

Call of the Wild

Vocabulary Assignment #1

Name: _____

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1. impending 4	6. malingerer 13	11. obscurely 1	16. precipitate 15
2. metamorphosed 4	7. daunted 17	12. futilely 3	17. resolutely 17
3. imperative 8	8. conspicuous 18	13. impartial 7	18. abjectly 20
4. vicarious 9	9. solidarity 21, 27	14. malignant 10	19. insidious 21
5. arduous 11	10. inexorable 24	15. indiscretion 10	20. placatingly 22

Directions: Use the context provided for each word to identify the part-of-speech and to attempt an accurate guess at the correct definition of the highlighted vocabulary word. Then, use the dictionary to find the correct definition. Although students will only be tested on words 1-10, all of the vocabulary will be on the test. Once **all** of the words have been properly defined, students should use words 1-10 in their own original sentences. Students will need to know the meanings of all 20 words but will need to be able to use 1-10 meaningfully.



- He did not know why, but he felt oppressed by the vague sense of **impending** calamity.
POS:
Guess: _____ Definition: _____
- His eyes turned blood-shot, and he was **metamorphosed** into a raging fiend.
POS:
Guess: _____ Definition: _____
- There was **imperative** need to be constantly alert...these dogs and men...were savages.
POS:
Guess: _____ Definition: _____
- ...it was a **vicarious** experience, else he would not have lived to profit by it.
POS:
Guess: _____ Definition: _____
- The day had been long and **arduous**, and he slept soundly and comfortably...
POS:
Guess: _____ Definition: _____
- ...he saw Pike, one of the new dogs, a clever **malingerer** and thief, slyly steal a slice of bacon when Perrault's back was turned...
POS:
Guess: _____ Definition: _____
- Nothing **daunted** him. It was because nothing **daunted** him that he (Perrault) had been chosen for government courier.
POS:
Guess: _____ Definition: _____
- Dolly, who had never been **conspicuous** for anything, went suddenly mad. She announced her condition by a long, heart-breaking wolf howl that sent every dog bristling with fear then sprang straight for Buck.
POS:
Guess: _____ Definition: _____
- The general tone of the team picked up immediately. It recovered its old-time **solidarity**, and once more the dogs leaped as one dog in the traces.
POS:
Guess: _____ Definition: _____
- Buck was **inexorable**. Mercy was a thing reserved for gentler climes. He maneuvered for the final rush.
POS:
Guess: _____ Definition: _____

11. They came and went, resided in the populous kennels, or lived **obscurely** in the recesses of the house..
 POS:
 Guess: _____ Definition: _____
12. ...his tongue lolling out of his mouth and his great chest panting **futilely**.
 POS:
 Guess: _____ Definition: _____
13. He learned that Perrault and Francois were fair men, and **impartial** in administering justice...
 POS:
 Guess: _____ Definition: _____
14. Joe was the very opposite (of Billee), sour and introspective, with a perpetual snarl and a **malignant** eye.
 POS:
 Guess: _____ Definition: _____
15. ...the first knowledge he had of his **indiscretion** was when Sol-leks whirled upon him and slashed his shoulder to the bone..
 POS:
 Guess: _____ Definition: _____
16. He was not prone to rashness and **precipitate** action; and in the bitter hatred between him and Spitz he betrayed no impatience, shunned all offensive acts.
 POS:
 Guess: _____ Definition: _____
17. He (Perrault) took all manner of risks, **resolutely** thrusting his little weazened face into the frost and struggling on from dim dawn to dark.
 POS:
 Guess: _____ Definition: _____
18. Pike, who had been trembling **abjectly**, took heart at this open mutiny, and sprang upon his overthrown leader. Buck, to whom fair-play was a forgotten code, likewise sprang upon Spitz.
 POS:
 Guess: _____ Definition: _____
19. The **insidious** revolt led by Buck had destroyed the solidarity of the team.
 POS:
 Guess: _____ Definition: _____
20. And even Billee, the good-natured, was less good-natured, and whined not half so **placatingly** as in former days.
 POS:
 Guess: _____ Definition: _____

