**Understanding Meanings**

Read the sentences. If a sentence correctly uses the word in bold, write *C* on the line. If a sentence is incorrect, fix the incorrect portion so that the vocabulary word in bold is used correctly.

1. To **emancipate** someone is to release that person.
2. An **obligatory** assignment is one that causes great hardship.
3. An **impetus** sets something into action.
4. To **plumb** a mystery is to understand it by thinking about it carefully.
5. A **vagabond** is a person who lacks the necessities of life.
6. To **wheedle** something from someone is to obtain it by cajoling that person into giving it.
7. To **extol** someone is to show very high regard for that person.
8. An **intermittent** noise is one that keeps stopping and starting.
9. A person’s **visage** is that person’s feelings about herself.
10. **Destitution** is the state of having all that one could ask for.
11. To **bewail** something is to complain about it.
12. A **detractor** is someone to whom another person is attracted.
13. If something is **insuperable,** its parts cannot be separated from the whole.
14. A **maxim** is the larger of two amounts.
15. **Flamboyance** is lack of restraint in one’s dress or behavior.

**Images of Words**

Circle the letter of each sentence that suggest the numbered bold vocabulary word. In each group, you may circle more than one letter or none at all.

1. **vagabond**
2. As actors in a traveling company, we led a  life.
3. A true  becomes restless after two weeks in one place.
4. I cashed in my  when I ran short of money.
5. **bewail**
6. When he cannot see Juliet, Romeo  his fate.
7. We must  them to try harder next time.
8. Did you  them of the news that we close permanently tomorrow?
9. **intermittent**
10. The  traffic noises from the city streets below disturbed my sleep.
11. The daily paper made  appearances on the newsstands.
12. What is the cause of these  oil leaks from the engine?
13. **extol**
14. She loves to  the virtues of small-town America.
15. The kidnappers attempted to  a million dollars from the wealthy family.
16. I will continue to  her to practice the piano.
17. **plumb**
18. Even Sherlock Holmes could not  this mystery.
19. When we built the house, we hired an electrician to  the house.
20. If the walls are not , the doors will not hang properly.
21. **destitute**
22. We had to admit that we were  of fresh ideas.
23. The mayor’s council is making plans to help the city’s  people.
24. The house is completely  and needs to be torn down.
25. **obligatory**
26. It is not  to have someone accompany you.
27. It is  to carry your driver’s license when driving.
28. Stopping at a red light is  in all fifty states.
29. **emancipate**
30. The recipe instructed cooks to  the cream before adding it to the chocolate.
31. I managed to  a hundred dollars from my uncle.
32. The candidate was unable to  more than fifty votes.

**Word Study**

Each group of words contains two words that are either synonyms or antonyms. Circle them. Then circle *S* if they are synonyms or *A* if they are antonyms.

1. bewail admit pretend celebrate **S A**
2. precise secret wealthy destitute **S A**
3. estimate detract obtain enhance **S A**
4. enslave provide assist emancipate **S A**
5. extol wheedle praise pause **S A**
6. towering active shy flamboyant **S A**
7. coax reward wheedle recover **S A**
8. impetus face visage payment **S A**
9. heavy deep plumb vertical **S A**
10. smart strict voluntary obligatory **S A**

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1. **wheedle**
2. Fido stands by the door when he wants to be taken for a walk.
3. If you don’t help me, I’ll tell Mom who broke the window.
4. C’mon. You’re my favorite aunt; please lend me the money!
5. **destitution**
6. Because of the financial catastrophe, the family had to rely temporarily on welfare benefits from the government.
7. The pain is in my lower back, doctor.
8. I can’t believe you spent fifty dollars on comic books!
9. **impetus**
10. On the spur of the moment, I decided to join my sister in Maine.
11. I began to take music lessons after inheriting my grandfather’s violin.
12. I worked all night in order to meet the nine o’clock deadline.
13. **extol**
14. Ah! There’s nothing like fall in New England!
15. Maintaining a good diet and getting more exercise has made me feel really good.
16. The Rangers are formidable rivals this season.
17. **detract**
18. My father said I’d be doing myself a favor if I shaved off my beard.
19. He looked very well-groomed except for his muddy shoes.
20. I apologized for expressing my impatience with her slowness.
21. **insuperable**
22. There is no finer rose anywhere than the wild prairie rose.
23. No one has yet succeeded in rowing alone across the Pacific.
24. With five minutes to go, we were losing the basketball game by fifty points.
25. **visage**
26. My shoe size is 7 ½ narrow.
27. I could tell at once that my answer had made her happy.
28. From this spot, you can see for miles in all driections.
29. **obligatory**
30. If you want to be on the committee, be at the next meeting.
31. Guests at White House state dinners must wear formal attire.
32. He finally had to admit that we were hopelessly lost.
33. **bewail**
34. Democracy doesn’t work well with such a poor voter turnout.
35. From our cabin, we could hear the eerie howling of the wolves.
36. We’d all be better off if television had never been invented.
37. **maxim**
38. Neither a borrower nor a lender be.
39. Can you lend me five dollars until Friday?
40. Money burns a hole in his pocket.