

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.) **instigate** [verb]

- As a matter of fact, any changes you **instigate** could cause troublesome complications.
- Interaction among delinquent peers seems to **instigate** crimes and escalate their severity.

_____ **instigate** means a. discourage b. bring about c. neglect

2.) **prudence** [noun]

- It is imperative for the students to exercise **prudence** when selecting friends because of the power of peer pressure.
- It is also **imperative** for students to exercise **prudence** when managing their time, so they don't procrastinate and ruin their grade forever.

_____ **prudence** means a. wisdom b. ignorance c. carelessness

3.) **coveted** [verb]

- The students **coveted** their break time because they wanted to update their facebook status.
- Most teenagers **coveted** the latest i-phone because of its superb camera.

_____ **coveted** means a. hate b. dislike c. envy

4.) **impunity** [noun]

- Quite a few students believe that they can cheat or procrastinate with **impunity**. Just wait until you get to college or you join the workforce!
- The students in Mrs. Ojeda's third period English II class think that they can procrastinate and ignore the rules with **impunity**. They surely need a reality check!

_____ **impunity** means a. imprisonment b. exemption c. denial

5.) **infallibility** [noun]

- Some of the students in Mrs. Ojeda's third period Advanced English I class believe in the **infallibility** of multi-tasking.
- Many students also believe in the **infallibility** of procrastinating. They're wrong again.

_____ **infallibility** means a. reliability b. imperfection c. negligence

6.) **precariously** [adv.]

- Her brick home near the coast is surrounded by steep lush mountains where houses are perched **precariously**.
- The economy is balanced **precariously** on a mountain of debt, much of it owed to foreigners.

_____ **precariously** means a. carefully b. perilously c. lightly

- _____ : to stir up or cause to happen
- _____ : cautious, good judgment
- _____ : desired strongly, wished for longingly
- _____ : freedom from punishment, harm, or bad consequences
- _____ : the state of being incapable of making an error
- _____ : dangerously; insecurely

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

1. Never getting caught, the student cheated time and time again with _____, until one day he got what he deserved.
2. Overcome by the sleek lines and flashy metallic paint job, the man _____ his neighbor's sports car every time he saw it in the driveway.
3. Because of the tremendous fluctuations in the stock market, the people understandably exercised _____ before investing their money.
4. The expert was known for her apparent _____ because she had never been known to make a mistake in her work.
5. The mountain climber ascended the steep slope, _____ walking on loose rocks along a narrow path with a sheer drop to the canyon far below.
6. Discontent with the present conditions, the people tried to _____ reforms by contacting their representatives in Sacramento.

FINAL CHECK – Mean Girls! 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. Seven years ago, there was a group of five girls at Beverly Hills High School who _____ a lot of trouble among the ninth grade.
2. Since their parents were very wealthy and influential within the community, they believed that they could cause trouble with _____, without being punished.
3. Many of the other girls at Beverly Hills High _____ the mean girls' possessions as well as their reputation because nobody in the ninth grade dared to confront them.

- 4. After Christmas, when a new vice principal started at the school, he was determined to use _____ and wisdom in order to hold them accountable.
- 5. He was known for his _____ in researching his cases of student behavior and had been hired especially to prevent the mean girls from gaining more and more influence and from poisoning the school's culture.
- 6. One day, when the mean girls' credibility regarding plagiarism was balanced _____ on a heap of lies, he did his research and caught them all plagiarizing. They lost credit on the assignment, were given a Saturday school, and were grounded at home FOREVER!

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.
