

Vocabulary From Literature for...

Speak

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Activity I
Matching Definitions
First Marking Period

Directions: Match each of the following words with its definition based on the context in which the word appears in the book. Use the page numbers in parentheses to locate the word. Then, look up the word in the dictionary and change any answers that are not correct.

blathers (33)	deprived (36)	dumpy (21)	floundering (31)
hostile (28)	hulk (28)	intently (29)	ovation (28)
rant (31)	reincarnated (29)	russet (42)	sacred (41)
sarcasm (27)	scheming (23)	suburbia (7)	synchronized (29)
testament (7)			

- _____ a statement, object, or event that proves worth, virtue, or effectiveness
- _____ with focused attention
- _____ a reddish-brown
- _____ the communities on the outskirts of a city
- _____ an expression of praise, especially by enthusiastic applause
- _____ to move clumsily because of large size
- _____ short and thick in build
- _____ failing to achieve the intended effect; moving clumsily
- _____ talks foolishly on and on
- _____ planning or plotting
- _____ to talk in a noisy and argumentative manner
- _____ highly valued; worthy of devotion
- _____ reborn into another human form
- _____ taken away from; withheld
- _____ a witty remark made to be cutting or to express bitterness
- _____ at the same time
- _____ intensely opposed to and possibly violent

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activists (84)	blacklist (80)	civil (68)	commercialism (62)
downtrodden (75)	Eurocentric (49)	forum (49)	imperial (69)
institution (70)	patriarchs (49)	quota (89)	slackers (77)
subjectivity (61)	vogue (77)	xenophobic (56)	

- _____ the share or amount assigned to each member of a group
 - _____ to reject based on qualities or actions that are determined by others to be unacceptable
 - _____ excessive emphasis on making money
 - _____ people who take vigorous action in support of their cause
 - _____ tending to interpret the world in terms of only European values and experiences
 - _____ popular
 - _____ a public meeting involving audience discussion
 - _____ people who do try to avoid working
 - _____ excessively fearful of that which is foreign
 - _____ a significant practice, relationship, or organization in a culture
 - _____ dejected; depressed
 - _____ men who are the fathers, founders, or oldest members of a group
 - _____ relating to the public
 - _____ a non-objective viewpoint based on personal bias
 - _____ relating to royalty
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Activity I
Matching Definitions
Third Marking Period

Directions: Match each of the following words with its definition based on the context in which the word appears in the book. Use the page numbers in parentheses to locate the word. Then, look up the word in the dictionary and change any answers that are not correct.

analyze (132)	asphyxiated (126)	asylum (117)	flutter (118)
grafts (125)	inefficient (126)	obnoxious (123)	psychiatric (132)
squint (106)	tantrum (132)	trot (131)	twitches (113)
whined (132)			

- _____ highly offensive
- _____ to move with a quick waving motion
- _____ a demonstration of bad temper
- _____ to study the nature or meaning of something
- _____ a place of protection, safety, or care
- _____ moves with a sudden jerk
- _____ to proceed quickly
- _____ wasteful of time or energy
- _____ relating to the branch of medicine that deals with mental, emotional, and behavioral disorders
- _____ complained
- _____ to look with eyes partly closed
- _____ living tissue surgically moved from one part of the body to another
- _____ killed by lack of oxygen

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Activity I
Matching Definitions
Fourth Marking Period

Directions: Match each of the following words with its definition based on the context in which the word appears in the book. Use the page numbers in parentheses to locate the word. Then, look up the word in the dictionary and change any answers that are not correct.

aces (169)	banished (178)	budget (160)	climax (176)
delinquency (163)	detonate (180)	graffiti (175)	incriminate (157)
indentured (177)	loathsome (193)	maladjusted (177)	perches (177)
refugee (172)	servitude (177)	sleazy (171)	self-incrimination (157)
whooshes (151)			

- _____ rushes out or moves explosively
- _____ behavior that defies required standards or the law
- _____ settles or rests on a high, dangerous, or unstable spot
- _____ disgusting; offensive; causing hatred
- _____ unauthorized writing or drawing on a public surface
- _____ the amount of money available to a particular purpose
- _____ a person who flees to safety or shelter
- _____ bound by a contract
- _____ to cause an explosion
- _____ the lack of freedom created by being bound to serve another
- _____ the act of accidentally providing proof of one's involvement in a wrongdoing
- _____ driven out or forcibly removed
- _____ scores a point in tennis
- _____ out of harmony with a situation or environment
- _____ to provide proof of involvement in a crime
- _____ of low moral character
- _____ the highest point

Activity II
Synonyms and Definitions
Fourth Marking Period

Directions: For each excerpt from these chapters, select the correct definition or synonym from the choices provided for each vocabulary word. As a last resort, you may use the dictionary, but the definition or synonym you select must make sense in the context it is being used in the passage.

1. I've been going to most of my classes. Good girl, Mellie. Roll over, Mellie. Sit, Mellie. No one has patted me on the head, though. I passed an algebra test, I passed an English test, I passed a biology test. Well, hallelujah. It is all so **profoundly** stupid. Maybe this is why kids join clubs—to give them something to think about during class. (Pg. 143)

Synonym for **profoundly**:

- A. utterly; tremendously
 - B. surprisingly; unexpectedly
 - C. embarrassingly; humiliatingly
 - D. annoyingly; disturbingly
 - E. plainly; simply
2. Ivy is sitting on the edge of the fountain, a giant sketchbook balanced on her knees. She nods toward the line of whiners and the face painters **furiously** coloring stripes, spots, and whiskers. (Pg. 145)

Definition for **furiously**:

- A. in an irritated or frustrated manner
- B. with intensity or speed
- C. happily
- D. with deep feeling
- E. eagerly or hopefully