Okonkwo ruled his household with a heavy hand. His wives, especially the youngest, lived in perpetual fear of his fiery temper, and so did his little children. Perhaps down in his heart Okonkwo was not a cruel man. But his whole life was dominated by fear, the fear of failure and of weakness. It was deeper and more intimate than the fear of evil and capricious gods and of magic, the fear of the forest, and the forces of nature, malevolent, red in tooth and claw. Okonkwo's fear was greater than these. It was not external but lay deep within himself. It was the fear of himself, lest he should be found to resemble his father. Even as a little boy he had resented his father's failure and weakness, and even now he still remembered how he had suffered when a playmate had told him that his father was agbala. That was how Okonkwo first came to know that agbala was not only another name for a woman, it could also mean a man who had taken no title. And so Okonkwo was ruled by one passion—to hate everything that his father Unoka had loved. One of those things was gentleness and another was idleness.

During the planting season Okonkwo worked daily on his farms from cock-crow until the chickens went to roost. He was a very strong man and rarely felt fatigue. But his wives and young children were not as strong, and so they suffered. But they dared not complain openly. Okonkwo's first son, Nwoye, was then twelve years old but was already causing his father great anxiety for his incipient laziness. At any rate, that was how it looked to his father, and he sought to correct him by constant nagging and beating. And so Nwoye was developing into a sad-faced youth.

Okonkwo's prosperity was visible in his household. He had a large compound enclosed by a thick wall of red earth. His own hut, or obi, stood immediately behind the only gate in the red walls. Each of his three wives had her own hut, which together formed a half moon behind the obi. The barn was built against one end of the red walls, and long stacks of yarn stood out prosperously in it. At the opposite end of the compound was a shed for the goats, and each wife built a small attachment to her hut for the hens. Near the barn was a small house, the 'medicine house' or shrine where Okonkwo kept the wooden symbols of his personal god and of his ancestral spirits. He worshipped them with sacrifices of kola nut, food and palm wine, and offered prayers to them on behalf of himself, his three wives and eight children.

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**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.

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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. ancestral  Part of Speech: adj.  Context Clues: __________________________________________
   Your Definition:_________________________________________________________________
   Dictionary Definition:_________________________________________________________________

2. capricious  Part of Speech: adj.  Context Clues: __________________________________________
   Your Definition:_________________________________________________________________
   Dictionary Definition:_________________________________________________________________

3. dominate  Part of Speech: v.  Context Clues: __________________________________________
   Your Definition:_________________________________________________________________
   Dictionary Definition:_________________________________________________________________

4. idleness  Part of Speech: n.  Context Clues: __________________________________________
   Your Definition:_________________________________________________________________
   Dictionary Definition:_________________________________________________________________

5. incipient  Part of Speech: adj.  Context Clues: __________________________________________
   Your Definition:_________________________________________________________________
   Dictionary Definition:_________________________________________________________________

6. intimate  Part of Speech: adj.  Context Clues: __________________________________________
   Your Definition:_________________________________________________________________
   Dictionary Definition:_________________________________________________________________

7. malevolent  Part of Speech: adj.  Context Clues: __________________________________________
   Your Definition:_________________________________________________________________
   Dictionary Definition:_________________________________________________________________

8. perpetual  Part of Speech: adj.  Context Clues: __________________________________________
   Your Definition:_________________________________________________________________
   Dictionary Definition:_________________________________________________________________

9. resent  Part of Speech: v.  Context Clues: __________________________________________
   Your Definition:_________________________________________________________________
   Dictionary Definition:_________________________________________________________________

10. title  Part of Speech: n.  Context Clues: __________________________________________
    Your Definition:_________________________________________________________________
    Dictionary Definition:_________________________________________________________________
Exercise 3: Synonyms and Antonyms

Use the synonyms and antonyms in the word list to fill in the blanks except where you see an X.

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<td>1. idleness</td>
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Word List:
- appreciate
- finite
- beginning
- inactivity
- begrudge
- industry
- big-hearted
- label
- constant
- mature
- distant
- overpower
- evil
- personal
- familial
- realistic
- flickle
- submit

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. My English teacher can be cruel and...?...; for example, she assigned a ten-page paper to write over Thanksgiving break.

2. By what...?... shall we address the visiting dignitary?

3. People will...?... you if you always talk about your accomplishments.

4. In most sci-fi movies, the...?... forces are conquered in the end.

5. Keri's mother scolded her for her...?... and told her to work harder.

6. The presidential campaign...?... (d, ed) the news last year.

7. The...?... drip, drip, drip of the faucet was driving the writer crazy.

8. Indigenous people make a great effort to protect...?... burial grounds.

9. Having once been fooled himself, Cory had...?... knowledge of the scam.

10. The...?... crack needed mending right away or the guitar would break.
Exercise 5: Shades of Meanings

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 shades of meaning, decide whether a Master Word or its synonym would better complete each sentence. Use a dictionary if necessary.

<table>
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<th>capricious</th>
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<td>erratic</td>
<td>lethargy</td>
<td>infinite</td>
<td>label</td>
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1. Though ...?..., my mom’s refusal to give me an allowance was for the best; I learned to work for my spending money.

2. The universe expands for (a, an) ...?... distance in all directions.

3. The ...?... for married women is now Mrs. more often than Mrs.

4. The ...?... driver seemed to have lost control of the car’s steering.

5. The ...?... of the account caused the bank to close it due to lack of activity.

6. A dark ...?... kept the young man from living his life to the fullest.

7. Erica felt that “delinquent” was just (a, an) ...?... and didn’t really mean much.

8. The ...?... lapping of the waves was a comforting sound.

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 actor/action, synonyms, antonyms, noun/related adjective, and receiver of action/action. (See page 158 for a guide to analogy types.)

1. wholesome : pure :: tribal

2. actors : entertain :: tyrants

3. trend : popular :: friendship

4. abandoned : adopted :: developed

5. visitor : welcome :: insult

Write About It: Driving Force

Achebe writes that Okonkwo is “ruled by one passion.” What is that passion? To what actions does that passion drive him? Write several paragraphs answering these questions. Refer to specific evidence in the text. Use at least four Master Words or words related to the Master Words.
# 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>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].</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. [First word] is what gets done to/for/with [second word]. This could also be constructed in reverse: [First word] does for/to/with [second word].</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. [First word] is what a [second word] is. This could also be constructed in reverse: [First word] is known to be [second word].</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. [First word] is the opposite of [second word].</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. One example of [first word] is [second word]. This could also be constructed in reverse: [First word] is one example of [second word].</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. [First word] causes [second word]. This could also be constructed in reverse: [First word] is the result of [second word].</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. [First word] is more intense than [second word]. This could also be constructed in reverse: [First word] is a less intense version of [second word].</td>
<td>downpour : shower : feast : meal shower : downpour : meal : feast</td>
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<tr>
<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. [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.</td>
<td>finger : hand : slide : playground hand : finger : playground : slide</td>
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<tr>
<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. [First word] is made by [second word]. This could also be constructed in reverse: [First word] is made by [second word].</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. [First word] means about the same thing as [second word].</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]
acquiescence 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]
afford v. near the stern or tail, usually of a boat [8]
agitator n. a person who spurs others to rebellion or protest; troublemaker [16]
allusion n. an indirect reference; a hint; an implied reference to something familiar [5]
altitude n. a measure of the height or elevation above sea level [7]
analogous adj. comparable; similar [28]
analytic adj. logical; systematic [17]
ancestral adj. related to those from whom one is descended; traditional [6]
anchor v. to fasten something to keep it from moving; to secure [21]
androgynous adj. of indeterminate sex; partly male and partly female [13]
 anecdote n. a small story, usually entertaining and frequently amusing; a short account [14]
anguished adj. distressed; heartbroken [2]
anthropologist n. a scientist or person who studies cultures and societies [17]
apartheid n. a system of racial segregation in South Africa; literally “separateness” [9]
appraisal n. an assessment of value; valuation [15]
artful adj. crafty; cunning [27]
ascetic adj. related to a life of extreme self-denial; Spartan; austere [8]
assurance n. confidence; calmness [7]
atrocity v. to harm; to adjust [22]
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]
cavalier adj. showing a lack of concern for rules or proper behavior; casual [10]
ceremonious adj. formal; befuddling [23]
chafe v. to rub; to irritate by rubbing; to heat 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]
clove adj. having too much of a good thing; usual; satiated [11]
coercion n. force; threats [1]
command 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]
concave v. to agree; to coincide; to act together [5]
confluence n. junction, especially of two rivers; meeting [4]
consoling adj. comforting; encouraging [22]
contemplation n. meditation; thought [30]
contribute v. to plan; to come up with [29]
conversely adv. in turn; on the other hand [25]
convincing 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]
debeased adj. reduced in value [15]
deceit n. deception; trickery [11]
deflect v. to turn aside or bounce off course; to divert [18]
degraded 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]
diabolic adj. evil; devilish [18]
diaphanous 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. attraction [23]
dreadful adj. awful; fearful [3]
dynamic adj. in motion; changing [28]
dynamic 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]
emerge v. to come out; to unfold [30]
empyrean adj. heavenly; celestial [24]
enamored adj. in love with; captivated by [20]
entangle v. to envelop; to surround [30]
enigma n. a mysterious situation; a riddle; a puzzle [17]
ennoble adj. elevating to a higher degree; dignifying; enlightening [25]
ensue 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]
extenuate 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]
foreshadow v. to suggest a future event; to anticipate [13]
formative adj. pertaining to development; capable of being shaped [29]
formidable adj. difficult; challenging [2]
forfeited adj. abandoned; solitary [3]
fragile 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]
grottesque 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]
idyllic adj. related to an ideal time or place; idealized; sentimental [25]
imolate v. to sacrifice [22]
Immunity n. freedom 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]
impinge 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]
incipient adj. in an initial stage; developing [6]
incognizable adj. inappropriate; unsuitable [27]
incorruptible 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]
inanexorable adj. unrelenting; destined; inescapable [18]
infernial adj. hellish [19]
fraction n. a violation of a law or rule; a transgression [27]
ingot n. a block of metal such as gold or silver [21]
inging v. a vague idea; a hint [19]
innovation n. one who creates new things; pioneer; a groundbreaker [2]
insinuate v. to hint indirectly; to imply [5]
inpiration n. a spur to action; encouragement [9]
interminable adj. endless; infinite [8]
termination n. a conclusion; an end [26]
interlude adj. close; personal [6]
intractable adj. difficult; troublesome [10]
intrusive adj. capable of gaining knowledge without the use of reason; sensitive [17]
inveterate adj. ingrained; deep-rooted; incurable [16]
involute v. to twist or wind; to unwind [26]
ironical adj. having the quality of being inconsistent or contradictory; incongruous [15]
irresolution n. uncertainty; hesitancy [26]
irretrievable adj. hopeless; beyond recall [25]
jaunty adj. expressing a lively or playful manner; happy-go-lucky [14]
jointly adv. together [10]
labor-intensive adj. needing a large workforce in relation to output [23]
labyrinth n. a maze [3]
languish v. 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]
lyre n. a stringed instrument; harp [24]
lyric adj. poetic [9]
magnanimous adj. generous; unselfish [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 [5]
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]
obscurantist adj. hidden; covered up [15]
odd n. probability; chances [18]
offing n. the part of the sea visible in the distance [8]
opportunism n. taking an opportunity without regard to principles or values; exploitation [15]
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optimum adj. the best [17]
outset n. beginning; start [18]
paeon n. a song of triumph or thanksgiving in honor of a Greek god [24]
palatial adj. resembling a palace; grand; opulent [20]
parching adj. aspiring [11]
parsimonious adj. miserly; penny-pinching [22]
pastoral adj. a political group; a camp [10]
paternal 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 [11]
perpetual adj. never-ending; permanent [6]
personification n. 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]
plausible adj. having a reasonable or probable appearance; believable [27]
plead v. to argue on behalf of someone; to support; 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]
quantitative adj. related to the amount, rather than traits, of something [28]
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 n. 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 [13]
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]
retort n. a quick reply, as to an accusation; a comeback [5]
reverent adj. respectful; devout; dutiful [3]
rhetorical adj. argumentative; overblown [25]
saunter v. to walk idly with no special concern; to amble [4]
scintillate v. to twinkle; to shine [7]
scold n. a shrew; a mean lady [22]
scurvy 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]
sneeze v. to jeer or scoff, sometimes with laughter or facial expressions of contempt [29]
solitude 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]
somnambulist 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]
Stygian adj. related to the river Styx and to hell; dark; somber [1]
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 [13]
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 undertone [24]
unmindful adj. forgetful [10]
unprincipled adj. without any rules of conduct; immoral [27]
unsavory adj. unpleasant; revolting [13]
unspeakable 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]
ufop n. a person hoping to achieve an ideal world; a dreamer; an enthusiast [25]
valorous adj. courageous [24]
vanity n. conceit; conceit; 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]