

# *The Call of the Wild*

## Vocabulary Practice #2

# Key

Directions: Use your vocabulary words from Assignment #2 to complete the following sentences.

1. During the wilderness hike, Tommy and Fred lingered back from the rest of the group so they could joke privately amongst themselves.
2. As the hours past during their hike, Fred looked up from the trail apprehensively and fearfully realized that the two had gotten completely separated from the rest of their group.
3. They looked around to try and find some landmark which could indicate their current location, but all they found were copious trees, so many that they covered any distinguishable landmark in the forest.
4. Although Tommy had feigned being lost before as a joke when previously separated from the group with other scouts, this time the danger was real; they had no idea where they were.
5. The amenities of polite conversation and joking around together were dropped from the dialogue between to two boys. They began cursing at each other and blaming one another for their separation.
6. As the two boys continued to walk, they became increasingly perplexed. How did this end up happening to them? Without the aid of a map they felt disoriented and confused.
7. After lugging their heavy packs for a few more miles, they decided to lighten their load by throwing out all of the superfluous items they did not need in their packs.
8. Since the two boys had rather poor navigational skills, they floundered in the woods rather hopelessly. As darkness set in they stumbled about on tree roots and rocks on the trail.
9. As the moon hung overhead, the calls of predators with voracious appetites sounded among the dark woodlands.
10. Thinking back to why Tommy joined the Boy Scouts, Tommy recalled that he felt impelled to join, since his father had been an Eagle Scout as a teen. He was now really regretting the decision to try and live up to his father's accomplishments.

11. At first, the boys thought their state of being lost was merely going to be a **transient** condition, but now as they travel solely by moonlight; it was obvious that it has been a long time since they had last seen their group.
12. Tommy was really starting to lose it. He screamed **imploringly** to the heavens, piteously asking God to deliver them from their current danger.
13. The boys then noticed a most **salient** rock along the path which had stood out to them earlier in that day's hike.
14. Fred **averred** that he had certainly seen that rock before because the Scout master had made note of it about half way through their hike.
15. The urge to press on rumbled more **imperiously** within their spirits, as they now had some hope that they might get out of this situation alive.
16. Although they now had an idea of where they were, Fred knew that the main base camp was still a **formidable** distance away, perhaps even several miles.
17. While continuing to trek on in the frigid darkness, all the two could think about was the **coveted** warmth of their sleeping bags and cabins located at base camp.
18. The last mile of the trip **fatigue** really set into the boys. That last mile was slow and arduous.
19. Once they arrived at their base camp, the two were given the best bunks in the cabin and were not awakened as early as the other campers. Their Scout master had decided to give the two a period of **convalescence**.
20. The boys knew that it was largely their fault that they had gotten lost. Despite the peril they were in, they harbored no more **repugnance** towards camp than they had before they had left on the hike. The two actually grew from the situation and took classes on navigation and wilderness survival; next time they will be more prepared.