

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.