

Name _____

Tier III
1-2

Speak Vocabulary

Ten Words in Context

In the space provided, **write the letter** of the meaning closest to that of each **boldfaced** word. Use the context of the sentences to help you figure out each word's meaning.

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| bigoted | felony |
| compromise | misdemeanor |
| conundrum | submission |
| deprived | tenure |
| deranged | vulnerable |

1. bigoted (adj)

- TJ's **bigoted** attitude gets him into fights when people tire of his offensive remarks.
- We were upset to find out that our newly elected governor was **bigoted**, which he revealed in a series of racist Tweets.

_____ *bigoted* means

- a. gigantic b. intolerant of others c. religious

2. compromise (v)

- I am willing to **compromise** on most things but never on my integrity.
- A husband and wife must learn to **compromise** if their marriage is going to succeed.

_____ *compromise* means

- a. expose b. settle c. stand firm

3. conundrum (n)

- Whether or not to use capital punishment is a **conundrum**: On one hand it validates the old "eye for an eye" philosophy, but on the other, it takes yet another life.
- We were in a **conundrum** over purchasing a new vehicle. We needed *lots* of leg room, but we also wanted an economy car; we knew we couldn't satisfy both.

_____ *conundrum* means

- a. a riddle or puzzle b. part of inner ear c. severe punishment

4. deprived (adj)

- The dogs had been **deprived** of food for weeks and were bone-thin when found.
- Harrison was **deprived** of nothing, and thus, was exceptionally spoiled.

_____ *deprived* means

- a. lowered b. saddened c. lacking necessities

5. deranged (adj)

- In his **deranged** state, he cannot be trusted to make important financial decisions.
- Sarah was heavily medicated after her climbing accident, and when we visited her, she seemed **deranged**.

_____ *deranged* means

- a. insane b. misplaced c. dirty

6. felony (n)

- You cannot get hired in a New York State school with a **felony** on your record.
- In the 1800's, people would lose body parts for committing a **felony**, depending on the seriousness of the offense.

_____ *felony* means

- a. suspension b. serious crime c. false information

7. misdemeanor (n)

- Defacing school property by writing on windows, for example, is a **misdemeanor**.
- By the time he was thirteen, Mike Tyson had been arrested 37 times for various offenses like "breaking and entering" and shoplifting, but all were considered **misdemeanors**.

_____ *misdemeanor* means

- a. prank b. violent crime c. less serious crime

8. submission (n)

- Beating a dog into **submission** is not the way to train him who is master.
- While a parent should be in charge at all times, her children should never cower in **submission**.

_____ *submission* means

- a. a corner b. yielding, surrendering c. a secret mission

9. tenure (n)

- During his brief **tenure** at their school, Dr. Rehcaz wreaked havoc in the district.
- Most teachers earn **tenure** after three years of successful probationary employment.

_____ *tenure* means

- a. holding (of) a position b. guaranteed ten years of a position c. \$10,000 bonus

10. vulnerable (adj)

- After our house was robbed, we felt **vulnerable** to more serious attacks.
- Due to a rare auto-immune-deficiency, Clay was **vulnerable** to every bacteria and virus that passed his way.

_____ *vulnerable* means

- a. susceptible to physical injury or attack b. inferior c. unwilling to use vulgar or profane language

Matching Words with Definitions

Following are definitions of the ten words. Clearly write or print each word next to its definition. The sentences on the previous pages will help you decide on the meaning of each word.

11. _____ a misdeed; an offense of lesser gravity than a felony
12. _____ a riddle or a problem with no satisfactory solution
13. _____ any of several crimes, (rape, murder, or burglary) considered more serious than a misdemeanor; punishable by a more stringent sentence

14. _____ denied of something, especially economic or social necessities
15. _____ insane
16. _____ intolerant of others or those who differ in some way
17. _____ permanence of position; the period of holding something
18. _____ susceptible to physical injury or attack
19. _____ the act of yielding or surrendering to another's power; meekness
20. _____ to settle by making concessions; to settle differences

Sentence Check 1

Using the answer line provided, complete each sentence below with the correct word from the box. Use each word once.

Check your spelling!

bigoted

compromise

conundrum

deprived

deranged

felony

misdemeanor

submission

tenure

vulnerable

- _____ 21. Leslie didn't really need ____ : She was such an outstanding and popular professor that the college would be foolish to fire her.
- _____ 22. I was in a ____ over what to do about my friend: turn her in for breach of conduct or taint my own integrity.
- _____ 23. A rabid raccoon was ____ and staggering through our driveway.
- _____ 24. On Pawn Stars, the store owners and customers often ____ on a price.
- _____ 25. Before Susan could be hired as a store clerk, her employer performed a background check and discovered that she had been arrested for shoplifting, a _____. She did not get the job.
- _____ 26. After burglars broke into our home and savagely beat our dog, for months after, he would cower in ____ even though none of us had ever hurt him.
- _____ 27. Wearing the bright orange t-shirt, Jason was ____ in the midnight game of hide-n-seek.
- _____ 28. Sabrina is so ____ that she makes prejudicial comments without even realizing it, offending and alienating everyone around her.
- _____ 29. Tyler was ____ of any kind of candy or sweets when he was a child, so when he grew up and lived on his own, he went overboard.
- _____ 30. The idea of our sweet Grandma committing a ____ is just plain laughable.

