

Vocabulary Exercises 1

calligraphy - fine handwriting
cartography - mapmaking
epigram - short saying
graphic - evoking lifelike images
holography three - dimensional image
monogram - design composed of one or more initials
monograph - scholarly study
seismograph - instrument for measuring earthquake vibrations
stenography - short hand writing
typography - appearance of a printed page
ultimatum - final offer
canard - false report
inert - inactive
immemorial - extending back beyond memory

desolate - uninhabited

Vocabulary Exercises 2

deploy - place military troops
lassitude - weariness
haze - unclear
ply - address someone urgently
acuteness - quick mind
belligerent - seeking conflict
detonation - explosion
pinnacle - highest point
clamor - cry out
bevy - any group
lurid - glowing
bawl - to call out noisily
reins - controlling
commend - to express a good opinion

foreboding - prediction of something bad

Vocabulary Exercises 3

fusillade - simultaneous firing of weapons
contagion - spreading of a disease
precipitate - cause to happen
silhouette - figure seen against a light background
apparition - anything that appears unexpectedly
reverberation - reechoed sound
insensate - not capable of feeling sensation
exultant - triumphant
imminent - likely to happen soon
desist - stop
avail - take advantage of
torrent - very heavy fall of rain
repugnance - distaste
conveyance - a transport or carrier

Vocabulary Exercises 4

minute - small
colossus - huge
disgorge - empty
lethargy - great lack of energy
torpor - state of being inactive
obscurity - lack of clearness or visibility
perplexingly - with confusion or hesitancy
furtively - secretly
cowl - hood
scintillate - reflect brightly
consume - devour
gaunt - starved
indiscriminate - failing to clearly choose
battery - basic unit of military personnel

dissuade - persuade not to do something

Vocabulary Exercises 5

assiduously - carefully

expostulate - argue

vicar - a parish priest

formidable - inspiring fear

obliquely - with a change of direction

portmanteau - suitcase

exultation - celebration

decapitate - to remove one's head

intricate - full of elaborate detail

patent - obvious

intermittently - periodically

froth - churn

inaudibly - not able to be heard

confluence - where rivers join

Vocabulary Exercises 6

basin - low area on Earth's surface

salinity - saltiness

crest - highest point of a wave

trough - lowest point of a wave

breaker - ocean wave that collapses

tide - the rise and fall of the sea level

photosynthesis - compound produced through light

pollutant - a poison

radiation - method of transmitting or spreading something

stratosphere - atmosphere that contains ozone

dew point - temperature at which water vapor condenses

cirrus h - igh altitude clouds

cumulus - low-lying puffy white clouds

cumulonimbus - anvil shaped clouds

Vocabulary Exercises 7

dearth - scarce supply

gratify - satisfy

choleric - easily angered

threshold - entrance

wreak - inflict punishment upon

stoic - unemotional

vendetta - destructive feud

condone - excuse

robust - strong

panoply - striking array

confer - to present

poignant - touching

mettle - spirit

withhold - restrain

vindictive - revengeful

Vocabulary Exercises 8

travesty - humorous imitation

impose - to apply by force

piquant - spicy

diatribe - abusive denunciation

appease - quieten

sumptuous - lavish

hedonism - pursuit of

castigate - inflict severe punishment

orotund - full in sound

brink - edge

pluck - daring

wrest - obtain by pulling

brazen - shameless

harridan - vicious

encumber - to place a heavy load on

Vocabulary Exercises 9

wan - unnaturally pale

ploy - devious action

jostle - push

stringent - severe

catastrophe - a great calamity

nettle - stinging hairs

ostentatious - very showy display

glut - fill beyond capacity

incense - infuriate

severe - strict

precipice - steep cliff

retaliate - to pay back

peevish - contrary

verge - border

rehabilitate - restore to good health

Vocabulary Exercises 10

pacific - peaceful

toady - flatterer

endow - to give

obsequious - fawning

rectify - to set right

circumspection - carefully considering

remonstrance - protest

hem - surround

lethargic - lack of energy

rout - to cause to flee

aghast - horrified

manifest - obvious

radiate - to send out

timorous - timid

instantaneous - done immediately

Vocabulary Exercises 11

masonry - brick

scullery - room next to kitchen

rampart - defense against attack

aspect - point of view

agile - moving easily

rendering - drawing

dexterous - skillful

endeavor - to strive

convulsive - involuntary spasms

physiological - workings of the body

heterogeneous - made of different elements

fluctuation - unsteady motion

supersede - to make obsolete

defunct - no longer used

caricature - representation of a person

Vocabulary Exercises 12

incur - to bring on oneself

vitiate - weaken

efficacious - effective

importunity - persistent urgent demands

anemic - lacking vitality

elemental - most basic

contrivance - invention

oscillate - swing from side to side

impart - give

acute - sharp

enigma - perplexing

culminate - climax or end

atrocious - cruel action

vestige - sign

forethought - thinking ahead

Vocabulary Exercises 13

oust - force out

tussle - cuffle

cajole - coax

rudimentary - basic

paradoxical - full of contradictions

implore - ask

copiously - abundantly

intolerable - unbearable

parch - dry

ebb - decline

despondent - without hope

inconclusive - not leading to a definite result

phantasm - ghost

sumptuous - splendid

frond - palm

Vocabulary Exercises 14

covet - long for with envy

teeter - to rock

lurid - vivid or harsh

dominate - rule

dethronement - act of ousting

exuberance - excitement

succumb - yield

circuitously - indirectly

singularly - uniquely

dexterous - skillful

cell - small unit

organelles - tiny organs

cell wall - outermost boundary of a cell

nucleus - center of a cell

chromosomes - carries the traits of a cell

Vocabulary Exercises 15

chlorophyll - green substance in plants

enzyme - body protein

weight - measure of the force

cleavage - groove between parts

gravity - attractive force

fracture - to break

titanium - lightweight metal

perplex - arouse

equivocate - lie

opulent - luxuriant

dandy - a dude concerned with his clothes

gesticulate - express through movement

diffident - shy

ruse - trickery

conjure - exaggerated dignity

Vocabulary Exercises 16

pompous - vain or stuck up

fripery - elegance

emit - to give off

resplendent - splendid

glint - sparkle

strut - walk proudly

vociferous - crying out loudly

perfidy - treachery

ravage - devastate

boorish - ill-mannered

myriad - innumerable

hoodwink - deceive

vocal - spoken

locution - word or phrase

devastate - destroy

Vocabulary Exercises 17

staid - great dignity

AD - Anno domini

BC - Before Christ

bicentennial - two hundredth anniversary

centennial - one hundredth anniversary

century - one hundred years

chronology - events in order

decade - ten years

generalization - broad conclusion

historian - studies the past

barometer - measures air pressure

bathysphere - sphere-shaped diving vessel

lens - transparent object that bends light

palpable - able to be handled

Vocabulary Exercises 18

vitality - energetic

indolently - lazily

slender - thin

doggedly - persistently

crag - uneven parts of cliffs

opaque - not able to be seen through

gargoyle - decorative monster

cultivated - refined

baronial - suitable for nobility

cossack - skilled Russian horsemen

lacerated - torn roughly

mantle - thickest layer inside Earth

tsunami - destructive tidal wave

Vocabulary Exercises 19

projectile - object thrown or shot

centripetal - tendency to move to the center

antibiotic - stops growth of microorganisms

biopsy - removal of living tissue

biosphere - atmosphere in which living things exist

microbe - tiny life form

symbiosis - beneficial relationship

vivacious - lively

vivid - intense

edifice - building

alleviate - make bearable

viable - practicable

agenda - a plan

infiltrate - to enter maliciously

sultry - hot

Vocabulary Exercises 20

itinerary - plan for a journey

sustain - support

transient - passing with time

levity - humor

quaff - to drink heartily

hardy - vigorous

valor - bravery

malign - to make untrue statements

demure - shy

edict - having the force of law

permeate - penetrate

audacious - outrageous

malaise - sense of unease

evict - expel

pugnacious - belligerent

Vocabulary Exercises 21

oration - formal speech
avert - to prevent
craven - cowardly
humility - meekness or a lack of pride
exhort - spur on
impediment - obstruction
embellish - decorate
pith - sponge-like inside of flower
luminous - bright or glowing
subside - sink to a lower level
homage to pay respect
rebuke - to reprimand
wiles - tricks
rant - emotional speech
snare - trap

Vocabulary Exercises 22

isthmus - narrow strip of land
lurk - wait out of sight
entice - lure
gorge - deep valley
assemble - to gather together
omnivorous - eating anything
sinister - wicked
clandestine - done in secret
strait - narrow passage of water
vivacious - lively
timorous - fearful
savory - tasty
role - an assumed character
bland - tasteless
gourmand - glutton

Vocabulary Exercises 23

covey - small flock of birds
waylay - ambush
indefatigable - unwearied
aplomb - great composure
stymie - stump
arduous - difficult
cistern - receptacle for holding water
flag - cloth with a distinct design
inscrutable - mysterious
quandary - perplexity
curtail - abbreviate
sheepish - embarrassed
surplus - excess amount
truncate - to shorten
garish - tacky

Vocabulary Exercises 24

chagrin - embarrassment
garrulous - wordy and rambling
enigma - riddle
deplete - empty out
sanctimonious - self-righteous
languish - lose strength
incessant - continuous
magnanimity - kind-heartedness
rainforest - forest with abundant rainfall
deforestation - large-scale cutting down of forests
dike - dam or levee
fallow - not cultivated
personification - giving human characteristics
exposition - explanation
setting - where a story takes place

Vocabulary Exercises 25

persistent - unrelenting

fatuous - foolish

petulant - impatient

ferocity - savage

dissentient - against the majority

satchel - small bag

drawl - speak very slowly

scheme - plan in a deceitful way

beckon - silent gesture

turbulent - wildly irregular motion

retch - vomit

perpetuate - cause to continue

affluence - abundance of riches

consent - give permission

lavish - give generously

Vocabulary Exercises 26

placid - calm

recoil - shrink back

meager - small amount

expanse - open area

degrade - bring to dishonor

blatant - brazenly obvious

imperceptible - difficult to detect

deteriorate - to become worse

perusal - casual reading

aggregation - group of people

unprecedented - never before seen

din - harsh noise

ruckus - noisy disturbance

hibernate - inactive state

archeologist - studies man's past

Vocabulary Exercises 27

incidental - accidental

predicament - situation that is hard to get out of

dietitian - specialist in nutrition

waders - waterproof boots

poacher - one that kills animals illegally

sloughs - places of deep mud

briar - thorny stem

haven - safe place

gauged - estimated

commute - travel back and forth

mystical - spiritual meaning

biologist - those who study living things

random - determined by chance

audible - heard

semi-dormant - half asleep

Vocabulary Exercises 28

frigid - intensely cold

refuge - shelter

unsociable - unfriendly

conservancy - preserve of natural resources

soberly - seriously

pointed - definite meaning

flank - fleshy part near the ribs

burly - heavily built

mannequin - plastic person

disfigure - to mar the appearance

stealthy - sneaky

fishtail - swing from side to side

intimidate - make fearful

gallivanting - roaming

data - information

Vocabulary Exercises 29

compel - to make someone do something

gingerly - carefully

cubicle - small space

skeptical - attitude of doubt

heart-wrenching - very emotional

microfiche - sheet of microfilm

honorary - having distinction

psychic - supernatural forces

laden - burdened

retreat - withdrawal

hypnotizing - mesmerizing

habitat - living environment

vivid - lively

ebony - dark

vicinity - near

Vocabulary Exercises 30

dedicated - committed to a goal

rafters - beams that support

shard - fragment of a brittle substance

sanctuary - protection

boycott - refusal to do something

simmer - stew gently

mute - to muffle or make quiet

resign - give up deliberately

manufacture - to make something

rivulets - small streams

dilemma - problem

cackle - to laugh harshly

trauma - disturbing event

sullen - depressed

hobgoblin - mischievous elf

Vocabulary Exercises 31

levering - prying

dentures - false set of teeth

sinewy - stringy

caterwauling - harsh crying

cockfight - fighting gamecocks

daubed - coated

cascade - small waterfall

score - account

throaty - sound uttered low and rasping

slog - hit hard

rogue - dishonest person

simper smile in a silly manner

taproot - root that grows downward

taunt - insult

meringue - sweet topping

Vocabulary Exercises 32

cantankerous - grouchy

catcall - loud cry

meandered - walk along without direction

abominable - disgusting

privy - outhouse

impudence - rudeness

dovecote - box for domestic pigeons

tunic - loose cloak

skeins - loosely coiled yarn

grievances - complaints

shamming - pretending

betrothal - engagement

wimple - cloth covering over the head

morose - gloomy

odious - extremely unlikable

Vocabulary Exercises 33

addled - confused

contemplating - deciding

spectacle - eye-catching

gibberish - foolish talk

tedious - repetitive

harrowing - vexing

rapturous - ecstatic

menagerie - collection of animals

babbling - talking excessively

cairn - marker

slather - a great amount

doleful - mournful

adage - wise saying

embroil - entangle

succinct - concise

Vocabulary Exercises 34

minutia - trivial detail

capsize - to overturn

frowzy - unkempt

peon - menial worker

ensnare - to catch

lavish - to give abundantly

finagle - to obtain

peripatetic - traveling on foot

lapse - to be no longer valid

excoriate - to tear

fluent - express oneself readily

charisma - personal appeal

regress - move backward

articulate - express oneself clearly

Vocabulary Exercises 35

beacon - guiding device

cajole - flatter

lucid - sane or rational

mentor - trusted counselor

retinue - body of assistants

burgeon - blossom

histrionic - melodramatic

psyche - having to do with the soul

advocate - to plead in favor

salutary - beneficial

conclave - private meeting

deflect - to turn aside

pernicious - wicked

missive - written communication

extol - praise highly

Vocabulary Exercises 36

whet - sharpen by rubbing

transient - passing quickly

complacency - quiet satisfaction

scrutinize - look at very carefully

serene - calm

assurance - confidence

terrestrial - of the earth

molten - liquefied by heat

animated - very lively

superficial - not deep

eloquent - expressive

palpitate - tremble

fertile - fruitful

unanimity - complete agreement

fluctuate - continually changing

Vocabulary Exercises 37

incandescent - very bright
velocity - speed
vigil - determined watchfulness
audible - can be heard
recede - move back
calamity - misery
scoff - express mocking contempt
adjacent - near or close
jubilant - triumphant
tranquil - calm
dun - dull grayish brown
incrustation - crust
circumference - boundary of a circular object
irresolute - wavering in purpose
diameter - width of a circular object

Vocabulary Exercises 38

ascribe - assign something to
consolation - making less sad
embed - set firmly
inanimate - not moving
evident - plain
rouse - awake
impediment - hinders a certain action
excavation - expose by digging
concussion - violent blow
cavity - hole
billowy - surge
inarticulate - speak poorly
petrify - paralyze with fear
deliberation - slowness and with care
aperture - opening

Vocabulary Exercises 39

renew - make new
impulse - sudden inclination
multitude - large number of persons
derelict - abandoned
accost - approach to speak
composition - makeup
derive - to receive
intermittent - stopping and starting
pallid - faint in color
drone - continuous buzzing sound
impinge - strike
inevitable - certain to happen
stupefy - stun
undulate - move as if in waves
verge - edge

Vocabulary Exercises 40

combustible - flammable
incontinently - able to restrain
trivial - insignificant
deter - discourage someone
smite - strike hard
perplexed - puzzled
detachment - separation
incongruity - having a lack of harmony
haggard - worn look
allay - lessen
albeit - even though
invigorate - energize
indisputably - unquestionably
dispense - do away with
exertion - energetic activity

Vocabulary Exercises 41

timidity - state of shyness
citizenship - conduct within the community
cooperation - working together
school pride - satisfaction in your school's achievements
respect - regard highly
self-respect - positive opinion of oneself
courage - bravery
commitment - binding oneself
loyalty - faithfulness
determination - firm of purpose
trustworthy - responsible
tolerance - permitting something
empathy - understand what another person is feeling
kindness - being friendly and sympathetic
gratitude - thankfulness

Vocabulary Exercises 42

generosity - unselfishness
diligence - steady manner
creativity - originality
initiative - first step
work ethic - positive attitude towards work
punctuality - promptness
perseverance - continuing in spite of difficulties
reliability - honoring commitments
courtesy - well-mannered
honesty - truthfulness
fairness - impartiality
patience - waiting calmly and quietly
cleanliness - free from dirt
self-control - mastering one's actions
compassion - showing pity

Vocabulary Exercises 43

independent - self-reliant
wisdom - accumulated learning
virtue - moral excellence
dependability - reliability
sportsmanship - winning or losing positively
cheerfulness - good humored
patriotism - love of country
absurd - unreasonable
access - approach
acclaim - to approve
acquiesce - to agree
advocate - to support
aloof - disinterested
ambiguous - unclear

Vocabulary Exercises 44

analogy - comparison
analysis - examination of something
anarchy - lawlessness
apathy - lack of emotion
arbitrary - whimsical
arrogant - overly proud
articulate - to speak distinctly
augment - to add to
authentic - genuine
baffle - to perplex
benevolent - intending to do good
bias - prejudice
censor - to ban
censure - an official reprimand
circumlocution - to evade with words

Vocabulary Exercises 45

coherent - logical

competent - fit

contempt - disdain

deference - respect

denounce - condemn

deter - discourage

deviate - turn aside from

discern - distinguish

discriminate - distinguish

disdain - despise

disparage - discredit

dispute - to call into question

distort - twist out of the true meaning

diverse - differing from one another

dogma - doctrine

Vocabulary Exercises 46

fluctuate - shift back and forth

futile - unproductive

hostile - unfriendly

hypocrite - who fakes virtue

hypothesis - tentative assumption

immense - enormous

impose - compel

indifferent - without interest

indulge - pamper

inevitable - incapable of being avoided

infer - hint

innocuous - inoffensive

innovate - introduce something new

intense - extreme

manipulate - to control skillfully

Vocabulary Exercises 47

pandemonium - chaos

benevolence - kindness

barter - to trade

culture - way of life of a group

whimsical - impulsive

lagoon - pool of water

tributary - small stream

delta - mouth of a river

longitude - east-west direction on the globe

equator - north-south line around the middle of the Earth

topographic - map that shows the relief of the land

contour lines - lines that connect points of equal elevation

epicenter - point directly above an earthquake

harbor - seaport

plains - flat land

Vocabulary Exercises 48

ocean - body of salt water

volcano - opening in the Earth

valley - low land between hills

reef - ridge that lies near the surface of a sea

rapids - fast moving part of a river

swamp - low, wet lands

floodplain - land that is flooded by a river

cape - land that extends into water

sea - body of salt water

lake - body of fresh water with land on all sides

range - chain of mountains

canyon - deep, narrow valley

mesa - flat-topped mountain

waterfall - steep drop from a high place

cave - hollow passage in the earth

Vocabulary Exercises 49

wetlands - land saturated with water
foothills - hilly area at the base of a mountain
gap - passage through mountains
inlet - narrow passage of water
marsh - lowland with moist soil
peak - pointed summit of a mountain
tributary - river that empties into a larger river
product - answer to a multiplication problem
quotient - answer to a division problem
square root - any number times itself
exponent - how many times a number is used as a factor
variable - letter that represents a number

consecutive - one after another
formula - mathematical equation
estimate - educated guess

Vocabulary Exercises 50

base - lowest point or number
integers - whole numbers
positive number - any number greater than zero
negative number - any number less than zero
opposite numbers - negative and positive of a number
absolute value - distance from zero on the number line
simplify - reduce completely
evaluate - find the value of a variable expression
substitution - put in place of
percent - number compared to one hundred
meter - basic unit of length in the metric system
gram - basic unit of mass
liter - basic unit of capacity

Vocabulary Exercises 51

deci 1/10
centi 1/100
milli 1/1000
metric - system of measurement
proper fraction - fraction whose numerator is less than its denominator
improper fraction - fraction whose numerator is greater than denominator
mixed number - whole number and a fraction
foot - 12 inches
yard - 3 feet
mile - 5,280 feet
pound - 16 ounces

Vocabulary Exercises 52

ton - 2,000 pounds
cup - 8 fluid ounces
pint - 2 cups
quart - 2 pints
gallon - 4 quarts
ratio - comparison of one number to another
quadrant - section of the coordinate plane
plot - mark points on a graph
trojan horse - hidden instructions inside a computer program
hacker - someone who breaks into a computer system

Vocabulary Exercises 53

reboot - restart
gigabyte - one billion bytes of information
tutorial - program of instruction
WYSIWYG - word-processing system
encrypt - scramble computerized information
header - information at the top margin
footer - information at the bottom of a page

executable - computer file that will perform a task

buffer - used to store data

online - connected to a computer network

character - symbol such as a letter

byte - a small unit of measure of computer memory

upload - to transfer data from a computer

download - to transfer data to a computer

Vocabulary Exercises 54

command - causes a computer to do a task

delete - to remove

document - text file

file - stored document

format - to divide in sectors for data storage

graphics - pictures

hard copy - a document that is printed on paper

input - information given to a computer

insert - process of adding

memory - computer storage capacity

menu - list of functions that a computer performs

Vocabulary Exercises 55

word wrap - automatic movement of a word to the next line

output - the final document

printout - document printed on paper

proofreading - finding mistake or errors in your copy

software - set of programmed instructions

word processing - text data

edit - to modify data

e-mail - electronic mail

digital - camera a camera which uses a chip to store images

hard drive - magnetic metal disk that stores data

hardware - physical parts of the computer

Vocabulary Exercises 56

web site - a location on the world wide web

modem - device that connects the computer to a communications system

mouse - pointing device

multimedia - graphics and sound

online - connected to a computer network

PC - personal computer

scanner - device that copies an image

port - computer connection hardware

scroll - to move through text or graphics

software - computer programs

word processor - application that outputs text data

ply - provide insistently

decapitate - to remove one's head

Vocabulary Exercises 57

whinnies - horse sound

bridle - horse's harness for the head

stirrups - rings that a horse rider's feet fit in

gallop - to go very fast

straddle - to sit with one leg on each side

meadow - grassy land

reluctant - holding back

skillets - frying pans

rodeo - riding and roping contest

utensils - tools used in cooking

satisfied - having no doubts

confidently - feeling sure of yourself

appearance - the way something looks

summoned - being called

progress - moving forward

Vocabulary Exercises 58

failure - not successful
conscious - being aware
resist - go against
remarkable - amazing
particularly - distinct or different
accord - being in agreement
request - ask for
immediately - right now
available - able to be used now
sensation - feeling
disaster - terrible loss
enchanted - magically delighted
acrobats - trapeze artists
agent - representing another
boardinghouse - furnished rooms and meals

Vocabulary Exercises 59

protegee - guided by someone
wavering - moving back and forth
trance - dreamlike state
Parliament - British legislature
allies - friends in war
taxes - money paid to the government
authority - control
tariff - tax on imported goods
represent - acting for someone else
treason - betraying one's government
petitions - signed requests for
boycott - refusal to buy
congress - meeting of elected representatives
repealed - taken back
massacre - killing many defenseless people

Vocabulary Exercises 60

blockade - barring entry by ships
quarter - soldier's housing
rights - irrevocable freedoms
inutemen - soldiers available on short notice
patriots - loyal to one's nation
dread - to wait with fear
recovery - return to being well
prospecting - looking for gold
citizen - member of a country
occupation - person's job
ransack - messy search
herb - useful plant
expression - look on the face
emigrant - person leaving his country
grant - something that is given

Vocabulary Exercises 61

impatient - unwillingness to wait
despair - loss of hope
succeed - complete
frontier - edge of an unknown land
determination - decided action
cautiously - carefully
supply - to give what is needed
appeal - to ask for
supervise - to watch over
settlers - pioneers in a new area
assure - to make confident
stunned - shocked
opportunities - chances to do something
demonstration - public display

Vocabulary Exercises 62

muffle - to deaden sound
partition - something that divides
prowls - roams quietly
prose - anything not poetry
anxiously - nervously
nonchalant - unconcerned
sarcastically - in a mocking tone
laughingstock - object of ridicule
culprit - guilty person
privileges - special rights
groveling - crawling face-down
cringe - to shrink back
propeller - rotating blades
pneumonia - disease of the lungs
flustered - confused

Vocabulary Exercises 63

mariners - sailors
vessels - ships
provisions - supplies of food
unfurled - unfolded
mutiny - rebellion against authority
forfeited - given up
reckon - compute or calculate
orator - public speaker
spectators - persons watching an event
transfixed - motionless
vetoed - rejected by authority
resolutions - personal goals
adjourned - ended a session
astronomy - study of heavenly bodies
yield - produce

Vocabulary Exercises 64

unraveling - becoming undone
eclipse - complete or partial hiding
almanac - yearly book of facts
edition - copies printed at one time
abolitionist - slavery opponent
monarch - royal ruler
here - in this place
little - small
this - thing being mentioned
mother - female parent
play - to have fun
trunk - long snout
cake - baked dessert

Vocabulary Exercises 65

artist - one who paints or draws
meadow - grassy field
paintings - pictures not drawn with pen or pencil
brook - small stream
season - part of the year
real - not imagined
talking - speaking
stretching - spreading out
brilliant - bright
cover - hide under something
delighted - very happy
horrible - terrible
replied - answered
weaving - winding in and out
crawled - moved slowly

Vocabulary Exercises 66

tend - to take care of
finally - at last
disappear - to move out of sight
strange - unusual
through - into and out of
relatives - people in the same family
wrinkle - crooked fold
hour - sixty minutes
few - not many
bullying - threatening
family - people related to each another
buy - to purchase
new - not old
grown - larger
weather - outside conditions

Vocabulary Exercises 67

knit - to made with yarn
barbecue - meat roasted on an open fire
jeans - tough cotton pants
adventure - an exciting experience
whole - complete or entire
harbor - sheltered body of water
soar - fly very high
surround - shut in on all sides
believe - to trust in
practice - training by repeating
remember - to keep in memory
cousin - child of your aunt or uncle
building - structure
country - land of a nation
say - to speak

Vocabulary Exercises 68

touch - physical contact
bore - make a hole
impatient - not wanting to wait
replied - answered
squeeze - press between something
thorn - sharp sticker on a plant
lazy - not willing to work
hungry - feeling a need for food
full - able to hold no more
angry - feeling or showing displeasure
ridiculous - foolish and comical
draw - to make a picture
thought - idea
music - pleasant expressive sounds
instrument - something making musical sounds

Vocabulary Exercises 69

squawk - shrill or harsh sound
poem - writing in verse
entertain - to amuse
performance - musical or theatrical presentation
foolish - not having good sense
feather - covering on bird's body
spread - to stretch out
balance - steady position
foot - lowest part of the leg
canyon - deep narrow valley
cringed - crouch in fear
consumer - user of goods or services
error - mistake
released - set free
lame - not able to walk well

Vocabulary Exercises 70

sly - sneaky or clever
sturdy - strong
astonishment - amazement
proud - feeling good about yourself
special - very important
knew - having the facts
borrow - temporary use something
enough - all that is needed
heard - listened to
dike - dam made of dirt
announced - said or told
blinding - hard to see through
flooded covered with water
village - small town
cranes - large water birds

Vocabulary Exercises 71

women - female humans
clever - sly and resourceful
greedy - wanting too much
tricky - sly
courage - overcoming fear
attempt - to make an effort
trees - large, woody plants
short - not long or tall
live - to exist
way - certain path
leaves - green parts of a plant
turn - to move in a different direction
soft - not hard
their - belonging to them

Vocabulary Exercises 72

feel - to know by touch

nervous - restless or tense
allowance - something granted
postcards - cards mailed without an envelope
yawn - expression of tiredness
knapsack - backpack
advice - guidance
realistic - showing things as they are
haze - fog or cloud
device - an instrument or tool
chemical - made from changed substances
ingredients - parts of a mixture
silo - storage tower
mechanical - like a machine
millennium - one thousand years

Vocabulary Exercises 73

descendant - person born from an ancestor
oppression - force or subjugation
discrimination - extreme favoritism in actions or attitude
nectar - sweet liquid made by flowers
production - process of making something
conquer - to overpower
current - flow of water
cycle - repeating set of events
endangered - threatened
installed - set up correctly
engineering - planning and building
cocoon - covering around a pupa
orphanage - place for homeless children
wigwam - Indian tent

Vocabulary Exercises 74

squaw - American Indian woman
papoose - Native American baby

legend - supernatural story

excavate - to dig up

dugout - Indian log boat

mesas - steep hills with flat tops

adobe - made of clay

cultivate - grow plants

accomplishment - achievement

founded - established

formal - following established customs

piety - religious devotion

ingenious - clever

compulsory - enforced

baritone - male voice above a bass

Vocabulary Exercises 75

entitled - having the right to something

landscape - stretch of natural scenery on land

pros - advantages

cons - disadvantages

bolster - support or strengthen

residential - used for homes

ancestors - people one is descended from

prosperous - having success

synthetic - man-made with chemicals

poultry - birds raised for food

communal - belonging to a group

harvest - gather a crop

perpetuate - cause to be continued

industrious - steadily working hard

competently - skillfully

Vocabulary Exercises 76

emphasize - give special attention to

deprive - keep from having

dialect - localized form of a language

tolerate - allow

monsoon - strong seasonal wind

sacrifice - giving up of something

commemorate - honor the memory of

restoration - act of bringing back

conservation - preserving something

inhabit - to live in

irrigation - supplying land with water

nutrients - substances that provide nourishment

distribution - area over which something is spread

ecosystems - specific environment

impact - effect of an action

Vocabulary Exercises 77

vegetation - plant life

desolate - barren or deserted

broadcaster - person sending messages electronically

exclusively - particular way

blackmail - to get something by threatening

evading - avoiding

mute - silent

impose - to enforce

stragglers - those lagging behind

violated - failed to follow

influence - ability to affect what others do

neutral - taking neither side

truce - temporary halt in fighting

recital - musical performance

stage fright - fear of performing

Vocabulary Exercises 78

kneaded - pressed with the hands

quartet - four musicians who perform together

ensemble - group of musicians who perform together
professional - specially trained
scales - series of musical tones
tempo - speed of music
intonation - ability to play notes in tune
symphony - long piece of music in four parts
inquire - investigate
dreadful - terrible
eccentricities - odd behaviors
peculiar - odd
uproar - noisy confusion
appreciate - show gratitude
congruent - same shape and size

Vocabulary Exercises 79

dodge - move quickly aside
rescue - save from danger
taunt - to tease
source - origin
eliminate - to get rid of
famished - starving
produce - to make
purchase - to buy something
discover - to find something
curtain - window covering
break - to crack into pieces
piece - part of a whole
wondered c - urious about something
rescue - save from harm

Vocabulary Exercises 80

strong - powerful
appear - come into sight
spare - extra

brought - carried with one
perfect - just right
company - with others
without - not having
sure - positive
enjoyed - pleased with
explained - told about something
sighed - long sad breath
lonely - sad about being by yourself
decided - made up one's mind
important - necessary or valuable
change - to make different

Vocabulary Exercises 81

dangling - swinging loosely
noise - loud sounds
coin - metal piece of money
tour - a trip visiting places
solar system - the Sun and the planets
aboard - on something
guide - person leading a trip
already - before now
dangerous - unsafe
thunder - loud noise in a storm
rotates - turns in a circle
orbit - planet's path around a sun
astronomer - solar system expert
fiercest - wildest
bargain - a deal

Vocabulary Exercises 82

jungle - land thickly covered with plants
kind - type
mind - to care about or obey

group - number of things together
scare - make afraid
lie - to rest by not standing or to not tell the truth
planets - larger bodies that orbit a star
produce - to make
larger bigger in size
weigh - to measure weight
meteorite - an object striking the earth from space
crater - deep hole
comet - object of gas and dust orbiting the sun
future - time that hasn't happened yet

Vocabulary Exercises 83

discovered - found out
neighbors - people who live near one another
different - not the same
scratched - scraped
veterinarian - doctor that takes care of animals
people - persons
caught - captured
discover - find out
biography - story of a person's life
bald - having no hair on head
protect - guard
argument - disagreement
advantage - something that is helpful
between - space that separates

Vocabulary Exercises 84

pity - sympathy or sorrow
fair - not favoring more than another
quarrel - angry dispute
accept - take what is given
penalty - punishment

horizon - line where sky meets earth
jeer - to taunt
particular - specific or exact
underground - below the earth's surface
layers - levels
shower - brief fall of rain
destroy - to ruin completely
pounded - hit hard repeatedly
eon - age in the earth's history
countless - too many to be counted

Vocabulary Exercises 85

raging - moving with violent force
mountain - high hill
sometimes - not always
air - gases that we breathe
against - in opposition
shoes - coverings for the feet
start - to begin
dough - mixture of flour and water
slowly - not fast
minute - short period of 60 seconds
presents - gifts
stomach - where food is digested in the body
delicious - very good to taste
mouthful - as much as can be held in the mouth at one time
bale - large bundle of material

Vocabulary Exercises 86

fault - blame or cause
pause - short stop
spare - to keep from harming
pouch - fold of skin like a bag

freight - goods transported
shove - push
busy f - full of activity
shrieked - screamed
shoulder - part of the body below the neck
silly - ridiculous
couple - two
secure - safe
boast - to speak too well of yourself
commotion - excitement and confusion

Vocabulary Exercises 87

lose - not have any longer
tone - quality of sound
bore - to make a hole
loon - duck-like bird
nip - pinch
compose - make up
stockade - high, strong fence
howl - a long and sad cry
cause - to make something happen
duty - obligation
ferocious - savage
literate - able to read and write
minuscule - very small
nonfiction - prose works based on facts
fiction - an imagined story

Vocabulary Exercises 88

obstinate - stubborn
sibling - brother or sister
suspense - anxiety
vermin - animal pests

aviator - pilot
territory - land ruled by a nation
smuggling - illegally transporting goods
dire - terrible
condemned - strongly disapproved
dismal - gloomy or depressing
campus - grounds of a school
somberly - sadly
address - speech
establish - to set up

Vocabulary Exercises 89

scour - search extensively
maneuver - move skillfully
donation - contribution
landmark - outstanding or well-known object
turbulence - violent atmospheric condition
indicate - to show
visualize - to form a mental picture
transmission - sending a message

static - radio noises
vague - not distinct
abated - lessened

troupe - company or group
ruts - grooves in the ground
revived - returned to life

Vocabulary Exercises 90

source - point of origin
populated - filled with inhabitants
revolutionary - radical change
disarray - state of disorder

helter-skelter - haphazardly
assaults - attacks
camphor - smelly white powder
loll - rest in a lazy way
eddies - currents that move with the main current
reservoirs - storage place for liquid
elated - happy
perverse - opposite of right
indomitable - unconquerable
recede - to move away
falter - to lose force

Vocabulary Exercises 91

burly - muscular
perilous - full of dangers
cavernous - resembling a cave
enveloped - completely surrounded
homely - plain
kingfisher - fish eating bird
comprehend - understand
luxurious - something pleasurable
parson - clergyman
vigorous - lively
penetrate - pierce
infield - playing area of a baseball field
nonviolence - absence of violence
unable - cannot do
recite - to repeat from memory

Vocabulary Exercises 92

defrost - thaw
cherish - love
disturb - to make uneasy
lock - to bind tightly

multiply - increase in number
nourish - to feed
overcome - conquer
pause - stop for a short time
smudge - smear or blur
efficient - effective without waste
false - wrong
ignore - disregard
misery - great pain or suffering

Vocabulary Exercises 93

partition - divider
smooth - even and unwrinkled
telescope - instrument that magnifies distant objects
utensil - implement
bacteria - single-celled microscopic organisms
canyon - deep narrow valley
decibel - measure for sound volume
fertile - productive soil
noun - person, place, or thing
quarrel - argument
signature - written name of person
treaty - agreement
rent - money paid for use of property

Vocabulary Exercises 94

shear - cut wool off a sheep
debt - money that is owed
Vicar - preacher or priest
bluff - high bank or cliff
interpreter - person that translates languages
sentinel - guard
peg - wooden nail

abstain - do without

aquarium - container for fish

battle - fight or conflict

carpenter - person who builds things with wood

engineer - person who plans and builds structures

hobby - something a person does for fun

lumberjack - person who chops down trees

recruit - person who has recently joined

Vocabulary Exercises 95

politician - person who runs for a political office

bailiff - officer of a court

smoldering - burning and smoking with little flame

wondrous - marvelous

emerges - breaks through

generations - family members around the same age

pollen - fine powder from flowers

canopy - covering

humiliation - causing shame

heroine - main female character

abandon - to leave behind

translation - something changed to another language

breed - one particular kind of animal

ramble - to go on and on

Vocabulary Exercises 96

passerby - person who is moving by

instinct - natural feeling

patrol - secure an area

talent - something someone can do well

avalanche - sliding of material down a hillside

victim - person who has been hurt

suffocate - to die from not breathing

conscious - awake and alert

audition - to try out for a part

applause - clapping of hands

volunteer person who freely gives time

scenery - stage backgrounds

hostility - hate or dislike

disgrace - to bring shame upon

Vocabulary Exercises 97

stalk - follow without being seen

wandering - traveling from place to place

adapt - adjust to

survival the act of staying alive

technique - special way to do something

disguising - changing appearance

surroundings - place around something

enables - allows

mimic - copy

resemble - to look like

noticeable - easily seen

Vocabulary Exercises 98

sculpted - carved by an artist

mantle - cape like covering

era - long period of time

reside - to live

rodents - animals such as mice

sparkling - gleaming or shining

jewel - valuable stone or gem

countryside - rural area

record - permanent evidence

aware - having knowledge

recall - to remember

drift - move along on a current of air or water

Vocabulary Exercises 99

capture - catch and hold

responsible - being the cause of something

drab - dull

impossible - unable to happen

imitate - follow the example of

achiever - someone who reaches a goal

success - achievement

career - profession

package - box used for delivery

pasture - grassy field for farm animals

ankles - joints where feet meet legs

damage - harm

advise - offer helpful suggestions

frightened - afraid

Vocabulary Exercises 100

lightning - visible discharge in the sky

electricity - energy from the flow of electrons

shiver - shake

realized - understood completely

stubborn - unwilling to change

shadow - area of darkness

frozen - turned to ice or motionless

crane - machine that lifts heavy objects

property - piece of land

program - plan

petition - request

sprinkling - spreading or scattering

cunning - clever

weave - to interlace

pluck - pick by pulling off

Vocabulary Exercises 101

sunset - time when the sun disappears

plump - chubby

dusk - time when darkness begins

escape - to break free or run away

desert - large region of sand

tumbleweeds - dead rolling plants

fortune - success

grazing - eating grass and other plants

swallow - transporting food from the mouth to the stomach

comfortable - relaxed without pain

ledge - shelf-like rock on a mountain

image - picture

curious - wanting to know more

view - what can be seen

echoes - repeated sounds

Vocabulary Exercises 102

spy - to see without being seen

peering - looking in a searching way

blind - unable to see

peculiar - unique

identified - named or discovered

creatures - living beings

exist - to live

extinction - when no member of a species survives

populations - certain living things in a certain place

underground - below the earth's surface

tame - gentle and meek

energy - power to do work

affect - have an influence on

Vocabulary Exercises 103

theory - explanation backed by testing
gem - valuable mineral
ore - mineral containing a useful substance
luster - shininess
density - amount per unit of measure
properties - things that can be described about an object
atom - smallest component of an element

Vocabulary Exercises 104

electron - negative part of atom outside nucleus
proton - positive part of atom inside nucleus
characterization - vivid description
connotation - emotional added meaning to a word
denotation - exact definition to a word
figurative - non-literal language
flashback - part of a story that already happened
imagery - language that describes something
inference - reasonable conclusion
inversion - reversal of the usual order
irony - sarcasm or an unexpected outcome
metaphor - comparison between two unlike things
cacophony - harsh jarring sound
coherent - consistent and logical
dilution - weakened substance

Vocabulary Exercises 105

drastically - extremely
enigmatic - perplexing
indigenous - native to an area
metabolism - chemical reactions in living things
ingestion - taking in food
digestion - breaking food down

respiration - breathing
excretion - getting rid of waste materials
available - ready for use
cater - to satisfy the needs of
customary - usual or expected
dissuade - persuade not to do something
firebrand - troublemaker
hazard - danger
homicide - murder

Vocabulary Exercises 106

humane - showing sympathy for others
indifference - lack of interest or concern
indignant - anger over something unjust
indispensable - absolutely necessary
lubricate - to apply oil or grease
mutual - shared equally
pelt - strike successively
plague - easily spread disease causing deaths
poised - balanced
regime - government in power
retard - to make slow
transparent - allowing light through
unscathed - wholly unharmed
polygon - closed figure with three or more sides
majority - greater part

Vocabulary Exercises 107

definite - precise
symbol - something that represents something else
doubtful - uncertain
navigator - person who charts the course
deny - refuse to give

twilight - time immediately after sunset

reliable - dependable

absent - not present

analyze - study

accidentally - not on purpose

embarrass - humiliate

misspell - spell incorrectly

adherent - supporter or follower

Vocabulary Exercises 108

daunt - frighten

tranquility - calmness

virago - quarrelsome woman

persecution - affliction

flagon - container for liquids

quaff - drink heartily

lore - traditional knowledge

morrow - the next day

surcease - to come to an end

entreat - ask earnestly

obeisance - deference or homage

beguile - to trick

countenance - appearance

craven - cowardly

discourse - long communication

Vocabulary Exercises 109

placid - peaceful

melancholy - gloomy state of mind

ominous - portending evil or harm

plutonian - like the underworld

pallid - pale

chamber - room

invest - to put into

dynasty - family of rulers

pagoda - tall Asian shrine

empire - groups of lands under the rule of one ruler

academic - relating to education

clarify - to make clear

confide - to tell something in secret

disclose - to uncover

Vocabulary Exercises 110

enlighten - to inform

expound - to make a detailed statement on a topic

ingrained - impressed firmly on the mind

sage - wise and respected person

seminar - conference where a specific topic is discussed

abridge - to shorten

browse - to look casually

citation - quotation from a reliable source

compendium - short but complete summary

etymology - study of the origin of words

gazetteer - geographical dictionary

glossary - alphabetical list of words in the back of a book

abash - embarrass

Vocabulary Exercises 111

activate - start

adept - expert

adjacent - directly next to

advent - coming event

affliction - misery

allay - lessen

alliance - union for a common purpose

amity - friendliness

anecdote - brief story

appalling - terrible

anonymous - unidentified

appropriate - suitable

aristocrat - nobility

arrogance - excessive pride

Vocabulary Exercises 112

articulate - speak clearly

aspiration - strong desire

scenario - rough script

taunt - reproach with insults

expansion - act of expanding

emphatic - strongly expressive

deny - declare something to be untrue

intersect - meet at a point of crossing

insignia - emblem

sponsor - one who supports

publicity - bringing something to the public's attention

offensive - act of attacking

abandoned left behind

breeds - particular kinds of animals

companion - close associate

Vocabulary Exercises 113

rambles - going on and on

originated - came into being

instincts - natural tendencies

patrol - check for trouble

talent - special natural ability

avalanches - large mass sliding down a hillside

victim - someone who is injured

suffocate - to die from lack of air

conscious - awake

audition - to try out

father - male parent

pony - small horse

wanted - desired

Vocabulary Exercises 114

opportunities - chance to do something

supply - furnish what is needed

dreaded - greatly feared

miniature - tiny version

quality - degree of excellence

nourish - keep alive and healthy

mechanical - operated by a machine

yield - amount produced

nectar - sweet liquid found in flowers

remedies - cures

production - process of making something

oppression - cruel and unfair treatment

untidy - messy

discovered - found out

Vocabulary Exercises 115

exclude - shut out

disapprove - show dislike

inactive - idle

inaccurate - wrong

dishonest - deceitful

expedition - journey for a purpose

extinct - no longer living

incomplete - not finished

untied - not fastened

incorrect - not right

unpack - to take things out

unseen - not visible

except - instead of

unhealthy - not well

universe - everything that exists

Vocabulary Exercises 116

exploration - travel for the purpose discovery

disinfectant - used to destroy germs

international - between nations

babble - make meaningless sounds

badge - distinctive emblem

baggage - luggage a traveler takes on a trip

bakery - place baked goods are made

ballot - form used to cast a vote

balance - equality between opposing forces

baton - wand used by a musical conductor

priest - religious leader

temple - place of worship

principal - highest in importance

Vocabulary Exercises 117

shinny - to climb

slimy - covered with filth

stationing - assigning a certain spot

venture - proceed in face of danger

pantry - closet where food is kept

reputation - how the public views a person

style - manner of doing something

exercises - training by repetition and review

sprint - race covering a short distance

gurgling - making a flowing or low sound

spade - digging tool

churn - to stir quickly

patchwork - many small pieces sewn together

umbrella - hand-held canopy

struggle - difficult task

Vocabulary Exercises 118

compass - direction determining device

tough - rugged

general - high officer

carnival - fair or festival

several - quite a few

ceramics - type of pottery

classical - arts in a past era

daub - apply paint with crude strokes

medley - mixture

melodious - pleasant to hear

orchestrate - organize

palette - thin board for mixing paints

pantomime - acting with gestures

texture - feel of the surface of an object

geologist - scientist who studies rocks

Vocabulary Exercises 119

mine - extracting minerals from the ground

forbidden - not allowed

accidental - happening by chance

vein - long deposit of underground metal

allusion - indirect mention of something

dialogue - conversation

foreshadow - foretell or bode

anthology - collection of writings

serialize - present one part of a story at a time

volume - relative amount

episode - part in a series

image - vivid description

pseudonym - pen name

literary - referring to books and writing

commission - share of the profit

Vocabulary Exercises 120

interest - charge for the use of money
principal - amount borrowed in a loan
flex - bend
mono - prefix meaning "one"
phonetics - study of the sounds of language
deign - condescend
pragmatic - practical
ambiance - special atmosphere
tout - publicize
obsequious - groveling
prospect - possibility
ingratiate - gain favor

Vocabulary Exercises 121

voracious - eating a lot
manifesto - declaration of principles
vaunt - brag about
cynical - showing scorn
apprehensive - uneasy
confide - to reveal in private
retrospective - contemplating
annals - chronological record of the events
implore - to beg for earnestly
fortuitous - fortunate
invective - abusive language
rue - feel regret
avarice - greed
trappings - articles of dress

Vocabulary Exercises 122

condescend - lower oneself
drivel - talk childishly
disseminate - to spread

lustrous - shiny
envelop - enclose with a covering
iridescent - display of lustrous colors
rancor - bitter
malignant - disposed to do evil
curmudgeon - ill-tempered person
degrade - demote
exalt - glorify, praise, or honor
slough - swamp
discern - detect

Vocabulary Exercises 123

baleful - ominous
pall - cover for a coffin
shimmer - glimmer
precarious - based on uncertain premises
misdemeanor - offense less serious than a felony
fester - to decay
sanguine - color of blood
maelstrom - violent situation
disclose - to make known
jaundice - yellowish coloring of the eyes and skin
toehold - slight advantage
void - emptiness
specter - ghost
destitute - lacking necessary things
implored - begged

Vocabulary Exercises 124

blemish - physical defect
misanthrope - someone who does not like people
ponderous - unyielding
trifle - something of little value
wrench - twist or pull

covetous - greedy
solemnize - honor or remember
bestow - give
dismal - gloomy and dark
resolute - determined
endeavor - to try
insomniac - person who is unable to sleep
deliquesce - melt away
homage - anything done to show honor
compulsion - feeling of having to do something

Vocabulary Exercises 125

wizened - old
preserve - maintain
astonish - surprise
confidentially - secretly
seethe - bubble or boil
consequence - result of an action
vacant - not occupied
wane - to become less
repent - feel sorry for
subcontinent - large landmass
jute - plant fiber used in making rope
teak - tropical wood used in furniture
beleaguer - beset with difficulties

Vocabulary Exercises 126

spasmodically - abruptly
ascetic - very self-disciplined person
fanatic - zealot
draught - long spell of dry weather
ruse - trick
remorse - torturing sense of guilt
concussion - shock from impact

acute - sharp and quick
conceive - develop in the mind
dissimulation - act of hiding
profound - marked by intellectual depth
sagacity - intelligence
stifle - hold back

Vocabulary Exercises 127

supposition - assumption
stalk - approach an stealthily
vex - trouble
suavity - graceful politeness
audacity - aggressive courage
vehemently - violently
derision - contempt or ridicule
anxiety - extreme nervousness
crevice - crack or narrow hole
fluently - clearly
hearkening - listening carefully
hypocritical - pretending
mockery - mean spirited joking
proceeded - went forward
pulsation - rhythmic beating

Vocabulary Exercises 128

refrained - kept from doing something
conceive - develop in the mind
trait - characteristic
genetics - study of heredity
heredity - passing of traits to offspring
genes - specific portion of DNA
dominant - stronger
hue - color
province - territorial district

surmount - overcome an obstacle
obsequious - servile and flattering
termagant - quarrelsome
impunity - freedom from punishment
aversion - definite dislike
frolic - lively recreation

Vocabulary Exercises 129

pestilent - very harmful
disposition - temperament
incessantly - never stopping
eloquence - polished speech
tranquility - calmness
reciprocate - to return
fancy - whimsical imagination
transient - temporary
azure - blue colored
countenance - facial expression
addle - to make confused
bewilderment - hopelessly confused
comely - attractive
corroborate - support

Vocabulary Exercises 130

beleaguer - beset with difficulties
invalid - sickly person
thicket - thick growth of plants
sanction - permit
incredulous - skeptical

