

# Vocabulary List

Check the words you are sure you can read and define.

_____	<b>coax</b>	_____	<b>persistence</b>
_____	<b>composure</b>	_____	<b>persuade</b>
_____	<b>crucifix</b>	_____	<b>petite</b>
_____	<b>culprit</b>	_____	<b>petrified</b>
_____	<b>douse</b>	_____	<b>proceed</b>
_____	<b>flawless</b>	_____	<b>prospect</b>
_____	<b>goad</b>	_____	<b>resemblance</b>
_____	<b>grimace</b>	_____	<b>subtle</b>
_____	<b>momentum</b>	_____	<b>vacant</b>
_____	<b>offender</b>	_____	<b>wrath</b>

# Vocabulary List for Word Study

1. **coax** – v. To urge or influence with soft words or flattery.
2. **composure** – n. calmness; tranquility; self-possession
3. **crucifix** – n. a cross as a Christian symbol
4. **culprit** – n. A person who is guilty of a crime or wrongdoing
5. **douse** – v. To wet completely; drench
6. **flawless** – adj. Without a flaw; perfect
7. **goad** – v. To urge on with or as if with a goad
8. **grimace** – n. A tightening and twisting of the face muscles, as in pain or disgust
9. **momentum** – n. The force or speed that an object has when it moves
10. **offender** – n. a person committing a sin or a crime; a person doing wrong
11. **persistence** – n. a persisting, stubborn continuance; tenacity
12. **persuade** – v. To cause to do or believe something, as by arguing; convince
13. **petite** – adj. small and trim of figure

14. **petrified** – adj. Terrified
15. **proceed** – v. To go forward or onward, especially after stopping
16. **prospect** – n. Something that is expected or looked forward to
17. **resemblance** – n. Similarity in looks
18. **subtle** – adj. Having a faint, delicate quality that is hard to detect  
or appreciate
19. **vacant** – adj. Not occupied or rented
20. **wrath** – n. Very great anger; rage.

Note: *The American Heritage Children's Dictionary*  
*Webster's New World Dictionary*

Answer Key:

## Vocabulary in Context – Chapters 1-6

Fill-in the blanks with the best word from the list.

persistence      composure      resemblance      coax  
prospect      proceed      grimace      momentum

1. The race car gained momentum as it sped down the hill.
2. My brother tried to coax the cat to come down from the tree, but the cat would not move.
3. Mrs. Williams could not gain composure as she sobbed and wiped her eyes.
4. With patience and persistence, you can finish a difficult job.
5. The parade will proceed down Main Street, turn onto Maple Street, and end at the school stadium.
6. By the grimace on Dad's face, we could tell he had smashed his hand.
7. Angela showed a strong resemblance to her grandmother in an old photograph she found.
8. The prospect of finding a buyer for the old car looked bleak.

Answer Key:

## Vocabulary in Context – Chapters 7-10

Fill-in the blanks with the best word from the list.

flawless                  culprit                  petrified                  goading  
persuade                  vacant                  petite

1. The ballerina was so dainty and \_\_\_\_\_ petite \_\_\_\_\_ that she looked even smaller on the big stage.
2. I suspect the \_\_\_\_\_ culprit \_\_\_\_\_ who broke the window is hiding behind the bushes.
3. Don had practiced so hard on his guitar solo that he had a \_\_\_\_\_ flawless \_\_\_\_\_ performance.
4. After much \_\_\_\_\_ goading \_\_\_\_\_ from his teammates, Rick finally stepped up to the microphone.
5. City planners used a \_\_\_\_\_ vacant \_\_\_\_\_ parking lot to set up a large tent for the festival.
6. Try to \_\_\_\_\_ persuade \_\_\_\_\_ your parents to go on the camping trip with us.
7. Kate appeared \_\_\_\_\_ petrified \_\_\_\_\_ as she stood on stage in front of the large audience and could not speak.

Answer Key:

## Vocabulary in Context – Chapters 11-13

Fill-in the blanks with the best word from the list.

wrath      offender      douse      crucifix      subtle

1. To be a careful camper, you should       douse       the burning wood with a bucket of water.
2. Mom gave my brother a       subtle       but firm nod to walk Grandmother to her chair.
3. Members of the church placed flowers at the base of the       crucifix       on the altar.
4. The       offender       stood in front of the judge and received his sentence for the crime.
5. The hunter felt the       wrath       of the wounded bear as the animal charged furiously at him.

Choose 1 word from the list and write a statement.

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Choose 1 word from the list and write a question.

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