Ozymandias

I met a traveller from an antique land
Who said—"Two vast and trunkless legs of stone
Stand in the desert . . . Near them on the sand,
Half sunk, a shattered visage lies, whose frown
And wrinkled lip and sneer of cold command
Tell that its sculptor well those passions read
Which yet survive, stamped on these lifeless things,
The hand that mocked them and the heart that fed.
And on the pedestal these words appear:
My name is Ozymandias, King of Kings;
Look on my works, ye mighty, and despair!
Nothing beside remains. Round the decay
Of that colossal wreck, boundless and bare
The lone and level sands stretch far away."

Mutability

I.

We are as clouds that veil the midnight moon;
How restlessly they speed and gleam and quiver,
Streaking the darkness radiantly! yet soon
Night closes round, and they are lost for ever:—

II.

Or like forgotten lyres whose dissonant strings
Give various response to each varying blast,
To whose frail frame no second motion brings
One mood or modulation like the last.

III.

We rest—a dream has power to poison sleep;
We rise—one wandering thought pollutes the day;
We feel, conceive or reason, laugh or weep,
Embrace fond woe, or cast our cares away:—

IV.

It is the same!—For, be it joy or sorrow,
The path of its departure still is free;
Man's yesterday may ne'er be like his morrow;
Nought may endure but Mutability.

Exercise 1: Context Clues

Read the passage above, paying special attention to the words in dark type. These are the Master Words you will study in this lesson. As you read, look for context clues in the sentences and paragraphs around each Master Word. Circle any words and phrases that give clues to the meaning of the Master Words.

Master Words

Place a check by words you feel you know; underline words you don't know.

boundless    despair    endure    mutability    visage
command     dissonant    modulation    pedestal    works
Exercise 2: Using Context Clues

Fill in the form for each of the Master Words listed below with context clues (if any), your definition, and the dictionary definition. If you have difficulty writing a definition, try using the word in a sentence instead.

1. **boundless**
   - Part of Speech: **adj.**
   - Context Clues: ____________________________
   - Your Definition: ____________________________
   - Dictionary Definition: ________________________

2. **command**
   - Part of Speech: **n.**
   - Context Clues: ____________________________
   - Your Definition: ____________________________
   - Dictionary Definition: ________________________

3. **despair**
   - Part of Speech: **v**
   - Context Clues: ____________________________
   - Your Definition: ____________________________
   - Dictionary Definition: ________________________

4. **dissonant**
   - Part of Speech: **adj.**
   - Context Clues: ____________________________
   - Your Definition: ____________________________
   - Dictionary Definition: ________________________

5. **endure**
   - Part of Speech: **v.**
   - Context Clues: ____________________________
   - Your Definition: ____________________________
   - Dictionary Definition: ________________________

6. **modulation**
   - Part of Speech: **n.**
   - Context Clues: ____________________________
   - Your Definition: ____________________________
   - Dictionary Definition: ________________________

7. **mutability**
   - Part of Speech: **n.**
   - Context Clues: ____________________________
   - Your Definition: ____________________________
   - Dictionary Definition: ________________________

8. **pedestal**
   - Part of Speech: **n.**
   - Context Clues: ____________________________
   - Your Definition: ____________________________
   - Dictionary Definition: ________________________

9. **visage**
   - Part of Speech: **n.**
   - Context Clues: ____________________________
   - Your Definition: ____________________________
   - Dictionary Definition: ________________________

10. **works**
    - Part of Speech: **n.**
    - Context Clues: ____________________________
    - Your Definition: ____________________________
    - Dictionary Definition: ________________________
Exercise 3: Using Synonyms

Correct or Incorrect: Write C on the line if the Master Word is used correctly; write I if the word is used incorrectly.

1. The unhappy boy was dissonant.

2. Buildings made of stone tend to endure many years.

3. The saying “Nothing changes except change itself” refers to the mutability of life.

4. Our speech teacher grades us on the proper modulation of our voice.

5. Regina despaired her neighbors because they stayed up late and made lots of noise.

6. The works of the great Renaissance painters are highly regarded.

7. The pressure and stress were evident on his tired and haggard visage.

8. The coyote was boundless; nobody could capture or hold him.

9. Objects on a pedestal tend to disappear from view.

10. My dog obeys my commands; my cat, on the other hand, has his own ideas.

Exercise 4: Sentence Completion

From the Master Words, choose the appropriate word for the blank in each of the following sentences. Write the word in the space provided at the right.

1. The comforting ...?... of her mother's voice helped the child fall asleep.

2. The kitten's ...?... energy and funny antics made it an Internet sensation.

3. The ...?... of the weather made it hard to plan the class picnic.

4. The ...?... of the ancient cave painters show great skill.

5. Though only 28 years old, the coal miner had the ...?... of a much older man.

6. The Constitution of the United States has ...?... (d, ed) for more than two centuries.

7. After many unsuccessful tryouts, Abrianna ...?... (d, ed) of ever getting a part in a play.

8. The ancient Greek vases were displayed on top of ...?... (s, es) in the museum exhibit.

9. The ...?... howling of the pack of coyotes added to the night's eerie feeling.

10. With patient training, horses learn to respond to many ...?... (s, es) expressed through the riders' reins and body movements.
Exercise 5: Related Words and Meanings

The italic words in the sentences below are synonyms of the Master Words. Write the matching Master Word from the list on the line following the sentence.

boundless  command  dissonant  modulation  works

1. The change of a siren's sound as it approaches and moves away is called the Doppler Effect. __________________________

2. The display case contained the award-winning projects of the art class. __________________________

3. In the army, soldiers learn the discipline of obeying every order. __________________________

4. There is a seemingly endless variety of plant and animal species in the rain forests. __________________________

5. The clashing bells echoed throughout the abandoned village. __________________________

Exercise 6: Analogies

Determine the relationship between the first pair of words in each item below. Then write the Master Word on the blank that would create a similar relationship with the second pair of words. The analogy types used in this activity are category/item, noun/related adjective, synonyms, antonyms, action/actor, and part/whole. (See page 158 for a guide to analogy types.)

1. sports : baseball : : emotions : : __________________________

2. cave : damp : : sky : : __________________________


4. vegetables : broccoli : : : : sculptures __________________________

5. pride : shame : : constancy : : __________________________


10. soliloquy : drama : : : : music __________________________

Write About It: Literary Analysis

In a well-organized composition, compare and contrast the themes of the two poems by Shelley. Use specific references to the text to make your points. Use at least three Master Words or words related to the Master Words in your analysis.
Guide to Types of Analogies in Vocabu-Lit

The chart below contains descriptions and examples of all the types of analogies used in this level of Vocabu-Lit. The statement in italics is a template of a sentence you can use with each type of analogy.

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<th>Type</th>
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| action/actor or actor/action  | The first word is an action; the second word is the person or thing that does the action. [First word] is what a [second word] does. This could also be constructed in reverse; [First word] is someone or something who [second word]. | teach : teacher :: sew : needle  
teacher : teach :: needle : sew |
| action/receiver of action     | The first word is an action; the second word is a person or thing the action is done to, for, or with. [First word] is what gets done to/for with a [second word]. | teach : student :: sew : dress |
| adjective/related noun or noun/related adjective | The first word is a quality; the second word is a person or thing known for that quality. [First word] is what a [second word] is. This could also be constructed in reverse; [First word] is known to be [second word]. | artistic : painter :: cunning : fox  
painter : artistic :: fox : cunning |
| antonyms                      | The first word is the opposite of the second word. [First word] is the opposite of [second word]. | hot : cold :: sunny : cloudy |
| category/item or item/category | The first word is a category or group of things or people; the second word is an item or example from that group. One example of [first word] is [second word]. This could also be constructed in reverse; [First word] is one example of [second word]. | sports : baseball :: music : jazz  
baseball : sports :: jazz : music |
| is used to/for                 | The first word is an item; the second word is a thing you do with that item. You use a [first word] to [second word]. This could also be constructed in reverse; You [first word] with (a, an) [second word]. | car : drive :: hammer : pound  
drive : car :: pound : hammer |
| part/whole or whole/part       | The first word is an individual thing or quality; the second word is the whole that the first thing is part of. [First word] is one part of [second word]. This could also be constructed in reverse; [First word] is the whole of which [second word] is one part. | finger : hand :: slide : playground  
hand : finger :: playground : slide |
| product/producer or producer/product | The first word is a thing; the second word is the person or thing who made the first thing. [First word] is made by [second word]. This could also be constructed in reverse; [First word] makes [second word]. | milk : cow :: vase : potter  
cow : milk :: potter : vase |
| subject/student of             | The first word is a subject one can study; the second word is the person who studies that subject. [First word] is what a [second word] studies. This could also be constructed in reverse; A [first word] is someone who studies [second word]. | flower : botanist :: elements : chemist  
botanist : flower :: chemist : elements |
| synonyms                      | The first word means about the same thing as the second word. [First word] means about the same thing as [second word]. | tired : fatigued :: nervous : anxious |
Glossary of Definitions

Definitions and parts of speech of these Master Words are based on the usage in the selection in which it appears.

academy n. school; place of learning [20]
accompany v. to help; to aid [4]
acquainted adj. used to; familiar [1]
acquire v. to gain; to procure [14]
adieu interj. French word used at parting; good-bye [24]
adjust v. to change; to fix something so that it fits or is suited [1]
adorn v. to add beauty to; to make more attractive, especially by use of ornaments [22]
affecting adj. causing emotion; moving [11]
aide n. one who assists a superior [5]
align v. to come to rest; land [17]
alleged adj. (a crime or action) said to have taken place; claimed [28]
alter v. to change; to modify [1]
alteration n. change [23]
alternative n. one of two or more choices [18]
ambiguous adj. not clear; having more than one meaning [25]
ambaile v. walk leisurely; saunter [27]
amicable adj. friendly [23]
analysis n. the process of discovering the qualities and components of something; scrutiny [21]
annoying adj. disturbing or irritating [3]
anthem n. a song of praise; a patriotic song [8]
apparent adj. seeming; supposed [20]
applauding adj. showing approval; approving [5]
apprehended adj. understood; perceived [26]
appraise v. to assess; to notify [11]
appropriate v. to take for your own purposes; to steal [20]
aspiring adj. trying to achieve something; desiring; hoping [28]
assent v. agree; concede [1]
assimilation n. process of being absorbed into a culture; acculturation [3]
assume v. to take upon oneself [5]
assumption n. something that is taken for granted; belief [4]
atonement n. satisfaction or reparation for a wrong; amends [23]
attached adj. have a sense of connection with a person, thing, or place; bound [19]
attribute v. to credit; to ascribe to [26]
authority n. a person having power or control; an official [19]
befitting adj. appropriate; suitable [14]
benign adj. beneficent; not harmful [29]
biography n. a work about a person [20]
borne v. past participle of bear; to carry; to endure [14]
bound adj. tied; in bonds; wrapped [17]
boundless adj. having no limits; vast [13]
brief adj. lasting a short period of time [17]
caprice n. sudden change of mind or of behavior; impulse [15]
career n. the course of a person’s life, especially in a particular pursuit or profession [5]
cessation n. stop; pause [23]
chronic adj. continuing over a period of time or frequently recurring; lingering; continual [7]
chrysalis n. the hard outer case of the pupa of an insect; a transitional state [4]
clause n. part of a legal document; an article in a treaty or constitution [12]
code n. a set of rules used to translate information from one system to another [25]
coin v. to come up with a new word or phrase [26]
command n. rule; law; demand [13]
commence v. to start; to begin [7]
commission n. a group of people given a certain task to complete; committee [6]
compliant adj. obedient to rules and laws; submissive [12]
component n. a part of something, an element [21]
conceit n. arrogance; an excessive display of pride in own accomplishments and abilities [23]
concept n. a general idea; a mental construct [18]
confined adj. limited in scope; restricted [30]
conformity n. action in accordance with some specified standard or authority [5]
consent n. agreement; approval [15]
consult v. to ask for advice; to seek information [22]
contribution n. a gift; effort made in common with others; participation [5]
conventional adj. based on what is normal; accepted; traditional [22]
coping relating to the means or way of adjusting to situations [3]
corps n. a group of people under common leadership [10]
courteous adj. marked by good manners; considerate [27]
cove n. a sheltered area (in a forest); also, a small sheltered bay [29]
curator n. a person who oversees a museum or art collection [20]
debris n. litter; rubble [29]
deceptive adj. tending to mislead by a false appearance; misleading [18]
decem v. to consider; to think [11]
defect n. an imperfection; a fault [2]
defection n. the act of turning from one’s loyalty, duty, friends, etc. [9]
definitive adj. being the most complete or most accurate; authoritative [20]
demur v. disagree; object on the basis of values or morals [1]
departure n. a moving away from the norm; a change [22]
dependence n. state of needing help from someone; reliance [11]
derisive adj. characterized by ridicule, mockery, scornful laughter [16]
despair v. give up; surrender [13]
detachment n. an attitude of disinterest or aloofness [27]
devising v. to make; to create [15]
dialect n. language particular to a certain location; here used as adj. [26]
directive n. command; instruction [25]
discerning adj. clear-eyed; perceptive [1]
discipline n. training which strengthens the character; controlled behavior [7]
disclose v. to expose or reveal; to make known [9]
disinterested adj. not influenced by selfish desire; detached [23]
dispatch v. to send off [11]
disperse v. to spread out from a point; (physics) divide into parts [21]
displace v. to take the place of something; to dislodge [26]
disposal n. control or command, as of funds or goods to be given out [9]
disposition n. attitude; state of mind [14]
disrupt v. to cause to break apart or stop; to disturb [29]
dissonant adj. lack of harmony; harsh sounding [15]
distinct adj. set apart; unequal [14]
diverge v. to move in different directions from a common point [18]
drill n. strict training involving much repetition [10]
economic adj. relating to the production, distribution, and use of wealth; financial [30]
elation n. state in which the spirits are high, as from joy [16]
headlong adj. carelessly; brashly; recklessly, with force [6]
headway n. movement in a forward direction; progress [6]
heritage n. legacy; tradition [5]
hieroglyphic n. a figure or character with a meaning that is hidden; enigmatic [21]
historical adj. relating to the past [16]
humane adj. compassionate, kind, gentle [28]
hypocrisy n. the practice of pretending to be better than you actually are; dishonesty [3]
hypothesis n. an assumption, perhaps temporary, which is made without proof [9]
ideograph n. a written symbol as in a Chinese character [17]
idolatry n. the worship of idols; excessive devotion [24]
immaculate adj. without spot or blemish; without fault or error; pure [8]
impasse n. situation with no way out; a dead end [22]
impetus n. a stimulus; something that causes action [18]
improvised adj. created or invented on the spur of the moment [2]
impudent adj. fearless; reckless [15]
insensitive adj. not regular; lacking logic [6]
inconstant adj. changing; fickle [24]
incumbent adj. necessary; obligatory [23]
dissenting adj. without interest; apathetic [10]
dilettant adj. lax; tolerant; merciful [15]
irresistible adj. unresistible; certain [28]
infinite adj. extreme; immeasurable; endless [16]
ingenuous adj. clever; inventive [4]
inscribed adj. marked with symbols; engraved [14]
instinct n. a natural drive or impulse; an urge [8]
integrity n. living by moral principles; honesty [28]
intimidate v. to fill with awe or fear; to frighten [13]
inventory n. an examination of goods on hand or a list of such goods [9]
issue n. come into sight; emerge [4]
keen adj. enthusiastic; interested [20]
laden adj. weighed down; overloaded [29]
legislature n. a governmental body that enacts laws; congress [27]
liberal adj. generous; giving [24]
logical adj. predictable; systematic [25]
loiter v. to move slowly; to linger; to dawdle or waste time [8]
lustrous adj. shining with reflected light; glossy; radiant [8]

majority n. the group with the most members or voters; plurality [1]
maneuver n. a skillful movement; an exercise by a group such as a troop or band [10]
martial adj. related to war or warriors; military [17]
mastery n. expert skill or knowledge in a particular subject; [8]
mechanism n. the means by which something is accomplished; device [3]
mediocre adj. of average quality; ordinary [10]
mentor n. teacher; advisor [28]
mercy adj. being nothing more than; plain [17]
misleading n. feeling of doubt; worry [2]
modulation n. change in tone; in music, a transition to a different key [13]
morale n. a person's or group's mental attitude [10]
motive n. a reason for doing something; rationale [25]
mutability n. fluid; state of change; instability [15]
mutual adj. shared; joint [15]
myriad adj. countless; many; variable [21]
namesake n. a person or object that has the same name as another; [20]
necessity n. something necessary; a need; a requirement [14]
nominal adj. in name only, not in reality; supposed [23]
norm n. standard; what is expected; model [3]
notorious adj. well known, sometimes in an unfavorable way; noted [6]
nubbin n. subtle distinction or variation; nicety; overconcern [3]
obscurity n. covered over; blocked from view [20]
obsoleteness adj. outdated; behind the times [4]
obtain v. gather; collect [12]
obvious adj. easy to see or to understand; clear [25]
occlusion adj. hidden or secretive; also, mysterious and beyond understanding [9]
omen present adj. found everywhere; common [21]
opaque adj. not transparent; misty; cloudy [17]
oppress v. boss around; dominate [16]
oppressive adj. boss around; dominate [16]
opponent n. person who works with glasses or optical equipment [21]
opportunism n. a tendency to see the best in things; hopefulness [27]
orien n. community under religious rule; a society of knights [17]
organism n. any form of plant or animal life [18]
| **ornithologist** | a person who studies birds [19] |
| **orthodox** | adj. conforming to an accepted standard; conventional; approved [7] |
| **pall** | v. to make weary; to make dull [15] |
| **paralyzed** | adj. unable to move; helpless; stunned; amazed [19] |
| **parasite** | n. a life form that lives off of another; leech [25] |
| **pathetic** | adj. stirring up pity or sorrow [30] |
| **pedestal** | n. a platform for an object such as a statue [13] |
| **pedigree** | n. a record of ancestors; lineage [26] |
| **perceive** | v. to see, to understand [14] |
| **perpetuity** | n. endless duration; into the distant future [12] |
| **persistence** | n. the act of remaining determined despite opposition; determination [2] |
| **persona** | n. character; identity [28] |
| **phenomenon** | n. remarkable event or person; occurrence [26] |
| **post** | n. a position, usually in a government office; a duty [14] |
| **preceding** | adj. going before; previous [10] |
| **precise** | adj. exact; well defined [22] |
| **presence** | n. company; existing in near proximity [17] |
| **preservation** | n. the process of keeping alive, safe, or whole; to maintain [18] |
| **prevail** | v. to be greater in strength; to win [1] |
| **primaleral** | adj. existing at the beginning; ancient [25] |
| **principle** | n. an established rule of conduct; standard of behavior; belief [5] |
| **procure** | v. to acquire; to see to [24] |
| **prospect** | n. outlook; expectation [11] |
| **provision** | n. part of a legal document, law, etc., that states terms or restrictions [50] |
| **provoking** | adj. moving to anger or action; arousing [2] |
| **prudence** | n. skillful management of practical matters; good judgment [9] |
| **psyche** | n. mind or soul [3] |
| **pursuit** | n. search; quest [22] |
| **quaint adj.** | peculiar in a pleasing, interesting, or old-fashioned way [8] |
| **rambling** | adj. spread irregularly or unevenly in several directions [8] |
| **random** | adj. aimless; without order or purpose [19] |
| **range** | v. vary between two points; extend [21] |
| **rash** | adj. reckless; impulsive [24] |
| **ration** | n. an allowance or share, particularly a daily allowance of food or supplies [7] |
| **readiness** | n. state of being ready or prepared [5] |
| **rearrange** | v. to put back in order; to change the position of something [7] |
| **reconnaissance** | n. inspection; investigation [12] |
| **redress** | n. the act of setting right a wrong; amende [30] |
| **relinquishment** | n. a giving up; a surrender [12] |
| **remorse** | n. painful regret for a wrongdoing; mental anguish caused by guilt [30] |
| **render** | v. to give; to supply [11] |
| **replicate** | v. to make an exact copy; duplicate; reproduce [23] |
| **repose** | n. sleep; rest [24] |
| **reserve** | n. hidden supply; asset [15] |
| **residential** | adj. reserved for homes; not commercial [27] |
| **resort** | v. turn to; have recourse; to scoop down [9] |
| **reveal** | v. to show; to disclose [15] |
| **reverberate** | v. to have continuing influence; echo [28] |
| **rite** | n. ceremony, such as a wedding or religious service [24] |
| **ritualistic** | adj. related to a rite or ceremony; ceremonial [22] |
| **root** | v. search for food in the ground with snout; dig; forage [29] |
| **satiated** | adj. supplied with too much; often producing feelings of disgust [30] |
| **scale** | n. thin coating on the surface of something; covering [29] |
| **seclusion** | n. state of being separated from others; isolation; retirement; solitude [9] |
| **secure** | v. to succeed in gaining something; obtain [30] |
| **serene** | adj. peaceful; calm; tranquil [8] |
| **sheer** | adj. unmixxed with anything else; pure; unqualified; absolute [10] |
| **significant** | adj. important; having a special meaning [9] |
| **site** | n. a location, such as the place where someone lives [19] |
| **slowly** | adj. untidy or messy; careless or slipshod [7] |
| **snobery** | n. behavior in which belittles those considered inferior; arrogance [16] |
| **sounding** | n. a measurement of the depth of water [6] |
| **species** | n. type [11] |
| **spectrum** | n. the entire range of colors or wavelengths of light; the extent of something [21] |
| **spontaneous** | adj. arising on its own; unprompted [26] |
| **spig** | n. a small twig or stalk of a plant, usually with flowers; shoot [29] |
| **stampede** | v. to cause a sudden rush of startled animals or a crowd of people, etc. [9] |
| **standsill** | n. situation in which there is no movement; dead stop [17] |
| **stark** | adj. severe; grim; absolute [1] |
| **subsist** | v. to keep going; to manage [11] |
| **substantial** | adj. real; true; also, of considerable size or importance [24] |
| **subtle** | adj. discreet; clever; skillful [16] |
| **sufficient** | adj. plenty of; enough [23] |
| **survey** | v. to take a broad, comprehensive view of a situation; to examine [16] |
| **sweating** | adj. oppressively hot [27] |
| **talent** | n. a natural or acquired ability or gift [5] |
| **technique** | n. a specific way to make something or carry out a task; method [22] |
| **tendency** | n. an inclination toward a certain manner or belief; a leaning [22] |
| **tête-à-tête** | n. private conversation; chat [23] |
| **theme** | n. an idea or topic addressed in a work or movement; a concern [22] |
| **transfixed** | adj. made motionless, as with amazement, terror, etc.; held in one position [8] |
| **tyrannical** | adj. cruel; harsh; oppressive [27] |
| **unacceptable** | adj. not satisfactory; intolerable [6] |
| **uncouth** | adj. unsophisticated; without grace [14] |
| **underestimate** | v. to minimize; to value something to low [4] |
| **unrestrained** | adj. not hindered by limits; uncontrolled [18] |
| **vague** | adj. not clearly defined; indistinct [7] |
| **validity** | n. legality; lawfulness; authority [12] |
| **verdict** | n. legal decision; judgment [28] |
| **vicinity** | n. a location near a place; area [6] |
| **visage** | n. face; appearance [13] |
| **volatile** | adj. easily changed, usually for the worse; explosive [28] |
| **voracious** | adj. craving food; greedy; ravenous; also, eager in pursuing any desire [7] |
| **wary** | adj. on guard; suspicious; leery [19] |
| **wholly** | adv. completely; entirely [2] |
| **witness** | v. to see; to observe [1] |
| **works** | n. achievements; creations; handicap [13] |
| **yoke** | n. something that binds or enslaves a person; bondage [4] |