

Daily Vocabulary Procedure

1. Copy the Vocabulary words from the board; Write the word neatly and clearly, and leave space below each word for the definition and three long sentences
2. Use the dictionary to write a definition for the word; be sure to include the part of speech (noun, verb, etc).
 - If the word has many definitions, copy the first two, unless I tell you otherwise.
3. **Homework:** Go online and use a search engine such as *Google* to find news articles in which each vocabulary word is used correctly.



Hint: Go to Google, then to “News” (see the nine-button “Launch” menu at the top of the Google page) and *then* type in the vocabulary word to search. This should take you to an article where the word is used in text. If you use the default menu of Google (which is called simply, “Web” on the menu) then you will be presented with many websites that are just dictionaries or encyclopedias with the word defined – which you have already done – instead of a text that uses the word correctly.



Hint #2: Once you have done the search, look at the short excerpt that the search engine gives you and make sure that the vocabulary word is not being used as *name* for something or someone.

Example: If the vocabulary word is “tenacious” and one of the web sites listed on the search result is a story about the new CD from “Tenacious D” (Jack Black’s alter ego), then that is *not* a correct use of the word; it is a recording artist using the word as a *name*, and that is not acceptable.

Hint # 3: Go to one of the web sites listed and use the “Find on this Page” feature under the Edit menu. Click on Edit, and then “Find on this Page” and a small box opens. Type in the word you want and it will take you directly to the sentence with that word in it, and the word will be highlighted.

5. Transcribe two sentences that use the word correctly. Do not copy them using the “copy” feature on the computer. If you do that, you will not remember the word or its use. Remember the whole purpose of this exercise is to learn how to properly use the vocabulary word. If you copy and paste, you never process the word through your brain. I probably won’t know the difference, but you will when you take the test and fail the vocabulary section.
Note: Be sure to put the sentence in “quotation marks” because you are lifting it directly from another source, and then attribute the source – that is, give the correct MLA parenthetical citation as if you were using it in a research paper.
6. Highlight or underline the vocabulary word in the quoted news example.
7. NOTE FOR 11TH GRADE: Hold onto your returned homework for use in Spring semester with the Research Paper unit!

Example: Vocabulary words: *misnomer*, *sedulous*, *voracious*

misnomer

(n) 1: the misnaming of a person in a legal instrument

2 a: a use of a wrong or inappropriate name **b**: a wrong name or inappropriate designation

Internet Examples:

"Strictly speaking 'breadcrumb navigation' is a misnomer since Hansel's breadcrumbs were eaten by birds with the result that he and Gretel remained lost, started snacking on the witch's gingerbread house, and so on" (Hudson).

"However, the big bang is not an explosion at all. This is an unfortunate misnomer that cosmologists would like to correct. But the bad name has stuck" (Steinhardt).

sedulous

(adj) 1. diligent in application or attention; persevering, assiduous 2. persistently or carefully maintained: *sedulous flattery*

Internet Examples:

"Studying and working hard were the most chosen answers to the question "How do you can contribute to the development of your homeland?", which reflects a conviction that being well-educated and sedulous are the suitable means for rebuilding society" (Helmy).

"Of course, the counter-argument is bound to be that Mr. Rawlings did so with the sedulous complicity of the now-President John Evans Atta-Mills, his staunchest gubernatorial lieutenant" (Kwame Okoampa-Ahoofe, Jr).

voracious

(adj.) 1. Craving or consuming large quantities of food. 2. Exceedingly eager or avid, as *a voracious reader*

Internet Examples:

"Fox Creek and its Millar Western sawmill is in the middle of Alberta's largest lodgepole pine forests, and also in the centre of the province's holding zone in the desperate war to stop the spread of the voracious beetles that will have eaten through 75 per cent of British Columbia's pine forests by the time the infestation peters out in a few more years"(Talley).

"A handsome jet set young man with ready cash and a voracious appetite for drugs and women, Lalagade's behaviour quickly spiraled out of control, leading to, among other run-ins, an FBI drug bust which he escaped by sneaking on to a transatlantic boat back to France in 2000" (MacGuill).