

Name _____

Class _____

Vocabulary for Unit 6: Graffiti — Art or Crime?

Activity 1: In-Context Predictions

Directions: Use context clues to determine the meaning of each of your new vocabulary words. Your teacher will review the correct definitions with you after. The example below shows you how to do this.



1. Begin by looking at the **photo**.
Ask yourself, **What do I see?**
I see birds flying in the air.
They are not being controlled or told where to go.
2. Next, look at the **caption**.
Ask yourself, **what word could I use in place of the underlined vocabulary word?**
Here I might substitute "all" or "complete" for absolute.
3. Then, look at the **example sentence**.
Ask yourself, **do my substitutions from the caption — "all" and "complete" — make sense in this sentence?**
Yes, "complete" works in the example sentence as well.
4. Finally, **write or type a prediction** in the last box.

Example: Absolute [ab-suh-loot]

My mother's no was absolute. Once she said it, there was no chance of changing her mind.



Birds have absolute freedom to go wherever they like.

What's your **prediction**?

My Answer: *complete*

Correct Definition:

1. Abstract [ab-strakt]

Mr. John encouraged his class to move from discussing abstract ideas to writing down concrete steps.



Abstract art represents feelings and ideas using unrealistic images.

What's your **prediction**?

My Answer:

Correct Definition:

2. Contemporary [kuhn-tem-puh-rer-ee]

Ms. Kanaiza decided to swap out some books written very long ago with more contemporary authors.



After renovations, the old bathroom looked more contemporary.

What's your **prediction**?

My Answer:

Correct Definition:

3. Deem [deem]

After seeing the damage, the governor deemed the flooding the most disastrous event the state had ever seen.



The princess deemed Sir Gavln a knight because of his courage.

What's your prediction?

My Answer:

Correct Definition:

4. Deface [dih-feys]

A protective fence was put up so no one could get close enough to deface the beautiful statue.



The school community was disappointed when their hallways were defaced with spray paint.

What's your prediction?

My Answer:

Correct Definition:

5. Evolve [ih-volv]

Eric's thoughts on the issue have evolved over time.



From a little girl singing on car trips, Alisha had evolved into a top-notch singer.

What's your prediction?

My Answer:

Correct Definition:

6. Inevitable [in-ev-i-tuh-buhl]

After years of trying to patch it, it became inevitable that we would get an entirely new roof.



It is inevitable that the sun will come up and a new day will begin.

What's your prediction?

My Answer:

Correct Definition:

7. Landmark [land-mahrk]

The Sagamore Bridge is an important landmark that lets me know I am close to getting home.



The Statue of Liberty is an important American landmark.

What's your **prediction**?

My Answer:

Correct Definition:

8. Stature [stach-er]

After winning many tough games, the soccer team's stature in the league improved.



Harvard University's international stature draws more than 40,000 applicants each year.

What's your **prediction**?

My Answer:

Correct Definition:

9. Superficial [soo-per-fish-uhl]

Luckily, the marks on the wall were only superficial and easy to wash off with some soap and water.



Tanya fell hiking, but her injuries were only superficial and healed quickly.

What's your **prediction**?

My Answer:

Correct Definition:

10. Vandalize [van-dl-ahyz]

We were shocked when someone vandalized the cemetery, gouging and knocking over gravestones.



Someone vandalized the home by throwing a rock through the window.

What's your **prediction**?

My Answer:

Correct Definition:



Activity 2: Fill-in-the-Blank Sentences

Directions: Fill in the blanks using the correct vocabulary word to complete each sentence. You may have to change the form of the word (ex: go, going, gone).

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	My answer
1. The mayor ___ the firefighter's bravery worthy of a city-wide honor.	
2. Even though winter can feel endless, it is ___ that spring will eventually arrive.	
3. There was a huge crowd of tourists trying to take pictures around the ___.	
4. Marlon put up a "Beware of Dog" sign to discourage any ___ from coming to try and damage his property.	
5. The sketches in my journal only make sense to me because they are just ___ drawings meant to represent my feelings.	
6. After listening to his parents' old music for hours, Tate asked to change to a radio station that played ___ music.	
7. Their discussion was very ___ and they didn't really get into any serious issues.	
8. The school's policies continued to ___ as the situation changed.	
9. The title of valedictorian is awarded to the student with the highest academic ___.	
10. Haley took extra care not to ___ any of the house's original paint when she renovated it by covering the walls in layers of protective plastic.	



Activity 3: Fill-in-the-Blank Scenarios

Directions: Fill in the blanks using the correct vocabulary word to complete each scenario. Then, explain why that vocabulary word fits best based on context clues provided in the scenario. You may have to change the form of the word (ex: go, going, gone).

For Example:

Every single day, Bryan wakes up at 5 o'clock in the morning to take a 10-mile jog. Then, he goes to the gym to lift weights. Afterwards, he does 20 laps in the pool. And this is before he goes to practice with the team every afternoon! Bryan is _____ about training because _____.

My Answer	My Reason
<i>relentless</i>	<i>He is extremely dedicated and exercises all of the time. He runs 10 miles, lifts weights, swims, and attends practice every day.</i>

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1. There was always a waitlist to get into Professor Zaine's class. His many awards made him the most popular teacher in school.

Professor Zaine had high _____ because _____.

My Answer	My Reason

2. When students began throwing toilet paper all over the bathrooms, the school had to figure out a consequence that would clean up the mess and keep others from participating.

The school had to figure out a consequence for the _____ because _____.

My Answer	My Reason

3. Ms. Shepherd told her class to make sure not to draw all over the covers of their textbooks since they would need to be used for future classes.

Ms. Shepherd told her students not to _____ the covers of their textbooks because _____

My Answer	My Reason

4. Football used to be played without helmets. Over time the rules changed, and now all players must wear helmets for their safety.

The sport of football has _____ because _____

My Answer	My Reason

5. Once online learning became a common practice, the school started viewing laptops as a necessary purchase for all students.

The school _____ laptops necessary because _____

My Answer	My Reason

6. When the weeks seem very long, it helps to remember that the weekend will come eventually, no matter what.

The weekend is _____ because _____

My Answer	My Reason

7. In the case of *Gideon v. Wainwright* (1963), the United States Supreme Court decided that the Constitution gives every person the right to assistance of counsel when they're on trial — in state courts as well as federal ones. The Court stated that "lawyers in criminal court are necessities, not luxuries." This was a huge decision which has guided the behavior of state governments for almost 80 years.

Gideon v. Wainwright was a _____ case because _____.

My Answer	My Reason

8. Kiara decided not to wear her mother's wedding dress. She wanted to have a dress that reflected the current style trends.

Kiara wanted a _____ dress because _____.

My Answer	My Reason

9. The twins were similar in appearance only. Otherwise, they had completely different interests and personalities.

The twins were only _____ similar because _____.

My Answer	My Reason

10. Katherine had a hard time making sense of the artwork. To her, it looked like a bunch of paint splotches, but her teacher insisted it had a deeper meaning to uncover.

The artwork was _____ because _____.

My Answer	My Reason



Activity 4: Matching

Directions: Match the following vocabulary words to their synonyms from the box. Write your answer in the column next to the word.

Synonyms: destruction consider current develop marker reputation spoil surface-level symbolic unavoidable

Words	My Answer
1. Abstract	
2. Contemporary	
3. Deem	
4. Deface	
5. Evolve	
6. Inevitable	
7. Landmark	
8. Stature	
9. Superficial	
10. Vandalism	



Activity 5: Application of Vocabulary

Directions: Answer each question in 1-2 complete sentences. Make sure that you use the underlined vocabulary word in your answer.

1. Would you prefer to decorate your home with abstract or realistic artwork? Why?

2. Do you prefer older or contemporary music? Explain why.

3. Describe something you deem necessary to a successful day.

4. What do you think should be the consequence for defacing someone else's property?

5. Describe a topic that your thoughts have evolved on over time. What caused the evolution?

6. Describe something in your future that feels difficult, but inevitable.

7. Name a landmark you hope to visit someday. Explain why you wish to see it.

8. Describe an athlete or musician that has huge stature in the U.S. What gives them this stature?

9. Do you think social media creates superficial connections? Explain.

10. Is vandalism ever justified? Explain.