

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  |
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| _____ inclined to pick fights; quarrelsome | A.) They couldn't afford to take a trip this year because they were having PECUNIARY trouble.  |
| _____ the quality of being genuine         | B.) The remote lakeside was especially PLACID on that warm day.  |
| _____ irreligious; vulgar                  | C.) You probably wouldn't be IRASCIBLE in traffic jams if you made sure to leave enough time to get to your destination.               |
| _____ to make a mistake; err               | D.) <i>Saturday Night Live</i> regularly LAMPOONs political personalities.   |
| _____ delicate skill                       | E.) When the reporter asked some tough questions, the politician's response included a few PROFANE words the newspaper couldn't print. |
| _____ related to money                     | F.) The LIBERAL believed no one should be discriminated against because of race or sexual orientation.                                 |
| _____ satirize; parody; poke fun at        | G.) He was always being FACETIOUS, so when he finally got serious no one believed him.   |
| _____ visit often                          | H.) The negotiator used quite a bit of FINESSE to convince the two sides to compromise.  |
| _____ favoring political reform            | I.) She FREQUENTs antique shops in order to add to her collection.   |
| _____ peaceful; calm                       | J.) The Great Seal of the United States assures the AUTHENTICITY of paper money.   |
| _____ easily angered                       | K.) The BELLICOSE leader constantly had his country on the brink of war.   |
| _____ tongue-in-cheek; joking              | L.) The planner BLUNDERed when he scheduled two games on the same field at the same time.  |

## DEFINITION

- \_\_\_\_\_ make serious demands on;  
put a burden on
- \_\_\_\_\_ false, though appearing to  
be true
- \_\_\_\_\_ crude; insensitive
- \_\_\_\_\_ medical rehabilitation process
- \_\_\_\_\_ to make worse; aggravate
- \_\_\_\_\_ useless; producing no result
- \_\_\_\_\_ sensitive to others' feelings;  
compassionate
- \_\_\_\_\_ insulting
- \_\_\_\_\_ shake or wave, as a weapon
- \_\_\_\_\_ remove from power
- \_\_\_\_\_ bold in a rude way
- \_\_\_\_\_ develop gradually

## SAMPLE SENTENCE

- A.) Since he knew nothing about carpentry, his attempts to fix the deck were FUTILE.
- B.) He hurt her feelings by making BOORISH remarks about her painting.
- C.) He BRANDISHed the knife to frighten his attacker.
- D.) To get rid of his lisp, the school counselor suggested speech THERAPY.
- E.) The lawyer's SPECIOUS argument had the jury fooled until all the evidence was revealed.
- F.) Our decision to go to the mountains last weekend EVOLVED from dad's remark that we hadn't been skiing in a while.
- G.) Lying about why she missed the exam only EXACERBATED the situation.
- H.) The unhappy citizens wanted to DEPOSE the queen.
- I.) When he kept making DEROGATORY remarks about how she hung the curtains, she finally told him to hang them himself.
- J.) Her constant complaining began to TAX his patience.
- K.) Nurses are known for their TENDER treatment of hospital patients.
- L.) The class was shocked at the BRAZEN remarks the student made to the teacher.

## DEFINITION

- \_\_\_\_\_ burdensome; laborious
- \_\_\_\_\_ fatherlike
- \_\_\_\_\_ sneakily dangerous or harmful
- \_\_\_\_\_ exclude; banish
- \_\_\_\_\_ wealth and luxury
- \_\_\_\_\_ make extremely dry or thirsty
- \_\_\_\_\_ inborn; natural
- \_\_\_\_\_ of unmatching parts; lacking harmony
- \_\_\_\_\_ full of sad longing
- \_\_\_\_\_ extremely wicked or villainous
- \_\_\_\_\_ complete freedom from punishment

## SAMPLE SENTENCE

- A.) Even years later, she still became WISTFUL when she thought about her short-lived romance with Jim.
- B.) When the rioters realized there was a shortage of police, they looted stores with IMPUNITY.
- C.) Putting the rapper and the folk singer together in the same concert seemed INCONGRUOUS to us.
- D.) Musical talent was clearly INNATE in the Bach family; every one of them was a first-class musician.
- E.) Terrorists are INSIDIOUS enemies; one never knows what they're up to until something happens.
- F.) The FBI tried to thwart his NEFARIOUS plan to blow up the building.
- G.) Building a stone wall on our property proved to be an ONEROUS task.
- H.) People with yachts and mansions live in great OPULENCE.
- I.) When he continued to break the rules at the private club, he was finally OSTRACIZED from it.
- J.) Playing ball in the hot summer sun really made him PARCHed.
- K.) After my father passed away, my uncle took a PATERNAL interest in me.

## DEFINITION

- \_\_\_\_\_ shorten or reduce
- \_\_\_\_\_ clever; skillful
- \_\_\_\_\_ dull, especially due to overfamiliarity
- \_\_\_\_\_ kind; good-natured disposition
- \_\_\_\_\_ pompous in speech or writing
- \_\_\_\_\_ distrustful of the motives of others
- \_\_\_\_\_ forego; avoid
- \_\_\_\_\_ very hungry
- \_\_\_\_\_ disrespectful; irreverent
- \_\_\_\_\_ thrifty; economical
- \_\_\_\_\_ reasonable; sane

## SAMPLE SENTENCE

- A.) The king was well-liked because of his BENIGN disposition.
- B.) They lived such a FRUGAL life that despite their simple jobs they had managed to save over a million dollars.
- C.) Because she was not emotionally involved in the dispute, she found it easy to make a JUDICIOUS decision.
- D.) The disruptive student made FLIP-PANT remarks to the teacher.
- E.) Jokes tend to become BANAL once you've heard them a few times.
- F.) The preacher gave a BOMBASTIC sermon on the evils of graffiti.
- G.) Dictionaries are often ABRIDGED to make them smaller and easier to use.
- H.) Politicians not keeping their promises cause voters to be CYNICAL.
- I.) If you're on a low-cholesterol diet, you should ESCHEW red meat.
- J.) After not eating all day, he was FAMISHED at dinner time.
- K.) After the heist the robber ADROITly eluded the police for weeks.

## DEFINITION

- \_\_\_\_\_ feeling hopeless, dejected or very sad
- \_\_\_\_\_ impenetrable by light
- \_\_\_\_\_ humorous or satirical imitation
- \_\_\_\_\_ angry; mad
- \_\_\_\_\_ snobbish; arrogant
- \_\_\_\_\_ open to view; not secret
- \_\_\_\_\_ reveal, as a secret; tell
- \_\_\_\_\_ something passed down to following generations
- \_\_\_\_\_ pleasant means of amusement or recreation
- \_\_\_\_\_ wanderer
- \_\_\_\_\_ having a negative reputation; famous for something bad
- \_\_\_\_\_ hinted at, but not directly expressed
- \_\_\_\_\_ disparaging hint or implication

## SAMPLE SENTENCE

- A.) The New York Yankees' LEGACY of World Series victories may never be surpassed.
- B.) Her dad didn't have to say anything; it was IMPLICIT in his expression that he was angry with her for coming home too late.
- C.) John's dad became INCENSED when he learned John had gotten a speeding ticket the first night he drove the family car.
- D.) Bonnie and Clyde were two of the most INFAMOUS criminals in modern history.
- E.) Unable to find any information that might damage his opponent, the politician resorted to insults and INNUENDOs.
- F.) In ancient times, many NOMADs traveled from place to place in search of food.
- G.) We couldn't see through the window because it was made of OPAQUE glass.
- H.) Instead of holding it in, she showed OVERT anger by yelling and screaming.
- I.) The *Naked Gun* films are a PARODY of police movies.
- J.) Baseball is our country's national PASTIME.
- K.) He felt DESPONDENT after losing the big game.
- L.) To avoid going to jail, he agreed to DIVULGE the gang's whereabouts.
- M.) She gave me a very HAUGHTY look when I said I didn't like the color of her Rolls Royce.

## DEFINITION

- \_\_\_\_\_ central part around which other parts are gathered; core
- \_\_\_\_\_ lacking food, clothing, and shelter
- \_\_\_\_\_ cure-all
- \_\_\_\_\_ gap
- \_\_\_\_\_ prevent the success of; foil
- \_\_\_\_\_ relevant; pertinent
- \_\_\_\_\_ deduce from facts
- \_\_\_\_\_ person with a peculiar personality; screwball; nut
- \_\_\_\_\_ longing or sentimental feelings for the past
- \_\_\_\_\_ disrespectful in a bold way
- \_\_\_\_\_ decorative
- \_\_\_\_\_ no longer fashionable; out-of-date

## SAMPLE SENTENCE

- A.) His quick action **IMPEDED** the robbery long enough for the police to show up.
- B.) The **IMPUDENT** child publicly was rude to his father.
- C.) When the detective found that the car's engine was still warm, he **INFERred** that the suspect had gone out recently.
- D.) Listening to the old records evoked a feeling of **NOSTALGIA** in him.
- E.) A small group of friends formed the **NUCLEUS** of the club.
- F.) We hang **ORNAMENTAL** lights on our Christmas tree each year.
- G.) Scientists have yet to find a **PANACEA** for all ills.
- H.) One year's hottest fashions are often **PASSÉ** by the next year.
- I.) Nowadays, many a **DESTITUTE** person can be seen sleeping on city streets.
- J.) The old man's **ECCENTRIC** behavior made him an outcast in his town.
- K.) In a debate, keep your answers **GERMANE** to the subject; don't bring up unrelated issues.
- L.) The workers' strike at the factory led to a **HIATUS** in the work flow.