

## VOCABULARY GROWTH

The following are 50 words that you might encounter in college-level reading. How many of them do you know? Which would you have to look up in a dictionary?

What do the following words mean? Circle the meaning that comes closest to what you think the word means.

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| 1. stereotype     | a. large type        | b. readymade idea   | c. dislike       |
| 2. assailant      | a. watchman          | b. sailor           | c. attacker      |
| 3. homicide       | a. assault           | b. killing          | c. crime         |
| 4. notoriety      | a. ill fame          | b. regularity       | c. irregularity  |
| 5. analogous      | a. unequaled         | b. parallel         | c. different     |
| 6. exasperation   | a. gladness          | b. slowness         | c. useless anger |
| 7. anecdotal      | a. statistical       | b. in story form    | c. anonymous     |
| 8. repression     | a. pushing down      | b. going back       | c. blowing up    |
| 9. catalyst       | a. solution          | b. problem          | c. trigger       |
| 10. inveighing    | a. denouncing        | b. putting in       | c. considering   |
| 11. bibliography  | a. life story        | b. book list        | c. book lover    |
| 12. anonymous     | a. unsigned          | b. free of charge   | c. unfinished    |
| 13. periodical    | a. contribution      | b. magazine         | c. article       |
| 14. in context    | a. in its place      | b. in verse         | c. on the back   |
| 15. preoccupation | a. strong interest   | b. lack of interest | c. hysteria      |
| 16. manifestation | a. disguising        | b. showing          | c. duplication   |
| 17. prescribe     | a. revise            | b. retell           | c. require       |
| 18. moralize      | a. tell what's right | b. discourage       | c. encourage     |
| 19. incurable     | a. temporary         | b. hopeless         | c. off and on    |

20. predicament	a. announcement	b. problem	c. solution
21. aviary	a. jail	b. bird house	c. shed
22. frantic	a. panicky	b. free	c. honest
23. haunting	a. shameful	b. lingering	c. confusing
24. anxiety	a. sleepiness	b. joy	c. apprehension
25. bewilderment	a. fear	b. excitement	c. confusion
26. righteous	a. feeling moral	b. true	c. half-true
27. anguish	a. waiting	b. terrible pain	c. boredom
28. realm	a. currency	b. story	c. area
29. vitality	a. energy	b. life style	c. lifelessness
30. easel	a. holds painting	b. small animal	c. studio
31. larceny	a. theft	b. arson	c. mugging
32. pauper	a. unemployed	b. penniless person	c. under age
33. infringement	a. violation	b. extension	c. change
34. abridgement	a. reversal	b. termination	c. lessening
35. defendant	a. lawyer	b. hanger-on	c. accused
36. indigent	a. lazy	b. poor	c. quiet
37. unanimous	a. all together	b. unknown	c. undecided
38. on behalf of	a. for the sake of	b. instead of	c. partially
39. felony	a. perjury	b. theft	c. serious crime
40. genteel	a. non-Jewish	b. refined	c. aristocratic
41. impartial	a. uninterested	b. neutral	c. in one piece
42. panoramic	a. ranging freely	b. two-sided	c. multicolored

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| 43. focus       | a. center           | b. circumference | c. outline      |
| 44. belligerent | a. war-weary        | b. aggressive    | c. proud        |
| 45. lackey      | a. false friend     | b. chauffeur     | c. servant      |
| 46. bourgeois   | a. middle class     | b. working class | c. upper class  |
| 47. feudalism   | a. rule of warlords | b. imperialism   | c. chaos        |
| 48. memoirs     | a. autobiography    | b. interruptions | c. love affairs |
| 49. rail at     | a. plead            | b. give in       | c. insult       |
| 50. outlandish  | a. found outdoors   | b. very unusual  | c. distant      |

Look up five of the words that were difficult for you in the above list. In your own words, explain the most common or most important meaning of each word.