

WORDS IN CONTEXT: In the space provided, write the letter of the meaning closest to that of each **boldfaced** word. Use the context of the sentences to help you figure out each word’s meaning.

1.) **condone** [verb]

- Mrs. Ojeda does not **condone** bad behavior in students, so she assigns them a detention.
- Using phones during a test is not **condoned** at VMHS as the students might use the phone to cheat on their answers.

_____ **condone** means a. deny b. excuse c. refuse

2.) **imperative** [adj.]

- It is **imperative** for the students to read their SSR books, such as “A Separate Peace”, so they learn how to annotate and how to manage their time wisely.
- It is **imperative** for you to forgive your brother, so we can enjoy peace in our family.

_____ **imperative** means a. crucial b. optional c. trivial

3.) **zealous** [adj.]

- Mrs. Smith was **zealous** to teach her little kindergarten students how to read the children’s book she had written for them.
- Most teenagers are very **zealous** to be on Twitter and Instagram; however, they are not quite as excited about their school work. What a shame.

_____ **zealous** means a. indifferent b. lethargic c. dedicated

4.) **dire** [adj.]

- The man came home to **dire** circumstances. His house had burnt down while he was at work and his wife and children had died.
- The most **dire** event I can imagine is to come to class and be unprepared.

_____ **dire** means a. fortunate b. calm c. drastic

5.) **fervent** [adj.]

- Romeo and Juliet shared a **fervent** love. They were not able to live without one another.
- “I wish the students shared my **fervent** love for literature”, said the English Teacher.

_____ **fervent** means a. apathetic b. passionate c. calm

6.) **parsimony** [noun]

- Retailers will suffer in a new era of **parsimony**.
- This **parsimony** cannot continue indefinitely. Once in a while everyone needs to splurge.

_____ **parsimony** means a. confusion b. frugality c. generosity

- _____ : to excuse or overlook an offense, usually a serious one, without criticism
- _____ : absolutely necessary
- _____ : very eager; enthusiastic
- _____ : dreadful; terrible
- _____ : having or showing great intensity of feeling, passionate
- _____ : parsimonious; stinginess, stingy

SENTENCE CHECK 2: Using the answer lines provided, complete each item below with **two** words from the box. Use each word once.

1. When faced with adversity, it is _____ to maintain a positive attitude if you want to stay happy and optimistic despite your misfortunes.
2. Although Della’s _____ might have embarrassed her a little, the haggling over every penny did lead to \$1.87 more than she would have had.
3. The young princess’s _____ love for the young man should prove to anyone that she would not have sent her lover to the door of the tiger!
4. The young princess’s father was almost too _____ in his ruling of the kingdom because it caused him to be very narrow-minded in his thinking quite often.
5. It was partially due to her semi-barbaric ancestry and partially due to her personal interest in the outcome that allowed the princess to be in attendance at such a _____ event as the trial of her young lover.
6. Under no circumstances do I _____ the behavior of malevolent students who cause trouble in class, so I send them to Rausa.

FINAL CHECK – The School Shooting Read the following selection carefully. Fill in each blank with the correct vocabulary word. Context clues will help you figure out which word goes in which blank. Use each word once.

1. The small high school in Montana faced a _____ situation after one of their students, Tom P., had killed himself and twenty others in a school shooting.
2. Tom’s teachers had noticed that he was _____ about guns, but they would have never expected him to use them in such a malevolent way.
3. His English teacher, Mr. Myers, was especially surprised as Tom had been kind and gentle in class. Tom had also shared Mr. Myer’s _____ love for poetry. Shooting people seemed so unlike Tom!

4. After investigating, the police found out that Tom had been dealing with extreme adversity at home as well as a mental disorder. Tom's father had lost his job and had subjected the family to extreme _____ and violence. Tom hardly got enough food and clothes.
5. The whole town mourned the circumstances, and the community felt that it was _____ to make sure that every child had access to a role model.
6. They didn't _____ what happened, but they tried to learn a lesson from it, so future tragedies can be prevented.

VOCABULARY STORY – Write a story **that makes sense** using all of the words from unit 1. Use **one word per sentence** and **underline or highlight** each vocabulary word. Be sure to use the **correct part of speech** for each word. Each sentence should have **context clues/synonyms** that help explain what the word means.

VOCABULARY PICTURES – Write the **vocabulary word** and copy the definition exactly, including the **part of speech**. Then write the **definition in your own words**. Finally, create a **drawing** to represent the definition and **color** it. If the picture is not colored the highest possible grade is a C.
