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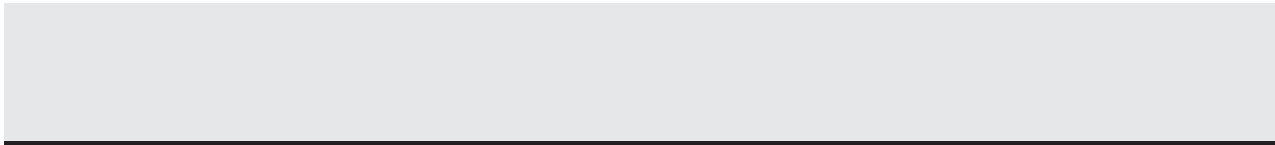
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# Vocabulary Power



## Lesson 1 Using Context Clues

Life is full of transitions—changes from one place, condition, or form to another. Each day, you make the transition from sleeping to waking and from home to school. Each year, you change as you learn new things about life and about yourself. Meanwhile, the world around you is changing, too. Have you ever stopped to notice the way the sky changes throughout a single day or an entire season? The words in this list can help you describe transitions.

### Word List

<b>brink</b>	<b>disperse</b>	<b>permeate</b>	<b>subtle</b>
<b>chronology</b>	<b>muted</b>	<b>precipitous</b>	<b>zealously</b>
<b>conscientiously</b>	<b>obliterate</b>		

### EXERCISE A Context Clues

For each sentence below use context clues, or clues from the surrounding text, to guess the meaning of the boldfaced vocabulary word. Write your definition of the word. Then, look up the word in a dictionary and write its definition.

1. You could hurt yourself badly if you fell off a **precipitous** cliff.

My definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

2. Pale pink is a **subtle** color; bright orange is not.

My definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

3. If you put a muzzle over a dog's mouth, its bark is **muted**.

My definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

4. When the preacher spoke **zealously** about her faith, she inspired her listeners.

My definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

5. Spray paint could **obliterate** a message on a road sign.

My definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

6. Employees who do their work **conscientiously** are efficient and well-respected.

My definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

## Vocabulary Power *continued*

7. A **chronology** of your life lists the main events in the order of occurrence.

My definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

8. When you peel an orange, its scent will quickly **permeate** the room.

My definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

9. Nonstop arguing could bring a couple to the **brink** of breaking up.

My definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

10. In fall, the fluffy seeds of a milkweed pod **disperse** in the wind.

My definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

### **EXERCISE B** Clues Matching

**Write the vocabulary word that best matches the clue.**

1. Could describe a sharp drop in toy sales. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Could describe a slightly humorous remark. \_\_\_\_\_
3. A time line is an example of one. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Music heard from behind a closed door could sound this way. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Bombs dropped from an airplane could do this to a bridge. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Crowds do this after a football game. \_\_\_\_\_
7. An employee who double-checks all information before putting it into a report is said to work this way. \_\_\_\_\_
8. A person who passionately pursues something is said to do it this way. \_\_\_\_\_
9. Food coloring dropped into clear water will do this in the liquid. \_\_\_\_\_
10. The edge of a steep place. \_\_\_\_\_

### **EXERCISE C** Usage

**Write the vocabulary word that matches each definition.**

1. passionately \_\_\_\_\_
2. spread throughout \_\_\_\_\_
3. with care and thoughtfulness \_\_\_\_\_
4. break up in random fashion \_\_\_\_\_

# Vocabulary Power

## Lesson 2 The Prefixes *inter-* and *intra-*

Prefixes, or syllables attached before a root or base word to alter or enhance its meaning, are important tools for understanding and learning new words. The Latin prefix *inter-* means “between” and the Latin prefix *intra-* means “within.” For example, the word *intercollegiate* means “between colleges,” and the word *intracollegiate* means “within a college.”

### Word List

<b>intercom</b>	<b>intermediary</b>	<b>interrogate</b>	<b>intrastate</b>
<b>interject</b>	<b>intermittent</b>	<b>intramural</b>	<b>intravenous</b>
<b>interlaced</b>	<b>interplay</b>		

### EXERCISE A Word Association

Read the brief definition of each boldfaced word below. Then, list other words, ideas, or situations you can think of that describe or relate to the vocabulary word.

1. **intramural**: within an institution  
 Related words, situations \_\_\_\_\_
2. **intercom**: device for communicating between rooms  
 Related words, situations \_\_\_\_\_
3. **interlaced**: lacing together; intermixed  
 Related words, situations \_\_\_\_\_
4. **interplay**: back-and-forth action; action and reaction  
 Related words, situations \_\_\_\_\_
5. **intrastate**: within a single state  
 Related words, situations \_\_\_\_\_
6. **interject**: insert between two other things  
 Related words, situations \_\_\_\_\_
7. **intermediary**: person who acts as a go-between, especially to settle differences  
 Related words, situations \_\_\_\_\_
8. **interrogate**: question formally  
 Related words, situations \_\_\_\_\_
9. **intermittent**: stopping and starting at intervals  
 Related words, situations \_\_\_\_\_



## Vocabulary Power *continued*

10. **intravenous**: within or into a vein

Related words, situations \_\_\_\_\_

### **EXERCISE B** Usage

If the boldfaced word is used correctly, write *correct* above it. If not, draw a line through it and write the correct vocabulary word above it.

1. Although it was sunny most of the day, **interlaced** showers dampened the field.
2. The patient received **intravenous** medication after the operation.
3. As he worked in the kitchen, Harry used the **interplay** to talk to his brother upstairs.
4. **Intrastate** packages were shipped by truck from Chicago, Illinois, to Naperville, Illinois.
5. Before we vote on the matter, I'd like to **interject** a word of caution.

### **EXERCISE C** Context Clues

Write the vocabulary word that best fits each sentence.

1. The verbal \_\_\_\_\_ between the two stand-up comedians was very clever.
2. Their dialogue was \_\_\_\_\_ with many references to well-known political figures.
3. The sophomore Pacers beat the senior All-Stars at the \_\_\_\_\_ basketball tournament.
4. Next Tuesday, the senators will \_\_\_\_\_ several environmental experts on air pollution.
5. The president of Finland served as the \_\_\_\_\_ in peace negotiations between the warring parties in Yugoslavia.
6. Miguel heard a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ knocking, but each time he went to the door no one was there.
7. The patient cannot eat solid food right after the operation, so this \_\_\_\_\_ tube supplies a glucose solution to the bloodstream.
8. He chose to \_\_\_\_\_ humorous remarks into serious political commentary.
9. Indiana University and Purdue University are \_\_\_\_\_ basketball rivals.
10. Every morning, our principal makes announcements over the \_\_\_\_\_.



### Lesson 3 Recognizing Base Words and Roots

A base word carries the main meaning of a word. For example, the words *restart* and *startle* share the base word *start*. A root, unlike a base word, cannot stand alone. Many English words have roots that go back to Latin, the language spoken by the ancient Romans. For example, the words *predict* and *dictator* share the Latin root *dict*, which means “say.” Recognizing the base word or the root in an unfamiliar word can often help you figure out the word’s meaning.

#### Word List

<b>digression</b>	<b>infamous</b>	<b>retort</b>	<b>torsion</b>
<b>dispassionate</b>	<b>protracted</b>	<b>systematic</b>	<b>traction</b>
<b>disposition</b>	<b>regress</b>		

#### EXERCISE A Base Words

Each of the boldfaced words below contains a base word that is probably familiar to you. Write the base word. Then, write the dictionary definition of the vocabulary word.

1. **dispassionate** \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

2. **infamous** \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

3. **systematic** \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

4. **disposition** \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

#### EXERCISE B Word Roots

Write the vocabulary words that share the roots listed. Then, look up the meaning of each word in the dictionary and write its definition.

1. *tort* means “twist”

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2. *gress* means “go” or “wander”

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



## Vocabulary Power *continued*

3. *tract* means “draw” or “pull”

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### **EXERCISE C** Context Clues

Answer each question with an explanation. Use your understanding of the boldfaced vocabulary word in your answer.

1. Would a car’s tires have good **traction** in deep mud?

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2. Is telling a long joke in the middle of a formal speech a **digression**?

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3. Is Adolf Hitler regarded as an **infamous** leader?

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4. Would the father of someone in a skating competition be a **dispassionate** judge of the performances?

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5. Would a **systematic** worker be likely to do a job well?

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### **EXERCISE D** Multiple-Meaning Words

Several of the vocabulary words have more than one meaning. Using your understanding of these meanings, write the word that best describes each of the following. Then, write a sentence for each word, using the meaning given.

1. to go back to childhood \_\_\_\_\_

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2. having a disgraceful reputation \_\_\_\_\_

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3. a truck’s grip on a muddy road \_\_\_\_\_

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4. relating to the classifying of species \_\_\_\_\_

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5. a person’s verbal retaliation in a fight \_\_\_\_\_

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## Lesson 4 Using Reading Skills

### Learning from Context: Definitions

When you encounter a new word in your reading, you can often use the context, or the surrounding words, to help you guess the word's meaning. Notice that the sentence you just read gives a definition of context. In this case, the word *or* is a clue that a definition or clarification follows. Some other words that signal a definition are *in other words*, *that is*, and *which is*. However, a definition may be given in the context without the use of such clue words.

#### **EXERCISE A** Context Clues

In each sentence, underline the part of the sentence that gives a definition of the boldfaced word.

1. The first stop on the city tour is the **arboretum**, a place where many different trees, shrubs, and other plants are grown for scientific and educational purposes.
2. The shop specializes in **nautical** supplies; in other words, it stocks everything relating to ships, sailors, or navigation on water.
3. The band ended its concert with a **medley**, or series, of jazz tunes from the 1930s.
4. The speaker in this poem uses conversational **diction**; in fact, the choice and use of words is much like that of the poet Robert Frost.
5. The expression on her face was **inscrutable**; that is, we found it difficult to interpret.
6. The photograph of the valley was **panoramic**, providing an unbroken view of the entire area.
7. The waters of two rivers **converge** in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where the Allegheny and the Monongahela Rivers come together to form the Ohio River.
8. This springlike weather in early February is **delectable**; I can't remember when the weather was so delightful.
9. To assume a superior manner or to lower oneself to a level considered beneath one's dignity is to **condescend**.
10. The funeral began with the reading of an **elegy**, which is a poem or song expressing sorrow for the dead.

#### **EXERCISE B** Context Clues

Write a context sentence for each of the following words. Consult a dictionary if you need to, but express the definition in your own words.

1. inscrutable

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2. delectable

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# Vocabulary Power

## Review: Unit 1

### EXERCISE A

Circle the word in parentheses that best completes each sentence.

1. The heart monitors in the intensive-care unit emitted reassuring (intramural, intravenous, intermittent) beeps throughout the long night after surgery.
2. Miles has an easy-going (disposition, digression, interplay), while Zelda gets excited over the slightest things.
3. The vibrant reds in the old painting had been (interrogated, muted, interjected) over time by the bleaching effect of the sun.
4. Ms. Jaworsky served as the (intercom, intermediary, chronology) between the two companies that were working out an agreement to merge.
5. Our dog seems to (retort, interject, regress) to the puppy stage whenever he plays with another dog.
6. The threat of a thunderstorm made the crowd quickly (obliterate, disperse, interrogate) to find shelter.
7. Feel free to (interrogate, permeate, interject) any additional comments you'd like to add as we address the group.
8. The inspector knew that the (chronology, traction, brink) of the events eliminated Wilmuth from being a suspect.
9. Richard worked (dispassionately, zealously, intermittently)—eating little and taking only short naps—until all of the flood victims had been relocated.
10. The (muted, systematic, precipitous) climb up the rock left Carol feeling weak and dizzy.

### EXERCISE B

Give an example of each idea.

1. an intrastate competition \_\_\_\_\_
2. a subtle color \_\_\_\_\_
3. a systematic approach \_\_\_\_\_
4. an intermittent problem \_\_\_\_\_
5. a chronology of events \_\_\_\_\_
6. a quick retort \_\_\_\_\_





## Test: Unit 1

### PART A

Circle the letter of the word that best fits each sentence.

- Erosion from wind and rain could \_\_\_\_\_ the letters on an old gravestone.  
a. obliterate      b. disperse      c. regress      d. permeate
- In the middle of his Memorial Day speech, the mayor made a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ to explain why he got into politics.  
a. chronology      b. digression      c. intermediary      d. retort
- As the clouds gathered and the day turned less sunny, there was also a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ change in temperature.  
a. muted      b. subtle      c. dispassionate      d. intravenous
- Only once during the discussion did the professor from the University of Michigan \_\_\_\_\_ a remark.  
a. disperse      b. obliterate      c. retort      d. interject
- The nurse obtained a blood sample using a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ procedure.  
a. dispassionate      b. intravenous      c. systematic      d. infamous
- After many years of war, the leaders felt the nation was now on the \_\_\_\_\_ of a new era of peace and prosperity.  
a. intercom      b. brink      c. traction      d. chronology
- That \_\_\_\_\_ company used illegal methods to put its competitors out of business.  
a. muted      b. systematic      c. intermittent      d. infamous
- The audience enjoyed the \_\_\_\_\_ between the two rappers as they responded to each other.  
a. intercom      b. digression      c. interplay      d. traction
- Bob took the engine apart piece by piece in a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ way.  
a. intermittent      b. precipitous      c. systematic      d. subtle
- Mr. Kajorski's Independence Day speech was \_\_\_\_\_ with glowing terms describing his new country.  
a. permeated      b. interlaced      c. protracted      d. dispersed

### PART B

Circle the letter of the word that has the same meaning as the boldfaced word or phrase.

- interaction**  
a. interplay      b. intermediary      c. intercom      d. disposition
- grip**  
a. traction      b. brink      c. torsion      d. chronology
- unemotional**  
a. subtle      b. infamous      c. dispassionate      d. muted

**Vocabulary Power** *continued***4. spread throughout**

- a. obliterate      b. regress      c. permeate      d. interject

**5. periodic**

- a. intermediary      b. intermittent      c. intrastate      d. intravenous

**6. typical mood**

- a. digression      b. interplay      c. disposition      d. traction

**7. reply quickly or angrily**

- a. permeate      b. obliterate      c. interject      d. retort

**8. within an institution**

- a. intrastate      b. infamous      c. intravenous      d. intramural

**9. twisting**

- a. traction      b. torsion      c. interplay      d. digression

**10. scatter**

- a. disperse      b. interrogate      c. obliterate      d. interject

**11. sequence of events**

- a. torsion      b. chronology      c. traction      d. brink

**12. disgraceful**

- a. infamous      b. interlaced      c. intermittent      d. protracted

**13. muffled**

- a. precipitous      b. protracted      c. muted      d. interlaced

**14. question**

- a. retort      b. obliterate      c. interject      d. interrogate

**15. extended**

- a. subtle      b. muted      c. protracted      d. infamous

# Vocabulary Power

## Lesson 5 Using Synonyms

You make choices every day. Some are as simple as whether you will have cereal or toast. Other choices are major ones, such as a choice of career. Still other kinds of choices require that you work with others to arrive at a group choice. For example, when you and your friends go to see a movie, you decide as a group which movie to see. The words in this list relate to making choices.

### Word List

**convoluted**

**evade**

**innocuous**

**interminable**

**endorse**

**giddy**

**insuperable**

**wary**

**enhance**

**impede**

### EXERCISE A Synonyms

**Synonyms are words with similar meanings. Each boldfaced vocabulary word below is paired with a synonym whose meaning you probably know. Brainstorm other words related to the synonym and write them on the line provided. Then, look up the vocabulary word in a dictionary and write its meaning.**

1. **giddy**: dizzy \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

2. **interminable**: endless \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

3. **wary**: watchful \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

4. **convoluted**: complicated \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

5. **evade**: escape \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

6. **innocuous**: harmless \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

7. **enhance**: beautify \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

8. **insuperable**: unconquerable \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_



## Vocabulary Power *continued*

9. **endorse:** approve \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

10. **impede:** delay \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

### **EXERCISE B** Usage

**Complete each sentence with the appropriate vocabulary word.**

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ trail through the woods winds around and around and crisscrosses several times.
2. The heavy traffic on the freeway at five o'clock will \_\_\_\_\_ our getting to the airport.
3. With summer vacation only a day away, the schoolchildren were \_\_\_\_\_ with excitement.
4. Because he was smiling as he corrected her, she regarded his remarks as \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The baseball game, which went into extra innings and lasted over four hours, seemed \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Negative public opinion about the candidate proved to be a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ barrier; he lost the election by a large margin.
7. The new lace curtains \_\_\_\_\_ the light and airy feeling of the sunny room.
8. In the article, Jolene, who represents Students Against Drunk Driving, will \_\_\_\_\_ the idea of an alcohol-free prom night.
9. By pretending to be sick, Yvonne was able to \_\_\_\_\_ working on the school clean-up project.
10. Since dark thunderclouds were gathering, we were \_\_\_\_\_ of going swimming.

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## Lesson 6 The Prefix *re-*

Prefixes are syllables attached before a root or base word to alter or enhance its meaning. They are important tools for understanding and learning new words. The Latin prefix *re-* means “again” or “back.” For example, the word *retry* means “try again” and *recall* means “call back.”

### Word List

<b>recourse</b>	<b>rejuvenated</b>	<b>repel</b>	<b>resigned</b>
<b>recuperate</b>	<b>remorse</b>	<b>resentment</b>	<b>retract</b>
<b>refute</b>	<b>renowned</b>		

### EXERCISE A Prefixes, Roots, and Base Words

Read the brief definition of each boldfaced word. These definitions emphasize the meaning of the prefix and the root or base word. Then, look up the word in a dictionary and write its definition. Finally, use each vocabulary word in a sentence.

1. **rejuvenated**: made young again

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

Sentence \_\_\_\_\_

2. **repel**: force back

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

Sentence \_\_\_\_\_

3. **refute**: argue back

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

Sentence \_\_\_\_\_

4. **retract**: pull back

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

Sentence \_\_\_\_\_

5. **resigned**: giving up; accepting; to renounce or relinquish

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

Sentence \_\_\_\_\_

6. **resentment**: ill will or rancor directed at a slight

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

Sentence \_\_\_\_\_



## Vocabulary Power *continued*

7. **recuperate**: become healthy again

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

Sentence \_\_\_\_\_

8. **recourse**: a turning to something

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

Sentence \_\_\_\_\_

9. **renowned**: widely known

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

Sentence \_\_\_\_\_

10. **remorse**: repeated gnawing

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

Sentence \_\_\_\_\_

### **EXERCISE B** Multiple-Meaning Words

**Circle the word in parentheses that best fits each sentence.**

1. She was (rejuvenated, resigned, recuperated) to continuing as vice president of the company until the president got another job.
2. The older man (resigned, renowned, rejuvenated) his life by playing in a softball league.
3. Since the hikers had lost their food, they felt their best (recourse, resentment, remorse) was to take the cut-off trail back to camp.
4. She tried hard to (repel, retract, recuperate) his advances without offending him.

### **EXERCISE C** Context Clues

**Write the vocabulary word that fits each clue.**

1. Get well, please! \_\_\_\_\_
2. Oh, the guilt! \_\_\_\_\_
3. What a grudge! \_\_\_\_\_
4. Fight back! \_\_\_\_\_
5. Like new! \_\_\_\_\_
6. I've given up! \_\_\_\_\_

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## Lesson 7 The Suffix *-ize*

A suffix is a word ending that can be added to a word or root that modifies the word's meaning. The Greek suffix *-ize* means "to become like" or "to treat with." For example, the word *finalize* (*final* + *ize*) means "to become final," and *computerize* (*computer* + *ize*) means "to supply with computers" or "to enter on computer." Words ending in *-ize* are always verbs.

### Word List

**centralize**

**idealize**

**maximize**

**rationalize**

**economize**

**immobilize**

**mesmerize**

**scrutinize**

**equalize**

**materialize**

### EXERCISE A Context Clues

Use the information given about the base word or root and the meaning of the suffix to come up with a possible definition for each word. Then, look up the vocabulary word in a dictionary and write its meaning.

1. The base word is *equal*.

**Equalize** might mean \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

2. The base word is *central*.

**Centralize** might mean \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

3. The base word is *ideal*.

**Idealize** might mean \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

4. *Maximum* means "the greatest possible quantity or degree."

**Maximize** might mean \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

5. *Economy* can mean "carefulness in spending money or using resources."

**Economize** might mean \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

6. *Immobile* means "unable to move."

**Immobilize** might mean \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_



## Vocabulary Power *continued*

7. *Scrutiny* means "close examination."

**Scrutinize** might mean \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

8. *Material* means "having matter or substance."

**Materialize** might mean \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

9. *Mesmer* is the name of a medical hypnotist from the 1700s.

**Mesmerize** might mean \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

10. *Rational* means "having the ability to reason."

**Rationalize** might mean \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

### **EXERCISE B** Usage

**Answer each question with an explanation. Use your understanding of the boldfaced vocabulary word in your answer.**

1. Could the repetitious sound and movement of ocean waves **mesmerize** you? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Can an elephant **materialize** out of thin air? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Does a person tend to **idealize** someone he or she has fallen in love with? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

4. Could you **economize** on gas by walking instead of driving to nearby places? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

5. Could a person **rationalize** by saying, "I don't really want those juicy-looking grapes that I can't reach. They're probably sour anyway." \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

6. When you sign a contract, should you **scrutinize** the fine print? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

7. Would buying three lottery tickets **maximize** your chance of winning? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

8. Can the threat of a volcanic eruption **immobilize** an area? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



# Vocabulary Power



## Lesson 8 Using Reference Skills

### Using a Dictionary: Etymology

Many words in English have their origins in other languages. In the dictionary, the origin of a word is usually given in square brackets at the beginning or end of the definition. Here are several examples.

**blitz** (blits) *n.* [from German *blitzkrieg* : *blitz*, lightning + *krieg*, war; a sudden, swift military attack, especially involving air and ground weapons together] **1.** A heavy bombardment **2.** An intense campaign **3.** A rush on the passer by the defensive linebackers in football

**ensemble** (än säm' bəl) *n.* [from Latin *insimul*, at the same time] unit or group of parts that produce a single effect, especially a coordinated outfit or a group of performing musicians

**kowtow** (kau' tau) *v.* [from Chinese (Mandarin) : *kou*, to knock + *tou*, head] **1.** To seek favor by adopting a servant-like attitude **2.** To kneel and touch the forehead to the ground in expression of deep respect or worship

**zenith** (zē' nith) *n.* [from Arabic *samt* (ar-ra's), path (over the head)] **1.** Point in the sky that is directly above the observer **2.** Highest point reached by a celestial body in its orbit **3.** Point of highest achievement or greatest power

### EXERCISE

Use the sample entries above to answer the following questions about word origins.

- Which word is derived from Latin? \_\_\_\_\_ Explain how the meaning of the English word relates to its source. \_\_\_\_\_
- Blitz* is a short form of what German word? \_\_\_\_\_ What does the longer German word mean? \_\_\_\_\_
- The election committee for a political candidate might create a media blitz to influence voters. Based on the origin of this word, what might a media blitz be like? \_\_\_\_\_
- How do the meanings of the Chinese words *kou* and *tou* help to explain the meaning of the English word *kowtow*? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- What basic idea is suggested by the Arabic word that is the source of the English word *zenith*? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

# Vocabulary Power

## Review: Unit 2

### EXERCISE

Circle the letter of the word that best fits the definition.

1. argue to disprove
  - a. refute
  - b. repel
  - c. idealize
  - d. endorse
2. too large to overcome
  - a. renowned
  - b. wary
  - c. interminable
  - d. insuperable
3. deep regret
  - a. recourse
  - b. resentment
  - c. maximum
  - d. remorse
4. hypnotize
  - a. economize
  - b. mesmerize
  - c. retract
  - d. enhance
5. reduce spending or avoid waste
  - a. recuperate
  - b. endorse
  - c. economize
  - d. retract
6. regard as perfect
  - a. idealize
  - b. scrutinize
  - c. endorse
  - d. centralize
7. young again
  - a. innocuous
  - b. rejuvenated
  - c. convoluted
  - d. renowned
8. complicated
  - a. innocuous
  - b. interminable
  - c. convoluted
  - d. renowned
9. make more beautiful
  - a. enhance
  - b. mesmerize
  - c. repel
  - d. impede
10. slow the progress of
  - a. maximize
  - b. endorse
  - c. refute
  - d. impede



# Vocabulary Power

## Test: Unit 2

### Part A

Circle the letter of the word that best fits each sentence.

- The fabric in this rain parka is designed to \_\_\_\_\_ water.  
a. retract      b. evade      c. refute      d. repel
- The United States is \_\_\_\_\_ for its many beautiful national parks.  
a. convoluted      b. renowned      c. innocuous      d. giddy
- In a baseball game, a batter might feel \_\_\_\_\_ because of an umpire's bad call.  
a. resentment      b. remorse      c. recourse      d. giddy
- A stiff cast is used to \_\_\_\_\_ a broken bone so it can heal.  
a. impede      b. refute      c. immobilize      d. endorse
- Hannah was stung by Jean's comment, but the others thought it was \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. interminable      b. innocuous      c. insuperable      d. wary
- Because Celeste had seen bear tracks nearby, she was \_\_\_\_\_ about leaving the food on the picnic table unattended.  
a. giddy      b. renowned      c. wary      d. insuperable
- Exhausted and outnumbered by enemy soldiers, the troop's only \_\_\_\_\_ was to retreat.  
a. remorse      b. recourse      c. resentment      d. scrutiny
- Harriet decided to investigate the candidate before she would \_\_\_\_\_ him.  
a. enhance      b. impede      c. evade      d. endorse
- Sam proposed that we \_\_\_\_\_ the recycling program by having everyone bring cans, bottles, and plastic to one location.  
a. mesmerize      b. equalize      c. evade      d. centralize
- Our vision for a better community will begin to \_\_\_\_\_ when the new hospital is built.  
a. materialize      b. scrutinize      c. idealize      d. mesmerize
- If you apply for a desirable job three times and are turned down each time, you might feel \_\_\_\_\_ to the fact that you would not get the job.  
a. renowned      b. resigned      c. equalized      d. repeled
- Annie put a sack of groceries in each arm to \_\_\_\_\_ the weight distribution.  
a. rationalize      b. maximize      c. equalize      d. immobilize



## Vocabulary Power *continued*

### Part B

Circle the letter of the correct definition for each vocabulary word.

1. evade

- a. wash over
- b. send out, usually over the air
- c. avoid, usually by cleverness
- d. vary

2. scrutinize

- a. examine closely
- b. scrub thoroughly
- c. scratch
- d. see

3. maximize

- a. make as small as possible
- b. make equal in size
- c. fascinate or hypnotize
- d. increase to the greatest amount

4. rationalize

- a. give credible but false reasons
- b. present a logical argument
- c. divide into equal parts
- d. apply mathematical reasoning

5. impede

- a. stop
- b. slow down
- c. explode
- d. beg forgiveness

6. enhance

- a. approve or support
- b. increase in beauty or value
- c. avoid or escape
- d. handle carefully

7. recuperate

- a. become wealthy again
- b. become healthy again
- c. become famous again
- d. become young again

8. retract

- a. redraw
- b. grip
- c. take back
- d. pull

# Vocabulary Power



## Lesson 9 Using Synonyms

In certain parts of the country, people like to say, "If you don't like the weather, just wait fifteen minutes—it'll change!" Sometimes, it seems as though the same thing is true of life. The words in this lesson will help you examine life's twists and turns.

### Word List

**alluring**

**curtail**

**disdain**

**flaunt**

**impetuous**

**pervade**

**pestilent**

**sedate**

**solace**

**stagnation**

### EXERCISE A Synonyms

Each **boldfaced word** below is paired with a synonym whose meaning you probably know. **Brainstorm other words related to the synonym and write your ideas on the line provided. Then, look up the vocabulary word in a dictionary and write its meaning.**

1. **pestilent**: deadly \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
2. **stagnation**: motionlessness \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
3. **disdain**: scorn \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
4. **pervade**: spread throughout \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
5. **impetuous**: reckless \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
6. **flaunt**: show off \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
7. **sedate**: calm \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
8. **curtail**: restrict \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
9. **solace**: comfort \_\_\_\_\_

# Vocabulary Power *continued*

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

10. **alluring**: attractive \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

## **EXERCISE B** Multiple-Meaning Words

Some words have several related definitions listed within a single dictionary entry. To explore the multiple meanings of words in the vocabulary list, circle the letter of the item that best completes each statement below. Use a dictionary, if necessary.

- Sedate can mean "to dose with sedatives," but it can also mean \_\_\_\_\_.
  - having a birthday party
  - upset or agitated
  - influencing others
  - having a quiet, steady attitude
- Disdain can mean "to look on with scorn," but it can also mean \_\_\_\_\_.
  - contempt
  - disorderly
  - approve of
  - loss of favor
- Solace can mean "an alleviation of grief or anxiety," but it can also mean \_\_\_\_\_.
  - pity or remorse
  - to console or soothe
  - when the sun crosses earth's axis
  - to wander aimlessly
- Flaunt can mean "to wave or flutter showily," but it can also mean \_\_\_\_\_.
  - to parade or treat contemptuously
  - to undermine
  - overact in a play
  - to run incessantly
- Pestilent can mean "destructive of life," but it can also mean \_\_\_\_\_.
  - relevant
  - persistent
  - causing displeasure or annoyance
  - lending money to relatives

## **EXERCISE C** Usage

Use your understanding of the boldfaced word to answer each question.

- What do you think is a good way to avoid **stagnation** of your mind? \_\_\_\_\_
- What is a personal characteristic you look on with **disdain**? \_\_\_\_\_
- What kind of summer vacation would you find the most **alluring**? \_\_\_\_\_
- What activity do you wish your school administrators would **curtail**? \_\_\_\_\_
- How do you feel when you see someone **flaunt** an accomplishment? \_\_\_\_\_

# Vocabulary Power



## Lesson 10 Greek Word Roots

In this lesson, you will learn ten useful English words that are based on roots from the Greek language. Knowing the meanings of Greek roots can help you make an educated guess about the meaning of some new words. Occasionally, however, the exact meaning of the new word isn't clear from the root. It's always safer to look up new words in a dictionary.

### Word List

**anachronism**

**euthanasia**

**hypodermic**

**psychopath**

**anthropomorphic**

**genealogy**

**periphery**

**traumatic**


**dehydration**

**hierarchy**

### EXERCISE A Analyzing Word Parts

Read the clues. Then, write in the probable definition of the vocabulary word.

- Phery* is a Greek root meaning "carry." *Peri-* is a Greek prefix meaning "around." **Periphery** probably means \_\_\_\_\_.
- Trauma* is a Greek root meaning "wound." **Traumatic** probably means \_\_\_\_\_.
- Chronos* is a Greek root meaning "time." *Ana-* is a Greek prefix meaning "back." A Greek suffix that creates a noun is *-ism*. **Anachronism** probably means \_\_\_\_\_.
- Thanatos* or *thana* is a Greek root meaning "death." *Eu-* is a Greek prefix meaning "good" or "well." **Euthanasia** probably means \_\_\_\_\_.
- Genea* is a Greek root meaning "race" or "ancestors." A Greek root meaning "word" or "knowledge of" is *ologia*. **Genealogy** probably means \_\_\_\_\_.
- Psych* is a Greek root meaning "mind" or "spirit." *Patho* is a Greek root meaning "suffering," "feeling," or "disease." **Psychopath** probably means \_\_\_\_\_.
- Anthropo* is a Greek root meaning "human." *Morpho* is a Greek root meaning "form." **Anthropomorphic** probably means \_\_\_\_\_.
- Dermato* is a Greek root meaning "skin." *Hypo-* is a Greek prefix meaning "under." **Hypodermic** probably means \_\_\_\_\_.
- Hiero* is a Greek root meaning "priestly" or "sacred." *Archy* or *arch* is a Greek root meaning "rule" or "government." **Hierarchy** probably means \_\_\_\_\_.
- Hydro* is a Greek root meaning "water." *De-* is a Latin prefix meaning "remove." **Dehydration** probably means \_\_\_\_\_.

 **Vocabulary Power** *continued*

**EXERCISE B** Definitions

Check your definitions in Exercise A by looking up each vocabulary word in a dictionary. Write the meaning. How close did you come to the correct meaning?

1. periphery: \_\_\_\_\_
2. traumatic: \_\_\_\_\_
3. anachronism: \_\_\_\_\_
4. euthanasia: \_\_\_\_\_
5. genealogy: \_\_\_\_\_
6. psychopath: \_\_\_\_\_
7. anthropomorphic: \_\_\_\_\_
8. hypodermic: \_\_\_\_\_
9. hierarchy: \_\_\_\_\_
10. dehydration: \_\_\_\_\_

**EXERCISE C** Context Clues

Draw a line through the italicized phrase. Above it, write the vocabulary word that best fits the sentence.

1. The clock that chimes in Shakespeare’s play, *Julius Caesar*, is a(n) *out-of-its-proper-time-period mechanism* because that kind of clock didn’t exist during Caesar’s time.
2. “All signs indicate that the writer of these letters is a *severely mentally ill person*,” said the police inspector in a worried voice.
3. The first test question was to arrange the animals in a(n) *system ranked with the most important ones at the top*.
4. Have you seen clouds that appeared to be *in human shapes*?
5. The knights marched around the *outer boundary* of the castle, anxiously scanning the horizon for signs of the approaching king.

**EXERCISE D** Word Webs

On separate sheets of paper, create word webs for three of the vocabulary words in this lesson. Start by drawing a circle with the word in the center. Then, add as many words as you can that have the same Greek root. Quiz a partner about the meanings of the words you add to your web.



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## Lesson 11 Word Families

Word families are groups of words that contain the same roots or base words. Base words are roots that are complete words. The root or base word gives a word its main meaning. A prefix or suffix combined with the root or base word gives it a different meaning. In this lesson, you will study words in the same word families.

### Word List

**cognition**

**elaborate**

**interrogation**

**sonorous**

**corpulent**

**innovate**

**sentiment**

**transcribe**

**dormant**

**insoluble**

### EXERCISE A Definitions


Look up each of the boldfaced words in a dictionary and write its meaning. Then, use the information in the dictionary entry to underline the root or base word.

1. interrogation: \_\_\_\_\_
2. cognition: \_\_\_\_\_
3. elaborate: \_\_\_\_\_
4. sentiment: \_\_\_\_\_
5. innovate: \_\_\_\_\_
6. sonorous: \_\_\_\_\_
7. transcribe: \_\_\_\_\_
8. corpulent: \_\_\_\_\_
9. insoluble: \_\_\_\_\_
10. dormant: \_\_\_\_\_

### EXERCISE B Word Root Definitions

Write the main meaning of the root or base word for each of the ten vocabulary words introduced in this lesson.

1. roga \_\_\_\_\_
2. cogn \_\_\_\_\_
3. labor \_\_\_\_\_
4. sens, sent \_\_\_\_\_
5. nova, nov \_\_\_\_\_

 **Vocabulary Power** *continued*

- 6. son \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. script, scribe \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. corp \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. sol, solv \_\_\_\_\_
- 10. dorm \_\_\_\_\_

**EXERCISE C** Root and Base Words

Use the chart to write down other words in the word families of the vocabulary words. First, underline the root or base word in the word in the first column. Then, fill in the row with as many other words as you can that contain the same root or base word. Underline the root or base word in each new word after you write it in the space. The root or base word may appear in your new word in a slightly different form. You may use a dictionary to find words in the word families.

**Word Family Chart**

dormant			
insoluble			
cognition			
interrogation			
corpulent			
elaborate			
sentiment			
innovate			
transcribe			
sonorous			

**EXERCISE D** Usage

On a separate sheet of paper, write a sentence of your own for each vocabulary word.

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## Lesson 12 Using Reference Skills

### Using a Thesaurus: Synonyms

A thesaurus (from the ancient Greek word for treasure) is a useful reference work that lists synonyms (and often antonyms) for thousands of words. The synonyms vary slightly in meaning and feeling, so you can find just the right word. To use a thesaurus to find synonyms, first look in an index for the word you are researching. A reference number refers you to a listing in the main part of the thesaurus. The most well-known thesaurus, compiled by Peter Roget (row-ZHAY) in the mid-1800s and since updated by others, is organized in this way. Other thesauruses omit the index. In these, you just look up the word, which will be followed by a list of synonyms, and sometimes, antonyms. In the same way that dictionaries define different meanings of a word, thesauruses list synonyms for each different meaning of a word. In this lesson, you will get practice in using a thesaurus to find synonyms.

### EXERCISE

Entries from a thesaurus are listed below. Look over the entries. Then, answer the questions that follow.

96	<b>corpulent</b>	<i>adj.</i> ample, bulky, chubby, fat, heavy, huge, obese, overweight, plump, portly, round, stout, whopping
151	<b>disdain</b>	<i>v.</i> be indifferent to, detest, dislike, mock, reject, scorn, take no interest in
207	<b>elaborate</b>	<i>adj.</i> complex, complicated, decorated, intricate, involved, laborious, ornate, painstaking
645	<b>solace</b>	<i>n.</i> aid, assistance, alleviation, comfort, consolation, cure, help, relief, respite, sympathy
819	<b>traumatic</b>	<i>adj.</i> damaging, disabling, disturbing, jolting, shocking, upsetting

1. What does the number in front of each entry probably represent? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Which synonyms for *elaborate* might you use if you were writing a report about *elaborate* architecture?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- If you were writing a report about *elaborate* literature? \_\_\_\_\_  
Explain your answers. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Which synonym for *traumatic* seems to project the strongest emotion? \_\_\_\_\_  
The mildest? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Suppose you are having trouble deciding whether to use *alleviation* or *sympathy* as a synonym for *solace*.  
How would you find out exactly how the two words differ in meaning? \_\_\_\_\_
5. *Disdain* appears here as a verb. The same word can also be a noun. Based on this thesaurus entry, create some synonyms for the noun *disdain*. \_\_\_\_\_

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## Review: Unit 3

### EXERCISE A

Circle the letter of the word that can replace the word or phrase in italics.

- The teacher explained that my research paper rambled around the *outer boundary* of the subject without ever addressing the real issue.
  - disdain
  - periphery
  - hierarchy
  - interrogation
- "This seemingly *impossible-to-solve* problem has stumped the experts for over a century!" the professor exclaimed.
  - sonorous
  - pestilent
  - traumatic
  - insoluble
- In the company *ranking system*, Mr. Winkle stood very near the bottom.
  - euthanasia
  - periphery
  - hierarchy
  - cognition
- A dreadful smell began to *fill up* the house as the small black-and-white animal lifted and shook its tail.
  - sedate
  - transcribe
  - pervade
  - flaunt
- After five days in the desert, the survivors of the plane crash were suffering from *lack of water*.
  - dehydration
  - genealogy
  - euthanasia
  - cognition
- Maria and Li *show off* their report cards whenever they get A's.
  - transcribe
  - flaunt
  - pervade
  - curtail
- That movie about the friendship of a(n) *seriously mentally ill person* and his pet doesn't appeal to me.
  - hypodermic
  - genealogy
  - anachronism
  - psychopath
- If we are to stay within our budget, we must *restrict* our spending.
  - curtail
  - flaunt
  - pervade
  - innovate
- If the company is to prosper in the coming year, no *reckless* decisions can be made.
  - dormant
  - elaborate
  - sonorous
  - impetuous
- Her love for old books and furniture seems like a(n) *thing out of its proper time period* in the ultra-modern house.
  - anachronism
  - sentiment
  - stagnation
  - pestilent

### EXERCISE B

Write sentences using the following vocabulary words.

- interrogation \_\_\_\_\_
- sonorous \_\_\_\_\_
- dormant \_\_\_\_\_
- transcribe \_\_\_\_\_



## Test: Unit 3

### Part A

Circle the letter of the word that best fits the sentence.

- Many people consider \_\_\_\_\_ and other medical procedures that end life nothing more than murder.
  - dehydration
  - cognition
  - euthanasia
  - stagnation
- It was hard to say which delicious item on the dessert buffet table was the most \_\_\_\_\_.
  - alluring
  - sedate
  - pestilent
  - impetuous
- The rank-smelling water at the bottom of the old well was in a state of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - anachronism
  - disdain
  - stagnation
  - cremation
- Three bowls of food every day has made Virginia's dog, Dodo, more than a little \_\_\_\_\_.
  - sonorous
  - anthropomorphic
  - insoluble
  - corpulent
- The doctor used a \_\_\_\_\_ needle to inject the polio vaccine.
  - traumatic
  - corpulent
  - pestilent
  - hypodermic
- The film created in most of the audience a bittersweet \_\_\_\_\_.
  - hierarchy
  - sentiment
  - interrogation
  - solace
- We all felt that Richard's plans for decorating the entryway to the dance floor were far too \_\_\_\_\_.
  - elaborate
  - pestilent
  - sonorous
  - hypodermic
- Discovering the old letters his great-grandmother wrote awoke Jim's interest in his family's \_\_\_\_\_.
  - anachronism
  - euthanasia
  - disdain
  - genealogy
- Science-fiction writers often create aliens with \_\_\_\_\_ characteristics.
  - sedate
  - anthropomorphic
  - corpulent
  - dormant
- The police officer's words were little \_\_\_\_\_ to the father of the injured girl.
  - disdain
  - cognition
  - hierarchy
  - solace

### Part B

Circle the letter of the word that is most nearly *opposite* in meaning to the boldfaced word.

- impetuous**
  - clever
  - frightened
  - ridiculous
  - cautious
- dormant**
  - lazy
  - hard-working
  - active
  - slow
- sedate**
  - bright
  - excitable
  - calm
  - redundant



## Vocabulary Power *continued*

4. traumatic

- a. comforting      b. disturbing      c. confusing      d. traveling

5. insoluble

- a. puzzling      b. small      c. friendly      d. solvable

### Part C

Circle the letter of the word or words that is a *synonym* of the boldfaced word.

1. psychopath

- a. mentally ill person      c. genius  
b. person out of proper time period      d. strange road

2. pestilent

- a. insect-like      c. lacking water  
b. harmful      d. incessant

3. curtail

- a. expand      c. admire  
b. make longer      d. reduce

4. transcript

- a. something out of its proper time period      c. written record  
b. play      d. railway ties

5. disdain

- a. approve      c. prevent  
b. reject      d. reclaim

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## Lesson 13 Using Context Clues

What does it take to meet life's challenges? What qualities can help you overcome some of the hurdles you might encounter? What are the best ways to address a problem, examine its likely consequences, and then make them work in your favor? The words in this lesson relate to these questions.

### Word List

**beguile**

**fortitude**

**obscurity**

**sagacious**

**demure**

**hidebound**

**resilient**

**tumult**

**equanimity**

**laud**

### EXERCISE A Synonyms

Each **boldfaced word** is paired with a synonym whose meaning you probably know. **Brainstorm other related words and write your ideas on the line provided. Then, look up the vocabulary word in a dictionary and write its meaning.**

1. **resilient**: flexible \_\_\_\_\_  
Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
2. **sagacious**: wise \_\_\_\_\_  
Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
3. **equanimity**: composure \_\_\_\_\_  
Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
4. **fortitude**: strength \_\_\_\_\_  
Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
5. **obscurity**: vagueness \_\_\_\_\_  
Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
6. **beguile**: deceive \_\_\_\_\_  
Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
7. **demure**: shy \_\_\_\_\_  
Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
8. **hidebound**: narrow-minded \_\_\_\_\_  
Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
9. **tumult**: commotion \_\_\_\_\_  
Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_



## Vocabulary Power *continued*

10. **laud**: praise \_\_\_\_\_  
Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

### **EXERCISE B** Context Clues

Answer each question based on your understanding of the boldfaced word.

1. Do you think Michael Jordan spent his basketball career in **obscurity**? Why or why not? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. How do you think a **resilient** person would react to getting a bad grade on a math exam? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Is it a good characteristic for professional comedians to be **demure**? Explain your answer. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. What is one thing your school does to **laud** students? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. Do you think it would be easy to **beguile** skilled magicians? Why or why not? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. Could a **tumult** occur in your town's sports arena if one of the teams won a championship by one point?  
Why or why not? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. Name someone you feel is **hidebound**. What evidence do you have for feeling this way? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. If a customer throws a temper tantrum when the clerk overcharges him ten cents, does his behavior show  
**equanimity**? Explain your answer. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. Is it a **sagacious** decision to jaywalk on a crowded downtown street? Why or why not? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. Which two words in this lesson do you think are nearly opposite in meaning? Explain your answer. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



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## Lesson 14 Using Multiple-Meaning Words

As you start new classes, make new friends, move to a new area, or experience inner changes, you let go of the old and encounter the new. You greet the new with a mixture of feelings—forthrightness and uncertainty, fearlessness and fearfulness, attraction and distress. Often, you have help from parents, teachers, other adults, and peers in dealing with new situations. The words in this lesson will help you to understand and express your feelings about these changes in your life.

### Word List

<b>abhor</b>	<b>insinuation</b>	<b>suppress</b>	<b>tribulation</b>
<b>candor</b>	<b>pall</b>	<b>tentative</b>	<b>volatile</b>
<b>dauntless</b>	<b>patronize</b>		

### EXERCISE A Multiple-Meaning Words

Some words have several related definitions listed within a single dictionary entry. Look up each boldfaced word in the dictionary and write its meaning(s). Then, write a sentence using one of the definitions for each word.

1. tentative: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. dauntless: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. patronize: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. pall: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. tribulation: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. abhor: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. candor: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. insinuation: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



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9. volatile: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

10. suppress: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### **EXERCISE B** Sentence Completion

Write the vocabulary word that best fits each sentence.

1. The candidate's narrow loss threw a \_\_\_\_\_ over the election night party.
2. The opposing coach's \_\_\_\_\_ that our players were out of shape was false.
3. We watched as the new calf took its first \_\_\_\_\_ steps.
4. Northerners and Southerners suffered great \_\_\_\_\_ during the Civil War.
5. Marcus considers his \_\_\_\_\_ to be honest and virtuous, but everyone else regards it as rudeness.
6. The brutal dictator tried unsuccessfully to \_\_\_\_\_ the freedom movement.
7. "I \_\_\_\_\_ all kinds of cruelty to animals!" the animal-rights speaker proclaimed.
8. Because of Sharon's \_\_\_\_\_ nature, her friends avoid her when things go badly.
9. The retired chef promised to \_\_\_\_\_ the new restaurant to help build a customer base.
10. Jeff's dog is \_\_\_\_\_—he allows no one he doesn't know on the property.

### **EXERCISE C** Usage

Below you'll find the titles of five new books. Write a descriptive sentence for each title using a different vocabulary word from this lesson for each one.

1. *Please, Sir, I Want Some More* by Oliver Twist \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. *How to Get Rich by Cheating Your Friends and Relatives* by Arnold Worthless \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. *My Unhappy Life* by Sylvia Weeper \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. *Cooking with Jalapeño Peppers* by Jorge Caliente \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. *Hanging Around Famous People* by Ima Toady \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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## Lesson 15 Prefixes Meaning "For" and "Against"

Knowing the meaning of prefixes can help you discover the meanings of unknown words. The Latin prefix *pro-* means "for" or "in favor of." The following Latin prefixes mean "against" or "opposed to": *counter-*, *contra-*, or *con-*; *anti-*; and *ob-* or *op-*. These prefixes also have other meanings; not all words that begin with these letter combinations have the meanings of the prefixes.

### Word List

<b>antibiotic</b>	<b>contraband</b>	<b>obstruct</b>	<b>oppugn</b>
<b>antipathy</b>	<b>contradictory</b>	<b>obtrude</b>	<b>proponent</b>
<b>antithesis</b>	<b>counterweight</b>		

### EXERCISE A Definitions

Underline the prefix in each of the ten boldfaced words. Then, look up the word in a dictionary and write its meaning.

1. **obstruct**: \_\_\_\_\_
2. **counterweight**: \_\_\_\_\_
3. **antipathy**: \_\_\_\_\_
4. **oppugn**: \_\_\_\_\_
5. **contraband**: \_\_\_\_\_
6. **obtrude**: \_\_\_\_\_
7. **antithesis**: \_\_\_\_\_
8. **antibiotic**: \_\_\_\_\_
9. **contradictory**: \_\_\_\_\_
10. **proponent**: \_\_\_\_\_

### EXERCISE B Context Clues

Write the vocabulary word that best matches the clue.

1. Politicians try to do this to each other's positions on the issues. \_\_\_\_\_
2. A person who is one of these argues in favor of something. \_\_\_\_\_
3. You'd look for this if you were a customs agent. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Doctors and veterinarians use this frequently. \_\_\_\_\_
5. A big dog in a small hallway can easily do this. \_\_\_\_\_



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6. This allows some types of bridges to be raised. \_\_\_\_\_
7. Many people have this in regard to snakes and spiders. \_\_\_\_\_
8. Evidence in a murder trial is often presented in this way. \_\_\_\_\_
9. A slang synonym for this word is *butt in*. \_\_\_\_\_
10. In many ways, communism is this when compared with capitalism. \_\_\_\_\_

### **EXERCISE C** Usage

Write a sentence of your own using each boldfaced word.

1. antithesis \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. oppugn \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. contradictory \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. counterweight \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. contraband \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. obtrude \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. proponent \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. antibiotic \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. obstruct \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. antipathy \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### **EXERCISE D** Prefixes

Prefixes meaning “for” and “against” appear often in newspapers and magazines. On a separate sheet of paper, make a list of words you find using these prefixes. After each word, use the context or the dictionary to define the word.

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## Lesson 16 Reading Skills

### Learning from Context: Examples

Context, or the environment in which a word appears, can offer many clues to the meaning of an unknown word. One technique is to look for examples of the unknown word that can give a hint about the meaning of the word. For example, imagine that a paragraph describes zebras, pigs, and tigers as quadrupeds and states that humans, insects, and spiders are not quadrupeds. You can use the context clue of examples to figure out that *quadruped* probably means “four-legged.” This lesson will give you practice in using examples to find the meanings of unfamiliar words.

### EXERCISE

Read each sentence. Circle the examples that help you define the boldfaced word. Then, write a possible definition of the term on the line.

- Volunteers for the clean-up crew were as **sparse** as hen’s teeth, fish fur, or pig feathers! *Sparse* probably means \_\_\_\_\_.
- The first **malicious** rumor she spread was that I had cheated on the exam; then, she charged that I had used a computer to change my grade! *Malicious* probably means \_\_\_\_\_.
- The **wanton** destruction caused by such famous villains as Ghengis Khan and Attila the Hun has gone down as the worst in history. *Wanton* probably means \_\_\_\_\_.
- The hurricane in Japan was just the latest in a long series of **cataclysms**, including a flood, a volcanic eruption, and an earthquake. *Cataclysm* probably means \_\_\_\_\_.
- Our team’s most **formidable** opponents in the race for the Super Bowl were the Denver Broncos, the San Francisco Forty-Niners, and the Green Bay Packers. *Formidable* probably means \_\_\_\_\_.
- For the North, the **nadir** of the Civil War was, no doubt, the crushing defeats at Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville in 1862 and 1863, respectively. *Nadir* probably means \_\_\_\_\_.
- Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, and George Bush were Bill Clinton’s **predecessors** in the White House. *Predecessor* probably means \_\_\_\_\_.
- Among the greatest **accolades** authors can receive are the Nobel Prize for Literature, the Pulitzer Prize, and the National Book Award. *Accolade* probably means \_\_\_\_\_.
- The **opulent** resort featured lavish suites, first-class entertainment and meals, a half-dozen swimming pools, and, not surprisingly, sky-high prices. *Opulent* probably means \_\_\_\_\_.
- Tourists love Vermont’s **picturesque** country villages, old white churches, and small dairy farms with black-and-white Holstein cows. *Picturesque* probably means \_\_\_\_\_.



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## Review: Unit 4

### EXERCISE

Circle the letter of the word that can replace the word or words in italics.

- Corey's uncle is one of the most *narrow-minded* people I've ever had the displeasure to meet.  
a. resilient      b. hidebound      c. dauntless      d. demure
- Her *natural dislike* for snakes was made worse when her sister was bitten by a copperhead while on a camping trip.  
a. antibiotic      b. antithesis      c. antipathy      d. candor
- Everyone knew Sean was *able to bounce back*, but we were all amazed at how quickly he recovered from the accident.  
a. dauntless      b. volatile      c. sagacious      d. resilient
- At first, the governor's support for the prison reform was *unsure*, but after a few months, her enthusiasm for it increased.  
a. tentative      b. resilient      c. hidebound      d. dauntless
- Being a former soldier, he was a(n) *strong supporter* of a powerful military.  
a. proponent      b. counterweight      c. contraband      d. antithesis
- The *uproar* created in the department by the surprise announcement affected morale.  
a. equanimity      b. pall      c. tumult      d. fortitude
- The chimp looked so ridiculous in the ballerina costume that I couldn't *hold back* my laughter.  
a. abhor      b. suppress      c. laud      d. oppugn
- "Must you always *force* your way into the conversation? When we want your opinion, we'll ask for it!"  
a. oppugn      b. obstruct      c. obtrude      d. patronize
- Through her skill and speed, the magician was able to *deceive* the crowd into thinking the motorcycles had disappeared.  
a. beguile      b. laud      c. suppress      d. abhor
- One of my sisters is quite *shy*, but the other one is a big show-off.  
a. contradictory      b. sagacious      c. volatile      d. demure



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## Test: Unit 4

### Part A

Circle the letter of the word that best fits the sentence.

1. "Please don't \_\_\_\_\_ me, Madam," cried the offended painter. "I don't appreciate being talked down to!"  
a. laud                      b. patronize                      c. beguile                      d. abhor
2. His reasons for making the difficult decision were hidden in \_\_\_\_\_; we never unearthed them.  
a. obscurity                      b. counterweight                      c. equanimity                      d. fortitude
3. "It is my duty to inform you, sir, that you are under arrest for the smuggling of \_\_\_\_\_," announced the inspector.  
a. contraband                      b. fortitude                      c. insinuation                      d. obscurity
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the island residents was caused by the hurricane.  
a. candor                      b. fortitude                      c. equanimity                      d. tribulation
5. The researcher announced the discovery of a powerful new \_\_\_\_\_ for the treatment of pneumonia.  
a. antithesis                      b. antibiotic                      c. antipathy                      d. contraband
6. A deep, dark \_\_\_\_\_ settled over the crowd as the sun set over the hills.  
a. tribulation                      b. tumult                      c. candor                      d. pall
7. The votes of the liberals must be considered an important \_\_\_\_\_ to those of the conservatives.  
a. proponent                      b. fortitude                      c. counterweight                      d. antibiotic
8. Amanda became much more \_\_\_\_\_ about the issue of pollution after her petition was suppressed.  
a. resilient                      b. volatile                      c. hidebound                      d. demure
9. In his argument, Jason presented the complete \_\_\_\_\_ of the one I had presented earlier.  
a. antipathy                      b. obscurity                      c. antithesis                      d. counterweight
10. When the lawyer continued to make her sarcastic \_\_\_\_\_ that the witness knew much more than he was admitting, the judge charged her with contempt.  
a. insinuation                      b. proponent                      c. tribulation                      d. tumult
11. "No one enjoys it when you \_\_\_\_\_ into every conversation, especially when you haven't been asked for your opinion!" I whispered to Melanie.  
a. oppugn                      b. suppress                      c. obtrude                      d. laud
12. Thousands of supporters had gathered at the train station to \_\_\_\_\_ the soldiers returning after the battle.  
a. laud                      b. abhor                      c. patronize                      d. suppress
13. Your \_\_\_\_\_ and courage about the matter are certainly refreshing, even if they could get you into trouble!  
a. obscurity                      b. candor                      c. proponent                      d. antipathy



## Vocabulary Power *continued*

14. By tackling him, I managed to \_\_\_\_\_ the robber's escape for a few minutes until the police arrived.  
a. oppugn      b. obtrude      c. beguile      d. obstruct
15. His older sister takes quite an interest in his study of bats, but his younger brothers \_\_\_\_\_ the winged creatures.  
a. abhor      b. suppress      c. oppugn      d. laud
16. The CEO told the interviewer, "I have never been a \_\_\_\_\_ of higher corporate taxes, and I do not intend to support them in the future."  
a. counterweight      b. contraband      c. proponent      d. candor
17. The actress did not lose her \_\_\_\_\_, even when the set collapsed as she was on stage.  
a. candor      b. equanimity      c. obscurity      d. pall
18. The religious leader was well-known for his \_\_\_\_\_ advice, which he distributed freely.  
a. demure      b. resilient      c. tentative      d. sagacious
19. She was able to \_\_\_\_\_ others into supporting her get-rich-quick scheme.  
a. beguile      b. laud      c. obtrude      d. suppress
20. The firefighters showed their \_\_\_\_\_ by reentering the burning building to rescue the child.  
a. contraband      b. fortitude      c. insinuation      d. antipathy

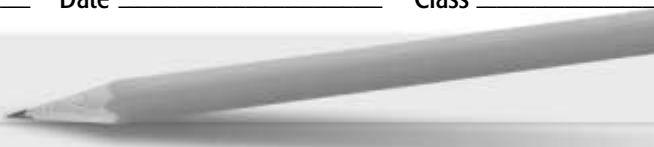
### Part B

Circle the letter of the word that is a synonym for the boldfaced word.

1. **hidebound**  
a. open-minded      b. inflexible      c. cheerful      d. morose
2. **antipathy**  
a. sympathy      b. communication      c. dislike      d. obscurity
3. **tribulation**  
a. hardship      b. membership      c. pride      d. concern
4. **tumult**  
a. stillness      b. candor      c. display      d. disorder
5. **oppugn**  
a. approve      b. criticize      c. evaluate      d. appreciate



# Vocabulary Power



## Lesson 17 Using Context Clues

Remembering can involve memorizing information for a test or recalling an event when you smell popcorn or hear a song. Whether you are trying to recover a lost fact or a forgotten name on the tip of your tongue, you are making every effort to locate something that you have stored in your brain. The words in this lesson will help you to write and speak about the process of remembering.

### Word List

**adept**

**confound**

**diligent**

**tantalize**

**axiom**

**cumulative**

**superlative**

**unerring**

**complement**

**delve**

### EXERCISE A Context Clues

Write the vocabulary word that best matches each clue below.

- This type of person would take the time needed to recall information accurately. He or she is hardworking and careful. \_\_\_\_\_
- Mouthwatering cakes and pies displayed behind the window of a closed bakery might do this to some people. \_\_\_\_\_
- This kind of person may not have any difficulty remembering facts, places, or people. He or she is very skilled or proficient. \_\_\_\_\_
- Having to spell an unfamiliar word might do this to a contestant in a spelling bee. \_\_\_\_\_
- This kind of experience is one you remember because it surpasses all others. \_\_\_\_\_
- This information is an established rule, principle, or law that is universally recognized. \_\_\_\_\_
- This kind of activity will help uncover information that is deeply buried. \_\_\_\_\_
- Your final exam may be considered this when it combines material from last semester with what you have studied this semester. \_\_\_\_\_
- This is something that completes something else or brings it to perfection. \_\_\_\_\_
- This kind of person is frequently right on target. He or she tends to be sure and exact when doing something. \_\_\_\_\_

### EXERCISE B Multiple-Meaning Words

Consider the multiple definitions of the vocabulary words in the following sentences. Circle the word in each set of parentheses that best completes the sentence.

- She told Stan he was a(n) (cumulative, axiom, diligent) helper.
- The Law of Gravity is a(n) (axiom, complement, superlative) that you can easily test for yourself.



## Vocabulary Power *continued*

- An attractively set table can (delve, confound, complement) a well-prepared meal.
- Geometry and physics seemed to (tantalize, delve, confound) Martin because he could not visualize what he did not see in front of him.
- He is considered highly (axiom, adept, cumulative) in his field of psychology.
- The (complement, axiom, confound) of soldiers marched impressively at his back.
- In an attempt to (delve, complement, confound) his pursuers, the fugitive swam the river.
- Joe has often said that attending the rock opera, *Tommy*, was a(n) (unerring, superlative, diligent) experience in the theater.
- The Marantzes were (adept, unerring, superlative) enough to do the tango but too shy to do it at their daughter's wedding.
- Many medications have a(n) (adept, superlative, cumulative) effect, because they are stored in the body for several weeks until they start working correctly.

### **EXERCISE C** Usage

**Draw a line through the italicized word or phrase. Above it, write the correct vocabulary word that can replace it.**

- Einstein's formula  $E=MC^2$  is a(n) *universally recognized truth*.
- Genealogists use old diaries and documents to *dig or search* into past and present family connections.
- Mrs. Jacobson liked to *tease* the cat with chicken and pieces of hot dog.
- Diving in water with poor visibility can *perplex* even the most experienced divers because it is difficult to distinguish up from down.
- A  $30^\circ$  angle can *complete* a  $60^\circ$  angle to form a right angle.
- Once you become *very skilled* at waltzing you will probably not need to count the steps so carefully.
- Debbie could not think of enough comments that were *superior to all others* to explain her appreciation of the author's discussion.
- The librarians are looking for *hardworking* volunteers who will not be distracted from their work.
- Because of Carmichael's dedication and his *faultless* sense of style, the house was gorgeously redecorated.
- The final exam is not *increasing in size by successive additions*; it covers only the material we have studied this semester.



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### Lesson 18 Compound Words

Whenever a new invention or a new situation requires a new word to describe it, people often turn to compound words to do the job. A compound word is a word formed from two or more words to express a single idea. Compound words can take one of three different forms: separate words, as in sleeping bag; hyphenated words, as in baby-sitter; and single words, as in turtleneck or onlooker. No simple rule explains the difference. Instead, you need to check a dictionary for the correct form of compound words.

#### Word List

**backlash****gridlock****superhighway****underdog****benchmark****outsource****tip-off****wind chime****common sense****overkill**

#### **EXERCISE** Context Clues

Read the sentences below. Then, circle the letter of the correct definition of the boldfaced word.

- To cut costs, the company chose to **outsource** their software detailing.
  - transfer data from one location to another
  - send work to an outside resource
  - moved employees from one place to another
  - send workers to lunch
- Being shorter and lighter than her opponent, Sandy was considered the **underdog** in the wrestling competition.
  - one that is expected to lose
  - person who has an advantage
  - person who draws attention away from the intended issue
  - at the back of the pack
- With the school administration refusing to spend any more money and the seniors adamant about needing more decorations for the dance, work on the prom had reached a **gridlock**.
  - a state of nervous irritability
  - a complete lack of movement or progress
  - an informal meeting for the exchange of views
  - uncertainty in cost limits
- Eileen was well-known for her **common sense** until she left the car running all night.
  - sixth sense
  - confusion
  - speed
  - sound judgment



## Vocabulary Power *continued*

5. Many people like to travel on a divided **superhighway**, but I prefer the more scenic two-lane roads.
  - a. high-speed telecommunication networks that link millions of sources
  - b. an expressway that has four or more lanes for traffic
  - c. something attached as a permanent appendage or apparatus
  - d. a road above all other roads
6. My parents thought the extra banners, giant balloons, and circus clowns were **overkill**, but I liked everything.
  - a. more of something than is necessary or appropriate
  - b. a superficial impression of brilliance
  - c. entirely without fault or imperfection
  - d. an action performed perfectly
7. Professor Jeeves collects **wind chimes** from Asian and European countries.
  - a. boxes of knickknacks
  - b. hanging decorations that make noise when there is a breeze
  - c. the sound the wind makes as it passes over pipes
  - d. organ pipes and the noises they make
8. Those who had voted for the town pool never imagined the **backlash** from residents who don't use it.
  - a. foolish chatter
  - b. a place or situation regarded as isolated or backward
  - c. an antagonistic reaction to an earlier action
  - d. uncertain reaction to an event
9. Detective Smits successfully broke up the smuggling ring with the help of a **tip-off** from one of his most trusted sources.
  - a. confidential disclosure
  - b. official document issued by city police
  - c. written note intended as an explanation
  - d. blank piece of paper
10. The quality of Mrs. Monahan's sixth period class projects will serve as a **benchmark** for this class.
  - a. something consumed to produce energy
  - b. seat for only Mark to sit on
  - c. the amount of time between two specified events
  - d. a standard in measuring or judging a quality or characteristic

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## Lesson 19 The Latin Roots *frag* and *fract*

The Latin roots *frag* and *fract* come from the Latin verb *frangere*, which means “to break or shatter.” These roots are used in a number of English words. A *fracture*, for example, is a break in bone or cartilage. Something that is *fragile* is easily shattered. All of the words in this lesson have something to do with breaking apart.

### Word List

<b>defray</b>	<b>fragment</b>	<b>infracion</b>	<b>osprey</b>
<b>fractional</b>	<b>frail</b>	<b>infringe</b>	<b>refractory</b>
<b>fractious</b>	<b>fritter</b>		

### EXERCISE A Context Clues

Choose the vocabulary word that best matches each clue. Then, on the lines provided, write your own definition of the word and the dictionary definition.

1. This word comes from the Latin *refractus*, meaning “broken up.” Although it may be used to describe substances that are difficult to melt, shape, or work with, it is generally used to describe behavior. \_\_\_\_\_

My definition: \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition: \_\_\_\_\_
2. This word comes from the Latin *fragmentum*, meaning “a piece broken off.” It can be used as a noun or a verb. \_\_\_\_\_

My definition: \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition: \_\_\_\_\_
3. This word comes from the Latin *infractus*, meaning “destroyed.” If you are guilty of one of these, you may be punished. \_\_\_\_\_

My definition: \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition: \_\_\_\_\_
4. This word comes from the Latin *frangere*, meaning “to break or shatter.” It is a synonym for *fragile*. \_\_\_\_\_

My definition: \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition: \_\_\_\_\_
5. This word comes from the Latin *ossifraga*, meaning “bone breaker.” It was mistakenly applied to this bird that eats its catch whole. \_\_\_\_\_

My definition: \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition: \_\_\_\_\_



## Vocabulary Power *continued*

6. This verb comes from the Latin word *infringere*, meaning “to break off.” People who do this to their neighbors’ property would not be popular. \_\_\_\_\_  
 My definition: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dictionary definition: \_\_\_\_\_
7. This verb comes from the French *fritter*, meaning “fragment” or “to break into small pieces.” People who do this are considered to be wasteful. \_\_\_\_\_  
 My definition: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dictionary definition: \_\_\_\_\_
8. This word comes from the prefix *de-*, meaning “from” or “off,” and the Latin word *fractum*, meaning “broken.” A politician needs his campaign contributors to do this. \_\_\_\_\_  
 My definition: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dictionary definition: \_\_\_\_\_

### **EXERCISE B** Usage

If the boldfaced word is correctly used in the sentence, write *correct* above it. If not, draw a line through it and write the correct vocabulary word above it.

1. Luanne committed an **infraction** of school policy when she left the building during lunch without permission.
2. Increased property taxes for the next five years will help **fritter** the cost of the new pool.
3. The **refractory** mule planted his feet firmly in the dust and refused to go any farther.
4. By the time all the wedding guests had been served, only a **fragment** of the lavish cake was left.
5. With no structured activities planned for summer, Jill and Mark decided to **infringe** away their time by swimming, bicycling, and watching videos.
6. Recovering from surgery, Grandfather tired easily and looked **frail** for several weeks.
7. By building the fence to enclose their property, the Killiams accidentally **infringed** on the protected wetlands.
8. The twins, who had had a long day, were so **fractional** that they were nearly uncontrollable.

### **EXERCISE C** Shades of Meaning

The synonyms *frail*, *fragile*, and *frangible* all come from the same Latin root. Look up the three words in the dictionary; then, write a paragraph explaining both the similarities and the differences in meaning. Provide example sentences for each word to show its typical usage.

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## Lesson 20 Using Reference Skills

### Using a Dictionary: Multiple Meanings

Many words in the dictionary have more than one definition. When you look up a word, you must decide which definition fits the meaning of the sentence in which the word is being used. The following procedure will help you determine which meaning is most appropriate for your purpose.

1. Read all the definitions in an entry.
2. If there is more than one entry for a word, read each entry completely. Some words are **homographs**—they are spelled the same way but are completely different in meaning, origin, and, sometimes, pronunciation. Homographs have separate dictionary entries, each printed with a raised number. For example, suppose that you do not know what *barrage* means in this sentence.  
*A barrage of criticism greeted Anthony as he entered the room.*  
 When you look up *barrage* in the dictionary, you will find that it is a homograph.  
<sup>1</sup>**barrage** (bär' ij) *n.* An artificial obstruction built in a watercourse to increase its depth or to divert its flow.  
<sup>2</sup>**barrage** (bə räzh') *n.* **1 a:** A heavy curtain of artillery fire directed in front of allies to protect them **b:** rapid, concentrated missile discharge **2** An overwhelming outpouring, as of words.
3. Read the sentence in which you found the word, substituting each definition for the word. The one that makes the most sense is the correct definition:  
 An overwhelming outpouring, as of words, greeted Anthony as he entered the room.

### EXERCISE

In a dictionary, find the appropriate definition of the italicized word in each of the following sentences. First, write the definition; then, write a sentence of your own in which you use the definition.

1. Not even a new stuffed animal could *console* Damita, who had dropped her stuffed seal out the car window.

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Dad keeps change, maps, and pens in the narrow *console* between the car seats.

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_

3. When Sasha is overtired, the dark circles under her eyes stand out against her *pallid* face.

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_

4. I used to enjoy that writer's fiction, but his prose has become *pallid* and his characters boring.

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_



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## Review: Unit 5

### EXERCISE

Circle the letter of the phrase that best completes each sentence.

- You might expect a **superlative** meal to be \_\_\_\_\_.
  - mediocre in ingredients and preparation
  - superior in quality and taste
  - high in fat and carbohydrates
  - skimpy with only a few dishes
- Someone might feel sorry for the **underdog** because he or she \_\_\_\_\_.
  - is not expected to win
  - lacks the stamina and courage to win
  - doesn't know how the game is played
  - has no desire to win
- A **fractious** person might be expected to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - be good at cooking
  - leave a party well before it is over
  - make friends easily
  - be hard to get along with
- If you have been **confounded** by a math problem, you \_\_\_\_\_.
  - cannot understand the problem
  - did not try to solve it
  - finished it quickly
  - can explain it to others
- A **diligent** person tends to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - give up easily
  - lose his or her temper frequently
  - work hard at a challenging task
  - tell stories to entertain others
- An **infraction** of the rules at the community center may lead to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - more food service
  - the perpetrators losing privileges
  - global warming
  - the opening of additional centers
- You might use the statistics of a favorite baseball player as the **benchmark** to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - rate other players
  - understand why he entered professional sports
  - make a lot of money
  - see the contrast between baseball and football
- If your club plans to **defray** its operating costs, it intends to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - spend them on other necessities
  - conduct a bake sale to earn money
  - collect charitable contributions
  - pay the money for those costs
- An ice cream store would **tantalize** you because \_\_\_\_\_.
  - the prices are so expensive
  - the employees are helpful
  - of all the delicious flavors
  - you are allergic to ice cream
- An example of a **gridlock** would be \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a city map
  - a distracting noise
  - one move from winning a chess game
  - a traffic jam





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## Test: Unit 5

### Part A

Circle the letter of the word that best fits each sentence.

- Much to the embarrassment of his mother, the \_\_\_\_\_ child had a tantrum in the middle of the store.  
a. fractious      b. common sense      c. frail      d. unerring
- At football games, Alan always cheers for the \_\_\_\_\_, the one who is not expected to win.  
a. fragment      b. infraction      c. backlash      d. underdog
- Many people use possessions, such as homes, cars, clothing, and jewelry, as the \_\_\_\_\_ of their success.  
a. overkill      b. benchmark      c. infraction      d. axiom
- Whenever Gwen was enthusiastic about anything from a vacation to a new article of clothing, she used a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ in every other sentence.  
a. axiom      b. complement      c. superlative      d. tip-off
- If you have good grades and superior recommendations, a scholarship is a helpful way to \_\_\_\_\_ enormous college expenses.  
a. complement      b. delve      c. infringe      d. defray
- The benefits of exercise are \_\_\_\_\_, affecting the body gradually over time.  
a. cumulative      b. adept      c. common sense      d. fractional
- Noah was so \_\_\_\_\_ at packing boxes that he didn't stop to eat.  
a. fractious      b. adept      c. diligent      d. unerring
- Dismissal from the team seems like excessive punishment for a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ like not getting a haircut.  
a. infraction      b. backlash      c. superlative      d. osprey
- The many twins and triplets in today's elementary schools can \_\_\_\_\_ even the most observant teachers.  
a. delve      b. confound      c. infringe      d. fritter
- The family was furious when their great-uncle died and left them only a \_\_\_\_\_ portion of his enormous estate.  
a. refractory      b. commonplace      c. cumulative      d. fractional
- Three vegetable dishes, five salads, and four main courses are \_\_\_\_\_ for a normal family dinner.  
a. overkill      b. backlash      c. axiom      d. benchmark
- It should be \_\_\_\_\_ for people to turn off their cellular telephones and beepers while at the movies.  
a. overkill      b. gridlock      c. common sense      d. superlative
- The storm boasted such strong winds that my brass \_\_\_\_\_ cracked.  
a. osprey      b. underdog      c. outsource      d. wind chime



## Vocabulary Power *continued*

14. There is nothing a mystery fan likes better than the opportunity to \_\_\_\_\_ into a batch of new facts about a particular case.
- a. outsource      b. delve      c. infringe      d. fritter
15. Pillows and ceramics in different shades of aqua \_\_\_\_\_ the earth tones in the family room.
- a. confound      b. complement      c. infringe      d. defray

### Part B

Circle the letter of the word that means the same as the boldfaced word.

1. **fritter**  
a. help      b. stop      c. waste      d. communicate
2. **gridlock**  
a. standstill      b. corruption      c. promise      d. decision
3. **frail**  
a. stubborn      b. hopeless      c. ready      d. weak
4. **tantalize**  
a. test      b. tempt      c. insist      d. resist
5. **superhighway**  
a. street      b. channel      c. passageway      d. expressway
6. **unerring**  
a. exact      b. shy      c. preventable      d. worthless
7. **refractory**  
a. trite      b. cautious      c. resistant      d. dependable
8. **axiom**  
a. work      b. principle      c. circle      d. permit
9. **adept**  
a. stubborn      b. stupid      c. proficient      d. careless
10. **infringe**  
a. inform      b. occupy      c. linger      d. overstep

# Vocabulary Power

## Lesson 21 Using Context Clues

By their very nature, human beings strive to push back boundaries and to stretch their minds and bodies into the unknown. Quests and encounters are opportunities to reach, strive, seek, succeed, and even fail. The words in this lesson will help you to share your ideas about different kinds of challenges.

### Word List

**abyss**

**equilibrium**

**grapple**

**palpable**

**agenda**

**expend**

**ideology**

**transient**

**ephemeral**

**fortuitous**

### EXERCISE A Context Clues

For each sentence below, use context clues, or clues from the surrounding text, to determine the meaning of the boldfaced vocabulary word. Write your definition of the word. Then, look up the word in a dictionary and write its definition.

1. To early explorers, the Grand Canyon was a frightening **abyss** that seemed to continue forever.

Your definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

2. The committee miscalculated the number of tasks on their **agenda**; instead of needing only an afternoon, they really should have set aside an entire day to cover all of them.

Your definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

3. Summer flowers like day lilies and morning glories are surprisingly delicate and **ephemeral**; even when the weather is cool, they do not last long.

Your definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

4. People who have been on a boat for an extended period often experience difficulty regaining their **equilibrium** once they return to the land.

Your definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

5. After working for hours on her project, Ellie did not have energy to **expend** on her other homework.

Your definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_



## Vocabulary Power *continued*

6. Although we had been separated in traffic, it was **fortuitous** that we reconnected with the Allens at the county fair.

Your definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

7. Midge is finding her part-time job difficult to **grapple** with because of homework, cross-country running, and volunteering at the hospital.

Your definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

8. Political **ideology** has led many groups to leave their homes seeking peace and freedom in foreign lands.

Your definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

9. The child's fear was **palpable** in his wide eyes, shaking limbs, and trembling mouth.

Your definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

10. Very few young people understand how **transient** their youth and energy really are.

Your definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

### **EXERCISE B** Usage

**Draw a line through the italicized phrase and, above it, write the vocabulary word that can replace the phrase.**

1. The discovery of penicillin was *happening by chance*; the staphylococcus germ Dr. Alexander Fleming was cultivating accidentally became contaminated with mold that stopped the growth of bacteria.
2. Denise was relieved to discover that her boredom and listlessness were *only temporary*.
3. As the polls closed, the tension at the senator's campaign center became *obvious*.
4. Tulip magnolias are *lasting for a markedly brief time*; one spring rain scatters the delicate petals.
5. In spite of our efforts to get our recycling drive on the town council's *program of things* to be considered, it may be months before any discussion or voting can take place.



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## Lesson 22 Using Definitions

Literature is filled with tales of quests. From the lofty search for the Holy Grail by the knights of the Round Table to the tender journey of animal companions attempting to find their way home, characters hunt, explore, seek, scout, and experience. The words in this lesson will help you to dramatize their pursuits and yours.

### Word List

**fraught**

**frivolous**

**gratify**

**momentum**

**narrate**

**serendipity**

**torrid**

**ultimate**

**vigilant**

**wend**

### EXERCISE A Definitions

Circle the letter for the correct definition of the boldfaced word.

- The football player's **momentum** carried him over the goal line for a touchdown.
  - teammates
  - personal code
  - impulsive behavior
  - force of motion
- "This undertaking is **fraught** with danger, but if anyone can rescue the princess, it is you, sire," the magician told the prince.
  - filled
  - turned aside by
  - influenced by
  - encouraged
- The children stayed close to the path as they **wended** their way through the forest.
  - lost
  - muddled
  - proceeded along
  - stumbled
- While most people ignored the sign that read "Serious Requests," hopeful consumers lined up in front of the banner that read "**Frivolous** Wishes."
  - lighthearted
  - charitable
  - unmistakable
  - familiar
- Considering that he rarely pays attention to anything other than fish, Lowell's discovery of the gold doubloon while scuba diving in Mexico could be attributed only to **serendipity**.
  - good eyesight
  - luck
  - careful planning
  - divine protection
- Lani exhibited the **ultimate** courage when she returned to the burning barn to rescue the kittens.
  - welcome
  - least possible
  - greatest possible
  - surprising
- The work of the club members means that the community will have a day-care center, which will **gratify** many club members.
  - horrify
  - please
  - defeat
  - embarrass
- Many people in the audience could not determine the point of view from which the story was **narrated**.
  - brought to a close
  - classified
  - expected to begin
  - told
- The **vigilant** security guard noticed the open window and thwarted the burglary.
  - watchful
  - untrained
  - careless
  - distracted

# Vocabulary Power *continued*

10. While some soap opera fans appreciate the complicated story lines, others tune in regularly because of the **torrid** love scenes.
- a. silly                      b. passionate                      c. unrealistic                      d. brave

## **EXERCISE B** Context Clues

If the boldfaced word is correctly used in the sentence, write *correct* above it. If not, draw a line through it and write the correct vocabulary word above it.

1. It was pure **momentum** that brought the twins together after twenty years of being raised separately.
2. Traveling to Central America is more practical during January and February before the days become too **torrid** for enjoyable exploring.
3. If you are very **frivolous**, you might spot a rare scarlet macaw.
4. Many parents are taking a more active role in what their children do on the computer, censoring games **fraught** with violence.
5. Instead of going straight to dinner, we decided to **narrate** our way through the charming, old streets that surrounded the square.
6. Hector mentally prepared for the **gratified** test of his courage—leaping from the tiny ledge into the rushing water twenty feet below.
7. The court system is filled with **frivolous** lawsuits, such as those brought by prisoners who want better food and more movies.
8. Once the mountain climbers rested in the meadow, they lost their **momentum** and decided not to push on for the peak.
9. As we listened to Maria **narrate** the story of her life, we were struck by the number of coincidences that had influenced her decisions.
10. With the government’s help to **gratify** his request, Mr. Sokaler was able to find his daughter.

## **EXERCISE C** Usage

Many English words derive from place names. Using a dictionary, identify the origin of the word *serendipity*. Write a brief overview of your findings in the space below. Based on this information, explain the modern usage of the word.

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# Vocabulary Power



## Lesson 23 Prefixes That Tell Where

Knowing prefixes that tell *where* can help you build your vocabulary. For example, if you know that the Latin prefix *circum-* means “around” or “about,” you can more easily figure out the meaning of *circumference* or *circumnavigate*. When you know that *inter-*, from Middle French and Latin, can mean “between” or “among,” you are halfway to understanding words like *intercede* and *intercept*. The Latin prefixes *sub-*, meaning “below,” “under,” “beneath,” or “secondary,” and Greek *mid-*, meaning “middle,” can be instrumental in understanding such words as *subsequent*, *subservient*, *midsummer*, and *midriff*.

### Word List

<b>circumlocution</b>	<b>intersperse</b>	<b>midlife</b>	<b>submerge</b>
<b>circumstance</b>	<b>intervention</b>	<b>subconscious</b>	<b>substandard</b>
<b>interact</b>	<b>midcontinent</b>		

### EXERCISE A Context Clues

Choose the word from the word list that best matches each clue. On the lines provided, write the word and your own definition of the word, and then check it against a dictionary.

1. This word combines the prefix *mid-* with the Latin root *continere*, meaning “to hold together.” It refers to something that might occur in Europe or Asia. \_\_\_\_\_

My definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

2. In this word, the prefix *sub-* combines with the Latin root *mergere*, meaning “to plunge.” It can be used figuratively to describe hiding something from view. \_\_\_\_\_

My definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

3. In this word, the prefix *circum-* is added to the Latin root *loqui*, meaning “to speak.” It applies to a comment that is not direct. \_\_\_\_\_

My definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

4. This word blends the prefix *inter-* with the root *venir*, meaning “to come.” It can refer to a helpful or harmful action. \_\_\_\_\_

My definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

# Vocabulary Power *continued*

5. The prefix *sub-* joined with the root *standan*, meaning "to stand," produces a word that has to do with something that is below average. \_\_\_\_\_  
 My definition \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
6. When *circum-* is added to the root *stare*, meaning "to stand," the word that results is a synonym for event or condition. \_\_\_\_\_  
 My definition \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
7. In this word, the prefix *inter-* is added to the root *spargere*, meaning "to scatter." The word that results is a synonym for sprinkle. \_\_\_\_\_  
 My definition \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
8. The prefix *inter-* plus the root *actus*, meaning "doing, act," produces this word, which has to do with people enjoying each other's company and their surroundings. \_\_\_\_\_  
 My definition \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
9. When the root *scire*, meaning "to know," is added to the prefix *sub-*, the resulting word has to do with one's level of awareness. \_\_\_\_\_  
 My definition \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
10. The prefix *mid-* added to the Old English word *lif*, meaning "continuance," refers to something that may happen when a person is in his or her forties. \_\_\_\_\_  
 My definition \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

## **EXERCISE B** Prefixes

**There are many other prefixes that refer to a place or direction. Choose one of the prefixes below and find five words that make use of the prefix. Write a definition for each one; then, use each one in a sentence.**

***trans-* = across    *peri-* = around    *ad-* = to, toward**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_





## Lesson 24 Using Reading Skills

### Learning from Context: Contrasts

A sentence that contains an unfamiliar word may also include a word or phrase that is opposite in meaning to the unfamiliar word. This built-in clue is a context clue called contrast or opposition, and it can take one of three forms: an antonym; the words *not*, *no*, *no one*, *nobody*, or *nothing*; or transitional expressions used to signal contrast, such as *although*, *but*, *however*, *nevertheless*, *rather*, *in contrast*, *still*, *unless*, *despite*, or *rather than*.

**Antonym** Diffident as a child, Diane is now self-confident and outgoing.

*Diffident*, *self-confident*, and *outgoing* are all adjectives modifying Diane. The opposite of *outgoing* and *self-confident* is *shy*. *Diffident* is defined as “shy and timid; lacking in self-confidence.”

**Opposite Words** Ralph’s attempts to calm union members were misunderstood as escalation, not mitigation.

The word *not* and the sentence structure tell you that *mitigation* contrasts with *escalation*. If Ralph attempted to calm or to mitigate the situation, then escalation must be the opposite. Escalation is defined as “the action of increasing or intensifying.”

**Transitional Expressions** In spite of agreeing not to censure their colleague, the committee could not endorse his behavior.

The clues tell you that *censure* and *endorse* are opposites, meaning “to criticize severely; express official disapproval” and “to give approval or support to.”

### EXERCISE

Use context clues to write your own definition of the boldfaced word. Then, check it against the dictionary definition.

- Michelle’s management style made her firm and decisive, rather than **equivocal**.

My definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

- Unwilling to confront the rumors, J.D. seemed more **disposed** to pretend that they did not exist.

My definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

- No one could say that Liam was humble, for his actions and attitudes were often **pretentious**.

My definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

- Although they had once been financially comfortable, when the store closed, the owner’s family became **destitute**.

My definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

- Emboldened** by the success of her short stories, Lydia worked feverishly on her first novel.

My definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

# Vocabulary Power

## Review: Unit 6

### EXERCISE

Circle the letter of the word or phrase that best explains the boldfaced word.

1. If someone's communication style is to use **circumlocutions**, you might expect \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. few direct expressions
  - b. many foreign and technical words
  - c. arguments and accusations
  - d. word images and figures of speech
2. If you try to regain your **equilibrium** after an embarrassing situation, you are trying to recover your \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. sense of humor
  - b. reputation
  - c. sense of values
  - d. balance or poise
3. When someone speaks about the **torrid** days of summer, he or she is referring to \_\_\_\_\_ days.
  - a. final
  - b. intensely hot
  - c. first
  - d. rainy and humid
4. An **agenda** is a useful tool because it \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. keeps people organized and on task
  - b. guarantees freedom
  - c. keeps people honest
  - d. encourages firm decisions
5. A **frivolous** remark is most likely to be \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. hurtful
  - b. sympathetic
  - c. inappropriately silly
  - d. awkward and hypocritical
6. If something is **interspersed**, it is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. arranged in an orderly manner
  - b. distributed at intervals
  - c. lined up in a row
  - d. placed in large clumps
7. A **submerged** rock could be dangerous because it is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. sharp and pointed
  - b. deep
  - c. slippery
  - d. covered from view
8. A **fortuitous** event is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. planned in advance
  - b. accidental
  - c. scheduled randomly
  - d. a bad omen
9. A roller coaster with **momentum** will \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. make it easily over the next hill
  - b. swerve off the track
  - c. stop before the top of the hill
  - d. sit at the station
10. A **vigilant** person would be trusted to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. disrupt others
  - b. watch over someone
  - c. entertain others
  - d. teach someone



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## Test: Unit 6

### PART A

Circle the letter of the word that best completes each sentence.

- At certain times in history, the \_\_\_\_\_ of socialism or communism has appealed to downtrodden people who see it as a chance to get their fair share.  
a. equilibrium      b. midcontinent      c. ideology      d. serendipity
- The open-water check-out dive is the \_\_\_\_\_ test of a novice diver's proficiency and confidence in the water.  
a. ultimate      b. torrid      c. interspersed      d. ephemeral
- Carrie denies her habit, but she obviously has the \_\_\_\_\_ need and desire to bite her nails.  
a. substandard      b. vigilant      c. frivolous      d. subconscious
- Phil's many offers of employment force him to \_\_\_\_\_ with the decision of which job to accept.  
a. interact      b. grapple      c. gratify      d. submerge
- Parents often find their children's infancy much too \_\_\_\_\_, and they mourn its passing.  
a. transient      b. fortuitous      c. palpable      d. fraught
- The roller coaster gained \_\_\_\_\_ as it sped down into the \_\_\_\_\_ from which there seemed to be no escape.  
a. agenda, substandard      c. ideology, intervention  
b. momentum, abyss      d. midlife, serendipity
- Superheroes thrive on situations \_\_\_\_\_ with danger so that they can flaunt their powers and exercise their skills.  
a. interspersed      b. narrated      c. expended      d. fraught
- With the Monroe Doctrine, the United States promised not to \_\_\_\_\_ in the affairs of European nations.  
a. submerge      b. gratify      c. intervene      d. expend
- Wealth and fame do not result from \_\_\_\_\_; most people generally have to work for their success.  
a. serendipity      b. momentum      c. agendas      d. ideologies
- Although most people would have to \_\_\_\_\_ their way through a maze, using trial and error, some individuals have the ability to choose the correct path immediately.  
a. grapple      b. gratify      c. intersperse      d. wend
- If the subject of widening Moose Hill Road is not on the city council's \_\_\_\_\_, the issue will not be discussed in this month's meeting.  
a. equilibrium      b. abyss      c. agenda      d. ideology



## Vocabulary Power *continued*

12. "Under no \_\_\_\_\_ should dogs be allowed to roam free," the dog catcher of Branford is known to insist loudly, even when his views are unpopular.
- a. circumlocution    b. ideology    c. circumstances    d. serendipity
13. Neither teasing nor jokes at her expense could unsettle Nita's \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. equilibrium    b. abyss    c. circumstance    d. momentum
14. In the *Odyssey*, Homer skillfully \_\_\_\_\_ the misfortunes of Ulysses after the Trojan War.
- a. grapples    b. submerges    c. narrates    d. wends
15. Someone in a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ crisis might buy a sports car to feel younger.
- a. torrid    b. ephemeral    c. fortuitous    d. midlife

### **PART B**

For each boldfaced word, circle the letter of the word most nearly *opposite* in meaning.

1. **frivolous**
- a. serious    b. flowery    c. pliant    d. influential
2. **fortuitous**
- a. lazy    b. heavy    c. transparent    d. inevitable
3. **ephemeral**
- a. essential    b. constant    c. common    d. lavish
4. **gratify**
- a. participate    b. honor    c. perform    d. withhold
5. **submerge**
- a. devote    b. accept    c. uncover    d. bend
6. **circumlocution**
- a. conciseness    b. conflict    c. affection    d. privilege
7. **vigilant**
- a. minor    b. sociable    c. oblivious    d. rare
8. **palpable**
- a. experienced    b. imperceptible    c. prominent    d. common
9. **interact**
- a. compromise    b. provoke    c. enjoy    d. withdraw
10. **expend**
- a. conserve    b. entice    c. linger    d. reminisce



## Lesson 25 Using Synonyms

Love, whatever its nature, can be many things—wonderful, bewildering, mysterious, complicated. A powerful life force, love helps to make us who and what we are. Like everything else, however, love does not always run smoothly. Because humans are capable of love, we are also subject to its loss and to the feelings associated with such a loss. The words in this lesson help us to express the lessons that are an integral part of loving.

### Word List

<b>revel</b>	<b>solitude</b>	<b>unify</b>	<b>wan</b>
<b>reverie</b>	<b>stalwart</b>	<b>unrequited</b>	<b>whet</b>
<b>rift</b>	<b>suave</b>		

### EXERCISE A Synonyms

Each boldfaced vocabulary word below is paired with a synonym whose meaning you probably know. Brainstorm other words related to the meaning of the synonym and write your ideas on the line provided. Then, look up the vocabulary word in a dictionary and write its meaning.

1. **whet** : stimulate \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
2. **wan** : pale \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
3. **unrequited** : not returned \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
4. **stalwart** : strong \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
5. **suave** : polished \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
6. **solitude** : seclusion \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
7. **revel** : party \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
8. **reverie** : daydream \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_



## Vocabulary Power *continued*

9. **unify** : consolidate \_\_\_\_\_  
Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
10. **rift** : break \_\_\_\_\_  
Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

### **EXERCISE B** Usage

**Draw a line through the italicized word or phrase and, above it, write the vocabulary word that can replace it.**

1. After sharing a bedroom with three sisters, Marilyn appreciated the *isolation* of her own tiny apartment.
2. Allen wrote to his cousin Peter, but nothing he did helped to heal the *break in friendly relations* between them.
3. Holly longed to celebrate New Year's Eve with her love, Gary, but her feelings were *not reciprocated*.
4. "Could you move your car?" the officer asked the driver, who was lost in *a state of abstracted musing*.
5. The smells of garlic and parmesan *stimulated* the appetite of the crowd waiting patiently for the festival to begin.
6. As the personnel director, Mack is looking for a *smoothly agreeable and courteous* salesman.
7. The elaborate floats moved slowly by as residents and tourists *took much pleasure* in the beauty of Mardi Gras.
8. Marcia's already *pallid* face became deathly white as she fainted and fell off her chair.
9. Etienne was a *brave and valiant* knight whose efforts helped to change the course of history.
10. The citizens rallied behind the president as he tried to *join* political divisions.

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## Lesson 26 The Prefixes *mono-* and *bi-*

When the prefixes *mono-* and *bi-* are combined with a variety of roots, the result is a countless number of new words. For example, the prefix *mono-*, meaning “single,” when combined with the root *oculus*, meaning “eye,” provides us with the word *monocle*, an eyeglass for one eye. A monogram is the initials of a name combined in a single design. In the same way, the prefix *bi-*, meaning “two,” when combined with the root *caput*, meaning “head,” produces the word *biceps*, a muscle with two points of origin. All of the words in this lesson share the meaning of “single” or “double.”

### Word List

<b>bicuspid</b>	<b>bilateral</b>	<b>monolith</b>	<b>monotheism</b>
<b>biennial</b>	<b>bilingual</b>	<b>monologue</b>	<b>monotony</b>
<b>bigamy</b>	<b>monogamy</b>		

### EXERCISE A Definitions

**Write the word from the list that best matches each clue. On the line provided, write your own definition of the word; then, check it against the dictionary definition of the word.**

- This word is made up of the prefix *bi-* and the root *gamos*, meaning “marriage.” The person involved in this commits a crime. \_\_\_\_\_  
Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
- This word is made up of the prefix *mono-* and the root *lith*, meaning “stone.” You might find one of these at Stonehenge in England. \_\_\_\_\_  
Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
- The prefix *bi-* is attached to a root meaning “sharp points.” If you had trouble with what this word names, you might see a dentist. \_\_\_\_\_  
Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
- The prefix *mono-* and the root *theism*, meaning “deity,” combine to form the word that describes the religion practiced by Muslims, Christians, and Jews. \_\_\_\_\_  
Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
- This word is formed by joining the prefix *bi-* with the root *annum*, meaning “year.” It may apply to the lifetime of a plant or the frequency of events. \_\_\_\_\_  
Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
- This word, formed by uniting the prefix *mono-* and the root *logue*, meaning “talk,” refers to monopolizing the conversation. \_\_\_\_\_  
Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_



## Vocabulary Power *continued*

7. Adding the prefix *bi-* to the root *lingua*, or “language,” makes a word that refers to something that interpreters need to be.

\_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

8. The prefix *mono-*, when added to the root *tone*, or “sound,” applies to the way some people speak.

\_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

9. The prefix *bi-* plus the root *latera*, meaning “sides,” produces a word that can apply to triangles or symmetry.

\_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

10. The prefix *mono-* plus the root *gamos*, meaning “marriage,” is the legal relationship most people are familiar with.

\_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

### **EXERCISE B** Usage

**If the boldfaced word is correctly used in the sentence, write *correct* above it. If not, draw a line through it and write the correct vocabulary word above it.**

1. The orthodontist promised that braces would align my **bicuspid**s with the rest of my teeth.
2. The massive obelisk was sculpted from a **monologue**.
3. Students from Asia or South America whose English skills are just developing often benefit from **biennial** classes that reinforce the old language while teaching the new.
4. The ancient Greeks did not believe in **monotheism**; instead, they worshipped various gods and goddesses.
5. Although many bird species have several mating partners throughout their lifetimes, the cardinal practices **bigamy**.
6. Although we celebrate our birthdays each year, my cousin and I like to have a **bilateral** party so that we can see each other’s friends and get twice as many gifts.
7. The **monotony** of the announcer’s voice put everyone to sleep on a hot Friday afternoon.
8. Comedians who deliver effective and funny **monologues** have to be masters of timing and invention.
9. Israel and Iraq signed a **bilateral** agreement that ensured peace and prosperity for both nations for at least ten years.
10. In the event that Mrs. Cardon’s divorce did not go through as planned, she decided to postpone her second marriage for several weeks so that she did not accidentally commit **monogamy**.



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## Lesson 27 The Roots *string* and *strict*

The Latin word *stringere*, which means “to draw tight” or “to bind,” usually appears in English words as the root *strin*. However, it can also be spelled *stra* and *stric*. For example, something that is *astringent* draws together body tissues and stops the flow of blood or other secretions. Something *restricted* is confined within limits. Regardless of their spelling, all the words from this root share a similar meaning, “being pulled together.”

### Word List

<b>constrain</b>	<b>prestige</b>	<b>stress</b>	<b>stringent</b>
<b>constrict</b>	<b>restraint</b>	<b>stricture</b>	<b>unrestrained</b>
<b>distress</b>	<b>straits</b>		

### EXERCISE A Multiple-Meaning Words

Use context clues to determine which meaning of the boldfaced word is used in each sentence. Then, write the dictionary definition that applies.

- Julia used her **prestige** to control the meeting, which was threatening to get out of hand.  
Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
- Ellen tried to **stress** the importance of algae for the oceanic ecosystem.  
Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
- Bee stings cause a **stricture** of Janine’s trachea, making it hard for her to breathe.  
Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
- Jim practiced an aikido move that was supposed to **constrict** a nerve.  
Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
- Computer programmers take advantage of the **unrestrained** proliferation of computer programs.  
Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
- My grandmother is very **stringent** with her budget because she is not working.  
Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
- The sailor shot flares in the air to communicate the ship’s **distress** to any nearby ships.  
Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
- The police officer had to put handcuffs on the male suspect to **constrain** him.  
Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
- She showed great **restraint** by not retorting to the belligerent salesman.  
Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_



## Vocabulary Power *continued*

10. The man in the water was obviously in dire **straits** as he floundered helplessly.

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

### **EXERCISE B** Usage

**Circle the word that best completes each sentence. Explain the reasons for your choice.**

1. The Cunninghams withdrew their application for membership in the golf and tennis club when they learned about (unrestrained, stringent, strictured) regulations that governed everything from behavior to attire.

\_\_\_\_\_

2. We had no idea what dire (straits, restraint, prestige) meant until we exceeded our credit card limit, lost our apartment, and couldn't even afford to shop for groceries on a regular basis. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Rosalie chose to (distress, constrain, constrict) her enthusiasm for her cause at the town meeting when she was confronted by the opposition. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

4. Rubber bands worn on wrists can be good reminders so long as they are not so tight that they (stress, distress, constrict) blood flow. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

5. Too many tight deadlines added to Steve's (prestige, restraint, stress). \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

6. The children's (distressed, stringent, unrestrained) laughter is a good sign that they are recovering from their ordeal. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

7. Connie found the (stress, strictures, prestige) of boarding school unbearable and asked her parents if she could return home. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

8. Kyle learned how valuable pet (restraint, straits, distress) could be when he saw an unleashed dog bite a child at the park. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

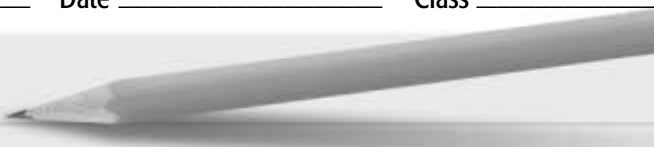
9. Lucy didn't care about the (distress, prestige, restraint) of designer labels; she just sought well-made clothes that would last for years. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

10. "We won't cause Mom added (stricture, distress, prestige) on the night before her speech," said Dad. "We'll tell her about the car after the fundraiser." \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

# Vocabulary Power



## Lesson 28 Using Reading Skills

### Connotation

Many words have another kind of meaning beyond their surface meaning. Even a simple color can have a wide range of possible meanings, depending on how it is used. The word *black*, for example, denotes “the darkest color” or “a complete lack of light.” Going beyond denotation, or the dictionary definition, you can understand that “black is beautiful” and that operating a business “in the black” is positive, while being the “black sheep in the family” or having a “black heart” is not desirable. This is what is meant by *connotation*—the implied or suggested meaning of a word.

Knowing the connotations of words helps you understand language more fully. All of the following words denote a thoroughfare, yet all have different connotations:

- alley** a narrow passage through the middle of a block giving access to the rear of lots or buildings.
- boulevard** a broad, often landscaped thoroughfare, named after a notable person or event, and located in an area relevant to the name
- road** an open way outside of an urban district, formerly for horseback travel, between distant places or for travelers, vehicles, and animals in rural areas, now used interchangeably for urban and rural thoroughfares
- street** a paved public means of access through a city, town, or village with sidewalks, buildings, and availability to traffic

Although the above words have similar denotative meanings, the words have different connotations. For example, referring to the world-famous Champs-Élysées Boulevard in Paris as a “road” would be inappropriate. This landmark consists of palaces and some of the finest hotels and restaurants in the world. Awareness of differences in word meanings can help you in reading, speaking, and writing.

### EXERCISE A Usage

Explain the meaning of each sentence based on the connotations and denotations of the boldfaced words.

1. Lynn is a **mediocre** singer. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lynn is an **average** singer. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lynn is an **adequate** singer. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Dwight seems **pleased** with his new car. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dwight seems **elated** with his new car. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dwight seems **ecstatic** with his new car. \_\_\_\_\_

### EXERCISE B Word Association

Journalists generally try to be neutral; that is, they avoid words with either strong positive or negative connotations. Novelists and other authors, however, usually want to use words with powerful connotations to evoke certain emotions in their readers. Choose one newspaper story and one page from a favorite novel or short story. On a separate sheet of paper, make a list of six words from each piece of writing. Rate the words on the basis of connotation, using plus for positive, minus for negative, or X for neutral.



# Vocabulary Power



## Review: Unit 7

### EXERCISE Circle the letter of the phrase that best explains the boldfaced word.

- If you are looking for **solitude**, you are probably in need of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - good reading material that will keep you amused
  - a secluded place where you can have peace and quiet
  - a low calorie but nutritious meal
  - a crowded dance floor where you can show off your moves
- If you purchase a **biennial** magazine subscription as a gift, you can expect that \_\_\_\_\_.
  - the magazine will probably go out of business in a few months
  - the price will go up when it is time for renewal
  - the recipient will receive the magazine twice a year
  - the recipient will receive the magazine for two years
- Clothes that **constrict** your body during hot weather are not advisable because they \_\_\_\_\_.
  - bind or squeeze
  - are too big
  - are too colorful
  - absorb too much perspiration
- People who lose themselves in **reverie** are said to be \_\_\_\_\_.
  - unaware of responsibility
  - unbalanced and overly emotional
  - daydreamers
  - gluttons for punishment
- Bilingual** books are helpful to someone learning a new language because they \_\_\_\_\_.
  - are written in two languages
  - have study questions that cover all the material
  - have exciting plots and believable characters
  - follow a magazine format with many pictures and little writing
- Someone suffering from the effects of **stress** might experience \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a guilty conscience
  - sore muscles and aching joints
  - broken promises
  - sleep and appetite disturbances
- If you saw a friend looking particularly **wan**, you might \_\_\_\_\_.
  - offer him or her a ride
  - suggest that he or she see a doctor
  - laugh at his or her facial expression
  - ignore him or her
- Readers and viewers of plays can learn much from an actor's **monologue** because this \_\_\_\_\_.
  - long speech reveals character
  - short dialogue moves the action
  - emotional message is the climax
  - series of puns lightens the mood


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## Test: Unit 7

### PART A

Circle the letter of the word that best completes the sentence.

- Rick finds that the \_\_\_\_\_ of tea parties and formal dances makes for the most interesting photographs.
  - bicuspid
  - monotony
  - restraint
  - solitude
- While Leslie benefited from the structured nature of the dance program, she did not enjoy the \_\_\_\_\_ of the demanding practice schedule.
  - strictures
  - revels
  - straits
  - rifts
- \_\_\_\_\_ is the most accepted form of marriage in the West.
  - Monotony
  - Solitude
  - Reverie
  - Monogamy
- In Edgar Allan Poe's "The Mask of the Red Death," the characters \_\_\_\_\_ at a costume ball until the clock strikes midnight and a surprise guest arrives.
  - whet
  - revel
  - constrain
  - constrict
- Even though it was not carved from a single block of stone, the Washington Monument is considered a \_\_\_\_\_ because it is a tall, thin column.
  - monolith
  - stalwart
  - solitude
  - restraint
- Not being able to find his father caused the young boy much \_\_\_\_\_.
  - prestige
  - reverie
  - monotony
  - distress
- After ten days of sightseeing in New York City, Kim was happy to return to the \_\_\_\_\_ of her house in the countryside, where she could hear the birds sing.
  - stricture
  - solitude
  - monogamy
  - reverie
- Enamel seems to wear off each \_\_\_\_\_ because of the wear and tear during eating and brushing.
  - bicuspid
  - stricture
  - rift
  - monolith
- The cruise ship was forced to detour around the \_\_\_\_\_, which had been narrowed considerably by heavy silt deposits during the storm.
  - monotony
  - straits
  - solitude
  - monolith
- \_\_\_\_\_ is not present in Hinduism since the religion recognizes a multitude of deities.
  - Monotheism
  - Monogamy
  - Strictures
  - Reverie
- Alicia dozed in her chair, caught halfway between sleep and \_\_\_\_\_.
  - stress
  - distress
  - prestige
  - reverie
- The \_\_\_\_\_ in their relationship would take years to heal.
  - whet
  - monologue
  - rift
  - reverie

 **Vocabulary Power** *continued*

13. The \_\_\_\_\_ education requirement has been changed in our school district so that all immigrants take an intensive English course.
- a. unrequited      b. bilingual      c. stringent      d. bilateral
14. Some plants are considered \_\_\_\_\_ because they live for just two years.
- a. suave      b. unrestrained      c. biennial      d. wan
15. Not only was the former police chief charged with fraud, but he was also accused of \_\_\_\_\_: he had three families in three different cities.
- a. bigamy      b. monogamy      c. stress      d. reverie

**PART B**

Circle the letter of the word that means most nearly the *opposite* of the boldfaced word.

1. **whet**  
a. depress      b. excite      c. bend      d. influence
2. **suave**  
a. legible      b. positive      c. uncouth      d. handsome
3. **restraint**  
a. memory      b. freedom      c. respect      d. perfection
4. **monotony**  
a. uncertainty      b. illumination      c. guarantee      d. diversity
5. **prestige**  
a. disgrace      b. bewilderment      c. confidence      d. elegance
6. **wan**  
a. unnatural      b. ruddy      c. calm      d. obedient
7. **constrict**  
a. extinguish      b. disguise      c. loosen      d. promise
8. **rift**  
a. unification      b. falsehood      c. sanctuary      d. severity
9. **monologue**  
a. argument      b. conversation      c. lecture      d. compliment
10. **bilateral**  
a. square      b. triangular      c. two-dimensional      d. one-sided



# Vocabulary Power



## Lesson 29 Using Multiple-Meaning Words

Who are you—a son, a student, a sister, a customer, an athlete, a friend? Your identity depends not only on the behavioral and personal characteristics that define your individuality but also on the times in which you live and the people whom you meet. The words in this lesson will help you to identify, understand, and express the parts of your life that affect who you are.

### Word List

**disillusion**

**esteem**

**manipulate**

**temperate**

**dynamic**

**impressionable**

**naive**

**virtuoso**

**eccentric**

**invincible**

### EXERCISE A Multiple-Meaning Words

Some words have several related definitions listed within a single dictionary entry. Read the sentences below; then, circle the letter of the correct definition of the boldfaced vocabulary word.

- After climbing the face of Mt. Coria and rappelling down the back side, Gretchen felt **invincible**.
  - intensely excited
  - incapable of being overcome or defeated
  - worthy of imitation
  - liable to change
- William Randolph Hearst was once considered **eccentric** because of his collection of wild animals.
  - concerned with the ordinary and practical
  - being the only one of its kind
  - departing from an established norm
  - having great stature or enormous strength
- The book about Pacific cultures will **disillusion** Mary, who had hoped to find unsophisticated groups untouched by the West.
  - deprive of a false or erroneous belief
  - establish exact limits for
  - make cross or discontented
  - cause to have a prejudiced view
- In order to be a successful entertainer, a person should have a **dynamic** personality.
  - nervous and impatient
  - marked by intensity and vigor
  - difficult to understand
  - lacking in discipline
- Historian Barbara Tuchman is **esteemed** for both her scholarship and her writing style.
  - called attention to boastfully
  - accused with evil intent
  - regarded with respect
  - set forth for consideration
- The tourists were **naive**, believing that there were bargains still to be found in London flea markets.
  - showing resourcefulness in difficult situations
  - lacking experience or judgment
  - lacking social grace
  - recklessly wasteful



## Vocabulary Power *continued*

7. Despite his addiction to video games, Steve maintained a **temperate** diet and a regular exercise schedule.
- a. involving moderation and self-restraint                      c. marked by eagerness  
b. designed to shock or thrill    d. without exception or qualification
8. She was considered a violin **virtuoso** at a very young age.
- a. eccentric player    c. hesitant performer  
b. convincing performer    d. excellent performer
9. Craig tried his best to **manipulate** the system so that he would be pitted against the weakest golfers, but his attempts were soon discovered.
- a. seize by force or authority    c. tamper with for personal gain  
b. subject to uniformity    d. substitute for another
10. Wendy was such an **impressionable** young woman that she tended to believe anything she was told.
- a. modest and reserved in manner and behavior                      c. moodily introspective  
b. easily influenced or convinced    d. having no imperfections

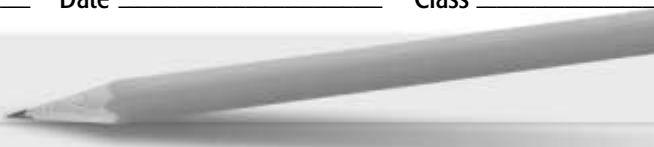
### **EXERCISE B** Synonyms and Antonyms

Circle the letter of the word that has the meaning that is the same as (a synonym) or opposite to (an antonym) that of the vocabulary word.

1. **manipulate:** (synonym)  
a. handle                      b. expose                      c. withdraw                      d. grieve for
2. **disillusion:** (antonym)  
a. arrange                      b. satisfy                      c. enchant                      d. pierce
3. **temperate:** (synonym)  
a. exaggerated                      b. moderate                      c. unfamiliar                      d. qualified
4. **naive:** (antonym)  
a. sophisticated                      b. biased                      c. open                      d. inferior
5. **impressionable:** (synonym)  
a. broad-minded                      b. gullible                      c. immature                      d. proper
6. **eccentric:** (antonym)  
a. calm                      b. appropriate                      c. unashamed                      d. ordinary
7. **dynamic:** (synonym)  
a. sneaky                      b. active                      c. merciless                      d. impatient
8. **invincible:** (antonym)  
a. vulnerable                      b. wise                      c. useful                      d. anguished



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## Lesson 30 Using Context Clues

As we progress from infancy toward old age, we continually experience change. Who we are is constantly refined and redefined. That's why the passage from youth to maturity may be less a matter of age than a journey from unknowing into awareness, or from innocence into experience. The words in this lesson will help you to express different facets of the search for identity.

### Word List

**accentuate**

**nonchalant**

**pensive**

**perseverance**

**affront**

**obnoxious**

**perception**

**stupor**

**animated**

**passive**

### EXERCISE A Context Clues

Write the vocabulary word that best matches each clue below.

1. If someone intentionally insults you, he or she would be guilty of committing this. \_\_\_\_\_
2. A person who is lively and spirited. \_\_\_\_\_
3. This kind of person might be found daydreaming about tomorrow's problems. \_\_\_\_\_
4. A person might be in this state if he or she gets bad news or a terrible shock. \_\_\_\_\_
5. This person accepts things without objection or resistance. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Someone who is coolly unconcerned about appearance could be described with this adjective. \_\_\_\_\_
7. The person who has this never gives up, regardless of how difficult things may be. \_\_\_\_\_
8. A person who emphasizes the good points of something does this to the positive. \_\_\_\_\_
9. Few people want to spend time with someone like this who talks loudly and says offensive things. \_\_\_\_\_
10. Everyone has highly individual reactions to experiences due to this, brought to each person through his or her senses. \_\_\_\_\_

### EXERCISE B Usage

If the boldfaced word is correctly used in the sentence, write *correct* above it. If not, draw a line through it and write the correct vocabulary word above it.

1. Noel enjoys the **obnoxious** prank of calling people on the telephone and hanging up when they answer.
2. The survivors of the bus accident stood around in a **perception**, their eyes dazed and empty.



## Vocabulary Power *continued*

3. Although they tend to look sad and depressed, **passive** people are just wistful; sometimes they get so lost in their thoughts that they neither see nor hear others.
4. Miss Peabody viewed the use of slang and idioms as a personal **affront** to her dignity.
5. Ryan pretends to be **nonchalant** about his scholarship to Yale Drama School, but he is really totally ecstatic.
6. Nadia's **perception** and patience make her the perfect person to input the records into the computer; she will barely take a break until she completes her task.
7. "But that's just your **stupor**, Ed," said Jill impatiently. "You may not understand the entire story about the Chinese farmers because you were raised in a different country and social class."
8. Some would say that **passive** people are easy to get along with, while others see them as easy to control.
9. An **animated** smile spread across Del's face and his eyes sparkled with good humor and excitement.
10. The speaker **accentuated** the first syllables of all his words, creating a strange verbal rhythm.

### **EXERCISE C** Synonyms

Circle the letter of the word that means most nearly the same as the boldfaced word.

1. **perseverance**  
 a. power                      b. laziness                      c. normality                      d. persistence
2. **nonchalant**  
 a. unconcerned                      b. noisy                      c. uncomfortable                      d. tempted
3. **affront**  
 a. surprise                      b. management                      c. insult                      d. torrent
4. **pensive**  
 a. thoughtful                      b. nauseous                      c. angry                      d. guilty
5. **stupor**  
 a. crisis                      b. daze                      c. outcome                      d. habit
6. **obnoxious**  
 a. harmful                      b. efficient                      c. objectionable                      d. willful
7. **accentuate**  
 a. evaluate                      b. criticize                      c. emphasize                      d. legislate
8. **animated**  
 a. lively                      b. uncertain                      c. excellent                      d. prescribed
9. **perception**  
 a. agreement                      b. dilemma                      c. inclination                      d. awareness
10. **passive**  
 a. sickly                      b. inactive                      c. vibrant                      d. disdainful

# Vocabulary Power



## Lesson 31 The Roots *nym* and *nom*

Both the Greek root *nym* and the Latin root *nom* mean “name” or “word.” Thus, the English word *synonym* is built from the prefix *syn-*, meaning “same” or “similar,” and *onymum*, meaning “name.” As you know, a synonym has the same or nearly the same meaning as another word. In the same way, the English word *nominate* comes from the Latin *nomen*, meaning “name,” and is defined as “to propose by name as a candidate, especially for election.” The words in this lesson share a common derivation and meaning.

### Word List

<b>anonymous</b>	<b>homonym</b>	<b>nomenclature</b>	<b>pseudonym</b>
<b>antonym</b>	<b>ignominy</b>	<b>nominal</b>	<b>renown</b>
<b>denomination</b>	<b>misnomer</b>		

### EXERCISE A Etymology

Choose the word from the list that best matches each clue. On the lines provided, write your own definition of the word and the dictionary definition.

1. This word comes from the prefix *mis-*, meaning “wrongly,” and the root *nomen*. Iceland and Greenland are two examples of this.

My definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

2. The combination of the prefix *pseudo-*, meaning “false,” and the root *nomen* produces this word that an author might choose to protect his or her identity.

My definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

3. This word derives from the root *nomen* in combination with the word *calare*, meaning “to call.” You might use this system in biology class.

My definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

4. The prefix *anti-*, meaning “against,” and the root *nomen* produce a word applied to pairs, such as high and low.

My definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

5. Built from the prefix *de-*, meaning “from,” and *nominare*, meaning “to call,” this word might apply to a stack of one-dollar bills.

My definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

## Vocabulary Power *continued*

6. This word comes from the prefix *homo-*, meaning “same” or “like,” and the root *nomen*. These words are spelled the same but have different meanings.

My definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

7. This word comes from *nominalis*, meaning “of names.” The Queen of England is this kind of leader.

My definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

8. Referring to an unknown, this word comes from the prefix *an-*, meaning “without,” and *unuma*, meaning “name.”

My definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

9. Built from the prefix *re-*, meaning “anew,” and the root *nomer*, meaning “to name,” this word categorizes people like Michael Jordan and Madeleine Albright.

My definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

10. This word comes from the prefix *in-*, meaning “not,” and the root *nomen*, meaning “name.” This word involves a ruined reputation.

My definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

### **EXERCISE B** Usage

**Underline the word in parentheses that correctly completes each sentence.**

1. Mrs. Hughes decided that the (antonym, pseudonym, homonym) game was perfect for trips in the car; thinking of opposites would certainly keep her two children and their friends busy.
2. The bald brother of the Three Stooges was given the (pseudonym, nomenclature, misnomer), “Curly.”
3. It took Rafi several weeks to familiarize himself with the (denomination, renown, nomenclature) of computer programming.
4. Lutheranism is a (nomenclature, homonym, denomination) of the Protestant religion.
5. The (anonymous, renown, nominal) caller tipped off the police that a crime was about to take place.
6. The charitable deeds of the land developer won him (ignominy, renown, nomenclature) that lasted for decades.

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## Lesson 32 Using Reference Skills

### Using the Thesaurus: Antonyms

In addition to providing a list of synonyms, or words that mean the same or nearly the same as another word, some thesauruses also provide a list of antonyms. Look at the following modified entries from a thesaurus.

**KNOWLEDGE**

- I. **Nouns.** cognizance, acquaintance, information, know-how; learning, erudition, wisdom, experience, sophistication.
- II. **Verbs.** know, perceive, discern, recognize, see, comprehend, understand, realize, appreciate, fathom, experience.
- III. **Adjectives.** aware, appreciative, conscious, cognizant, conversant, familiar, informed, alert, apprised, abreast, sensible, alert to, erudite.

See also DISCOVERY, EXPERIENCE, FAME, INFORMATION, INTELLIGENCE, INTUITION, LEARNING, TEACHING, UNDERSTANDING, WISDOM. *Antonyms*—See IGNORANCE, INEXPERIENCE.

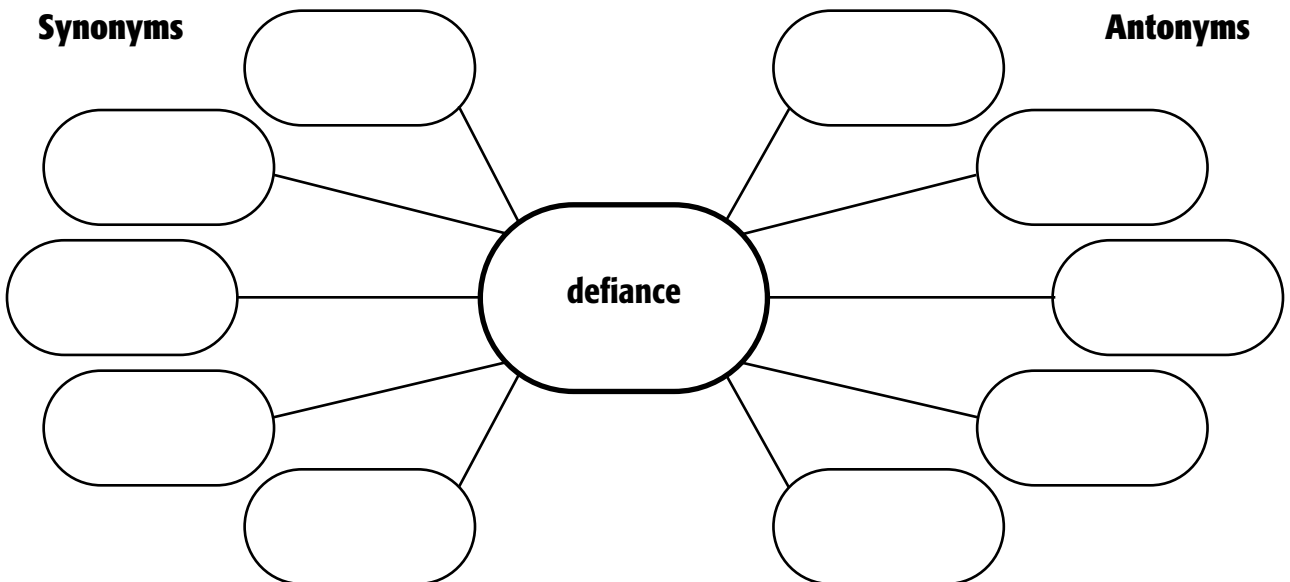
Checking both synonyms and antonyms in a thesaurus can help you to develop your vocabulary and your writing skills. Words with opposite meanings increase your awareness of how language is used. Using antonyms in the right place can clarify meaning, help create an image, or emphasize a point, as these examples show.

The king rewarded conformity, not disobedience.

The new baby appeared delicate next to her older and more robust cousin.

### EXERCISE

Using a thesaurus, find five synonyms and five antonyms for the word *defiance* to fill in the word web below.



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# Vocabulary Power



## Review: Unit 8

### EXERCISE

Circle the letter of the word or phrase that best explains the boldfaced vocabulary word.

- If someone has a reputation for being **impressionable**, you might expect her to be \_\_\_\_\_.
  - conceited and difficult to get along with for extended periods
  - easily fooled by appearance
  - hopelessly depressed
  - uncertain about her future
- Someone's **perception** of a situation is bound to be different from yours because \_\_\_\_\_.
  - of the way people interpret sensory stimuli
  - of the way the senses defy accuracy
  - people always agree on what they see and hear
  - the senses of taste and touch are less well developed than the other senses
- A writer might adopt a **pseudonym** if \_\_\_\_\_.
  - he or she enjoys being recognized
  - he or she wants a large garden
  - he or she needs the manuscript edited
  - he or she wants to try out a new writing style
- Obnoxious** people probably have few friends because they \_\_\_\_\_.
  - have poor communication skills
  - tend to offend other people
  - cannot be honest
  - are conscious of their social status
- The name "Hope" seems like a **misnomer** for someone who is as \_\_\_\_\_.
  - dejected as she is
  - intelligent as she is
  - uncooperative as she is
  - elegant as she is
- An **invincible** hero is a person who tends to be \_\_\_\_\_.
  - more literary than real-life
  - conniving, sneaky, and unkind
  - easily lost and frustrated
  - brave, strong, and undefeated
- Dynamic** characters are more interesting than flat characters because dynamic characters \_\_\_\_\_.
  - change and grow
  - treat others poorly
  - are the same at the end as they are at the beginning of a story
  - are modeled after people that the author actually knows




# Vocabulary Power

## Test: Unit 8

### PART A

Circle the letter of the word that best completes the sentence.

- To give himself the freedom to try different genres without influencing his audience, author Stephen King sometimes writes under the \_\_\_\_\_ Richard Bachman.  
a. homonym      b. pseudonym      c. perception      d. stupor
- It's incredibly frustrating to argue with a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ person because he or she refuses to participate.  
a. demure      b. eccentric      c. anonymous      d. passive
- The instructor was hard on her film students in order to shatter their incorrect \_\_\_\_\_ of the film industry.  
a. perceptions      b. dynamics      c. virtuosos      d. affronts
- AnneMarie's \_\_\_\_\_ was infectious; anyone who spent an hour with her was invigorated and enthusiastic.  
a. pensiveness      b. animation      c. eccentricity      d. perseverance
- The agency is looking for a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ employee to contribute new ideas and change old procedures.  
a. eccentric      b. nonchalant      c. dynamic      d. ignominious
- Sisyphus, a character in Greek literature, is a model for \_\_\_\_\_; each time he rolls a large rock to the top of a hill, it rolls down, and he must start anew.  
a. demureness      b. perseverance      c. esteem      d. passiveness
- As a temporary employee, Sandy has to learn a different \_\_\_\_\_ for each new job.  
a. nomenclature      b. pseudonym      c. perception      d. renown
- I'd like to introduce you to my colleague of \_\_\_\_\_, about whom you have heard so much.  
a. passive      b. impressionable      c. obnoxious      d. renown
- Lucy checks every \_\_\_\_\_ to find out what the writer meant.  
a. pseudonym      b. misnomer      c. stupor      d. homonym
- For his part in finding the wallet, Glen received a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ reward.  
a. ignominious      b. nonchalant      c. nominal      d. animated
- Carpal tunnel syndrome, in which the nerves in the wrists and hands are damaged, causes difficulty in the \_\_\_\_\_ of an object like a computer mouse.  
a. manipulation      b. perception      c. nomenclature      d. homonym
- "Lucky" was an unfortunate \_\_\_\_\_ for a dog that had been hit by a truck and lost by an airline.  
a. homonym      b. perseverance      c. misnomer      d. ignominy


**Vocabulary Power** *continued*

13. People with eye problems sometimes lose their \_\_\_\_\_ of depth, distance, and space.  
 a. nomenclature    b. dynamic    c. misnomer    d. perception
14. Having won all of their games for the past two seasons, the team believed they were \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a. passive    b. invincible    c. temperate    d. naive
15. Audrey and James have the same religion, but each belongs to a different \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a. antonym    b. denomination    c. manipulation    d. perception

**PART B**

Circle the letter of the word that means most nearly the *opposite* of the boldfaced vocabulary word.

1. **eccentric**  
 a. bold    b. hesitant    c. conventional    d. lost
2. **nonchalant**  
 a. indifferent    b. formal    c. sickly    d. worried
3. **renown**  
 a. goodness    b. humor    c. laziness    d. obscurity
4. **dynamic**  
 a. lethargic    b. energetic    c. alone    d. relaxed
5. **affront**  
 a. faze    b. compare    c. compliment    d. describe
6. **stupor**  
 a. reason    b. animation    c. coma    d. plan
7. **anonymous**  
 a. poor    b. weak    c. rigorous    d. known
8. **temperate**  
 a. unrestrained    b. hateful    c. angry    d. clear
9. **accentuate**  
 a. de-emphasize    b. comprehend    c. complicate    d. destroy
10. **antonym**  
 a. pseudonym    b. misnomer    c. synonym    d. homonym





## Lesson 33 Using Synonyms

When you walk out your front door in the morning, what do you see, hear, and smell? When you have an argument or a conversation with a friend, how do you feel? Our language is filled with words to describe every detail of our surroundings, the people we know, and the feelings or thoughts that we have. Learning new descriptive words can help to express feelings and observations in the most vivid, specific ways possible. The words in this list relate to observations and expressions.

### Word List

<b>aesthetic</b>	<b>gaudy</b>	<b>obtuse</b>	<b>resplendent</b>
<b>balmy</b>	<b>grotesque</b>	<b>poignant</b>	<b>wanton</b>
<b>benign</b>	<b>mundane</b>		

### EXERCISE A Synonyms

Each boldfaced word below is paired with a synonym whose meaning you probably know. Brainstorm other related words or situations and write them on the line provided. Then, look up the vocabulary word in a dictionary and write its meaning.

1. **poignant** : moving \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
2. **benign** : favorable \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
3. **grotesque** : abnormal \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
4. **gaudy** : flashy \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
5. **balmy** : mild \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
6. **resplendent** : brilliant \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
7. **obtuse** : rounded; dull-witted \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
8. **mundane** : common \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
9. **aesthetic** : beautiful \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

# Vocabulary Power *continued*

10. **wanton** : reckless \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

## **EXERCISE B** Usage

**Draw a line through the italicized phrase. Above it, write the vocabulary word that can replace the phrase.**

1. A *strange and distorted* statue stood on the lawn outside the vacant house.
2. Their first meeting was tense and uncomfortable, but their last two meetings were *friendly and pleasant*.
3. The talented designer's *artistic and elegant* creations impressed the guests at the fall fashion review.
4. We decided that the flowered wallpaper was too *bright and showy* for our simple tastes.
5. The art was supposed to be new and fresh, but I found it quite *ordinary*.
6. Some people wept at the *emotional and heartfelt* tribute to the victims.
7. After a very cold winter, we appreciated yesterday afternoon's *warm and fair* conditions.
8. The driver sped through the narrow streets with a *willful and careless* disregard for pedestrians and other drivers.
9. The joke was not clever, but *confusing and rather unintelligent*.
10. Tourists always looked forward to *bright and intense* sunsets over the water.

## **EXERCISE C** Antonyms

**Write the vocabulary word that is opposite in meaning.**

- |                      |                       |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. hurtful _____     | 6. quick-witted _____ |
| 2. unemotional _____ | 7. harsh _____        |
| 3. tasteful _____    | 8. faded _____        |
| 4. unique _____      | 9. tasteless _____    |
| 5. beautiful _____   | 10. restrained _____  |

## **EXERCISE D** Multiple-Meaning Words

**To explore the multiple meanings of words in the vocabulary list, select the word that correctly completes each statement below. Use a dictionary, if necessary.**

1. Her \_\_\_\_\_ perfume wafted through the airplane, overpowering me six rows away.
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ climate of Spain was great for Larry's lungs.
3. By giving her child anything he wanted, he had grown \_\_\_\_\_ in his teenage years.
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ drawings on the cave walls in Italy were painted by ancient cave dwellers.
5. She tried hard to emulate the modernist \_\_\_\_\_ of Pablo Picasso.

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## Lesson 34 Malapropisms

Have you ever confused two words that sound alike? This isn't hard to do—in the English language many words look and sound alike but are completely unrelated in meaning. *Malapropism* is a term that describes the misuse, especially the humorous misuse, of certain words. The list below contains pairs of words often used in malapropisms.

### Word List

**anecdote**

**epitaph**

**progeny**

**vivacious**

**antidote**

**epithet**

**reprehend**

**voracious**

**apprehend**

**prodigy**

### EXERCISE A Context Clues

For each sentence below, use context clues to determine the meaning of the boldfaced word. Write your definition of the word. Then, look up the word in a dictionary and write its definition.

1. My great-grandparents are proud of their **progeny**, which include four generations.

My definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

2. The child pianist, who performed in packed concert halls, was regarded as a musical **prodigy**.

My definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

3. Not only were his actions not praised, but one opponent even labeled him with an insulting **epithet**.

My definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

4. The poet was asked to write an **epitaph** for the great leader's tombstone.

My definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

5. She began her graduation speech by telling an **anecdote** about a personal high school experience.


My definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

6. Scientists worked to develop an **antidote** to the poison.

My definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

 **Vocabulary Power** *continued*

7. Police officers hoped to **apprehend** the bank robbery suspects before the end of the day.

My definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

8. In public reports, environmentalists have begun to publicly **reprehend** businesses that pollute waterways.

My definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

9. Guests admired their **vivacious** host, who welcomed, greeted, and introduced people all night.

My definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

10. The cooks could hardly make enough food to satisfy the **voracious** appetites of the volunteer workers.

My definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

**EXERCISE B** **Word Association**

**For each group of words, write the vocabulary word that belongs.**

1. genius, intellect, wonder \_\_\_\_\_

2. memorial, monument, remembrance \_\_\_\_\_

3. remedy, cure, medicine \_\_\_\_\_

4. name, slur, insult \_\_\_\_\_

5. grab, capture, catch \_\_\_\_\_

6. energetic, lively, active \_\_\_\_\_

7. offspring, family, descendants \_\_\_\_\_

8. accuse, blame, criticize \_\_\_\_\_

9. story, tale, narrative \_\_\_\_\_

10. greedy, starved, devouring \_\_\_\_\_

**EXERCISE C** **Usage**

**Sometimes, actors and comedians deliberately use malapropisms to make audiences laugh. With a partner, use a separate sheet of paper to write a short skit that uses some of the malapropisms above in humorous ways. Think about humorous and confusing situations that could arise if people do not communicate clearly or if they say one thing but mean something completely different. If you think of any additional words that might make for humorous malapropisms, feel free to add them to your skit.**

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## Lesson 35 The Greek Roots *chron* and *micro*

The root *chron* comes from the Greek word *chronos*, which means “time.” The root *micro* comes from the Greek word *mikros*, which means “small.” You can use your understanding of these roots to figure out the meanings of a variety of words. The words in the following list contain the root *chron* or *micro*.

### Word List

<b>chronic</b>	<b>chronological</b>	<b>microfilm</b>	<b>synchronicity</b>
<b>chronicle</b>	<b>microbe</b>	<b>microscopic</b>	<b>synchronize</b>
<b>chronograph</b>	<b>microbiology</b>		

### EXERCISE A Context Clues

For each sentence below, use context clues to determine the meaning of the boldfaced word. Write your definition of the word. Then, look up the word in a dictionary and write its definition.

1. She was upset to learn that she had a **chronic**, not temporary, condition.

My definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

2. We decided to start at the beginning and explain events in **chronological** order.

My definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

3. At the festival, it is a tradition to **synchronize** the start of the music with the opening of the fireworks display.

My definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

4. Students put together a **chronicle** of the school from its earliest days to the present.

My definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

5. They will use some type of **chronograph**, such as a stopwatch, to analyze the speed of their equipment.

My definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

6. The **synchronicity** of having several family members receive good news at the same time made us feel lucky.

My definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_



## Vocabulary Power *continued*

7. At the library, we found some of the magazines in print and some on **microfilm**.

My definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

8. In **microbiology**, Lena analyzes organisms that cause certain diseases.

My definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

9. Back at the lab, we will study some of the **microscopic** animal life in the pond water.

My definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

10. The doctor was able to isolate the **microbe** that was causing the illness.

My definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

### **EXERCISE B** Usage

**Circle the letter of the word or phrase that best completes each sentence.**

1. To illustrate chronological order, you might use a \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. microscope      b. stopwatch      c. time line      d. road map

2. A person most likely to need a chronograph would be a \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. clerk      b. runner      c. mail carrier      d. map maker

3. A type of microbe is a \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. germ      b. clock      c. microscope      d. small mammal

4. A chronic disease is one that \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. strikes quickly and severely then disappears      c. is easily cured in a short amount of time  
b. recurs and lasts a long time      d. is usually not noticeable

5. A good example of a chronicle is a \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. short poem      b. history book      c. scale      d. meter

6. You might synchronize \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. a disease      b. two books      c. two watches      d. a germ

7. You are most likely to find microfilm \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. in a library      c. on the surface of a pond  
b. in a test tube      d. at a track meet

# Vocabulary Power



## Lesson 36 Using Reference Skills

### Using a Dictionary: Homographs

A homograph is a word that is spelled like another but that has a different meaning, origin, and, sometimes, pronunciation. Unlike multiple meanings of the same word, homographs are listed as separate entries in a dictionary. Look at the sample entries below for the word *fret*.

The multiple meanings are related by origin and meaning and are listed in the same entry. Homographs, on the other hand, have separate origins and meanings and have separate entries in a dictionary.

**fret**<sup>1</sup> (fret) *vt.* [ME (Middle English) *freten*<OE (Old English)<*fretan*, to devour] 1. to eat away; gnaw

2. to wear away by gnawing or rubbing 3. to form by wearing away 4. to make rough 5. to annoy or worry—*vi.* 1. to gnaw 2. to become eaten or worn 3. to become disturbed 4. to become annoyed—*n.* 1. a wearing away 2. a place that is worn 3. an annoyance

**fret**<sup>2</sup> (fret) *n.* [ME *frette*, probably from OFr (Old French) *frete*, interlaced work, with OE *frætwa*, ornament]

1. an ornamental net, often worn by women as a headdress 2. an ornamental pattern of small bars that join at right angles, used as a border or decoration

**fret**<sup>3</sup> (fret) *n.* [OFr *frette*, a band] 1. any of several narrow ridges across the neck and fingerboard of a

banjo, guitar, or other similar stringed instruments to regulate fingering—*vt.* 1. to press strings against a fret 2. to place frets on an instrument

### EXERCISE A

Write five sentences using the word *fret*. Three of your sentences should demonstrate the meanings of the three homographs, and two of your sentences should show multiple meanings of the same homograph.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

### EXERCISE B

Consult a dictionary to find homographs and multiple meanings of the following words. For each homograph, list origins, multiple meanings, and parts of speech.

1. calf \_\_\_\_\_
2. bow \_\_\_\_\_
3. hop \_\_\_\_\_
4. hold \_\_\_\_\_
5. lap \_\_\_\_\_

# Vocabulary Power

## Review: Unit 9

### EXERCISE A

Circle the letter of the word that means the *opposite* of the boldfaced word.

1. **balmy**  
 a. dull                      b. frigid                      c. uncertain                      d. harmless
2. **wanton**  
 a. disorderly                      b. brilliant                      c. quiet                      d. careful
3. **obtuse**  
 a. sharp                      b. simple                      c. impressive                      d. complicated
4. **vivacious**  
 a. angry                      b. greedy                      c. old                      d. lazy
5. **apprehend**  
 a. criticize                      b. tire                      c. lose                      d. grasp
6. **poignant**  
 a. quiet                      b. boring                      c. entertaining                      d. emotionless
7. **mundane**  
 a. temporary                      b. unique                      c. painful                      d. simple
8. **prodigy**  
 a. family                      b. genius                      c. dullard                      d. friend
9. **resplendent**  
 a. cold                      b. complicated                      c. intelligent                      d. gloomy
10. **chronic**  
 a. small                      b. comfortable                      c. short-lived                      d. painful

### EXERCISE B

Circle the word in parentheses that best completes each sentence.

1. They had to (chronicle, synchronize, reprehend) their watches for the game.
2. There was a (chronic, grotesque, microscopic) film of soap over the lens.
3. My (chronograph, microfilm, microbe) has a light and stopwatch as well.
4. Grandmom's (progeny, antidote, anecdote) had us falling off our chairs laughing.
5. Please arrange these phone calls in (chronological, microscopic, benign) order.



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## Test: Unit 9

### PART A

Circle the letter of the word that best completes each sentence.

- My grandfather told an interesting \_\_\_\_\_ about growing up on a farm.  
a. antidote      b. progeny      c. anecdote      d. prodigy
- Because of his \_\_\_\_\_ appetite, the family's grocery bills were usually quite high.  
a. voracious      b. resplendent      c. vivacious      d. gaudy
- One gifted student was labeled a(n) \_\_\_\_\_, destined for success.  
a. synchronicity      b. prodigy      c. epithet      d. epitaph
- The ache in her knee was \_\_\_\_\_ and affected her most on cold or damp mornings.  
a. obtuse      b. chronological      c. chronic      d. benign
- For the funeral, family members created a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ that would be engraved on a plaque.  
a. chronicle      b. epithet      c. chronograph      d. epitaph
- A degree in \_\_\_\_\_ would allow him to study organisms in bodies of water.  
a. microfilm      b. microbiology      c. synchronicity      d. chronograph
- We used a \_\_\_\_\_ to measure our running time before the big track meet.  
a. chronograph      b. synchronicity      c. microbe      d. prodigy
- The teacher told us to arrange our essays in a folder in \_\_\_\_\_ order.  
a. microscopic      b. obtuse      c. chronic      d. chronological
- For the surprise party, we will have to \_\_\_\_\_ our arrival times so that everyone is present before the guest of honor arrives.  
a. chronicle      b. chronograph      c. synchronize      d. microbe
- The explosion was loud but \_\_\_\_\_, as it didn't cause any damage.  
a. chronic      b. resplendent      c. grotesque      d. benign

### PART B

For each boldfaced word, circle the letter of the word that is most nearly *opposite* in meaning.

- microscopic**  
a. immense      b. scattered      c. complicated      d. long
- aesthetic**  
a. smooth      b. unsightly      c. frightening      d. unfit
- gaudy**  
a. tasteful      b. old      c. polite      d. orderly

## Vocabulary Power *continued*

4. balmy

- a. simple      b. wet      c. humid      d. cold

5. resplendent

- a. dull      b. stormy      c. lively      d. small

6. grotesque

- a. intelligent      b. beautiful      c. hopeless      d. simple

7. poignant

- a. small      b. unemotional      c. complicated      d. tasteful

8. obtuse

- a. dull      b. intelligent      c. cloudy      d. minute

9. reprehend

- a. praise      b. insult      c. avoid      d. capture

10. wanton

- a. intelligent      b. foolish      c. reckless      d. careful

### **PART C**

**Circle the letter of the word or phrase that best completes each sentence.**

- A mundane job would probably \_\_\_\_\_.
  - bring fame
  - be exciting
  - be routine and ordinary
  - require special and rare equipment
- Being labeled with an epithet is likely to make someone feel \_\_\_\_\_.
  - appreciated
  - hopeful
  - honored
  - hurt
- A vivacious person is likely to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - be stricken with illness
  - be a genius
  - have a great deal of energy
  - eat too much
- You are most likely to see progeny at a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - family reunion
  - business meeting
  - science conference
  - library
- A chronicle of a town \_\_\_\_\_.
  - builds its homes
  - establishes its government
  - tells its history
  - studies its recent illnesses

# Vocabulary Power

## Lesson 37 Using Synonyms

When you think of the word *loyalty*, what words and images come to mind? Perhaps you think about good friends who always stand up for one another. You might think of a soldier who fights for his or her country. You might think of a business, cause, or product that you like to support. The words in the following list relate to the idea of having, showing, or experiencing loyalty.

### Word List

<b>absolve</b>	<b>comrade</b>	<b>kindred</b>	<b>partisan</b>
<b>advocate</b>	<b>delude</b>	<b>martyr</b>	<b>prevail</b>
<b>benefactor</b>	<b>fidelity</b>		

### EXERCISE A Synonyms

Each boldfaced vocabulary word below is paired with a synonym whose meaning you probably know. Brainstorm other words related to the meaning of the synonym and write your ideas on the line provided. Then, look up the word in a dictionary and write its meaning.

1. **absolve** : forgive \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
2. **prevail** : overcome \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
3. **delude** : mislead \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
4. **comrade** : companion \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
5. **fidelity** : faithfulness \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
6. **kindred** : related \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
7. **advocate** : supporter \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
8. **martyr** : victim \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
9. **partisan** : one-sided \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

# Vocabulary Power *continued*

10. benefactor : helper \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

## **EXERCISE B** Usage

**Draw a line through the italicized word or phrase. Above it, write the vocabulary word that can replace the word or phrase.**

1. Her *person conferring a benefit* spoke to her about going to New York City for an art opening.
2. Even during difficult times, I could always count on support from my *close friend*.
3. The ex-con decided to *deceive* the cops by stealing a driver's license.
4. The worshippers pledged *faithfulness and loyalty* to their religion and to their community church.
5. Some believed that members of the House of Representatives voted in a *biased* manner.
6. The soldiers faced a difficult challenge, but they vowed to *control the situation*.
7. When the organization needed support, leaders turned to a well-known *promoter* of their cause.
8. At the trial, the defendants were confident that the jury would *completely clear* them of all guilt.
9. According to legend, Joan of Arc was a *person who sacrificed her life* for her beliefs.
10. They realized that they were *closely related* spirits when it came to their values and interests.

## **EXERCISE C** Word Association

**For each group of words, write the vocabulary word that belongs.**

1. forgive, pardon, clear \_\_\_\_\_
2. associate, friend, partner \_\_\_\_\_
3. bluff, betray, deceive \_\_\_\_\_
4. truth, steadfastness, faithfulness \_\_\_\_\_

## **EXERCISE D** Multiple-Meaning Words

**Write the vocabulary word that best describes each of the following people or situations.**

1. how well a stereo reproduces sound \_\_\_\_\_
2. similar in spirit or character \_\_\_\_\_
3. supporter of a cause \_\_\_\_\_
4. to triumph over a difficulty \_\_\_\_\_
5. a person assigned to harass an enemy \_\_\_\_\_

# Vocabulary Power

## Lesson 38 Using Context Clues

The opposite of loyalty is betrayal. What words and images do you think of when you picture a person abandoning someone or something? Different reasons are involved in acts of betrayal, and such acts have a variety of consequences. The words in the list below all relate to betrayal in some way.

### Word List

**arrogance**

**founder**

**repulse**

**sordid**

**caustic**

**ostentatious**

**solitary**

**treachery**

**disconsolate**

**predator**

### EXERCISE A Context Clues

Each of the following sentences contains context clues that can help you with the meanings of the boldfaced word. Write what you think the word means. Then, look up the word in a dictionary and write its meaning.

1. A spy posed as a loyal subject to the king. When the king learned of this **treachery**, he punished the spy severely.

My definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Arrogance** led the young woman to believe she didn't need friends or associates in her life.

My definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

3. His theft of money from the company is likely to **repulse** many fellow workers.

My definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

4. Firing the entire staff was an **ostentatious** display of power by the new office manager.

My definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

5. The **sordid** tale of her decline from heiress to homeless beggar became a bestseller.

My definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

6. Though trained to perform in a circus, the tiger was still considered a **predator**.

My definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_



## Vocabulary Power *continued*

7. The ship began to **founder** in the rough sea.

My definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

8. When their key player signed with another team, the athletes were **disconsolate**.

My definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

9. Since he was used to a **solitary** existence, the elderly man had trouble dealing with large crowds.

My definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

10. The judge leveled a **caustic** attack at the lawyers and their inconclusive evidence.

My definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

### **EXERCISE B** Context Clues

**Write the vocabulary word that best matches the clue.**

1. This word describes the existence of a person who is always alone. \_\_\_\_\_

2. Actions that are vile and shameful are described in this way. \_\_\_\_\_

3. A sharp and stinging remark can be described as this. \_\_\_\_\_

4. This word describes a person who is beyond comfort. \_\_\_\_\_

5. Something disgusting or highly offensive might affect you in this way. \_\_\_\_\_

### **EXERCISE C** Word Association

**For each group of words, write the vocabulary word that belongs.**

1. collapse, fall, sink \_\_\_\_\_

2. boastful, loud, glittery \_\_\_\_\_

3. stalker, enemy, hunter \_\_\_\_\_

4. pride, self-importance, smugness \_\_\_\_\_

5. dishonesty, falseness, corruption \_\_\_\_\_

### **EXERCISE D** Word Sketch

**Each of the vocabulary words expresses a strong emotion or idea. On a separate sheet of paper, create a sketch that illustrates one of the words.**

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## Lesson 39 The Prefixes e- and ex-

The prefixes e- and ex- are related and usually mean “out,” “beyond,” “away from,” or “upward.” The Latin prefix e- is usually used before the letters *b, d, g, j, l, m, n, r,* or *v.* You can use your understanding of these prefixes to figure out the meanings of a variety of words, including those in the following list.

### Word List

<b>elicit</b>	<b>empower</b>	<b>exhilarate</b>	<b>exposition</b>
<b>eminent</b>	<b>evocative</b>	<b>expertise</b>	<b>expunge</b>
<b>emit</b>	<b>excise</b>		

### EXERCISE A Prefixes and Meanings

Use both your understanding of the prefixes e- and ex- and the context of each sentence to determine the meanings of the boldfaced words below. Use a dictionary to check your understanding of each word; then, write its dictionary meaning.

1. They knew something was wrong with the car when it began to **emit** an acrid smell.

My definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

2. The reporter tried to **elicit** information from people working on the case, but no one would divulge any.

My definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

3. Having worked in many animal shelters, she is regarded as an **eminent** authority on stray animals.

My definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

4. We believe letting him complete the task on his own will **empower** him to take control of his life.

My definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

5. The **evocative** movie stirred strong feelings among those who remembered World War II.

My definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

6. The surgeon decided to **excise** the diseased part of her foot.

My definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_



## Vocabulary Power *continued*

7. The **exposition** of the novel spelled out details of the story's main characters.

My definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

8. They are willing to **expunge** the crime from his record if he does community service for two years.

My definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

9. I guarantee that a ride in the fresh air on a sailboat will **exhilarate** you.

My definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

10. The piano teacher shared his musical **expertise** with his students.

My definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

### **EXERCISE B** Antonyms

Circle the letter of the word that most clearly means the *opposite* of the boldfaced word.

1. **emit**

- a. scatter      b. order      c. discharge      d. gather

2. **empower**

- a. disable      b. determine      c. assist      d. strike

3. **exhilarate**

- a. help      b. cleanse      c. depress      d. frighten

4. **excise**

- a. drop      b. inject      c. extract      d. surprise

5. **eminent**

- a. wealthy      b. careless      c. lowly      d. famous

### **EXERCISE C** Prefixes and Meaning

If you can learn to recognize how a prefix affects the meaning of a word, you can understand a variety of words. Choose two of the vocabulary words. On a separate sheet of paper, explain how the meaning of *e-* or *ex-* is related to the meanings of these words.



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## Lesson 40 Using Test-Taking Skills

### Analogies

You are likely to encounter word analogies when you take a standardized vocabulary test. This type of question asks you to look at the relationships between a word pair and then create another pair having a similar relationship. Here are some tips to help you answer these types of questions.

- A. Examine carefully the relationship between the given pair of words. Decide how the words are related. For example, does one word name an action and the other word a person who completes the action? Are the words synonyms, or similar in meaning? Are they antonyms, or opposite in meaning?
- B. Notice the part of speech of each word in the given pair. For example, is the pair a noun/verb combination? An adjective/adjective combination? A noun/noun combination? The pair that is the correct answer will usually represent the same parts of speech.
- C. First, eliminate the answers that you are sure are wrong. For example, look for a misleading answer, different parts of speech in the given pair, or a relationship that is obviously different from the one expressed by the example pair.
- D. Use your knowledge of prefixes, suffixes, and word roots to figure out the meanings of any words you don't recognize.
- E. Choose the pair that is MOST like the given pair. More than one pair may seem correct. If you are confused or undecided, always refocus on the relationship between the two words in the example. Remember, you are trying to match the relationship of the given pair.

### EXERCISE

Choose the letter of the word pair that best completes each analogy.

1. laugh : smile :: \_\_\_\_\_  
 a. smile : joke      b. shout : mouth      c. cry : frown      d. sobbing : frowning
2. tower : height :: \_\_\_\_\_  
 a. ditch : depth      b. length : width      c. truck : distance      d. building : tall
3. exactly : precisely :: \_\_\_\_\_  
 a. quickly : slowly      b. quickly : rapidly      c. rudely : abrupt      d. generous : kindly
4. wind : air :: \_\_\_\_\_  
 a. thunder : water      b. breath : lungs      c. heat : fireplace      d. current : water
5. wing : bird :: \_\_\_\_\_  
 a. eye : face      b. cat : claw      c. fin : fish      d. arm : finger
6. hiss : snake :: \_\_\_\_\_  
 a. chirp : cricket      b. thunder : storm      c. gallop : horse      d. voice : song



# Vocabulary Power



## Review: Unit 10

### EXERCISE A

Circle the letter of the word that most clearly means the *opposite* of the boldfaced word.

1. **sordid**

- a. energized      b. tired      c. pure      d. thrilled

2. **fidelity**

- a. evil      b. health      c. brilliance      d. falseness

3. **delude**

- a. upset      b. comfort      c. deceive      d. guide

4. **prevail**

- a. criticize      b. fail      c. conquer      d. invite

5. **exhilarate**

- a. depress      b. energize      c. describe      d. anger

6. **advocate**

- a. backer      b. opponent      c. friend      d. family

7. **expunge**

- a. add      b. erase      c. distort      d. fight

8. **arrogance**

- a. speed      b. danger      c. pride      d. modesty

9. **solitary**

- a. alone      b. social      c. simple      d. bipolar

10. **caustic**

- a. severe      b. quiet      c. rude      d. gentle

### EXERCISE B

Circle the word in parentheses that best completes each sentence.

- Most people won't be impressed by a(n) (caustic, ostentatious, sordid) show of wealth and power.
- During the violent windstorm, the boat began to (repulse, absolve, founder).
- We don't want the decision to be based on ideas that are (kindred, disconsolate, partisan).
- The filthiness of the old apartment building is sure to (repulse, empower, emit) potential tenants.
- The teacher worked tirelessly to (expunge, elicit, repulse) excited responses from the tired group of students.

# Vocabulary Power

## Test: Unit 10

### PART A

Circle the letter of the word that best completes the sentence.

- Although the family had a great deal of money, they wanted their home to be simple and tasteful, not \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. ostentatious      b. sordid      c. solitary      d. evocative
- The dean promised to \_\_\_\_\_ her of the charge that she had cheated on the test.  
a. repulse      b. absolve      c. elicit      d. emit
- The play was so \_\_\_\_\_ that the actors could hear sobs rising from the audience.  
a. ostentatious      b. kindred      c. evocative      d. eminent
- Renaldo was \_\_\_\_\_ for many weeks after his best friend moved across the country.  
a. sordid      b. disconsolate      c. caustic      d. kindred
- In appointing a chairman, board members had to decide who had shown the greatest \_\_\_\_\_ toward the company.  
a. fidelity      b. exposition      c. expertise      d. solace
- Students elected to have the \_\_\_\_\_ scholar speak at their graduation in the spring.  
a. kindred      b. solitary      c. caustic      d. eminent
- The scientist looked for \_\_\_\_\_ thinkers who might back her research project with money and interest.  
a. sordid      b. kindred      c. ostentatious      d. solitary
- The car began to \_\_\_\_\_ loud squealing sounds after Sal drove through the huge puddle.  
a. emit      b. expunge      c. elicit      d. excise
- The \_\_\_\_\_ of the brilliant Brazilian rock climber was highly regarded.  
a. arrogance      b. treachery      c. expertise      d. founder
- The race was moving along smoothly, but then runners began to \_\_\_\_\_ in the intense heat.  
a. empower      b. founder      c. excise      d. repulse

### PART B

Choose the letter of the word or phrase that best completes each of the following sentences.

- To be solitary is to be \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. biased      b. alone      c. unhappy      d. excited
- A caustic comment is likely to \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. impress      b. honor      c. sting      d. bore
- One type of exposition is \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. an election      b. a ballet recital      c. an experiment      d. a good friend

## Vocabulary Power *continued*

4. A martyr is someone who \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. tries to impress people with wealth
  - b. runs for public office
  - c. tricks innocent people
  - d. suffers for a cause
5. A partisan decision \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. protects the interests of everyone
  - b. pleases only one group of people
  - c. puts personal beliefs above all else
  - d. is one that is made quickly
6. To empower someone is to \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. give authority
  - b. recognize an unusual talent
  - c. believe in and respect one's self
  - d. bar someone from your home
7. An example of treachery is \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. wanting to be alone
  - b. cheating people who trust you
  - c. extreme devotion to a religion
  - d. suffering for a cause
8. To prevail is to \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. fail
  - b. triumph
  - c. trick people
  - d. suffer
9. An example of a comrade is \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. a flashy home
  - b. an illness
  - c. a best friend
  - d. an extraordinary skill
10. If something begins to repulse you, you \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. try to get closer to it
  - b. want to get away from it
  - c. decide to imitate it
  - d. invite other people to enjoy it

### **PART C**

**Circle the letter of the word that best completes each sentence.**

1. The hawk is a fearsome \_\_\_\_\_ to its prey—the mouse.
- a. exposition
  - b. founder
  - c. predator
  - d. martyr
2. Because of her lobbying for it, she is the group's strongest \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. advocate
  - b. martyr
  - c. predator
  - d. exposition
3. What kind of reaction were you able to \_\_\_\_\_ from the trustees?
- a. prevail
  - b. repulse
  - c. emit
  - d. elicit
4. When it comes to working with computers, Jonathan wishes he had Gena's \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. treachery
  - b. expertise
  - c. exposition
  - d. benefactor
5. We had to \_\_\_\_\_ a tree stump when we were clearing the field.
- a. repulse
  - b. elicit
  - c. empower
  - d. excise

# Vocabulary Power



## Lesson 41 Using Synonyms

What does the word **heroism** mean to you? Some people think of death-defying feats; others think of everyday actions requiring courage. All the words in this list are related somehow to heroism.


### Word List

<b>altruism</b>	<b>endeavor</b>	<b>persevere</b>	<b>undaunted</b>
<b>chivalry</b>	<b>intrepid</b>	<b>prowess</b>	<b>vanquish</b>
<b>confront</b>	<b>laudable</b>		

### EXERCISE A Synonyms

Each **boldfaced** vocabulary word below is paired with a synonym whose meaning you probably know. Brainstorm other words related to the meaning of the synonym and write your ideas on the line provided. Then, look up the vocabulary word in a dictionary and write its meaning.

1. **confront** : challenge \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
2. **vanquish** : defeat \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
3. **prowess** : strength \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
4. **intrepid** : fearless \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
5. **undaunted** : unafraid \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
6. **chivalry** : nobility \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
7. **altruism** : selflessness \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
8. **laudable** : praiseworthy \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
9. **persevere** : persist \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
10. **endeavor** : effort \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

 **Vocabulary Power** *continued*

**EXERCISE B True or False**

Read each sentence below. Decide whether it is true or false based on the meaning of the boldfaced word. Write *true* or *false* on the line provided and briefly explain your answer.

1. An **intrepid** cyclist would probably avoid busy roads for fear of being hit by a car.

\_\_\_\_\_

2. A warrior who had **vanquished** the enemy would be welcomed home as a hero.

\_\_\_\_\_

3. A knight could demonstrate his **chivalry** by fleeing a battle.

\_\_\_\_\_

4. Finding a cure for cancer would be a **laudable** achievement.

\_\_\_\_\_

5. An animal rights activist will **persevere** in a campaign to stop animal experiments despite opposition.

\_\_\_\_\_

**EXERCISE C Multiple-Meaning Words**

Several of the vocabulary words have more than one meaning. Read each sentence below and look up the definition of the boldfaced word. If the word is used correctly, write *correct*. Then, write the definition on the line provided. Otherwise, write *incorrect*.

1. Although Jennifer felt like screaming, she **vanquished** her emotions and spoke calmly.

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Simon demonstrated his **prohess** in baseball by hitting a home run in every game.

\_\_\_\_\_

3. The commander defeated his foes by using the medieval military strategy of **chivalry**.

\_\_\_\_\_

4. Patrice **endeavored** to raise money for the scholarship fund by selling her hand-carved birdhouses.

\_\_\_\_\_

5. Jono realized that the animals in the pet shop would **persevere** if they were not rescued from the fire, so he bravely rushed into the building.

\_\_\_\_\_

# Vocabulary Power

## Lesson 42 The Suffixes *-ant* and *-ent*

A suffix is a word part added to the end of a word. Here's an example of how suffixes work.

### Base Word

**hero**  
 ("a person noted for  
 feats of courage  
 or nobility")

### Suffix

**-ic**  
 ("of or relating to")

### New Word

**heroic**  
 ("of or relating to a  
 hero"; "showing the  
 qualities of a hero")

Note that adding the suffix *-ic* changes not only the meaning of the base word **hero**, but also the part of speech from noun to adjective. The words in the list below are formed with the suffixes *-ant* and *-ent*. In these words, the suffixes mean either "being in a specified state or condition" or "a person who performs a specified action."

<b>Word List</b>			
<b>adherent</b>	<b>confidant</b>	<b>incessant</b>	<b>luxuriant</b>
<b>coherent</b>	<b>contestant</b>	<b>indulgent</b>	<b>reverent</b>
<b>combatant</b>	<b>exultant</b>		

### EXERCISE A Context Clues

Read each sentence below. Use context clues, or clues from the surrounding text, to determine the meaning of the boldfaced word. Write your definition of the word. Then, look up the word in a dictionary and write its definition.

- This fascinating program about World War II shows the experience of the war through the eyes of one **combatant**, a French soldier.

My definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

- The villain from my favorite novel has no **confidant**; he keeps all his evil secrets to himself.

My definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

- The company's founder was an **adherent** of the idea that company profits should be returned to the community, so he left all his money to a community organization.

My definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

- I wonder how Kevin can study with that **incessant** music playing next door.

My definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_



## Vocabulary Power *continued*

5. Her **luxuriant** black hair fell to her waist.

My definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

6. The TV biography failed to create a **coherent** picture of the rock star's life; for example, I didn't understand how other artists influenced his musical career.

My definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

7. Margie has been chosen as a **contestant** on her favorite game show; she'll have a chance to compete for fabulous prizes!

My definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

8. As the camera panned slowly over the centuries-old stained-glass windows, the narrator described the history of the church in **reverent** tones.

My definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

9. The **exultant** winners of the World Cup leaped joyfully around the field.

My definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

10. It seems rather **indulgent** to buy a second home in the country when so many people are homeless.

My definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

### **EXERCISE B** Word Association

For each group of words, write the vocabulary word that best fits.

1. follower, believer, devotee \_\_\_\_\_

2. unceasing, constant, persistent \_\_\_\_\_

3. fighter, soldier, warrior \_\_\_\_\_

4. joyful, celebrating, jubilant \_\_\_\_\_

5. respectful, worshipful, adoring \_\_\_\_\_



# Vocabulary Power

## Lesson 43 The Latin Root *scrib/script*

The Latin root *scrib* or *script*, meaning “to scratch” or “to write,” is the basis for a large family of words in English. A few of these words are listed below. Look through the list for words that you know. Can you see how these words are related to the meaning of the Latin root?

### Word List

<b>inscribe</b>	<b>postscript</b>	<b>scribble</b>	<b>subscribe</b>
<b>inscription</b>	<b>prescribe</b>	<b>scripture</b>	<b>transcript</b>
<b>manuscript</b>	<b>proscribe</b>		

### EXERCISE A Context Clues

Read each sentence and use context clues to develop a working definition of the boldfaced vocabulary word. Write your definition of the word. Then, look up the word in a dictionary and write the definition that best fits the meaning of the sentence.

- After hearing the author talk about her new book, I bought a copy and asked her to **inscribe** it.  
 My definition \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
- Many books in the Christian Bible are also part of the Jewish sacred **scripture**.  
 My definition \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
- After an unfortunate incident in the cafeteria, Ms. Jackson posted some new rules that **proscribe** throwing food from one table to another.  
 My definition \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
- To improve your performance in school, I would **prescribe** rest, quiet, and a regular study schedule.  
 My definition \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
- Peter would most likely **scribble** his term paper if his teacher did not require neatly typewritten essays.  
 My definition \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
- Lee Ann marveled at the work involved in the ancient handwritten **manuscript**.  
 My definition \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

## Vocabulary Power *continued*

7. Because the **postscript** was in different handwriting, I became suspicious.

My definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

8. The cost to **subscribe** to the symphony seems high, but we will enjoy all the concerts next year.

My definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

9. If you hear a radio program that you especially like, you can order a **transcript** and read the material yourself.

My definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

10. Some public buildings have an **inscription** carved into the cornerstone that gives the date of construction.

My definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

### **EXERCISE B** Context Clues

Write the vocabulary word that matches each clue.

1. Computers make it easier for authors to create this. \_\_\_\_\_

2. A sacred writing is an example of this. \_\_\_\_\_

3. If you forget to say something in your letter, you can add it here. \_\_\_\_\_

4. When a community does this, it is setting a rule against something. \_\_\_\_\_

5. A doctor may do this so that you can get the medicine you need. \_\_\_\_\_

### **EXERCISE C** Word Roots

Many other English words derive from the Latin root *scrib/script*, although their spelling may not always reveal this. Use your dictionary to solve this puzzle: All the words in the following list—except one—are derived from *scrib/script*: *scribe*, *sculpture*, *shrive*, *circumscribe*. Which one does not belong? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the root of this word, what does it mean, and what are some other English words derived from the same root?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



## Review: Unit 11

### EXERCISE A

Circle the word in each set of parentheses that best completes the sentence.

1. Watching the (intrepid, incessant, indulgent) gushing of water over the falls, Melinda wondered how many gallons must flow through there each year.
2. Arnav is my closest friend and (adherent, combatant, confidant); I trust him completely and tell him all my secrets.
3. Even after losing his leg, Paul, (undaunted, laudable, luxuriant), trained for a marathon.
4. It's obvious that you should not drop chewing gum on the court, although the rules of tennis do not specifically (prescribe, proscribe, subscribe) this behavior.
5. The ideals of (chivalry, prowess, altruism) include courage, nobility, honor, and courtesy toward women.
6. The (laudable, exultant, luxuriant) trees lined the avenue.
7. Although it was nearly midnight, Sally's determination to finish the novel in time to discuss it at the book club meeting helped her to (persevere, confront, inscribe).
8. The deadline for all short-story (inscriptions, contestants, manuscripts) is the end of the month.
9. Taking a bubble bath twice a day could be considered (intrepid, laudable, indulgent).
10. It takes courage to (confront, subscribe, persevere) someone whose behavior is hurting you, but often it is the only way to make the person realize the effects of his or her actions.

### EXERCISE B

For each boldfaced word, circle the letter of the word that has most nearly the same meaning.

1. **vanquish**  
 a. disappear      b. surrender      c. flee      d. conquer
2. **altruism**  
 a. courage      b. selflessness      c. determination      d. sadness
3. **incessant**  
 a. constant      b. pleasing      c. cruel      d. occasional
4. **proscribe**  
 a. embrace      b. medicate      c. forbid      d. erase
5. **laudable**  
 a. foolish      b. commendable      c. brave      d. loud



# Vocabulary Power

## Test: Unit 11

### PART A

Circle the letter of the word that best completes each sentence.

- Key ingredients of a good television game show include a host with an appealing personality, a game that is easy to understand, and at least one enthusiastic \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. adherent      b. contestant      c. confidant      d. combatant
- Most worthwhile goals require you to \_\_\_\_\_ despite obstacles.  
a. vanquish      b. confront      c. proscribe      d. persevere
- Building the pyramids in ancient Egypt was a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ that required brilliant engineering and the labor of millions of slaves.  
a. altruism      b. scripture      c. endeavor      d. inscription
- The costs to \_\_\_\_\_ to the club far outweigh any benefits we might receive.  
a. prescribe      b. persevere      c. subscribe      d. confront
- Geena's letter contained at least one \_\_\_\_\_ too many; she might as well have written a second letter!  
a. manuscript      b. postscript      c. transcript      d. adherent
- Despite the thin air and frigid wind near the top of Mount Everest, the climbers remained \_\_\_\_\_ as they began the last and most treacherous part of their journey.  
a. coherent      b. indulgent      c. reverent      d. undaunted
- The \_\_\_\_\_ gale-force winds caused the ship to founder.  
a. incessant      b. luxuriant      c. intrepid      d. exultant
- The principal mailed a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ of the student's grades to her new high school.  
a. transcript      b. manuscript      c. inscription      d. postscript
- The noisy children were warned to show a more \_\_\_\_\_ attitude at temple.  
a. intrepid      b. reverent      c. coherent      d. exultant
- Angelo's speech was \_\_\_\_\_; all his examples clearly supported his main idea.  
a. undaunted      b. coherent      c. incessant      d. indulgent

### PART B

Circle the letter of the item that best completes each sentence.

- The scriptures of a religious faith are important because \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. they provide a place where the faithful can gather to worship  
b. they are the sacred writings on which the faith is based  
c. they contain a current listing of the people in the community  
d. they are the leaders to whom others in the community look for guidance



## Vocabulary Power *continued*

2. A landscape described as luxuriant would probably look \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. brown and withered, with few plants or animals
  - b. cold and windswept, with a dazzling cover of bright white snow
  - c. crowded with people, cars, and many shops and restaurants
  - d. green and moist, bursting with healthy vegetation
  
3. An example of prowess is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. winning a professional golf tournament
  - b. having the courage to enter a writing contest even though you are unlikely to win
  - c. letting your little sister beat you at checkers
  - d. winning the lottery
  
4. One way to vanquish your fear of something is to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. avoid situations that make you feel afraid
  - b. never tell anyone you have felt afraid
  - c. face the thing that frightens you until you are no longer afraid of it
  - d. try to make others feel afraid of that thing too
  
5. You might call a child intrepid if she \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. hides behind her parents whenever strangers enter the room
  - b. spends most of her time alone in her room with her stuffed animals
  - c. bites her fingernails when she feels afraid of something
  - d. faces new experiences bravely

### **PART C**

**Analogies show relationships between things or ideas. For example, in the analogy *drop : break :: ignite : burn*, the relationship in each pair is "cause to effect." If you drop something, you cause it to break; if you ignite something, you cause it to burn. Complete each analogy by determining the relationship between the first pair of words. Then, choose the letter of the word that creates the same relationship in the second pair.**

1. undaunted : fearful :: coherent : \_\_\_\_\_
 

a. sensible	b. whole	c. inconsistent	d. sloppy
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2. combatant : fight :: adherent : \_\_\_\_\_
 

a. talk	b. believe	c. reject	d. rejoice
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3. chivalry : honor :: altruism : \_\_\_\_\_
 

a. stubbornness	b. self-sacrifice	c. ignorance	d. sweetness
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4. sketch : painting :: manuscript : \_\_\_\_\_
 

a. gravestone	b. sculpture	c. letter	d. book
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5. argument : coherent :: confidant : \_\_\_\_\_
 

a. trustworthy	b. sneaky	c. kind	d. fair
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# Vocabulary Power

## Lesson 44 Using Context Clues

“What’s so funny?” is a very personal question. Your sense of humor is as unique as your fingerprints. It’s fun to share a laugh with a friend or even with a complete stranger. Laughter brings people together. The words in this list all have something to do with comic perspectives.

### Word List

<b>droll</b>	<b>jocular</b>	<b>slapstick</b>	<b>whimsical</b>
<b>facetious</b>	<b>parody</b>	<b>wag</b>	<b>witticism</b>
<b>farcical</b>	<b>satire</b>		

### EXERCISE A Context Clues

Read each sentence below and use context clues to determine the meaning of the boldfaced word. Write your definition of the word. Then, look up the word in a dictionary and write its definition.

- The story I read to my little brother last night featured a **droll** elf whose strange behavior made us laugh.  
 My definition \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
- Joanne enjoyed the play because she likes **farcical** humor, but the plot was too far-fetched and the characters too exaggerated for my taste.  
 My definition \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
- The Three Stooges were masters of **slapstick** humor; they were forever tripping over things, chasing one another around the room, or hitting one another over the head.  
 My definition \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
- At first, I thought Dad was disappointed with the clay pot I’d made for him in art class, but the twinkle in his eye made me realize that his remark was **facetious**.  
 My definition \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
- A well-known **witticism** of Mark Twain is, “It is better to keep your mouth shut and appear stupid than to open it and remove all doubt.”  
 My definition \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

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## Vocabulary Power *continued*

6. In his **satire**, *Gulliver's Travels*, Jonathan Swift creates the inhabitants of four imaginary nations to criticize human pride, greed, selfishness, and dishonesty.  
 My definition \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
7. Robert's performance will be a **parody** of a political speech; he will discuss several fictitious issues, using the language and hand gestures of a politician.  
 My definition \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
8. Myra's **jocular** Uncle Fred loves to clown around by pretending to pull coins from the ears of her little sisters.  
 My definition \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
9. Stella's a real **wag** and can liven up any party with her jokes.  
 My definition \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
10. Writers of fantasy books must have very **whimsical** imaginations; their characters revel in the unexpected.  
 My definition \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

### **EXERCISE B Analogies**

**Analogies show relationships between things or ideas. For example, in the analogy *soldier : fight :: chef : cook*, the relationship in each pair is "actor to action." (A soldier fights; a chef cooks.) Complete each analogy below by determining the relationship between the first pair of words. Then, circle the letter of the word that creates the same relationship in the second pair.**

1. facetious : serious :: whimsical : \_\_\_\_\_  
 a. predictable      b. funny      c. old      d. brave
2. storyteller : tale :: wag : \_\_\_\_\_  
 a. song      b. dog      c. joke      d. lie
3. puzzle : confusion :: witticism : \_\_\_\_\_  
 a. disdain      b. criticism      c. surprise      d. humor
4. whimsy : whimsical :: farce : \_\_\_\_\_  
 a. facetious      b. paradoxical      c. farcical      d. jocular

# Vocabulary Power

## Lesson 45 The Prefixes *sym-* and *syn-*

A prefix is a word part that appears at the beginning of a word. Because a prefix has its own meaning, it changes the meaning of the base word or root to which it is added. For example, the Greek prefix *sym-*, which can also be spelled *syn-*, can mean “together,” “with,” “same,” or “similar.” Study the words in the list below, all of which have the prefix *sym-* or *syn-*. Do you know any of these words? If so, can you see how their meanings are related to the meaning of the prefix?

### Word List

<b>symbiotic</b>	<b>syndicate</b>	<b>synonymous</b>	<b>syntax</b>
<b>symmetrical</b>	<b>syndrome</b>	<b>synopsis</b>	<b>synthesis</b>
<b>sympathetic</b>	<b>synergy</b>		

### EXERCISE A Context Clues

For each sentence below, use context clues to determine the meaning of the boldfaced vocabulary word. Write your definition of the word. Then, look up the word in a dictionary and write its definition.

- The heads of several companies formed a **syndicate** to bring a new stadium to the city.  
 My definition \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
- Some **symbiotic** relationships involve two species that benefit each other; for example, a bee takes pollen from one flower and pollinates another.  
 My definition \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
- Most writing follows standard rules of **syntax**; that is, word arrangement.  
 My definition \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
- Recycled plastic is a **synthesis** of several kinds of plastic combined to form a new product.  
 My definition \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
- The wings on the child’s homemade angel costume were not **symmetrical**—one wing was larger than the other.  
 My definition \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
- Symptoms including depression, feelings of guilt, flashbacks to combat experiences, and sensitivity to loud noises are part of a **syndrome** known as post-traumatic stress disorder that afflicts many war veterans.  
 My definition \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_





## Vocabulary Power *continued*

7. Every time she thought about her friend's broken ankle, Karen experienced **sympathetic** pain in her own ankle.  
 My definition \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
8. When the two companies began working together, their **synergy** helped them double their profits.  
 My definition \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
9. Do you know if "quip" is **synonymous** with "witticism," or do the two words have slightly different meanings?  
 My definition \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
10. Jason's book report was so vague that his teacher wondered if he had read only a **synopsis**.  
 My definition \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

### **EXERCISE B** Multiple-Meaning Words

Many words have more than one meaning. Each meaning, however, is based on the meaning of the root word. The word *sympathetic*, for example, has the Greek root *pathos*, meaning "feeling." A dictionary entry for *sympathetic* lists several different meanings, but all of them are related to the root meaning. Use a dictionary to help you write the precise definition of *sympathy* as it is used in each sentence below.

1. She made a **sympathetic** gesture toward the sick child.  
 \_\_\_\_\_
2. The lab students observed the reaction of the frog's **sympathetic** nervous system.  
 \_\_\_\_\_
3. When the violinist plucked the major chords, certain minor chords sounded by **sympathetic** vibration.  
 \_\_\_\_\_
4. Various health organizations banded together in a **sympathetic** association.  
 \_\_\_\_\_

### **EXERCISE C** Word Roots

You already know that *syn-* means "together" or "with." Can you explain how the meaning of this prefix relates to the meaning of the word *synopsis*? Use a dictionary to research the origin of *synopsis*. What is its root, and from what language is this root? Use the back of this sheet to answer these questions.

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## Lesson 46 The Root *spec*

The Latin root *spec*, meaning “to look at,” is the basis for a large family of words in English. Think of all the different ways we use the idea of looking. For example, you can view something with your eyes or examine it with your mind. You can look up to someone or down on someone. The words in the list below all come from the root *spec*.

Word List			
<b>conspicuous</b>	<b>introspection</b>	<b>prospective</b>	<b>specter</b>
<b>despicable</b>	<b>perspective</b>	<b>retrospective</b>	<b>speculate</b>
<b>espionage</b>	<b>perspicacious</b>		

### EXERCISE A Synonyms

Each boldfaced word below is paired with a synonym whose meaning you probably know. Brainstorm other words related to the meaning of the synonym and write your ideas on the line provided. Then, look up the vocabulary word in a dictionary and write its meaning.

- perspective** : outlook \_\_\_\_\_  
Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
- speculate** : reflect \_\_\_\_\_  
Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
- specter** : ghost \_\_\_\_\_  
Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
- perspicacious** : shrewd \_\_\_\_\_  
Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
- espionage** : spying \_\_\_\_\_  
Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
- prospective** : likely \_\_\_\_\_  
Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
- conspicuous** : obvious \_\_\_\_\_  
Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
- introspection** : self-examination \_\_\_\_\_  
Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
- retrospective** : remembering \_\_\_\_\_  
Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

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10. despicable : hateful \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

**EXERCISE B Usage**

Read each sentence and decide whether it is true or false based on the meaning of the boldfaced word. Write *true* or *false* on the line provided and briefly explain your answer.

1. A **perspicacious** person is likely to overlook things that are obvious to other people.  
 \_\_\_\_\_
2. A person who engages in **introspection** probably has a deep understanding of his or her own feelings.  
 \_\_\_\_\_
3. If you are trying to blend in with a crowd of people, you should wear **conspicuous** clothing.  
 \_\_\_\_\_
4. A weather forecast is a **retrospective** look at what the weather might be in the coming days and weeks.  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**EXERCISE C Usage**

Circle the letter of the word that best completes each sentence.

1. A person who was caught stealing secrets from one company and giving the information to another company would be accused of industrial \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a. introspection    b. specter    c. perspective    d. espionage
2. We expect to interview all \_\_\_\_\_ candidates by Friday.  
 a. conspicuous    b. prospective    c. despicable    d. perspicacious
3. A career choice is difficult for many young people, but some degree of \_\_\_\_\_ can help them.  
 a. espionage    b. perspective    c. introspection    d. specter
4. Stefan worried that the coffee stain on his tie was \_\_\_\_\_, but no one else even noticed it.  
 a. conspicuous    b. perspicacious    c. retrospective    d. prospective
5. If you find reptiles \_\_\_\_\_, a career in herpetology, the study of reptiles, is not the best choice for you.  
 a. prospective    b. despicable    c. perspicacious    d. retrospective

**EXERCISE D Multiple-Meaning Word**

You have already learned what the word *retrospective* means when it is used as an adjective. Use your dictionary to find out what it means when used as a noun and write the definition here.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_



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## Review: Unit 12

### EXERCISE

Circle the letter of the word that best completes each sentence.

- The play was successful because of the excellent \_\_\_\_\_ among the director, cast, and crew, whose talents all complemented each other.
  - parody
  - synergy
  - introspection
  - synopsis
- Not all \_\_\_\_\_ relationships benefit both organisms; for example, a tapeworm lives inside its host and actually harms the host.
  - symbiotic
  - jocular
  - despicable
  - synonymous
- I like Woody Allen's \_\_\_\_\_, "I don't want to achieve immortality through my work. I want to achieve immortality by not dying."
  - syntax
  - witticism
  - parody
  - wag
- Most people's faces are not perfectly \_\_\_\_\_; the right side is slightly different from the left.
  - synonymous
  - symmetrical
  - sympathetic
  - symbiotic
- When you first start studying German, you may find the \_\_\_\_\_ difficult because the various parts of a sentence don't appear in the order you expect.
  - satire
  - specter
  - syndrome
  - syntax
- The exhibit was a \_\_\_\_\_ of paintings the artist had created during the first forty years of her career.
  - retrospective
  - satire
  - syndicate
  - perspective
- This disease is a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ marked by the simultaneous occurrence of several symptoms.
  - parody
  - introspection
  - syndrome
  - espionage
- I've never read *Wuthering Heights*, so I need a brief \_\_\_\_\_ of the plot.
  - wag
  - synopsis
  - witticism
  - syndicate
- A political \_\_\_\_\_ would point out the human weaknesses displayed by ambitious politicians.
  - perspective
  - synthesis
  - espionage
  - satire
- At first Sharon could not tell whether Roderick's remark was serious or \_\_\_\_\_.
  - synonymous
  - conspicuous
  - retrospective
  - facetious
- The movie had both witty dialogue and \_\_\_\_\_ comedy, including a scene in which a clumsy waiter dumps a tray of food into the lap of the beautiful heiress.
  - jocular
  - slapstick
  - despicable
  - perspicacious
- Reading a good novel can give you a new \_\_\_\_\_ because it allows you to see things through the eyes of a character whose life may be very different from your own.
  - synergy
  - introspection
  - perspective
  - specter



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## Test: Unit 12

### PART A

Circle the word in each set of parentheses that best completes the sentence.

1. My Latin teacher always complains about my (syndicate, synergy, syntax); I use the correct words but place them in the wrong order.
2. At a somber event such as a funeral, you would probably hear very few (perspicacious, sympathetic, facetious) comments.
3. (Introspection, Espionage, Satire) often involves the theft of military secrets by one government from another.
4. Steve can do a good (parody, witticism, wag) of student council meetings because he is able to imitate the speech and mannerisms of each person involved.
5. In the ghost story I'm reading, some of the (wags, specters, perspectives) are friendly and others are scary.
6. Juliet didn't want to agree to the proposed plan until she'd had time to consider all the (symbiotic, farcical, prospective) consequences.
7. This fast-food restaurant wants to make its name (synonymous, perspicacious, facetious) with great French fries, so that whenever someone thinks of fries, they think of the restaurant.
8. Jill's poem is a perfect (syndrome, retrospective, synthesis) of vivid imagery, clever insights, and pleasing rhythm.
9. From my (specter, synopsis, perspective), teens want more intelligent films.
10. In the new millennium, many publications are taking a (conspicuous, perspicacious, retrospective) look at the past century.
11. My story is a (synthesis, parody, satire); it tries to subtly portray such human flaws as envy, greed, and cruelty.
12. The outstanding (syntax, synergy, synopsis) between the athletes and their coach led to a winning season.
13. Lila is a (perspicacious, conspicuous, prospective) observer who notices everything that happens around her.
14. A good (parody, synopsis, wag) should outline the major events of a story but omit less important details.
15. Through (introspection, espionage, retrospective), you can explore your own deepest beliefs and feelings.

### PART B


For each boldfaced vocabulary word, circle the word that is most nearly *opposite* in meaning.

1. **conspicuous**

- a. bright                      b. clear                      c. sad                      d. subtle

2. **despicable**

- a. praiseworthy              b. disgusting              c. soft                      d. funny

 **Vocabulary Power** *continued***3. droll**

- a. happy                      b. somber                      c. foolish                      d. generous

**4. symmetrical**

- a. ugly                          b. unbalanced                      c. circular                      d. incomprehensible

**5. jocular**

- a. serious                      b. uplifting                      c. distasteful                      d. cruel

**6. whimsical**

- a. fantastic                      b. silly                          c. predictable                      d. admirable

**7. symbiotic**

- a. predatory                      b. unrelated                      c. growing                      d. hungry

**8. retrospective**

- a. inclusive                      b. critical                      c. celebratory                      d. forward-looking

**PART C****Circle the best answer to each question.**

1. What is an example of a syndicate?
  - a. two high-school students who take all the same classes
  - b. a word that has nearly the same meaning as another word
  - c. a play with a ridiculous plot and outrageous characters
  - d. several organizations working together to block plans to cut down a forest
2. Which scene would you be most likely to see in a slapstick comedy?
  - a. a character slips on a banana peel
  - b. two characters sit in a kitchen and make light conversation
  - c. a comedian stands in front of a microphone and tells jokes
  - d. a character from a big city does not understand the social customs of a small town



abhor ab hōr'  
 absolve ab zolv'  
 abyss ə bis'  
 accentuate ak sen'chōō āt'  
 accolades ak'ə lādz'  
 adept ə dept'  
 adequate ad'ə kwət  
 adherent ad hēr'ənt  
 advocate ad'və kāt'  
 aesthetic es thet'ik  
 affront ə frunt'  
 agenda ə jen'də  
 alluring ə loor'ing  
 altruism al'trōō iz'əm  
 anachronism ə nak'rə niz'əm  
 anecdote an'ik dōt'  
 animated an'ə mā'tid  
 anonymous ə non'ə mäs  
 anthropomorphic an'thrə pə mōr'fik  
 antibiotic an'tē bī ot'ik  
 antidote an'ti dōt'  
 antipathy an tip'ə thē  
 antithesis an tith'ə sis  
 antonym an'tə nim'  
 apprehend ap'ri hend'  
 arboretum ār'bə rē'təm  
 arrogance ar'ə gəns  
 average av'rij  
 axiom ak'sē əm  
 backlash bak'lash'  
 balmy bā'mē  
 beguile bi gīl'  
 benchmark bench'märk  
 benefactor ben'ə fak'tər  
 benign bi nīn'  
 bicuspid bī kus'pid  
 biennial bī en'ē al  
 bigamy big'ə mē  
 bilateral bī lat'ər əl  
 bilingual bī ling'gwəl  
 blitz blits  
 bow bō (n. or v.), bou (n. or v.)  
 brink bringk  
 calf kaf  
 candor kan'dər

cataclysm kat'ə kliz'əm  
 caustic kōs'tik  
 centralize sen'trə līz'  
 chivalry shiv'al rē  
 chronic krōn'ik  
 chronicle krōn'ik əl  
 chronograph krōn'ə graf'  
 chronological krōn'ə loj' i kəl  
 chronology krə nol'ə jē  
 circumlocution sur'kəm lō kū'shən  
 circumstance sur'kəm stans'  
 cognition kog nish'ən  
 coherent kō hēr'ənt  
 combatant kəm bat'ənt  
 common sense kom'ən sens  
 complement kom'plə mənt  
 comrade kom'rad  
 condescend kon'di send'  
 confidant kon'fə dant'  
 confound kən found'  
 confront kən frunt'  
 conscientiously kon'shē en'shəs lē  
 console kon'sōl  
 conspicuous kən spik'ū əs  
 constrain kən strān'  
 constrict kən strikt'  
 contestant kən tes'tənt  
 contraband kon'trə bənd'  
 contradictory kon'trə dik'tər ē  
 converge kən vurj'  
 convoluted kon'və lōō'tid  
 corpulent kōr'pyə lənt  
 counterweight koun'tər wāt'  
 cumulative kū'myə lə tiv  
 curtail kər tāl'  
 dauntless dōnt'lis  
 defray di frā'  
 dehydration dē'hī drā'shən  
 delectable di lek'tə bəl  
 delude di lōōd'  
 delve delv  
 demure di myoor'  
 denomination di nom'ə nā'shən  
 despicable des'pi kə bəl  
 destitute des'tə tōōt'



diction	dik'shən	exposition	eks'pəzish'ən
digression	di'grɛsh'ən	expunge	iks'pʌnj'
diligent	dil'əjənt	exultant	ig'zʌlt'ənt
disconsolate	dis'kɒn'səlit	facetious	fə'se'shəs
disdain	dis'dān'	farcical	fär'si'kəl
disillusion	dis'i'lʊō'zhən	fidelity	fi'del'ə'tē
dispassionate	dis'pəsh'ən	flaunt	fləʊnt
disperse	dis'pɜrs'	formidable	fɔr'mi'dəbəl
disposed	dis'pəʊzd'	fortitude	fɔr'tə'tʊd'
disposition	dis'pəzish'ən	fortuitous	fɔr'tʊō'ətəs
distress	dis'tres'	founder	fəʊndər
dormant	dɔr'mənt	fractional	fræk'shənəl
droll	drɔl	fractious	fræk'shəs
dynamic	dī'nəm'ik	fragment	fræg'mənt
eccentric	ik'sen'trik	frail	frāil
economize	i'kɒn'əmīz'	fraught	frɔt
ecstatic	ek'stat'ik	fret	fret
elaborate	i'ləb'ərət (adj.), i'ləb'ərət (v.)	fritter	frit'ər
elated	i'lā'tid	frivolous	friv'ələs
elegy	el'əjē	gaudy	gɔ'dē
elicit	i'lis'it	genealogy	jē'nē'ol'əjē
emboldened	em'bɔld'ənd	giddy	gid'ē
eminent	em'ənənt	grapple	grəp'əl
emit	i'mit'	gratify	grat'əfī'
empower	em'pəʊər	gridlock	grid'lɒk
endeavor	en'dev'ər	grotesque	grō'tesk'
endorse	en'dɔrs'	hidebound	hīd'baʊnd'
enhance	en'həns'	hierarchy	hī'ərār'kē
ensemble	ən'säm'bəl	hold	hɔld
ephemeral	i'fem'ərəl	homonym	hɒm'ənīm'
epitaph	ep'ətəf'	hop	hɒp
epithet	ep'ətət'	hypodermic	hī'pədər'mik
equalize	ēk'wəlīz'	idealize	ī'dē'əlīz'
equanimity	ēk'wə'nīm'ətē	ideology	ī'dē'ol'əjē
equilibrium	ēk'wə'lib'rēəm	ignominy	ig'nə'min'ē
equivocal	i'kwiv'əkəl	immobilize	i'mō'bəlīz'
espionage	es'pēənəzh'	impede	im'pēd'
esteem	es'tēm'	impetuous	im'pɛtʊəs
euthanasia	ū'thə'nā'zhə	impressionable	im'preʃənəbəl
evade	i'vād'	incessant	in'ses'ənt
evocative	i'vɒk'ətiv	indulgent	in'dʌl'jənt
excise	ek'sīz (n.), ek'sīz (v.)	infamous	in'fə'məs
exhilarate	ig'zɪl'ərət'	infraction	in'fræk'shən
expend	iks'pend'	infringe	in'frɪnj'
expertise	ek'spər'tēz'	innocuous	i'nɒk'ʊəs





innovate in'ə vāt'  
 inscribe in skrib'  
 inscription in skrip'shən  
 inscrutable in skrōō'tə bəl  
 insinuation in sin'ū ā'shən  
 insoluble in sol'yə bəl  
 insuperable in sōō'pər ə bəl  
 interact in'tə rakt'  
 intercom in'tər kom'  
 interject in'tər jekt'  
 interlaced in'tər lāst'  
 intermediary in'tər mē'dē er'ē  
 interminable in tur'mi nə bəl  
 intermittent in'tər mit'ənt  
 interplay in'tər plā'  
 interrogate in ter'ə gāt'  
 interrogation in ter'ə gā'shən  
 intersperse in'tər spurs'  
 intervention in'tər ven'chən  
 intramural in'trə myoor'əl  
 intrastate in'trə stāt'  
 intravenous in'trə vē'nəs  
 intrepid in trep'id  
 introspection in'trə spek'shən  
 invincible in vin'sə bəl  
 jocular jok'yə lər  
 kindred kin'drid  
 kowtow kou'tou'  
 lap lap  
 laud lōd  
 laudable lō'də bəl  
 luxuriant lug zhoor'ē ənt  
 malicious mə lish'əs  
 manipulate mə nip'yə lāt'  
 manuscript man'yə skript'  
 martyr mār'tər  
 materialize mə tēr'ē ə līz'  
 maximize mak'sə mīz'  
 mediocre mē'dē ō'kər  
 medley med'lē  
 mesmerize mez'mə rīz'  
 microbe mī'krōb  
 microbiology mī'krō bī ol'ə jē  
 microfilm mī'krə film'  
 microscopic mī'krə skop'ik

midcontinent mid'kont'ən ənt  
 midlife mid'līf  
 misnomer mis nō'mər  
 momentum mō men'təm  
 monogamy mə nog'ə mē  
 monolith mon'ə lith'  
 monologue mon'ə lōg'  
 monotheism mon'ə thē iz'əm  
 monotony mə not'ən ē  
 mundane mun dān'  
 muted mūt'id  
 nadir nā'dər  
 naive nā ēv'  
 narrate nar'āt  
 nautical nō'ti kəl  
 nomenclature nō'mən klā'chər  
 nominal nom'ən əl  
 nonchalant non'shə lānt'  
 obliterate ə blit'e rāt'  
 obnoxious ob nok'shəs  
 obscurity əb skyoor'ə tē  
 obstruct əb strukt'  
 obtrude əb trōōd'  
 obtuse əb tōōs'  
 oppugn ə pyūn'  
 opulent op'yə lənt  
 osprey os'prē  
 ostentatious os'tən tā'shəs  
 outsource out'sōrs  
 overkill ō'vər kil'  
 pall pōl  
 pallid pal'id  
 palpable pal'pə bəl  
 panoramic pan'ə ram'ik  
 parody par'ə dē  
 partisan pār'tə zən  
 passive pas'iv  
 patronize pā'trə nīz'  
 pensive pen'siv  
 perception pər sep'shən  
 periphery pə rif'ər ē  
 permeate pur'mē āt'  
 perseverance pur'sə vēr'əns  
 persevere pur'sə vēr'  
 perspective pər spek'tiv



perspicacious pur'spə kă'shəs  
 pervade pər vād'  
 pestilent pes'tə lənt  
 picturesque pik'chə resk'  
 pleased plēzd  
 poignant poin'yənt  
 postscript pōst'skript'  
 precipitous pri sip'ə tās  
 predator pred'ə tər  
 predecessors pred'ə ses'ərs  
 prescribe pri skrib'  
 prestige pres tēzh'  
 pretentious pri ten'shəs  
 prevail pri vāl'  
 prodigy prod'ə jē  
 progeny proj'ə nē  
 proponent prə pō'nənt  
 proscribe prō skrib'  
 prospective prə spek'tiv  
 protracted prō trakt'id  
 prowess prou'is  
 pseudonym sōō'də nim'  
 psychopath sī'kə path'  
 rationalize rash'an əl īz'  
 recourse rē'kōrs'  
 recuperate ri kōō'pə rāt'  
 refractory ri frak'tər ē  
 refute ri fūt'  
 regress ri gres'  
 rejuvenated ri jōō'və nāt'id  
 remorse ri mōrs'  
 renown ri noun'  
 renowned ri nound'  
 repel ri pel'  
 reprehend rep'ri hend'  
 repulse ri puls'  
 resentment ri zent'mənt  
 resigned ri zīnd'  
 resilient ri zil'yənt  
 resplendent ri splen'dənt  
 restraint ri strānt'  
 retort ri tōrt'  
 retract ri trakt'  
 retrospective ret'rə spek'tiv  
 revel rev'əl

reverent rev'ər ənt  
 reverie rev'ər ē  
 rift rift  
 sagacious sə gā'shəs  
 satire sat'ir  
 scribble skrib'al  
 scripture skrip'chər  
 scrutinize skrōōt'an īz'  
 sedate si dāt'  
 sentiment sen'tə mənt  
 serendipity ser'an dip'ə tē  
 slapstick slap'stik'  
 solace sol'is  
 solitary sol'ə ter'ē  
 solitude sol'ə tōōd'  
 sonorous sə nōr'əs  
 sordid sōr'did  
 sparse spərs  
 specter spek'tər  
 speculate spek'yə lāt'  
 stagnation stag'nā shən  
 stalwart stōl'wərt  
 straits strätz  
 stress stres  
 stricture strik'chər  
 stringent strin'jənt  
 stupor stōō'pər  
 suave swäv  
 subconscious sub kon'shəs  
 submerge səb murj'  
 subscribe səb skrib'  
 substandard sub stan'dərd  
 subtle sut'al  
 superhighway sōō'pər hī'wā'  
 superlative sə pur'lə tiv  
 suppress sə pres'  
 symbiotic sim'bī ot'ik  
 symmetrical si met'ri kəl  
 sympathetic sim'pə thet'ik  
 synchronicity sing'krə ni'sə tē  
 synchronize sing'krə nīz'  
 syndicate sin'di kit  
 syndrome sin'drōm'  
 synergy sin'ər jē  
 synonymous si non'ə mäs



synopsis si nɒp' sɪs  
syntax sɪn' taks  
synthesis sɪn' θə sɪs  
systematic sɪs' tə mət' ɪk  
tantalize tant' əl ɪz'  
temperate tem' pər ɪt  
tentative ten' tə tɪv  
tip-off tɪp' ɒf'  
torrid tɔr' ɪd  
torsion tɔr' shən  
traction trak' shən  
transcribe tran skrɪb'  
transcript tran' skrɪpt'  
transient tran' shənt  
traumatic trə mat' ɪk  
treachery treach' ər ē  
tribulation trɪb' yə lā' shən  
tumult tʊm' ʌlt  
ultimate ul' tə mɪt  
undaunted un dɒn' tɪd  
underdog un' dər dɒg'  
unerring un ur' ɪŋ  
unify ũ' nə fɪ'  
unrequited un' rɪ kwɪ' tɪd  
unrestrained un' rɪ strænd'  
vanquish vɒŋ' kwɪʃ  
vigilant vɪj' ə lənt  
virtuoso vɜr' tʃʊoʊ sɔ  
vivacious vɪ vā' shəs  
volatile vol' ə tɪl  
voracious vɔ rā' shəs  
wag wɒg  
wan wɒn  
wanton wɒnt' ən  
wary wār' ē  
wend wend  
whet hwet  
whimsical hwɪm' zɪ kəl  
wind chime wɪnd' tʃɪm  
witticism wɪt' ɪ sɪz' əm  
zealously zel' əs lē  
zenith zē' nɪθ