The Nevada Fall is 600 feet high and is usually ranked next to the Yosemite in general interest among the five main falls of the Valley. Coming through the Little Yosemite in tranquil reaches, the river is first broken into rapids on a moraine boulder-bar that crosses the lower end of the Valley. Thence it pursues its way to the head of the fall in a rough, solid rock channel, dashing on side angles, heaving in heavy surging masses against elbow knobs, and swirling and swashing in pot-holes without a moment's rest. Thus, already chafed and dashed to foam, overfolded and twisted, it plunges over the brink of the precipice as if glad to escape into the open air. But before it reaches the bottom it is pulverized yet finer by impinging upon a sloping portion of the cliff about half-way down, thus making it the whitest of all the falls of the Valley, and altogether one of the most wonderful in the world.

On the north side, close to its head, a slab of granite projects over the brink, forming a fine point for a view . . . into its intensely white bosom, and through the broad drifts of spray, to the river far below, gathering its spent waters and rushing on again down the canyon in glad exultation into Emerald Pool, where at length it grows calm and gets rest for what still lies before it. All the features of the view correspond with the waters in grandeur and wildness. The glacier sculptured walls of the canyon on either hand, with the sublime mass of the Glacier Point Ridge in front, form a huge triangular pit-like basin, which, filled with the roaring of the falling river seems as if it might be the hopper of one of the mills of the gods in which the mountains were being ground.

The Vernal, about a mile below the Nevada, is 400 feet high, a staid, orderly, graceful, easy-going fall, proper and exact in every movement and gesture, with scarce a hint of the passionate enthusiasm of the Yosemite or of the impetuous Nevada, whose chafed and twisted waters hurrying over the cliff seem glad to escape into the open air, while its deep, booming, thunder-tones reverberate over the listening landscape. Nevertheless [the Vernal] is a favorite with most visitors, doubtless because it is more accessible than any other, more closely approached and better seen and heard. A good stairway ascends the cliff beside it and the level plateau at the head enables one to saunter safely along the edge of the river as it comes from Emerald Pool and to watch its waters, calmly bending over the brow of the precipice, in a sheet eighty feet wide, changing in color from green to purplish gray and white until dashed on a boulder talus. Thence issuing from beneath its fine broad spray-clouds we see the tremendously adventurous river still unspent, beating its way down the wildest and deepest of all its canyons in gray roaring rapids . . . and below the confluence of the Illilouette, sweeping around the shoulder of the Half Dome on its approach to the head of the tranquil levels of the Valley.

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**Exercise I: 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.

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<th>Master Words</th>
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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. chafe
   Part of Speech: v.
   Context Clues:
   Your Definition:
   Dictionary Definition:

2. confluence
   Part of Speech: n.
   Context Clues:
   Your Definition:
   Dictionary Definition:

3. correspond
   Part of Speech: v.
   Context Clues:
   Your Definition:
   Dictionary Definition:

4. exultation
   Part of Speech: n.
   Context Clues:
   Your Definition:
   Dictionary Definition:

5. impetuous
   Part of Speech: adj.
   Context Clues:
   Your Definition:
   Dictionary Definition:

6. impinge
   Part of Speech: v.
   Context Clues:
   Your Definition:
   Dictionary Definition:

7. pulverize
   Part of Speech: v.
   Context Clues:
   Your Definition:
   Dictionary Definition:

8. saunter
   Part of Speech: v.
   Context Clues:
   Your Definition:
   Dictionary Definition:

9. staid
   Part of Speech: adj.
   Context Clues:
   Your Definition:
   Dictionary Definition:

10. tranquil
    Part of Speech: adj.
    Context Clues:
    Your Definition:
    Dictionary Definition:
Exercise 3: Synonyms and Antonyms

Use the synonyms and antonyms to fill in the blanks after each Master Word except when you see an X.

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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 main rule in English class: no student can ...?... on another student's right to make mistakes and to learn from them.

2. After an exhausting summer working as a camp counselor, Rez was glad to have a few ...?... weeks before school started up again.

3. Mel likes to ...?... through the park with her French poodle.

4. The players jumped with ...?... after winning the chess tournament.

5. Pittsburgh is located at the ...?... of three rivers.

6. Tortillas can be made from whole kernels of corn after you ...?... them.

7. Higher ice cream sales seem to ...?... with warmer temperatures.

8. Mary, always ...?..., squirted shaving cream at her art teacher.

9. On a cold day, the raw wind can ...?... hands and face.

10. At the ...?... and formal event, John's jokes met with disapproval.
### Exercise 5: Shades of Meaning

The bold words in the chart below are Master Words. Beneath each is a synonym. Although their denotations (dictionary definitions) are nearly the same, the Master Word and its synonym have different shades of meaning, or nuances. Based on the context, decide whether a Master Word or its synonym would better complete each sentence. Use a dictionary if necessary.

<table>
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<td>agree</td>
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1. Mia regretted the ...?... comments that hurt her friend’s feelings.

2. Ana was a ...?... baby who rarely cried.

3. Jason was quieter and more ...?... than his noisy, athletic cousins.

4. It is rare when the two politicians ...?... on a controversial issue.

5. Tim made the ...?... gesture of buying pizza for his teammates, just because.

6. Some advance high school courses ...?... closely with college courses.

7. After generations of being trained in proper decorum, the royal family has a reputation of being rather ...?... and uninteresting.

8. Even in the most chaotic situations, Ken is able to maintain (a, an) ...?... attitude because he practices meditation.

### Exercise 6: Analogies

Determine the relationship between the first pair of words below. Then write the Master Word on the blank that would create a similar relationship with the second pair of words. The types of analogies used are synonyms, antonyms, and receiver of action/action. (See page 158 for a guide to analogy types.)

1. enemy : snite : : rock : ________________

2. deceitful : honest : : unsettled : ________________

3. labyrinth : maze : : serious : ________________

4. somber : sunny : : cautious : ________________

5. subjugate : conquer : : irritate : ________________

6. acclaim : honor : : stroll : ________________

### Write About It: Tranquil or Lively

John Muir describes different types of rivers in Yosemite Valley. Some are tranquil and some are lively and dramatic. Write a paragraph describing a place in nature where you like to go that is either tranquil or exciting. Use vivid sensory details and at least three Master Words or words related to the Master Words in your description.
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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<td>action/actor or actor/action</td>
<td>The first word is an action; the second word is the person or thing that does the action. <em>First word</em> is what a <em>second word</em> does. This could also be constructed in reverse: <em>First word</em> is someone or something who <em>second word</em>.</td>
<td>teach : teacher :: sew : needle teacher : teach :: needle : sew</td>
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<td>action/receiver of action or receiver of action/action</td>
<td>The first word is an action; the second word is a person or thing the action is done to, for, or with. <em>First word</em> is what gets done to/for/with a <em>second word</em>. This could also be constructed in reverse: <em>First word</em> does for/to/with <em>second word</em>.</td>
<td>teach : student :: sew : dress student : teach :: dress : sew</td>
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<td>adjective/related noun or noun/related adjective</td>
<td>The first word is a quality; the second word is a person or thing known for that quality. <em>First word</em> is what a <em>second word</em> is. This could also be constructed in reverse: <em>First word</em> is known to be <em>second word</em>.</td>
<td>artistic : painter :: cunning : fox painter : artistic :: fox : cunning</td>
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<tr>
<td>antonyms</td>
<td>The first word is the opposite of the second word. <em>First word</em> is the opposite of <em>second word</em>.</td>
<td>hot : cold :: sunny : cloudy</td>
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<td>category/item or item/category</td>
<td>The first word is a category or group of things or people; the second word is an item or example from that group. <em>Example of first word</em> is <em>second word</em>. This could also be constructed in reverse: <em>First word</em> is <em>one example of second word</em>.</td>
<td>sports : baseball :: music : jazz baseball : sports :: jazz : music</td>
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<td>cause/effect or effect/cause</td>
<td>The first word is a cause; the second word is an effect of that cause. <em>First word</em> causes <em>second word</em>. This could also be constructed in reverse: <em>First word</em> is the result of <em>second word</em>.</td>
<td>sadness : tears :: exertion : fatigue tears : sadness :: fatigue : exertion</td>
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<td>degree</td>
<td>The first word is an especially strong thing or quality; the second word is a less strong version of the same thing or quality. <em>First word</em> is more intense than <em>second word</em>. This could also be constructed in reverse: <em>First word</em> is a less intense version of <em>second word</em>.</td>
<td>downpour : shower :: feast : meal shower : downpour :: meal : feast</td>
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<td>part/whole or whole/part</td>
<td>The first word is an individual thing or quality; the second word is the whole that the first thing is part of. <em>First word</em> is <em>one part of second word</em>. This could also be constructed in reverse: <em>First word</em> is the whole of which <em>second word</em> is one part.</td>
<td>finger : hand :: slide : playground hand : finger :: playground : slide</td>
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<td>product/producer or producer/product</td>
<td>The first word is a thing; the second word is the person or thing who made the first thing. <em>First word</em> is made by <em>second word</em>. This could also be constructed in reverse: <em>First word</em> is made by <em>second word</em>.</td>
<td>milk : cow :: vase : potter cow : milk :: potter : vase</td>
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<tr>
<td>synonyms</td>
<td>The first word means about the same thing as the second word. <em>First word</em> means about the same thing as <em>second word</em>.</td>
<td>tired : fatigued :: nervous : anxious</td>
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Glossary

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

abstract adj. taking place in the realm of thought; conceptual [28]
abyss n. a deep chasm; a bottomless pit [30]
acclaim v. to praise; to honor [3]
accusation n. a charge of wrongdoing; an indictment [15]
aqueescence n. reluctant acceptance without complaint [27]
adornment n. beautification; decoration [20]
aesthetic adj. related to the study of the arts and of beauty; artistic [25]
affectionate adj. showing fondness; devoted [8]
affronted adj. insulted; offended [5]
aft adv. near the stern or tail, usually of a boat [8]
agitator n. a person who spins others to rebellion or protest; troublemaker [16]
allusion n. an indirect reference; a hint; an implied reference to something familiar [5]
allegory n. a representation of one thing by another; a story with a moral [17]
alphabetical adj. arranged in the order of the letters of the alphabet; alphabetic [18]
alternate adj. alternate [7]
ambiguity n. the condition of being ambiguous [2]
ambivalent adj. being in two minds; undecided [3]
amen n. the word used to signify that the prayer has been finished [4]
amelioration n. improvement; betterment [28]
amidst adv. between [26]
ambition n. a strong desire to achieve great things [27]
amygdaloid adj. pertaining to the almond-shaped structures in the brain [28]
anthropic adj. related to the human species; anthropocentric [29]
anonymous adj. unknown; nameless [30]
annotated adj. marked with notes; annotated; commentated [31]
apparatus n. a device or a set of tools for a particular purpose [32]
appassionate adj. passionate; fervent [2]
appraiser n. one who appraises; appraiser [33]
apprehensive adj. anxious; nervous [34]
appraise v. to estimate; to value [35]
appropriation n. the taking of something that belongs to another [36]
appreciation n. the act of valuing; the estimation of worth [37]
approach v. to go up to; to approach [38]
approach adj. close; near [39]
apprize v. to value; to prize [40]
arise v. to come into existence; to start [41]
arise v. to come into being; to appear [42]
array n. a line of soldiers; a formation [43]
array v. to arrange; to put in order [44]
array adj. arranged in a certain way; orderly [45]
aromatic adj. smelling pleasant; fragrant [46]
arousal n. the act of arousing; the state of being aroused [47]
articulate adj. able to speak clearly; fluent [2]
artifice n. the use of cunning and skill in devising something [48]
artful adj. skilful; cunning [27]
ascetic adj. related to a life of extreme self-denial; Spartan; austere [8]
assurance n. confidence; calmness [7]
attract v. to excite; to interest; to draw [22]
attention n. the act of paying attention; the state of being attentive [23]
attract v. to draw; to be attractive [24]
audacious adj. daring; adventurous [2]
avarice adj. miserly desire for wealth; greed [22]
baleful adj. harmful; noxious [16]
bard n. poet [24]
base adj. low; ignoble; sinful [1]
bier n. a platform on which a corpse or coffin is placed before burial [23]
blight n. a decline; a withering [22]
capricious adj. given to sudden changes in mood; fickle [6]
casual adj. informal; nonchalant [3]
cavaller adj. showing a lack of concern for rules or proper behavior; casual [10]
ceremonious adj. formal; befitting [23]
chafe v. to rub; to irritate by rubbing; to be heated by friction [4]
chalice n. a cup [12]
chaotic adj. in a confused state; disordered [30]
cherubim n. plural form of cherub; angel; celestial being [12]
clarify v. to explain; to make clear [17]
cloyed adj. having too much of a good thing; weary; satiated [11]
coercion n. force; threats [1]
commend v. to deliver; to entrust [12]
commerce n. the buying and selling of goods; business [23]
commodity n. a product that can be bought and sold [9]
compensating adj. balancing; redeeming [29]
compliance n. obedience to; acceptance [27]
compose v. to make up (a whole); to constitute [21]
concur v. to agree; to coincide; to act together [5]
confluence n. junction, especially of two rivers; meeting [4]
consonant adj. not diverging; going together [6]
contemplate v. to give thought to; to consider [18]
contrary adj. in turn; on the other hand [25]
converting adj. believable [19]
correspond v. to match or agree; to be equivalent; to be comparable [4]
courier n. a messenger [12]
course n. a movement along a path; a progression of steps [3]
crest v. to reach the highest level; to peak [18]
cumbersome adj. difficult to manage; clumsy [28]
death n. lack; scarcity; a shortage [14]
debase v. to reduce in value [15]
deceit n. deception; trickery [11]
defer v. to turn aside or move off course; to divert [18]
depraved adj. reduced in quality; humiliated [24]
deliberative adj. having the function of considering, judging, or carefully deciding; carefully thinking out [15]
delusive adj. giving a false impression; deceptive [26]
demise n. death; end [13]
derive v. to stem from; to originate [9]
desolate adj. desolate; lonely [11]
delusive adj. evil; devilish [18]
delusive adj. see-through; fine [8]
dilapidation n. condition of rot or disrepair [22]
diminutive adj. small; tiny [7]
discount v. to regard something as false or not worthy of examination; to dismiss [19]
dispel v. to do away with; to remove; to get rid of [5]
distilled adj. purified; refined [7]
ditty n. a simple song [11]
dominance n. power; supremacy [2]
dominate v. to influence; to control [6]
dormant adj. inactive; inert; sleeping [18]
draw n. atraction [23]
dreadful adj. awful; fearful [3]
dynamic adj. in motion; changing [28]
difficult adj. out of the ordinary; strange [14]
economical adj. frugal; thrifty; not wasteful [14]
efficacy n. ability to work or perform; potency [2]
elite n. people of higher classes; aristocracy [25]
elusive adj. hard to find; intangible [24]
emanate v. to come out; to unfold [30]
empyrean adj. heavenly; celestial [24]
emancipation n. the final freeing of a slave; the act of freeing a slave [28]
eminence n. the highest rank or position; the state of being eminent [29]
emphasis n. the act of emphasizing; the state of being emphasized [30]
ennobling adj. elevating to a higher degree; dignifying; enlightening [25]
ensure v. to result from; to follow after [16]
establishment n. the ruling class of a society; the authorities in power [9]
evenhanded adj. impartial; balanced and fair [12]
exclusive adj. having sole rights; belonging to no one else; also, high-class; upscale; select [20]
express v. to represent in words; to convey [21]
extentuate v. to downplay; to excuse [26]
exultation n. happiness; gladness [4]
ferment n. turmoil; unrest [9]
firsthand adj. direct from experience or the original source; eyewitness [19]
flawless adj. free of blemishes; perfect [3]
foliage n. the leaves of plants [7]
foresight v. to suggest a future event; to anticipate [13]
formative adj. pertaining to development; capable of being shaped [19]
formidable adj. difficult; challenging [2]
forsaken adj. abandoned; solitary [3]
frail adj. shaky; unreliable [21]
franchise n. a license given to an individual or group to conduct a specific business [20]
frantic adj. nervous; anxious [21]
furrow n. a row made by a plow for planting seeds; a trench [1]
garland n. a wreath of leaves or flowers worn as an honor [11]
grease adj. somber; dignified [14]
grotesque adj. outrageous; shocking [9]
guardedness n. caution [19]
heifer n. a young cow [11]
helm n. literal meaning: tiller that guides a ship; a position of leadership [16]
idleness n. the state of not working; laziness [6]
idoletic adj. related to an ideal time or place; idealized; sentimental [25]
immolate v. to sacrifice [22]*
immutability n. free of legal liability; protection from harm [15]
impel v. to drive to do something; to move [30]
impetuous adj. acting with sudden energy; sometimes without thought; rushing with force [4]
imping v. to encroach or invade; to collide; to infringe upon [4]
impute v. to ascribe or attribute; to charge someone with an action, especially a negative act [5]
impelement adj. in an initial stage; developing [6]
incongruous adj. inappropriate; unsuitable [27]
incurable adj. pure; incapable of being corrupted or made sinful [29]
indispensable adj. necessary; crucial [23]
indulge v. to give in to an action or feeling; to give free reign to [1]

inexorable adj. unrelenting; destined; inescapable [18]
infallible adj. unfailing [19]
infraction n. a violation of a law or rule; a transgression [27]
ingot n. a block of metal such as gold or silver [21]
inking n. a vague idea; a hint [19]
innovator n. one who creates new things; pioneer; a groundbreaker [2]
insinuate v. to hint indirectly; to imply [5]
inspiration n. a spur to action; encouragement [9]
terminal adj. unending; infinite [8]
termination n. mediation; intervention [26]
temporary adj. close; personal [6]
temperature adj. cold; personal [6]
troublesome adj. difficult; troublesome [10]
troubling adj. capable of gaining knowledge without the use of reason; sensitive [17]
inveterate adj. ingrained; deep-rooted; incurable [16]
inviolate adj. safe from harm; undamaged [26]
ironical adj. having the quality of being inconsistent or contradictory; incongruous [15]
irresolution n. uncertainty; hesitancy [26]
irretrievable adj. hopeless; beyond recall [25]
jointly adv. together [10]
labor-intensive adj. needing a large workforce in relation to output [23]
labyrinth n. a maze [3]
lavish adj. to waste away; to weaken [16]
layer v. to place one thing over another; to make an arrangement in layers [9]
liberate v. to set free; to release [25]
limpid adj. free of anything that might cloud or obscure; clear [7]
low-end adj. of poor quality; cheap [23]
luminous adj. bright; glowing [8]
luxuriance n. excess; abundance [7]
yre n. a stringed instrument; harp [24]
yrie adj. poetic [9]
magnanimous adj. generous; unselshf [10]
malefactor n. criminal; lawbreaker [16]
malevolent adj. evil-minded; vicious [6]
manpower adj. referring to labor [23]

martyrdom n. the death of a person who is killed for his or her religious or other beliefs [3]
missionary adj. of or related to humanitarian or teaching work for a religion [21]
mode n. manner; method; custom; form [14]
monopoly n. the exclusive control of the sale of a product or service [20]
natal adj. of or related to a person’s birth [29]
nautical adj. related to ships and the sea; naval [8]
numbness n. a lack of emotion or expression [21]

obligatory adj. mandatory; required by law [27]
obscur adj. hidden; covered up [15]
oddity n. probability; chances [18]
offing n. the part of the sea visible in the distance [6]
opportunist n. taking an opportunity without regarding principles or values; exploitator [15]
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optimum adj. the best [17]
outset n. beginning; start [18]
pace n. a song of triumph or thanksgiving in honor of a Greek god [24]
palatial adj. resembling a palace; grand; opulent [20]

party n. a political group; a camp [10]
pastoral n. a work of art; that deals with the simple rural life of shepherds [11]
patriarchal adj. related to a society ruled by men [13]
pernicious adj. evil; damaging; dangerous [1]
perpetual adj. never-ending; permanent [6]
personified adj. manifested in the form of a person; embodied [8]

phenomena n. plural of phenomenon: an observable event or object; an occurrence [17]
picturesque adj. charming; strikingly unusual; suitable for a picture [22]
piety n. religious devotion; faith [1]
pious adj. showing reverence to God; divine [11]

pivot n. central point; turning point [18]
placid adj. calm; peaceful [8]
plague v. to annoy; to afflict [12]
plausible adj. having a reasonable or probable appearance; believable [27]
placate v. to argue on behalf of someone; to appeal to; to persuade [12]
plunder n. stolen goods; loot [1]
polymath n. a person with wide knowledge in many subject areas; an academic [19]
ponderous adj. heavy [30]
precarious adj. not certain; delicately in balance; suggesting danger [14]
presuppose v. to assume beforehand; to require in advance [27]
prevailing adj. current; existing [16]
profusion n. abundance; a great amount [7]
progenitor n. parent; originator [18]
progeny n. offspring; children [13]
prohibitive adj. excessive; restrictive [28]
propriety n. the state of conforming to expected behavior; correctness [14]
prostrate v. to throw oneself down in submission or humility [26]
pulverize v. to reduce to fine powder; to disintegrate; to smash [4]
qualitative adj. related to the traits, rather than amount, of something [28]
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recollect v. to remember; to give consideration [5]
reconnoiter v. to make observations for military purposes [19]
redress n. compensation or payment for a wrong done; remedy [15]
refugee n. one who flees a country to avoid persecution or warfare [21]
regime n. government [9]
reject v. something of low value; something discarded [23]
relieve v. to free from burden; to remove a pressure [14]
remonstrate v. to complain; to object [26]
remorseless adj. cruel; heartless; inhuman [15]
renown n. the condition of being famous; fame [20]
resent v. to object to something in a strong way; to feel bitter about; to begrudge [6]
restraint n. the act of controlling one's thoughts or actions; caution; inhibition [5]
restrictive adj. imposing limits; hindering [10]
revert n. a quick reply, as to an accusation; a comeback [5]
reverent adj. respectful; devout; dutiful [5]
rhetorical adj. argumentative; overblown [25]
saunter v. to walk idly with no special concern; to amble [4]
scentillate v. to twinkle; to shine [7]
scold n. a shrew; a mean lady [22]
scourge n. the cause of suffering or a calamity; plague [16]
scrupulous adj. extremely careful; mindful [5]
sector n. a part created by division of something; a faction [10]
seductive adj. alluring; tempting [30]
seer n. a person with profound insight; an oracle [24]
sensible adj. responsible; down-to-earth; practical [3]
sensual adj. having to do with the senses; tangible [11]
servile adj. subjected to slavery; oppressed [24]
simultaneous adj. happening at the same time; concurrent [20]
skepticism n. a questioning attitude; doubt [19]
smite v. to hit; to attack [2]
sneer v. to jeer or scoff, sometimes with laughter or facile expressions of contempt [29]
soljourn n. a visit; the act of living in a place for a while [7]
solidify v. to become solid or compact; to reinforce; to strengthen [29]
soliloquy n. a speech delivered while alone; monologue [20]
somnambulism n. a sleepwalker [13]
spurned adj. rejected; cast aside [26]
staid adj. serious; sober [4]
standing adj. permanent; fixed [10]
staple n. a principal commodity; that which is most important and necessary [29]
static adj. stationary; at rest [28]
stylistic adj. related to the river Styx and to hell; dark; somber [11]
subcontinent n. a large recognizable part of a continent [19]
subjugate v. to conquer; to bring under one's control [2]
subtlety n. nuance; intelligence; intricacy [18]
subverted adj. disrupted; overturned [15]
supine adj. flat on one's back [26]
suppliant n. one who asks for something; a beggar; a petitioner [1]
supremacy n. a position of power or superiority [29]
surcease n. an end; death [12]
surmise v. to guess; to infer [16]
sylvan adj. having to do with the forest; rural; pastoral [11]
symbolic adj. involving numbers, letters, etc., that stand for something else [28]
telling adj. revealing; striking [13]
tentative adj. not final; provisional; trial [17]
theoretical adj. academic; abstract; hypothetical [10]
title n. an office; a rank or position in an organization or society [6]
tolerate v. to put up with; to accept [20]
trammel v. to hamper; to bind; to ensnare [12]
tranquil adj. peaceful; serene; quiet; undisturbed [4]
tremulous adj. shaking; quivering; shivering [17]
triangulated adj. forming a triangle [23]
trivial adj. of no importance; superficial; silly [17]
tumult n. confusion; disorder [30]
unbecoming adj. unworthy; unsuitable [15]
undertone n. a muted tone hard to hear; an undercurrent [24]
unmindful adj. forgetful [10]
unprincipled adj. without any rules of conduct; immoral [27]
unsavory adj. unpleasant; revolting [13]
unseemly adj. too awful to put into words; horrible [21]
unutterable adj. too horrible to describe; unspeakable [2]
usurp v. to take through force or illegal means; to seize [27]
utilitarian adj. functional; practical [28]
utopian n. a person hoping to achieve an ideal world; a dreamer; an enthusiast [25]
valorous adj. courageous [24]
vanity n. conceit; excess of pride; self-love [29]
vaulting adj. overreaching; ambitious [12]
venerable adj. worthy of reverence and respect [22]
vigilant adj. alert to danger; watchful [26]
vouchsafe v. to give; to grant [30]
wheel v. to fly in a circle [2]
zombified adj. deprived of vitality; robbed of human qualities [25]