

Vocabulary Power

Lesson 14 Using Multiple-Meaning Words

As you start new classes, make new friends, move to a new area, or experience inner changes, you let go of the old and encounter the new. You greet the new with a mixture of feelings—forthrightness and uncertainty, fearlessness and fearfulness, attraction and distress. Often, you have help from parents, teachers, other adults, and peers in dealing with new situations. The words in this lesson will help you to understand and express your feelings about these changes in your life.

Word List

abhor	insinuation	suppress	tribulation
candor	pall	tentative	volatile
dauntless	patronize		

EXERCISE A Multiple-Meaning Words

Some words have several related definitions listed within a single dictionary entry. Look up each boldfaced word in the dictionary and write its meaning(s). Then, write a sentence using one of the definitions for each word.

1. tentative: _____

2. dauntless: _____

3. patronize: _____

4. pall: _____

5. tribulation: _____

6. abhor: _____

7. candor: _____

8. insinuation: _____

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9. volatile: _____

10. suppress: _____

EXERCISE B Sentence Completion

Write the vocabulary word that best fits each sentence.

1. The candidate's narrow loss threw a _____ over the election night party.
2. The opposing coach's _____ that our players were out of shape was false.
3. We watched as the new calf took its first _____ steps.
4. Northerners and Southerners suffered great _____ during the Civil War.
5. Marcus considers his _____ to be honest and virtuous, but everyone else regards it as rudeness.
6. The brutal dictator tried unsuccessfully to _____ the freedom movement.
7. "I _____ all kinds of cruelty to animals!" the animal-rights speaker proclaimed.
8. Because of Sharon's _____ nature, her friends avoid her when things go badly.
9. The retired chef promised to _____ the new restaurant to help build a customer base.
10. Jeff's dog is _____—he allows no one he doesn't know on the property.

EXERCISE C Usage

Below you'll find the titles of five new books. Write a descriptive sentence for each title using a different vocabulary word from this lesson for each one.

1. *Please, Sir, I Want Some More* by Oliver Twist _____

2. *How to Get Rich by Cheating Your Friends and Relatives* by Arnold Worthless _____

3. *My Unhappy Life* by Sylvia Weeper _____

4. *Cooking with Jalapeño Peppers* by Jorge Caliente _____

5. *Hanging Around Famous People* by Ima Toady _____
