

VOCABULARY, GRAMMAR & WRITING

Warm-Up Journals

Grade 10



Vocabulary Journal 1.1

Date _____

Read the following and make an educated guess to match each vocabulary term to its correct definition. Then, use the dictionary to verify your educated guesses.

VOCABULARY WORD	MY GUESS	CORRECT ANSWER	DEFINITION
1. convoluted (adj.)			A. capable of being done; possible
2. grimace (n.)			B. causing fear or dread
3. deftness (n.)			C. seeming endless
4. imperceptibly (adv.)			D. intricate; twisted
5. reveling (v.)			E. more than enough; abundant
6. interminable (adj.)			F. rope support
7. ample (adj.)			G. with difficulty
8. aperture (n.)			H. twisted facial expression
9. belay (n.)			I. in such a slight way as to be almost unnoticeable
10. laboriously (adv.)			J. skillfulness
11. feasible (adj.)			K. taking great pleasure
12. formidable (adj.)			I. opening in a camera through which light passes into the lens

Vocabulary Journal 1.2

Date _____

From the list below, supply the words needed to complete the paragraph. Some words will not be used.

convoluted grimace deftness ample
imperceptibility reveling interminable belay

His teeth were exposed in a frozen _____, the strength draining like water from his knees and calves. And he saw himself striding through it, lying down on the floor on his back, arms spread wide, _____ in its unbelievable security. But it didn't move, and then he saw that the paper was caught firmly between a projection of the _____ corner ornament and the ledge. There'd be a newsreel next, maybe, and then an animated cartoon, and then _____ scenes from coming pictures. ...then his left hand, then the other foot, then the other hand—he was able to move, almost _____, trembling steadily, very nearly without thought. The strength was gone from his legs; his shivering hands—numb, cold and desperately rigid—had lost all _____; his easy ability to move and balance was gone.

Vocabulary Journal 1.3

Date _____

From the list below, supply the words needed to complete the paragraph. Some words will not be used.

ample aperture grimace belay
laboriously feasible convoluted formidable

...and I checked my camera for the last time, setting it at a standard _____ and then placing it carefully inside my clothes and zipping up my windproof. I waved to Tenzing and brought in the rope as he, too, made his way _____ up the crack and dragged himself out beside me, panting for breath. Part of the ridge up which they had established their high camps was visible, but the last thousand feet, which had proved such a _____ barrier... Out came all our delicacies, with the tinned apricots being a special treat. We also drank _____ liquid. I hacked a line of steps for forty feet, thrust my ice axe into the firm snow as a sound _____, and then brought Tenzing along to join me. I could see all the northern slopes of the mountain and was immediately struck by the possibility of a _____ route to its summit.

Vocabulary Journal 1.4

Date _____

Practice using the vocabulary words by following the instructions given.

Draw a picture of ample .	
Explain a feasible punishment for someone who litters.	
Discuss three careers that could be considered as laborious .	
Who might be a formidable opponent for Hercules? Why?	
Draw a picture of a camera. Then identify where the aperture would be found.	
Who might need a belay ? Why?	

Vocabulary Journal 1.5

Date _____

Practice using the vocabulary words by following the instructions given.

What might make someone grimace while watching a movie?	
Draw a picture of interminable .	
Name a cartoon character that might revel . About what might they be reveling ?	

Vocabulary Journal 1.5 (cont.)

Discuss three careers that require deftness .	
Draw a picture of an animal that could be considered as imperceptible .	
How might a short story be considered as convoluted ?	

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- While Sara visited with Sam: she finished her science project.
 - with Sam. she finished
 - with Sam; she finished
 - with Sam, she finished
 - Leave as is
- "Why should I wear a sweater?" grumbled the boy as his mother reminded him again of the cold weather.
 - "Why should I wear a sweater"?
 - "Why should I wear a sweater"
 - "Why should I wear a sweater"?
 - Leave as is

Journal Reflection (3 Sentences Minimum) Date _____

