

“The Secret Lion” and “The Beginning of Grief” Vocabulary Exercise

- 1) arroyo: A deep gully cut by an intermittent stream; a dry gulch.
- 2) vat: a large vessel, such as a tub, cistern or barrel used to store liquids
- 3) ore: A mineral or an aggregate of minerals from which a valuable constituent, especially a metal, can be profitably mined or extracted.
- 4) elaborate: Planned or executed with painstaking attention to numerous parts or details. Intricate and rich in detail
- 5) vernacular: The everyday language spoken by a people
- 6) periphery: the outside boundary or surface of something
- 7) prudent: Wise in handling practical matters; exercising good judgment or common sense.
- 8) Judicious: Having or exhibiting sound judgment; prudent.
- 9) Indignation: Anger aroused by something unjust, mean, or unworthy
- 10) Futile: Having no useful result.

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I: Matching Word to its definition: Match the vocabulary word to its definition below. Write the definition next to the word in your own words for easy memory retention.

1. Arroyo (n):
2. Vat (n):
3. Ore (n):
4. Elaborate (adj):
5. Vernacular (n):
6. Periphery (n):
7. Prudent (adj):
8. Judicious (adj):
9. Indignation (n):
10. Futile (adj):

Definitions:

- a) Having no useful result.
- b) The everyday language spoken by a people
- c) The outside boundary or surface of something
- d) A deep gully cut by an intermittent stream; a dry gulch
- e) A mineral or an aggregate of minerals from which a valuable constituent, especially a metal, can be profitably mined or extracted
- f) Wise in handling practical matters; exercising good judgment or common sense
- g) A large vessel, such as a tub, cistern or barrel used to store liquids
- h) Having or exhibiting sound judgment; prudent.
- i) Planned or executed with painstaking attention to numerous parts or details. Intricate and rich in detail
- j) Anger aroused by something unjust, mean, or unworthy

II: Synonyms: Match the word from the list that means the same as the words provided.

1. careful, thrifty
2. complicated, detailed
3. gully, gorge, canyon
4. fury, rage
5. native language, slang
6. mineral, rock, metal
7. practical, fair, discreet
8. vain, trivial, hollow
9. border, boundary
10. keg, cask

III: Antonyms: Write the word from the list that means the opposite of the words provided.

1. unfair, prejudice
2. simple, plain, ordinary
3. effective, productive
4. restraint, poise, self-control
5. rash, foolish, silly
6. raging river, ocean

IV: Completing the sentence: Write the word that best completes the sentence.

1. When people enter college, they have to be very _____ with their money.
2. The teacher's _____ showed when he caught the student copying homework.
3. We followed the trail through the _____ to the beginning of the waterfall.
4. One of the _____ of hazardous waste fell from the train.
5. It is _____ to try to act happy at a funeral of someone you love.
6. The story is hard to understand because it is written in the _____ of the people who lived in the 17th century.
7. When we were kids, we used to find _____ with a magnet while we played in the sand.
8. The cops set up a roadblock around the _____ of the bank.
9. When a teacher grades homework he has to be as _____ as possible.
10. The stage was very _____ for the play of "Romeo and Juliet."

V: Write a sentence on your own that uses each word correctly