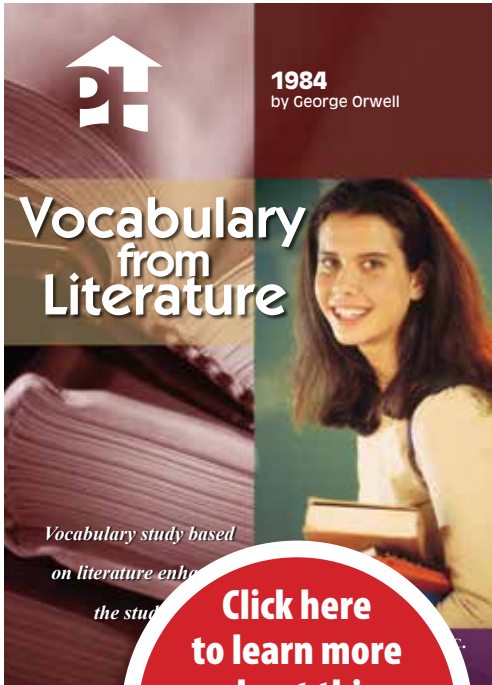




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**Activity I**  
**Matching Definitions**  
**Part One, Chapters I – VI**

**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.

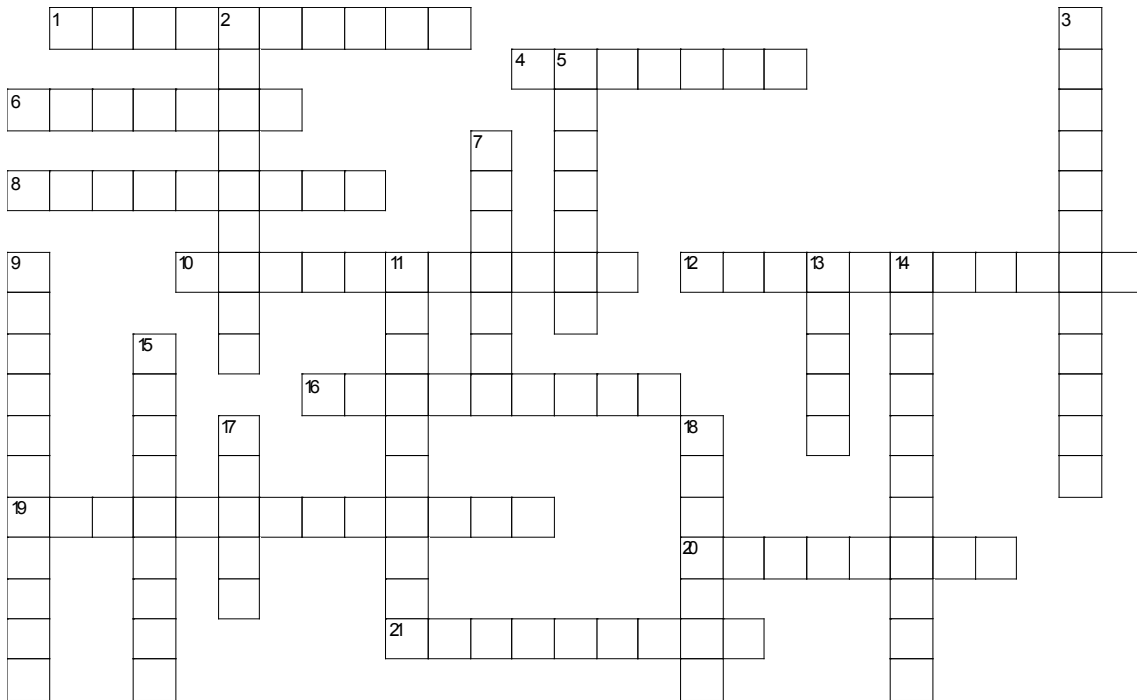
contrived (1)	strident (7)	aureole (12)	sanguine (2)
nebulous (9)	plausible (12)	vistas (3)	formidable (10)
specious (12)	tableaux (3)	disarming (10)	borne (13)
truncheon (15)	urbane (11)	inexorably (14)	refrain (16)
inscrutable (17)	impedimenta (21)		

- \_\_\_\_\_ having a deceptive appeal or attraction; showy
- \_\_\_\_\_ a ring or crown-like circle
- \_\_\_\_\_ created in an artistic or ingenious manner
- \_\_\_\_\_ a club or baton
- \_\_\_\_\_ inspiring awe or wonder; impressive
- \_\_\_\_\_ in a manner that is unable to be stopped; relentlessly
- \_\_\_\_\_ having the ability to put one at ease or win one over
- \_\_\_\_\_ appearing to be believable or reasonable
- \_\_\_\_\_ having a harsh, loud, insistent quality
- \_\_\_\_\_ possessing especially good manners; polished
- \_\_\_\_\_ views along an avenue
- \_\_\_\_\_ endured; put up with
- \_\_\_\_\_ not easily interpreted; mysterious
- \_\_\_\_\_ accessories; equipment
- \_\_\_\_\_ a repeated phrase or verse such as a chorus in a song
- \_\_\_\_\_ reddish in color
- \_\_\_\_\_ vague or indistinct

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**Activity VI**  
**Crossword Puzzle**  
**Part One, Chapter VII – Part Two, Chapter II**



**Across**

- dirty or in poor condition because of neglect
- set in order; marshaled
- pain reliever; analgesic
- yielded to something of greater strength or force; gave in to
- not harmonious; inconsistent
- friendliness; fellowship
- a bow or gesture of respect or submission
- unasked for and unnecessary volunteering; meddling
- moved to action
- positions that require little or no work but provide an income

**Down**

- dwellings or residences
- in a quarrelsome, combative or belligerent way
- dilapidated; causing or tending to cause ruin
- silly; foolish
- the middle class of a society
- reasons for complaint; injustices
- a true statement used as the basis for argument or inference
- quarrel; noisy, angry dispute or argument
- weariness or fatigue
- to avoid or evade an obligation
- spread out; widened

2. Winston peeped out, secure in the protection of the **muslin** curtain. (Pg. 137)

The set designer for the playhouse recommended draping **muslin** \_\_\_\_\_

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3. So long as they were actually in this room, they both felt, no harm could come to them. Getting there was difficult and dangerous, but the room itself was **sanctuary**. (Pg. 151)

Molly's tree house became her **sanctuary** because \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Sometimes he talked to her of the Records Department and the **impudent** forgeries that he committed there. Such things did not appear to horrify her. (Pg. 154)

With an **impudent** air, Will told the substitute teacher that \_\_\_\_\_

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5. They could be made to grasp the most **flagrant** violations of reality, because they never fully grasped the enormity of what was demanded of them, and were not sufficiently interested in public events to notice what was happening. (Pg. 156)

The player's **flagrant** lack of preparation for the game could be seen in \_\_\_\_\_

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6. It was a vast, **luminous** dream in which his whole life seemed to stretch out before him like a landscape on a summer evening after rain. (Pg. 160)

**Luminous** in the noonday sun, the beach \_\_\_\_\_

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Activity V  
Roots and Prefixes  
Part Two, Chapter IX – Part Three, Chapter II

- I. *Tenet* comes from the Latin *tenere*, which means “to hold.” For each of the three *ten* words below, choose the correct definition.
- tenable
    - able to be held in one’s hands
    - able to be defended in an argument
    - able to be carried in a box
    - able to be held in prison
  - tenure
    - the period of time one holds an office
    - the strength of one’s grasp
    - the weight of something held
    - the number of things being held
  - tenant
    - a person who holds a house or residence
    - a house or residence that is held
    - the legal right to hold property
    - the holding of property by the government
  - Mia met the previous \_\_\_\_\_ of the apartment when she stopped by to pick up her mail.
  - I won the debate because my opponent’s ideas were not \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Jeff’s \_\_\_\_\_ as Student Body President will end on the last day of May.