

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
_____ unhappy; miserable	A.) Politicians are known for their RHETORIC.
_____ having a dreamlike quality	B.) Alone in the house, he felt TREPIDATION when the wind made the roof creak.
_____ heavenly; otherworldly	C.) If you SHIRK your homework, you won't get good grades.
_____ trembling fear	D.) Only found in Antarctica, the Adélie penguin is ENDEMIC to that region.
_____ occurring at regular intervals	E.) The outfielder's ERRANT throw went well over the catcher's head.
_____ magnificent; superb	F.) The mood music for the sci-fi film had an ETHEREAL quality about it.
_____ avoid a responsibility	G.) Wearing a Halloween costume on Valentine's Day would make you CONSPICUOUS.
_____ overblown speech; undue use of exaggeration	H.) The phases of the moon follow a CYCLICAL path.
_____ easily seen or noticed	I.) He never said he was DEJECTED, but we could tell from the way he moped all the time.
_____ restricted to a particular area	J.) They were so excited about being on vacation that they SQUANDERed all their money the first day.
_____ deviating from the proper course	K.) The mountain scenery in the Rockies is SUBLIME.
_____ waste	L.) Many horror movie scenes have an eerie, SURREAL quality about them.

DEFINITION

- _____ keep away from; shun
- _____ deceive; trick
- _____ quiet; not inclined to talk
- _____ strongly affecting one's emotions
- _____ hardship; severity of living conditions
- _____ distrustful of the motives of others
- _____ help; aid
- _____ strong; firm; uncompromising
- _____ mystery or riddle
- _____ dependent; subject to
- _____ bitterly mocking or sarcastic
- _____ of poor quality or workmanship
- _____ polite word used instead of an offensive one

SAMPLE SENTENCE

- A.) When the lovers parted at the end of the film, it was a POIGNANT moment for the entire audience.
- B.) We are so used to modern comforts that it's hard to imagine what the RIGORS of pioneer life must have been like.
- C.) He couldn't keep friends for very long because he was so prone to making SARDONIC comments to them.
- D.) Because the carpenter was rushed, he did a SHODDY job on the bookcase he built.
- E.) It's still an ENIGMA as to how ancient people built the giant statues on Easter Island.
- F.) Her doctor told her to ESCHEW fatty foods.
- G.) "Dang" and "crikey" are EUPHEMISMS for swear words that might offend some people.
- H.) His afternoon of golf was CONTINGENT on completing the company project by noon.
- I.) Some voters were CYNICAL of the shady politician's reasons for holding the fundraising dinner.
- J.) Shakespeare's villain Iago DELUDED Othello into thinking he was his friend.
- K.) She has always been a STALWART supporter of equal rights.
- L.) The community required SUCCOR from the government after the tornado hit.
- M.) He was quite TACITURN at parties, making it difficult to have a conversation with him.

DEFINITION

- _____ terrible failure or disaster
- _____ adequate for the purpose;
enough
- _____ person of profound learning;
scholar
- _____ great happiness and joy
- _____ cheap, gaudy, and showy
- _____ desolate; grim; harsh
- _____ of rural life or simplicity
- _____ pray; beg
- _____ sincere remorse
- _____ shy or quiet
- _____ serious and dignified

SAMPLE SENTENCE

- A.) Many old New England towns have a RUSTIC look about them.
- B.) Only a SAVANT can truly understand the complexities of nuclear physics.
- C.) The Easter service in honor of Christ was a SOLEMN event.
- D.) He ENTREATEd the judge for mercy.
- E.) A feeling of EUPHORIA overcame her when she realized she'd won the lottery.
- F.) She felt CONTRITION over hurting her friend's feelings, and swore she'd never do it again.
- G.) The stock market crash of 1987, when stocks lost almost 25 percent of their value in one day, was truly a DEBACLE for investors.
- H.) The DEMURE girl didn't say much when he tried to strike up a conversation.
- I.) The icy mountain was a STARK landscape for the climber.
- J.) With only \$5 in her pocket, she barely had a SUFFICIENT money to buy lunch.
- K.) She had terrible taste in furniture; she always chose such TAWDRY patterns.

DEFINITION

- _____ place side by side
- _____ showing great intensity of spirit
- _____ stronghold; place of fortification
- _____ easy to bend; flexible
- _____ ease of speaking or writing
- _____ nonchalant; cool
- _____ bland; dull
- _____ person with power to decide; judge; referee
- _____ help speed things along
- _____ fatal; deadly
- _____ moody and irritable

SAMPLE SENTENCE

- A.) She was so spoiled she became PETULANT over the most unimportant things.
- B.) Modelers like to work with clay because it is a PLIANT material.
- C.) The network put on some new exciting shows to replace ones that viewers felt were INSIPID.
- D.) When she corrected the exams, the teacher JUXTAPOSEd each student's paper with the answer sheet.
- E.) A gun is a LETHAL weapon.
- F.) Good teamwork by the students EXPEDITED the completion of their project.
- G.) The cheerleaders were FERVENT in their show of support for the team.
- H.) Though he'd only been in the U.S. for two years, his FLUENCY in English was impressive.
- I.) The home plate umpire is the ARBITER of balls and strikes.
- J.) America is considered a great BASTION of freedom around the world.
- K.) The teacher became annoyed when the student acted BLASÉ about missing the test.

DEFINITION

- _____ inappropriate light humor
- _____ obvious in a defiant way
- _____ failure; dud
- _____ destiny; fate
- _____ deceive, trick, or mislead
- _____ minor weakness or fault
- _____ old; from an earlier period
- _____ ring loudly
- _____ erase or strike out
- _____ wet weather; rain, snow, sleet, etc.
- _____ hint; cue
- _____ sharp to the taste

SAMPLE SENTENCE

- A.) The chapel bells PEALed to mark the start of the service.
- B.) The salsa was so PIQUANT she thought her tongue would catch fire.
- C.) There was a great deal of flooding last spring due to unusual amounts of PRECIPITATION.
- D.) The surprise party was such a well kept secret that she had no INTIMATION of what was about to happen.
- E.) My girl thinks we met because of KISMET; I think it was just coincidence.
- F.) LEVITY at a funeral might not be appreciated by the deceased's family.
- G.) The editor EXPUNGEd the unnecessary paragraph from the story.
- H.) Because the lead singer was just getting over laryngitis, the concert was a FIASCO.
- I.) They all thought he was perfect, but I knew he had FOIBLES like all of us.
- J.) Words like "thou" and "methinks" are considered ARCHAIC nowadays.
- K.) The clever thief BEGUILED his victims with his smooth talking.
- L.) His BLATANT lies didn't fool anyone.