

VOCABULARY - *Great Expectations*

Chapters 1 & 2 Part I: Using Prior Knowledge and Contextual Clues

Below are the sentences in which the vocabulary words appear in the text. Read the sentence. Use any clues you can find in the sentence combined with your prior knowledge, and write what you think the underlined words mean on the lines provided.

1. . . . he ate the bread ravenously.

2. My sister, . . . had such a prevailing redness of skin that I sometimes used to wonder whether it was possible she washed herself with a nutmeg-grater instead of soap.

3. She concluded by throwing me--I often served as a connubial--missile at Joe

4. My thoughts strayed from that question as I looked disconsolately at the fire.

5. My sister had a trenchant way of cutting our bread-and-butter for us that never varied.

6. The wonder and consternation with which Joe stopped on the threshold of his bite and stared at me, were too evident to escape my sister's observation.

7. At this point, Joe greatly augmented my curiosity by taking the utmost pains to open his mouth very wide, and to put it into the form of a word that looked to me like "sulks."

Part II: Determining the Meaning Match the vocabulary words to their dictionary definitions. If there are words for which you cannot figure out the definition by contextual clues and by process of elimination, look them up in a dictionary.

- ___ 1. ravenously
- ___ 2. prevailing
- ___ 3. connubial
- ___ 4. disconsolately
- ___ 5. trenchant
- ___ 6. consternation
- ___ 7. augmented

- A. distinct; forceful, effective & vigorous
- B. added to
- C. hungrily
- D. state of paralyzing dismay
- E. most common; widespread
- F. relating to marriage
- G. gloomily

Vocabulary - *Great Expectations* Chapters 3 - 7

Part I: Using Prior Knowledge and Contextual Clues

Below are the sentences in which the vocabulary words appear in the text. Read the sentence. Use any clues you can find in the sentence combined with your prior knowledge, and write what you think the underlined words mean on the lines provided.

1. One black ox . . . fixed me so obstinately with his eyes, and moved his blunt head round in such an accusatory manner as I moved round, that I blubbered out to him, "I couldn't help it, sir!"

2. He shivered all the while . . . "I think you have got the ague," said I.

3. So, we had our slices served out, as if we were two thousand troops on a forced march instead of a man and a boy at home; and we took gulps of milk and water, with apologetic countenances, from a jug on the dresser.

4. On the present festive occasion he emerged from his room, when the blithe bells were going . . .

5. But, Uncle Pumblechook, who was omnipotent in that kitchen, wouldn't hear the word, wouldn't hear of the subject, imperiously waved it all away with his hand . . .

6. Surrender, you two! and confound you for two wild beasts! Come asunder!

7. Both were bleeding and panting and execrating and struggling . . .

8. My state of mind regarding the pilfering from which I had been so unexpectedly exonerated, did not impel me to frank disclosure . . .

9. I sagaciously observed, if it didn't signify to him, to whom did it signify?

Vocabulary - *Great Expectations* Chapters 3 - 7 Continued

Part II: Determining the Meaning Match the vocabulary words to their dictionary definitions. If there are words for which you cannot figure out the definition by contextual clues and by process of elimination, look them up in a dictionary.

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| ___ 8. obstinately | A. carefree & lighthearted |
| ___ 9. ague | B. faces |
| ___ 10. countenances | C. all-powerful |
| ___ 11. blithe | D. stubbornly |
| ___ 12. omnipotent | E. cursing |
| ___ 13. asunder | F. intelligently; wisely |
| ___ 14. execrating | G. fever and chills |
| ___ 15. exonerated | H. apart from each other |
| ___ 16. sagaciously | I. freed from blame |

Vocabulary - *Great Expectations* Chapters 8 - 12

Part I: Using Prior Knowledge and Contextual Clues

Below are the sentences in which the vocabulary words appear in the text. Read the sentence. Use any clues you can find in the sentence combined with your prior knowledge, and write what you think the underlined words mean on the lines provided.

1. She put the mug down on the stones of the yard, and gave me the bread and meat without looking at me, as insolently as if I were a dog in disgrace.

2. I had known . . . that my sister, in her capricious and violent coercion, was unjust to me.

3. And I soon found myself getting heavily bumped from behind in the nape of the neck and the small of the back, and having my face ignominiously shoved against the kitchen wall, because I did not answer those questions at sufficient length.

4. The felicitous idea occurred to me, a morning or two later when I woke, that the best step I could take towards making myself uncommon was to get out of Bidley everything she knew.

5. The Educational scheme or Course established by Mr. Wopsle's great-aunt may be resolved into the following synopsis.

6. When this horrible din had lasted a certain time, it mechanically awoke Mr. Wopsle's great-aunt, who staggered at a boy fortuitously and pulled his ears.

7. The passage was a long one, and seemed to pervade the whole square basement of the Manor House.

8. . . . I even kept close at home, and looked out at the kitchen door with the greatest caution and trepidation before going on an errand, lest the officers of the County Jail should pounce upon me.

Vocabulary - *Great Expectations* Chapters 8 - 12 Continued

Part II: Determining the Meaning

You have tried to figure out the meanings of the vocabulary words for Chapters 8 - 12. Now match the vocabulary words to their dictionary definitions. If there are words for which you cannot figure out the definition by contextual clues and by process of elimination, look them up in a dictionary.

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| ___ 17. insolently | A. lucky |
| ___ 18. capricious | B. be present throughout |
| ___ 19. ignominiously | C. insultingly; rudely |
| ___ 20. felicitous | D. state of dread or alarm |
| ___ 21. synopsis | E. whimsical |
| ___ 22. fortuitously | F. shamefully; humiliatingly |
| ___ 23. pervade | G. summary |
| ___ 24. trepidation | H. by accident or chance |

Vocabulary - *Great Expectations* Chapters 13 - 19

Part I: Using Prior Knowledge and Contextual Clues

Below are the sentences in which the vocabulary words appear in the text. Read the sentence. Use any clues you can find in the sentence combined with your prior knowledge, and write what you think the underlined words mean on the lines provided.

1. At breakfast time my sister declared her intention of going to town with us, and being left at Uncle Pumblechook's, and called for 'when we had done with our fine ladies!--a way of putting the case, from which Joe appeared inclined to augur the worst.

2. One person of a mild and benevolent aspect even gave me a tract ornamented with a woodcut of a malevolent young man

3. He always slouched, locomotively, with his eyes on the ground; and, when accosted or otherwise required to raise them, he looked up in a half resentful, half puzzled way, as though the only thought he ever had was, that it was rather an odd and injurious fact that he should never be thinking. This morose journeyman had no liking for me.

4. My sister had been standing silent in the yard, within hearing--she was a most unscrupulous spy and listener

5. The hue and cry going off to the Hulks, and people coming thence to examine the iron, Joe's opinion was corroborated.

6. . . . having led up to so much mischief, it would be now more likely than ever to alienate Joe from me if he believed it

7. I reflected that even in those untoward times there must have been latent in Bidley what was now developing

8. But after I . . . had gone through an immensity of posturing with Mr. Pumblechook's very limited dressing-glass, in the futile endeavor to see my legs

Vocabulary - *Great Expectations* Chapters 13 - 19 Continued

Part II: Determining the Meaning

You have tried to figure out the meanings of the vocabulary words for Chapters 13 - 19. Now match the vocabulary words to their dictionary definitions. If there are words for which you cannot figure out the definition by contextual clues and by process of elimination, look them up in a dictionary.

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| ___ 25. augur | A. turn away; push away |
| ___ 26. benevolent | B. predict |
| ___ 27. morose | C. having no useful result |
| ___ 28. unscrupulous | D. present but not active; hidden |
| ___ 29. corroborated | E. good |
| ___ 30. alienate | F. without a conscience or a moral code |
| ___ 31. latent | G. melancholy; gloomy |
| ___ 32. futile | H. supported by other evidence |

Vocabulary - *Great Expectations* Chapters 20 - 25

Part I: Using Prior Knowledge and Contextual Clues

Below are the sentences in which the vocabulary words appear in the text. Read the sentence. Use any clues you can find in the sentence combined with your prior knowledge, and write what you think the underlined words mean on the lines provided.

1. I wondered how many other clerks there were up-stairs, and whether they all claimed to have the same detrimental mastery of their fellow creatures.

2. "We made the money up this morning, sir," said one of the men, submissively, while the other perused Mr. Jaggers's face.

3. There was an air of toleration or depreciation about his utterance of these words, that rather depressed me

4. . . . it will be magnanimous in you if you'll forgive me for having knocked you about so.

5. . . . [He was] so avaricious that he locked up his cake till the mice ate it

6. This is that odious Sophia's doing!

7. I acquiesced, of course, knowing nothing to the contrary.

Part II: Determining the Meaning

You have tried to figure out the meanings of the vocabulary words for Chapters 20 - 25. Now match the vocabulary words to their dictionary definitions. If there are words for which you cannot figure out the definition by contextual clues and by process of elimination, look them up in a dictionary.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 33. detrimental | A. looked over with care |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 34. perused | B. stingy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 35. depreciation | C. consented without argument |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 36. magnanimous | D. damaging |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 37. avaricious | E. arousing strong dislike |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 38. odious | F. belittling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 39. acquiesced | G. generous in forgiving; noble |

Vocabulary - *Great Expectations* Chapters 26 - 28

Part I: Using Prior Knowledge and Contextual Clues

Below are the sentences in which the vocabulary words appear in the text. Read the sentence. Use any clues you can find in the sentence combined with your prior knowledge, and write what you think the underlined words mean on the lines provided.

1. He immediately began to talk to Drummle: not at all deterred by his replying in his heavy reticent way, but apparently led on by it to screw discourse out of him.

2. Hereupon Startop took him in hand, though with a much better grace than I had shown, and exhorted him to be a little more agreeable.

3. . . . I looked forward to Joe's coming. Not with pleasure . . . no, with considerable disturbance, some mortification, and a keen sense of incongruity.

4. "For it was not," said Joe, with his old air of lucid exposition, "that my only wish were to be useful to you, I should not have had the honour of breaking wittles in the company and abode of a gentleman."

5. . . . it was poisonous and pernicious and infamous and shameful, and I don't know what else.

6. They both execrated the place in very strong language, and gradually growled themselves out, and had nothing left to say.

Part II: Determining the Meaning

You have tried to figure out the meanings of the vocabulary words for Chapters 26 - 28. Now match the vocabulary words to their dictionary definitions. If there are words for which you cannot figure out the definition by contextual clues and by process of elimination, look them up in a dictionary.

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| ___ 40. reticent | A. at odds; not matching |
| ___ 41. exhorted | B. easily understood |
| ___ 42. incongruity | C. reserved |
| ___ 43. lucid | D. denounced |
| ___ 44. pernicious | E. urged; advised |
| ___ 45. execrated | F. destructive; deadly |

Vocabulary - *Great Expectations* Chapters 29 - 34

Part I: Using Prior Knowledge and Contextual Clues

Below are the sentences in which the vocabulary words appear in the text. Read the sentence. Use any clues you can find in the sentence combined with your prior knowledge, and write what you think the underlined words mean on the lines provided.

1. It was too early yet to go to Miss Havisham's, so I loitered into the country on Miss Havisham's side of town. . . .

2. "I am serious," said Estella . . . with a darkening of her face; "if we are to be thrown much together, you had better believe it at once. No!" imperiously stopping me as I opened my lips.

3. . . . a good fellow with impetuosity and hesitation, boldness and diffidence, action and dreaming, curiously mixed in him.

4. It was likewise to be noted of this majestic spirit that whereas it always appeared with an air of having been out a long time and walked an immense distance, it perceptibly came from a closely contiguous wall.

5. "I am glad to have your approbation, gentlemen," said Mr. Waldengarver, with an air of dignity, in spite of his being ground against the wall at the time. . . .

6. If there had been time, I should probably have ordered several suits of clothes for this occasion; but as there was not, I was fain to be content with those I had.

7. I often paid him a visit in the dark back-room in which he consorted with an ink-jar, a hat-peg, a coal-box, a string-box, an almanac, a desk and stool, and a ruler. . . .

Part II: Determining the Meaning

Match the vocabulary words to their dictionary definitions. If there are words for which you cannot figure out the definition by contextual clues and by process of elimination, look them up in a dictionary.

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| ___ 46. loitered | A. associated |
| ___ 47. imperiously | B. forcefully or passionately |
| ___ 48. impetuosity | C. approval |
| ___ 49. contiguous | D. proceeded slowly or with many stops |
| ___ 50. approbation | E. domineeringly; overbearingly |
| ___ 51. fain | F. neighboring; adjacent |
| ___ 52. consorted | G. pleased; willing; obliged |

Vocabulary - *Great Expectations* Chapters 35 - 39

Part I: Using Prior Knowledge and Contextual Clues

Below are the sentences in which the vocabulary words appear in the text. Read the sentence. Use any clues you can find in the sentence combined with your prior knowledge, and write what you think the underlined words mean on the lines provided.

1. . . . Pumblechook . . . was . . . making obsequious movements to catch my attention.

2. In this progress I was much annoyed by the abject Pumblechook, who . . . persisted as a delicate attention in arranging my streaming hatband, and smoothing my cloak.

3. I had taken care to have it well understood in Little Britain, when my birthday was. . . I would call upon him at five in the afternoon of the auspicious day.

4. I alluded to the advantages I had derived in my first rawness and ignorance from his society, and I confessed that I feared I had but ill repaid them

5. This left me no course but to regret that I had been "betrayed into a warmth which," and on the whole to repudiate as untenable, the idea that I was to be found anywhere.

6. Notwithstanding my inability to settle to anything--which I hope arose out of the restless and incompleted tenure on which I held my means--I had a taste for reading, and read regularly

7. No wisdom on earth could have given me the comfort that I should have derived from their simplicity and fidelity; but I could never, never, never, undo what I had done.

Part II: Determining the Meaning

Match the vocabulary words to their dictionary definitions. If there are words for which you cannot figure out the definition by contextual clues and by process of elimination, look them up in a dictionary.

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| ___ 53. obsequious | A. totally reject |
| ___ 54. abject | B. faithfulness; loyalty |
| ___ 55. auspicious | C. full of or showing servile compliance |
| ___ 56. alluded | D. contemptible; miserable, wretched |
| ___ 57. repudiate | E. period during which something is held |
| ___ 58. tenure | F. marked by success; grand |
| ___ 59. fidelity | G. suggested indirectly |

Vocabulary - *Great Expectations* Chapters 40 - 43

Part I: Using Prior Knowledge and Contextual Clues

Below are the sentences in which the vocabulary words appear in the text. Read the sentence. Use any clues you can find in the sentence combined with your prior knowledge, and write what you think the underlined words mean on the lines provided.

1. . . . I asked the watchman, on the chance of eliciting some hopeful explanation as I handed him a dram at the door

2. I cautioned him that I must hear no more of that; that he was not at all likely to obtain a pardon; that he was expatriated for the term of his natural life; and that his presenting himself in this country would be an act of felony, rendering him liable to the extreme penalty of the law.

3. The imaginary student pursued by the misshapen creature he had impiously made, was not more retched than I, pursued by the creature who had made me

4. Then you must get him out of England before you stir a finger to extricate yourself.

5. Then, Drummle glanced at me, with an insolent triumph on his great-jowled face that cut me to the heart

6. "I am sure it's not," said he, superciliously over his shoulder.

Part II: Determining the Meaning

You have tried to figure out the meanings of the vocabulary words for Chapters 40 - 43. Now match the vocabulary words to their dictionary definitions. If there are words for which you cannot figure out the definition by contextual clues and by process of elimination, look them up in a dictionary.

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| ___ 60. eliciting | A. release from an entanglement |
| ___ 61. expatriated | B. showing haughty disdain |
| ___ 62. impiously | C. lacking reverence, respect or dutifulness |
| ___ 63. extricate | D. bringing out; drawing forth |
| ___ 64. insolent | E. removed from residence in one's native land |
| ___ 65. superciliously | F. arrogant; insulting |

Vocabulary - *Great Expectations* Chapters 44 - 48

Part I: Using Prior Knowledge and Contextual Clues

Below are the sentences in which the vocabulary words appear in the text. Read the sentence. Use any clues you can find in the sentence combined with your prior knowledge, and write what you think the underlined words mean on the lines provided.

1. Pursuing the narrow intricacies of the streets which at that time tended westward near the Middlesex shore of the river

2. It plaited itself into whatever I thought of, as a bodily pain would have done.

3. She really was a most charming girl, and might have passed for a captive fairy, whom that truculent Ogre, Old Barley, had pressed into his service.

4. . . . he (Herbert) had Mr. Campbell consigned to him, and felt a strong personal interest in his being well cared for, and living a secluded life.

5. And Herbert had seen him as a predatory Tartar of comic propensities, with a face like a red brick, and an outrageous hat all over bells.

6. Receiving this as an intimation that it was best not to delay, I settled that I would go to-morrow, and said so.

Part II: Determining the Meaning

You have tried to figure out the meanings of the vocabulary words for Chapters 44 - 48. Now match the vocabulary words to their dictionary definitions. If there are words for which you cannot figure out the definition by contextual clues and by process of elimination, look them up in a dictionary.

___ 66. intricacies

A. complexities

___ 67. plaited

B. entrusted; gave over to the care of another

___ 68. truculent

C. braided

___ 69. consigned

D. hint

___ 70. propensities

E. having a tendency to fight; fierce

___ 71. intimation

F. tendencies

Vocabulary - *Great Expectations* Chapters 49 - 52

Part I: Using Prior Knowledge and Contextual Clues

Below are the sentences in which the vocabulary words appear in the text. Read the sentence. Use any clues you can find in the sentence combined with your prior knowledge, and write what you think the underlined words mean on the lines provided.

1. The nooks of ruin where the old monks had once had their refectories and gardens

2. For, I had a presentiment that I should never be there again, and I felt that the dying light was suited to my last view of it.

3. Therefore, fearing he should be called upon to depose about this destroyed child, and so be the cause of her death, he hid himself

4. And seeing that Mr. Jaggers stood quite still and silent, apparently quite obdurate, under this appeal, I turned to Wemmick, and said, "Wemmick, I know you to be a man with a gentle heart."

5. . . . they were now inflexible with one another; Mr. Jaggers being highly dictatorial, and Wemmick obstinately justifying himself whenever there was the smallest point in abeyance for a moment.

6. It is so difficult to become clearly possessed of the contents of almost any letter, in a violent hurry, that I had to read this mysterious epistle again. . . .

Part II: Determining the Meaning

You have tried to figure out the meanings of the vocabulary words for Chapters 49 - 52. Now match the vocabulary words to their dictionary definitions. If there are words for which you cannot figure out the definition by contextual clues and by process of elimination, look them up in a dictionary.

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| ___ 72. refectories | A. rooms where meals are served |
| ___ 73. presentiment | B. condition of being temporarily set aside |
| ___ 74. depose | C. hard-hearted; not giving in to persuasion |
| ___ 75. obdurate | D. sense that something is about to happen |
| ___ 76. abeyance | E. letter |
| ___ 77. epistle | F. make a statement of facts |

Vocabulary - *Great Expectations* Chapters 53 - 59

Part I: Using Prior Knowledge and Contextual Clues

Below are the sentences in which the vocabulary words appear in the text. Read the sentence. Use any clues you can find in the sentence combined with your prior knowledge, and write what you think the underlined words mean on the lines provided.

1. There being still no answer, I went out at the door, irresolute what to do.

2. Not that Trabb's boy was of a malignant nature, but that he had too much spare vivacity, and that it was in his constitution to want variety and excitement at anybody's expense.

3. Of barges, sailing colliers, and coasting traders, there were perhaps as many as now; but, of steam-ships, great and small, not a tithe or a twentieth part so many.

4. As we approached the point, I begged him to remain in a sheltered place, while I went on to reconnoitre; for, it was towards it that the men had passed in the night.

5. But for the indelible picture that my remembrance now holds before me, I could scarcely believe, even as I write these words, that I saw two-and-thirty men and women put before the Judge to receive that sentence together.

6. Whereas the Boar had cultivated my good opinion with warm assiduity, when I was coming into property, the Boar was exceedingly cool on the subject now that I was going out of property.

7. At first Biddy gave a cry, as if she thought it was my apparition, but in another moment she was in my embrace.

Part II: Determining the Meaning

You have tried to figure out the meanings of the vocabulary words for Chapters 53 - 59. Now match the vocabulary words to their dictionary definitions. If there are words for which you cannot figure out the definition by contextual clues and by process of elimination, look them up in a dictionary.

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| ___ 78. irresolute | A. one-tenth |
| ___ 79. malignant | B. constant personal attentions |
| ___ 80. tithe | C. ghost |
| ___ 81. reconnoitre | D. undecided |
| ___ 82. indelible | E. make a preliminary investigation |
| ___ 83. assiduity | F. disposed towards evil |
| ___ 84. apparition | G. permanent |