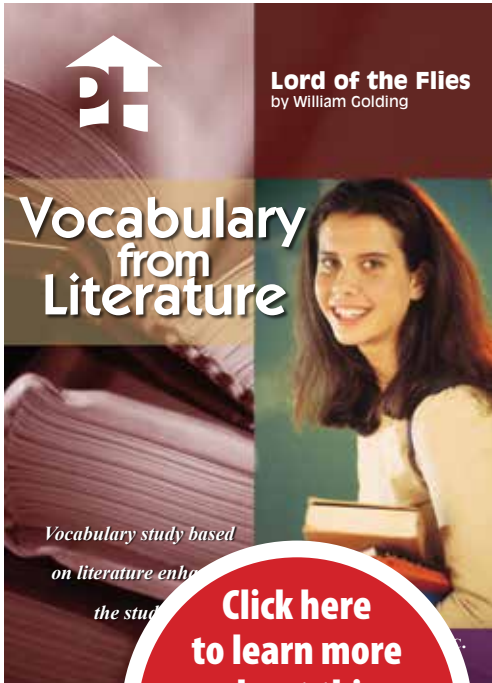




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Chapter 1
Activity I
Matching Definitions

Directions: Match each of the words below with its definition based on the context in which the word appears in the book. Use the page numbers in parentheses to locate the word. Then, look up the word in the dictionary and change any answers that are not correct.

enormity (31)
suffusion (23)
pliant (26)

efflorescence (12)
motif (12)
twining (29)

bastion (29)
mortification (23)
effulgence (14)

1. _____ blossoming
2. _____ flush; blush; color
3. _____ shame; humiliation
4. _____ hugeness; importance
5. _____ single or repeated design
6. _____ brilliance
7. _____ structure supporting a fort
8. _____ able to bend or flex
9. _____ curving; twisting
10. _____ image produced by distortion of air

astern (29)
flailed (30)
mirage (25)

conch (15)
garment (19)
petered (29)

waxen (30)
communion (27)
prominent (10)

11. _____ dwindled; diminished
12. _____ backwards; to the rear
13. _____ an article of clothing
14. _____ thrashed about
15. _____ a large, spiral shell
16. _____ yellowish like wax
17. _____ sticking out; extended
18. _____ sharing of thoughts and emotions

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Activity II
Synonyms

Directions: Replace each highlighted word in the following passages with the synonym that best fits the context of the sentences.

1. He stood now, **warped** out of the perpendicular by the fierce light of publicity, and **bored** into the coarse grass with one toe. (Pg. 35)
 - A. returned; danced
 - B. cradled; stepped
 - C. twisted; dug
 - D. carried; annoyed
 - E. followed; scooped
2. There was no laughter at all now and more **grave** watching. Ralph pushed both hands through his hair and looked at the little boy in mixed amusement and **exasperation**. (Pg. 36)
 - A. solemn; irritation
 - B. blissful; confusion
 - C. unorganized; illness
 - D. uncomfortable; delight
 - E. sober; religion
3. When they pulled, it broke up into a shower of fragments and woodlice and decay....they inched the **grotesque** dead thing up the rock and toppled it over on top. (Pg. 39)
 - A. disgusting
 - B. excited
 - C. secret
 - D. satisfying
 - E. colorful
4. Smoke was rising here and there among the creepers that **festooned** the dead or dying trees. (Pg. 44)
 - A. helped
 - B. removed
 - C. walked
 - D. draped
 - E. uprooted

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Activity V
Understanding Roots and Prefixes

Part I

Directions: Try to get the definition of each vocabulary word below by looking at the root and prefix of the word. If you cannot figure out the definition, consult a dictionary.

Roots and Prefixes Table

Vocabulary Word with a Prefix	Prefix	Meaning of Root	Meaning of the Prefix	Definition of the Vocabulary Word
subterranean	sub	<i>terra</i> : earth	beneath	beneath the ground
conspiratorial		<i>spira</i> : breathe	together; with	
incredulous		<i>cred</i> : believe	not	
recrimination		<i>crimina</i> : accuse	again; back	
antagonism		<i>agon</i> : struggle, contest	against; opposite	

Part II

Directions: You should combine the prefixes above with the roots below to make words that correspond to the definitions. Choose the best prefix, then write the word that fits best.

Prefix to be Entered		Word	Definition
1. _____ + <i>cord</i> [heart]	=	_____	hearts together; agreement
2. _____ + <i>vise</i> [look at]	=	_____	look at again; edit
3. _____ + <i>iquity</i> [equality]	=	_____	lack of equality; injustice
4. _____ + <i>onym</i> [name, word]	=	_____	opposite word

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Activity III
Writing Definitions from Context Clues

Directions: For each highlighted word, write a definition that fits the context of the passage. Then, check your answers by looking the words up in the dictionary. Finally, write a sentence using each word.

1. [Samneric report to Ralph that they saw the beast.] The twins, holding **tremulously** to each other, dared the few yards to the next shelter and spread the dreadful news. (Pg. 99)

Definition for **tremulously**: _____

Sentence: _____

2. He sighed. Other people could stand up and speak to an assembly, apparently, without that dreadful feeling of the pressure of personality; could say what they would as though they were speaking to only one person. He stepped aside and looked back. Ralph was coming along, holding his spear over his shoulder. **Diffidently**, Simon allowed his pace to slacken until he was walking side by side with Ralph and looking up at him through the coarse black hair that now fell to his eyes. Ralph glanced sideways, smiled **constrainedly** as though he had forgotten that Simon had made a fool of himself, then looked away again at nothing. (Pg. 103)

Definition for **diffidently**: _____

Sentence: _____

Definition for **constrainedly**: _____

Sentence: _____

3. The boar was **floundering** away from them. They found another pig-run parallel to the first and Jack raced away. (Pg. 113)

Definition for **floundering**: _____

Sentence: _____
