** "I couldn't abide the nonsense of the fraternity's pledges."
My Crusade Against Fraternities, Wade Thompson.
- **unity** "Make me happy in your unity."
Richard III, Act II, William Shakespeare.
- **summit** "From the beginning, we expected Streisand to reach the summit of stardom."
Song and Dance: the Musicals of Broadway, Ted Sennett.
- **heed** "Stan paid no heed to the nurse."
He Gave Him a Stone, Charles Ferguson.

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- **biography** "Each biography gives a detailed account of the scientist's life."
100 Great Scientists, Jay Greene.
- **drench** "When Paganini finished, his face was drenched with sweat."
A Portrait of Paganini, Heinrich Heine.
- **swarm** "If you read a swarm of criticism, you encounter many different opinions."
A Critique of Criticism, Francois Mauriac.
- **wobble** "He began to trot, then wobbled to a walk."
The Gioconda Smile, Aldous Huxley.
- **tumult** "What had been lost in the tumult is the meaning of obligation."
Freedom of Speech, Walter Lippmann.
- **kneel** "The trees would stoop and kneel in the wind."
A Haunted House, Virginia Woolf.

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- **dejected** "Our women become dejected because they don't have enough dresses."
The Terrors of T.V., William Taylor.
- **obedient** "Bashan is most obedient, responding to my whistle."
A Man and His Dog, Thomas Mann.
- **recede** "Dixon was depressed when he saw his hairline receding."
Nature, March 2009.
- **tyrant** "'Tis time to fear when tyrants seem to kiss."
Pericles, Act I, William Shakespeare.
- **charity** "The doctor was told it would be an act of charity to visit the poor man."
The Death of a Bachelor, Arthur Schnitzler.
- **verdict** "Of course the judge handed down a verdict of guilty."
The Evening Sun, William Faulkner.

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- **unearth** "We attempted to unearth the source of the hate material."
Deflating the Professional Bigot, S. Andhil Fineberg.
- **depart** "At the stroke of midnight, the guests began to depart."
The Masque of the Red Death, Edgar Allan Poe.
- **coincide** "Annabel and Midge's tastes coincided."
The Start of Living, Dorothy Parker.
- **cancel** "Unless we receive your check by August 30, we will have to cancel your policy."
Letter from Geico Insurance Company, no date.
- **debtor** "Hubert refused to be a debtor where Rotary was concerned."
The Apostate, George Milburn.
- **legible** "The way young people hold their pens certainly does nothing to promote any kind of legible writing."
standard.net, December 27, 2011.

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- **placard** "Hundreds waving placards filled the streets of Lebanon."
New York Post, January 28, 2011.
- **contagious** "I must spend a few more weeks here until I am no more contagious."
The Curfew Tolls, Stephen Vincent Benet.
- **clergy** "He was one member of the clergy who struck terror in the hearts of his followers."
Thrawn Janet, Robert Louis Stevenson.
- **customary** "The rats knew where it was customary to find the food."
The Door, E.B. White.
- **transparent** "We promise a more transparent government."
Eric Cantor, Meet the Press, January 21, 2010.
- **scald** "Rachel Ray scalded her hand during the food show."
The New Julia Childs, Sally Benson.

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- **epidemic** "I returned after the influenza epidemic."
A. V. Laider, Max Beerbohm.
- **obesity** "Schools Serious About Childhood Obesity."
C.S.A. News, January 6, 2011.
- **magnify** "That's an actor's technique-to be able to recall and magnify pain."
quotesandpoems.com, Erika Slezak.
- **chiropractor** "I'm a licensed chiropractor and can relieve your pain."
Two and a Half Men, T.V. broadcast, August 7, 2009.
- **obstacle** "No obstacle can come between me and the full prospect of my hopes."
Twelfth Night, Act III, William Shakespeare.
- **ventilate** "She tried to ventilate the room but it was impossible."
The Bucket Rider, Franz Kafka.

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- **jeopardize** "Our men and women in uniform put their lives on the line for our nation; they should not have to jeopardize their financial well-being as well."
cleverquotes.com, Mark Pryor.
- **negative** "She had negative feelings about the janitress."
Theft, Katherine Anne Porter.
- **pension** "He believed he had his pension money in five different banks."
A Girl from Red Lion P.A., H.L. Mencken.
- **vital** "West African leaders moved to cut off vital sources of cash."
New York Times, January 25, 2010.
- **municipal** "There's a U.S. state that has so reformed the way its municipal employees purchase health insurance that cities will now save taxpayers a whopping \$100 million for years."
nydailynews.com, January 1, 2012.
- **oral** "Oral swab testing tells life insurance companies how healthy you are."
nasdaq.com, January 4, 2012.

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- **complacent** "You can't be complacent when you get a telegram like that."
The Late Christopher Bean, Sidney Howard.
- **wasp** "When you have the honey, let not the wasp outlive us."
Titus Andronicus, Act 11, William Shakespeare.
- **rehabilitate** "In an attempt to rehabilitate his campaign, Gingrich spent two million in TV ads."
CNN, Anderson Cooper.
- **parole** "One of those thieves was out on parole."
Reckless Abandon, Stuart Woods.
- **vertical** "Above the terrace was a vertical stone parapet."
The Bridge on the Drina, Ivo Andric.
- **multitude** "Among the multitude of biographies, this is the only one whose validity is confirmed."
Saint Joan of Arc, Mark Twain.

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- ***nominate*** "It will be my pleasure to nominate you for the state's governorship."
Albany Minutes, Terry O'Reilly.
- ***potential*** "Miss Hope's arrival caused a potential embarrassment."
The Schartz-Metterklume Method, H.H. Munro.
- ***morgue*** "When Buntcheh was carried to the morgue, his corner of the cellar was rented quickly."
Buntcheh the Silent, I.L. Peretz.
- ***preoccupied*** "Miss Abbey was too preoccupied to pay attention to Bob Gliddery."
Our Mutual Friend, Charles Dickens.
- ***upholstery*** "The first thing we gotta do is change this rotten upholstery."
Mincing Words, Edward Osborne.
- ***indifference*** "Our country's indifference toward the growing Nazi strength can no longer be tolerated."
1938 speech to Parliament, Winston Churchill.

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- maintain "Harrison found it hard to maintain his calm."
Not Him, Robert Wallace.
- snub "I deeply resented the royal family's snub of Wallis."
The Duke's Last Secrets, Clive Fletcher.
- endure "Benny's warm coat helped him endure the cold."
The Boy in the Dark, MacKin lay Kantor.
- wrath "When we write about an error the player made, we are likely to incur his wrath."
intellectuals and Ballplayers, Roger Kahn.
- expose "Those who were exposed to the heat of the explosion suffered greatly."
The Bombing of St. Louis, Florence Moog.
- 6. legend "Elisa's chrysanthemums were a legend in our town."
The Chrysanthemums, John Steinbeck.

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- **ponder** "I pondered my father's advice: the taller the bamboo grows, the lower it bends."
Best Advice, Carlos Romulo.
- **resign** "No one knew the cause that had led him to resign from the service."
The Shot, Alexander Pushkin.
- **drastic** "The parish council had to face drastic budget cuts."
In the Parish House, Selma Lagerlof.
- **wharf** "It was the seediest dive on the wharf."
Macho Bygrande, Ted Striker.
- **amend** "We will amend the law."
Speech in Congress, John Boehner, February 6, 2011.
- **ballot** "The proud Yemenite said it was his first ballot ever."
New Jersey Star Ledger, May 12, 2010.