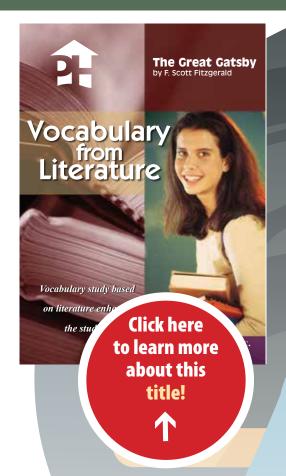


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Information for Instructors

The activities in this Unit are designed to help students increase their vocabulary by studying the meanings of words selected from F. Scott Fitzgerald's novel *The Great Gatsby*. All definitions provided in these activities are based on the contexts in which the vocabulary words appear, which may not always convey the words' conventional usage. It is the goal of this Unit to familiarize students with vocabulary words that they will re-encounter in life and other readings. The words are carefully selected to meet this goal. Rather than matching *The Great Gatsby*. chapter-for-chapter, we have divided the book into segments depending on the number of vocabulary words from each chapter. While all of the activities may be completed by students individually, we have had the best results when students worked on them in pairs or small groups. The following activities are provided for each segment. While the words in this reproducible do represent those necessary for a better understanding of the text, our primary concern is that we select words not only pertinent to the literature, but also useful in other aspects of the students' lives.

All page references come from the Scribner edition of *The Great Gatsby*, copyright 1995.

Activity I

Objective: Finding and interpreting definitions

Activity II

Objective: Deciphering the meaning of vocabulary words using context clues

Replacing the vocabulary word with appropriate definition and writing sentences

Activity III

Objective: Writing synonyms based on context clues

Activity IV

Objective: Demonstrating an understanding of a word's meaning by completing sentences

Activity V

Objective: Recognizing commonly used prefixes and roots

Understanding how prefixes and roots offer vocabulary clues

Activity VI

Objective: Using vocabulary words to complete a crossword puzzle

Test

A twenty question multiple choice test with answer key is provided.

Activity I

Matching Definitions Chapter 1

Directions: Match the correct vocabulary word from the list below to the definition. For unfamiliar words consult a dictionary, but keep in mind that dictionary definitions are more complete and you may need to interpret them.

riotous (4)	perpetu	al (5)	particular (5)	proximity (5)	
fractiousness (7) paternal (7		(7)	imperceptibly (9)	egotism (20)	
submerged (13) profound (d (13)	ferociously (13)	fervent (13)	
devoid (14) conte		otuously (11)	cynical (16)	uninflected (17)	
		·			
1.		without va	riance or change in the	tone or pitch	
2.	with fierceness; savagery				
3.		with scorn; with disdain			
4		_ believing that people are motivated in all their actions			
		only by sel	lfishness		
5		characteris	stic of a father; fatherly		
6.		very gradu	al or subtle		
7.		without re	straint; having disorder		
8.		a detail; ite	em of information; poin	t	
9.		self-concei	t, excessive reference to	oneself; selfishness	
10		completely	without; empty		
11		marked by	intellectual depth		
12		hot; burnii	ng; glowing		
1.0		covered ov	ver; suppressed; hid		
14		continuing	g indefinitely without in	terruption	
			of being difficult to mar	nage; unruly; rebelious	
1.0		. ,	r quality of being near;	,	

5	Sentence for reproach :
i a	Sometimes she and Miss Baker talked at once, unobtrusively and with a bantering nconsequence that was never quite chatter, that was as cool as their white dresses and their impersonal eyes in the absence of all desire. They were here—and they accepted Tom and me, making only a polite pleasant effort to entertain or to be entertained. (Pg. 12)
Ι	Definition for unobtrusively :
5	Sentence for unobtrusively :
Ι	Definition for bantering :
S	Sentence for bantering :
I	Definition for inconsequence :
	Sentence for inconsequence :

7.	for the intimate revelations of young men or at least the terms in which they express them are usually plagiaristic and marred by obvious suppressions . Reserving judgements is a matter of infinite hope. I am still a little afraid of missing something if I forget that, as my father snobbishly suggested and I snobbishly repeat, a sense of the fundamental decencies is parcelled out unequally at birth. (Pgs. 2)
	Definition for plagiaristic:
	Sentence for plagiaristic:
	Definition for suppressions:
	Sentence for suppressions :
	Definition for parcelled (parceled):
	Sentence for parcelled (parceled):
8.	I've heard it said that Daisy's murmur was only to make people lean toward her; an irrelevant criticism that made it no less charming. (Pg. 9)
	Definition for irrelevant:
	Sentence for irrelevant :
9.	Before I could answer her eyes fastened with an awed expression on her little finger. "Look!" she complained, "I hurt it." We all looked—the knuckle was black and blue. "You did it, Tom," she said accusingly. "I know you didn't mean to but you <i>did</i> do it." (Pg. 9)
	Definition for awed:
	Sentence for awed:

Activity III

Synonyms Chapter 1

Directions: Replace each highlighted word in the following passages from the text with an appropriate synonym. As a last resort, you may use a dictionary, but be careful that the word you select does not greatly alter the meaning of the passage.

1.

The abnormal mind is quick to detect and attach itself to this quality when it appears

in a normal person, and so it came about that in college I was unjustly accused of being

	a politician, because I was privy to the secret griefs of wild, unknown men. Most of the confidences were unsought–frequently I have feigned sleep, preoccupation or a hostile levity when I realized by some unmistakable sign that an intimate revelation was quivering on the horizon(Pg. 1)
	Synonym for feigned :
	Synonym for levity:
2.	When I came back from the East last autumn I felt that I wanted the world to be uniform and at a sort of moral attention forever; I wanted no more riotous excursions with privileged glimpses into the human heart. Only Gatsby, the man who gives his name to this book, was exempt from my reaction—Gatsby who represented everything for which I have an unaffected scornNo—Gatsby turned out all right at the end; it is what preyed on Gatsby, what foul dust floated in the wake of his dreams that temporarily closed out my interest in the abortive sorrows and short-winded elations of men. (Pg. 2)
	Synonym for preyed :
	Synonym for abortive:
	Synonym for elations :
3.	And so with the sunshine and the great bursts of leaves growing on the trees–just as things grow in fast movies–I had that familiar conviction that life was beginning over again with the summer. (Pg. 4)
	Synonym for conviction: