

Each sentence in the right-hand column contains a capitalized vocabulary word. Read each sentence and match the capitalized vocabulary words to their definitions in the left-hand column.

DEFINITION	SAMPLE SENTENCE
_____ dull; ordinary	A.) They DESECRATED the church when they spray-painted graffiti on its wall.
_____ retreat to an earlier stage; progress backwards	B.) Because he was so DIFFIDENT, he couldn't bring himself to ask her to dance.
_____ stockpile or hiding place	C.) Rather than deal with the issues in the election, she made DISPARAGING remarks about her opponent.
_____ show disrespect for something holy or sacred	D.) It would be considered GAUCHE not to tip the host in a fine restaurant.
_____ shy; timid	E.) It's fun to watch the little ones dress up as ghosts and GOBLINS on Halloween.
_____ speed; haste	F.) In the duet, Sharon sang melody, while her partner Felicia sang HARMONY.
_____ sudden and significant	G.) So many plots for movies nowadays are PROSAIC; can't they think of anything new?
_____ quality of being brief and to the point	H.) When the company doubled the size of the factory, it achieved a QUANTUM increase in production.
_____ agreement; musical part that blends	I.) It's not healthy for an adult to REGRESS to childhood by crying and carrying on when he doesn't get what he wants.
_____ socially unrefined	J.) When you have only a few minutes to tell a story, BREVITY is necessary.
_____ mischievous spirit	K.) The thief finally revealed where he had hidden his CACHE of stolen goods.
_____ belittling or finding fault with	L.) She got her homework done with CELERITY so she could go to the movies.

DEFINITION

- _____ snobbish; arrogant
- _____ clever verbal exchange; witty remarks
- _____ feeling of embarrassment or shame
- _____ feeling hopeless, dejected or very sad
- _____ part that sticks out; bulge; bump
- _____ hard and unfeeling
- _____ speaking in a lofty style, as an orator
- _____ blunt or rough in manner
- _____ category or kind, as in an art form
- _____ search made in order to find something worthwhile
- _____ reveal; as a secret; tell
- _____ lessen; reduce

SAMPLE SENTENCE

- A.) He felt **DESPONDENT** after losing the big game.
- B.) Her disappointing SAT scores **DIMINISH**ed her chances of getting into the college of her choice.
- C.) To avoid going to jail, he agreed to **DIVULGE** the gang's whereabouts.
- D.) Stephen King is a master of the horror **GENRE**.
- E.) The candidates spoke **GRANDILOQUENTLY** in the debate.
- F.) She gave me a very **HAUGHTY** look when I said I didn't like the color of her Rolls Royce.
- G.) The tree trunk had a **PROTUBERANCE** where a branch had been mostly cut off.
- H.) Medieval knights often went on **QUESTs** to find the Holy Grail, a cup that supposedly had magical powers.
- I.) The comedian came out on top in his **REPARTEE** with the heckler.
- J.) The clerk's replies became **BRUSQUE** when the customer kept asking the same questions.
- K.) The **CALLOUS** man showed no emotion when he broke up with his girlfriend.
- L.) He suffered **CHAGRIN** when he realized he'd forgotten his friend's birthday.

DEFINITION

- _____ tip to a waiter
- _____ repeal or abolish
- _____ dreadful; terrible
- _____ one pretending to have knowledge he really doesn't have; imposter
- _____ unpredictable
- _____ tame
- _____ sag or collapse under pressure
- _____ gap
- _____ relevant; pertinent
- _____ wise in practical matters; sensible
- _____ lacking food, clothing, and shelter
- _____ spreading out of control

SAMPLE SENTENCE

- A.) Nowadays, many a DESTITUTE person can be seen sleeping on city streets.
- B.) When the tornado destroyed their house they were truly in a DIRE situation.
- C.) Tigers aren't DOMESTICATED, so they don't make good house pets.
- D.) In a debate, keep your answers GERMANE to the subject; don't bring up unrelated issues.
- E.) The recommended GRATUITY when dining out is 15 percent of the bill.
- F.) The workers' strike at the factory led to a HIATUS in the work flow.
- G.) It is PRUDENT not to walk in certain neighborhoods after dark.
- H.) Mosquitoes tend to become RAMPANT in swampy areas.
- I.) Prohibition—the ban on alcoholic beverages—proved to be unworkable, and was RESCINDED in the 1930s.
- J.) The bridge BUCKLED because there were too many trucks on it.
- K.) Her behavior was so CAPRICIOUS that we never knew what to expect.
- L.) When the new doctor continued to make incorrect diagnoses, we knew he was probably a CHARLATAN.

DEFINITION

- _____ sharply affecting one's sense of taste or smell; hot; peppery
- _____ indifferent; uncaring; thoughtless
- _____ spoken with confidence, but not much thought
- _____ reasonable; sensible
- _____ punish with harsh criticism
- _____ discourage from acting
- _____ oddly comical
- _____ respect or reverence given, as to a hero
- _____ inclined to believe anything; naïve
- _____ unfairly characterizing as unimportant
- _____ rob; steal from
- _____ something that remains; remnant

SAMPLE SENTENCE

- A.) Even without radar, a police car parked at the side of the road can DETER speeders.
- B.) In the nasty political race, the two candidates made DISPARAGING remarks about each other's abilities.
- C.) The comedian delivered jokes in a DROLL monotone.
- D.) The candidate's GLIB answers at the press conference cost him a lot of votes.
- E.) Young children are GULLIBLE and easy to fool.
- F.) The city paid HOMAGE to the returning soldiers in the parade.
- G.) The PUNGENT onions made her cry when she was slicing them.
- H.) His patience and ability to consider all the angles helped him make RATIONAL decisions.
- I.) John cleaned his shoes after the hike, but there was still a RESIDUE of mud on them.
- J.) We had to buy a new TV because ours was taken when the house was BURGLARIZED.
- K.) The player's CAVALIER attitude about missing practice got him kicked off the team.
- L.) His mother CHASTISED him for skipping school to go swimming with his friends.

DEFINITION

_____ give implied approval to;
overlook (something illegal)

_____ not genuine or authentic;
counterfeit

_____ make a formal speech

_____ steadfast in opinion; firm

_____ specify formally, especially in
contract

_____ dedicated to some religious
purpose; holy

_____ pronounce clearly

_____ separation in a group,
especially due to a
disagreement

_____ secret; undercover

_____ highest point

_____ worthy of esteem; excellent

_____ draw out

SAMPLE SENTENCE

A.) She was RESOLUTE in her decision to go to college, even if it meant borrowing money to pay tuition.

B.) To Muslims, Mecca is a SACRED place.

C.) A SCHISM has formed in some religious organizations over gay rights.

D.) The best teachers know how to ELICIT answers from students rather than just tell them.

E.) We had to ask her to repeat herself frequently because she didn't ENUNCIATE her words.

F.) Barry Bonds has been an ESTIMABLE power hitter in the world of baseball.

G.) We must never CONDONE the taking of hostages, no matter what the reason.

H.) The spy was assigned to a COVERT operation.

I.) In olden days, politicians DECLAIMed on street corners.

J.) Reports of UFOs over the town turned out to be SPURIOUS.

K.) It is necessary to STIPULATE the interest rate in a loan contract.

L.) At its ZENITH, the company made more computers than anyone else.