

Vocabulary for Grade 10 Set A: Fitting In, Standing Out

Directions: In the first activity in this packet, you will use context clues to try and determine the meaning of each of your new vocabulary words. The example below shows you how to do this activity.

1. Begin by looking at the **photo**.
Ask yourself, **What do I see?**
I see birds flying in the air. They are not being controlled or told where to go.
2. Next, look at the **caption**.
Ask yourself, **what word could I put in place of the underlined vocabulary word?**
Here I might substitute "all" or "complete" for absolute.
3. Then, look at the **example sentence**.
Ask yourself, **do my substitutions from the caption — "all" and "complete" — make sense in this sentence?**
Yes, "complete" works in the example sentence as well.
4. Finally, **write or type a prediction** in the last box.

Example: Absolute (ab-suh-loot)

My mother's no was absolute. Once she said it, there was no chance of changing her mind.



Birds have absolute freedom to go wherever they like.

What's your **prediction**?

My Answer: *complete*

Let's begin!

1. Avert

Thinking about the test stresses me out, so I avert my thoughts whenever I'm reminded of it.



When Mike started to cry, Darren averted his eyes.

What's your **prediction**?

My Answer:

2. Chronological

Bella told the story chronologically, starting with the first time she saw Edward.



The files are chronological and run from 1980 to 2018.

What's your **prediction**?

My Answer:

3. Compromise

Going without sleep will compromise your immune system and make it more likely that you get sick.



The earthquake compromised the walls and made the building unsafe.

What's your **prediction**?

My Answer:

4. Implant

In the novel *Feed*, teenagers get a brain implant that keeps them connected to the internet at all times.



The implant in Joe's heart keeps it on a steady, regular beat.

What's your **prediction**?

My Answer:

5. Indignant

Markisha was indignant when the teacher only yelled at her, even though other students were talking, too.



The cat was indignant when I didn't share my fish dinner with him.

What's your **prediction**?

My Answer:

6. Negligent

Leaving the dog shut up in the car on a 90-degree day was a negligent thing to do.



The house was broken down from years of negligent treatment.

What's your **prediction**?

My Answer:

7. Relocation

I was worried that we would lose customers after the relocation because they wouldn't know where to find us.



We had to do a lot of work on the new house before our relocation.

What's your **prediction**?

My Answer:

8. Stabilize

Lulu's parents put training wheels on her bike to stabilize it while she was learning to balance for herself.



The wires stabilize the bridge so it can stay upright in high winds.

What's your **prediction**?

My Answer:

9. Unmitigated

After the huge loss in the playoffs, the coach issued a statement calling it "an unmitigated disaster."



The fire that destroyed the house was an unmitigated loss for us.

What's your **prediction**?

My Answer:

10. Wretched

Our organization brings medicine and food to the wretched people living in the war zone.



Conditions were wretched in California after wildfires destroyed entire towns.

What's your **prediction**?

My Answer:

Let's review the definitions of the words.

1. **Avert:** (v) turn aside (especially one's thoughts or eyes) to avoid (something) *Related: aversion*
2. **Chronological:** (adj) related to time; in time order *Related: synchronize*
3. **Compromise:** (v) damage or make weaker
4. **Implant:** (n) an object inserted into the body, especially by surgery *Related: plant, transplant*
5. **Indignant:** (adj) annoyed or angry, believing that oneself is being treated unfairly *Related: indignity*
6. **Negligent:** (adj) failing to take proper care of (something) *Related: negligence*
7. **Relocation:** (n) a move to a new place to make one's home or business there *Related: relocate, location, dislocation*
8. **Stabilize:** (v) make (something) less likely to turn over or fall *Related: destabilize, stable*
9. **Unmitigated:** (adj) complete, often describing something bad or unsuccessful that has no good or positive points *Related: mitigate, mitigation*
10. **Wretched:** (adj) in a very unhappy or unpleasant state *Related: wretch*

Activity 2: Fill-in-the-Blank Sentence

Directions: Fill in the blanks using the correct vocabulary word to complete each sentence.

Avert Chronological Compromised Destabilized Implant Indignant Negligent Relocating Unmitigated Wretched

1. The women were _____ when they realized their male coworkers earned 20% more than they did.
2. After Hurricane Sandy, residents of Long Island were _____ because their power was out for weeks!
3. Many people _____ their eyes from homeless people to avoid getting involved.
4. When word got around that Anne didn't keep her promises, it _____ her ability to do business in town.
5. Esteban planned for months before _____ his family from New York to California.
6. My diabetic cousin has an _____ in her stomach so she doesn't have to use needles for her insulin.
7. The job interview was an _____ disaster: Tonya arrived late, forgot her resume, and insulted the interviewer!
8. My _____ neighbor never shovels his sidewalk after a snowstorm. One day someone will slip and get hurt!
9. Julia accidentally _____ the bookshelf by loading far more books on one side than on the other.
10. Most history courses are _____ because the events of one era have a powerful influence on the next.

My answer

Activity 3: Fill-in-the-Blank Scenario

Fill in the blanks using the correct vocabulary word to complete each scenario. Then, explain why that vocabulary word fits best based on context clues provided in the scenario. You may have to change the form of the word (ex: go, going, gone).

For Example:

Every single day, Bryan wakes up at 5 o'clock in the morning to take a 10-mile jog. Then, he goes to the gym to lift weights. Afterwards, he does 20 laps in the pool. And this is before he goes to practice with the team every afternoon!

Bryan is _____ about training because _____.

My Answer	My Reason
<i>relentless</i>	<i>He is extremely dedicated and exercises all of the time. He runs 10 miles, lifts weights, swims, and attends practice every day.</i>

Averts Chronologically Compromised Implant Indignant Negligent Relocate Stabilized Unmitigated Wretched

1. Carolina has been ill for so long that she is just miserable. She's in physical pain and she's also just really tired. It's sad to see her suffering so much.

Carolina is _____ because _____

My Answer	My Reason

2. The people in Yemen don't have enough food. When the 6 o'clock news was showing pictures of starving Yemeni children, Kendra had to look away. The pictures were so upsetting that she didn't want to see them.

Kendra _____ her eyes because _____

My Answer	My Reason

3. After Ibrahim was in a terrible car accident, his cheekbone was shattered on one side and he needed surgery to rebuild his face. The doctors placed a plastic insert where his cheekbone had been so that the two sides of his face were even again.

Ibrahim needed a(n) _____ because _____

My Answer	My Reason

4. Yu Yan was so upset that she couldn't tell us clearly what had happened to her. We asked her to start over and tell the story from the beginning so we could follow it.

Yu Yan needs to tell her story _____ because _____.

My Answer	My Reason

5. Although the problems with the show were clear in early rehearsals, Kendra was such a big star that everyone was afraid to tell her the show was bad. On opening night, dancers missed their entrances, the band sounded awful, and Kendra's costumes were just plain ugly. The audience booed and then left early!

The show's problems were _____ because _____.

My Answer	My Reason

6. The good news is: Mr. Brown's cancer is gone! Unfortunately, the cancer treatment really weakened his whole system. He'll have to be very careful to avoid germs and sick people while his body continues to recover.

Mr. Brown's system has been _____ because _____.

My Answer	My Reason

7. Stef really hates his landlord. There was a leak in the roof of the apartment and, even though Stef called right away to tell him about it, the landlord did nothing for weeks! Of course, the damage got much worse during that time.

The landlord is _____ because _____.

My Answer	My Reason

8. After Hurricane Katrina, people from New Orleans ended up scattered all over the country. Their homes and businesses had been so badly damaged during the storm that they had nothing to go back to, so they started new lives in other places.

The people had to _____ because _____.

My Answer	My Reason

9. My kids demand that I treat them fairly. If I give one child \$15 for the movies, I have to give the other the same amount. Otherwise, they get so angry!

The kids can get _____ because _____.

My Answer	My Reason

10. Marta has a beautiful old tree by her house that's at least 50 feet tall. She loves it, but she's worried that it might blow over in a storm. Marta had wires strung from the tree to metal anchors in the ground so the tree would be less likely to fall.

Marta _____ the tree because _____.

My Answer	My Reason

Activity 4: Matching

Match the following vocabulary words to their synonyms from the box. Write your answer in the column next to the word.

Synonyms: Weaken Irresponsible Angry In order Move Total Steady Miserable Turn Insert

Words	My Answer
1. Avert	
2. Chronological	
3. Compromise	
4. Implant	
5. Indignant	
6. Negligent	
7. Relocation	
8. Stabilize	
9. Unmitigated	
10. Wretched	

Activity 5: Application of Vocabulary

Answer each question in **1-2 complete sentences**. Make sure that you **use the underlined vocabulary word** in your answer.

1. Some people avert their minds from the troubles of others and just focus on their own lives. Others get involved and try to help suffering people. Which type of person are you? Why?

2. Which do you enjoy more: a story told chronologically or one with flashbacks and foreshadowing? Why?

3. Do you think things that compromise a user's health — like cigarettes and alcohol — should be illegal? Why or why not?

4. Would you want a brain implant that connects your thoughts directly to social media? Why or why not?

5. People say, "Life isn't fair," but we still feel indignant when we witness unfairness. Why do you think that is?

6. While social media can be a positive element in a person's life, there is also a lot of bullying and unkindness on social media platforms. What do you think can be done to mitigate the situation?

7. Some people think it is negligent to let middle school students walk or bike to school alone, while others think it's an appropriate level of freedom for children that age. What do you think?

8. Do you think our government should pay for people to relocate to safety during a natural disaster like a wildfire or hurricane? Why or why not?

9. Would you describe yourself as having stable emotions, or would you say your emotions are easily destabilized? Explain.

10. On the Statue of Liberty is a poem that says, "Give me your tired, your poor,... The wretched... Send these, the homeless... to me." What do you think the poet, Emma Lazarus, was trying to say about the United States?