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 English 10H/McMane

The Bluest Eye

# Vocabulary in Context Part 2

**fas·tid·i·ous**  (f-std-s, f-) *adj.*

Possessing or displaying careful, meticulous attention to detail; difficult to please; exacting.

**so·lic·i·tude**  (s-ls-td, -tyd) *n.*

care or concern, as for the well-being of another. (adjective = solicitous)

**fab·ri·cate**   (fbr-kt) *v.* **fab·ri·cat·ed,** **fab·ri·cat·ing,** **fab·ri·cates**

to make; create; to concoct in order to deceive.

(noun = fabrication)

**sul·len**  (sln) *adj.*

showing a brooding ill humor or silent resentment; morose or sulky; gloomy or somber in tone

**lit·a·ny**  (ltn-) *n.*

1. any long and tedious address or recital; “the patient recited a litany of complaints”
2. A liturgical prayer consisting of a series of petitions recited by a leader alternating with fixed

 responses by the congregation.

**bel·lig·er·ent**  (b-ljr-nt) *adj.*

1. inclined or eager to fight; hostile or aggressive.

2. of, pertaining to, or engaged in warfare; warlike

**mis·an·thrope**  (msn-thrp, mz-) *n.*

One who hates or mistrusts humankind.

**an·tip·a·thy**   (n-tp-th) *n.*

a strong feeling of hatred, aversion or repugnance.

**in·sur·gent**   (n-sûrjnt)

*adj --* rising in revolt against established authority, especially a government.

*n.* -- One who is insurgent.

**in·do·lent**  (nd-lnt) *adj.*

 disinclined to exert oneself; habitually lazy

**pred·i·lec·tion**  (prdl-kshn, prd-) *n.*

a partiality or disposition in favor of something; a preference.

**ac·qui·si·tion**  (kw-zshn) *n.*

1. the act of acquiring or getting something

2. something acquired or gained: added two new acquisitions to my library.

**ac·qui·es·cence**  (kw-sns) *n.*

passive agreement without protest (verb = acquiesce)

**shorn** (shôrn, shrn) *v*. (past tense of *shear*)

1. cut or clipped (as with shears)

2. deprived of as if by removing (*shorn of happiness*)

**am·bi·ance** or **am·bi·ence**  (mb-ns) *n.*

the special atmosphere or mood created by a particular environment

**friv·o·lous**  (frv-ls) *adj.*

unworthy of serious attention; trivial; silly

**col·lo·qui·al**  (k-lkw-l) *adj.*

informal or conversational in language

**col·lo·qui·al·ism**  ()(k-lkw--lzm) *n.*

an informal, colloquial expression; slang

**triv·i·al·ize**   (trv--lz) *v*.

to make or cause to appear trivial or unimportant: tried to trivialize their criticisms.

## RELATED SAT WORDS

**con·done**  (kn-dn) *v*.
To excuse, overlook, forgive, or disregard (an offense)

**de·prav·i·ty**  (d-prv-t) *n.*

moral corruption or degradation.

**fal·la·cy**  (fl-s)

1. A false notion.

2. A statement or an argument based on a false or invalid inference.

**fal·la·cious**  (f-lshs) *adj.*

1. containing or based on a fallacy: a fallacious assumption.

2. tending to mislead; deceptive: fallacious testimony.

**in·ter·nal·ize**  (n-tûrn-lz) *v.*

to make internal or personal; to take in and make an integral part of one's attitudes or beliefs

### Sentence Completion

Fill in the blanks using the vocabulary words for this unit. You may need to change the form of a word to fit the sentence.

1. After a year of living in Warsaw, Noah \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ many Polish customs and values.
2. When dining out, most people prefer a restaurant with more \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ than the plain and plastic environment of McDonald’s.
3. After her grandmother died, Lulu appreciated the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of her friends who offered her smiles and hugs of condolence.
4. Only a true \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ would threaten to kill an entire village of innocent people.
5. When Johnny told his teacher that aliens had kidnapped him the night before, she knew that he had clearly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the excuse for not doing his homework.
6. Feeling anguished and depleted, Dudley recited his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of failures including everything from failing his chemistry midterm to leaving the toilet seat up.
7. After the white men spy on Cholly in the woods, he is completely \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of dignity, for they have deprived him of his humility.
8. Even in today’s culture, men are largely judged on the wealth of their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, from luxury townhouses to expensive cars.
9. While it seemed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to spend $50 on a new hat for her Barbie doll, Beatrice justified her expenditure by saying, “Well, you only live once!”
10. While it is impossible to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Cholly’s rape of Pecola, Toni Morrison makes the reader understand how Cholly’s life experiences influenced his reprehensible actions.
11. Angered by their litany of tests on Friday, Robert and Selma galvanized a(n) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ group of students to rebel against the teachers.
12. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ little girl refused to get off of the couch, insisting that her mother wait on her every need.
13. “I don’t mean to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ your feelings,” said Esther to her fellow Girl Scout camper, “but don’t you think it’s a little silly to cry over a burned marshmallow?”
14. “You shoulda been there!” wrote Bernard, until his teacher explained that his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ writing style was not appropriate in a letter to the President of the United States.
15. It is difficult for children to grow up in a(n) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ household, as they often cannot play with fingerpaint and Play-doh for fear of “messing up” the house.
16. We never truly knew what Betty wanted to do, for she always \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the demands of the group, pretending that she had no opinion of her own.
17. When the group voted against his plan to fund hot air balloon research, Marvin became rather \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, sulking in the corner by himself.
18. My \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for Chinese food was matched only by my fondness for chocolate.
19. In Lord of the Flies, the boys show genuine \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ when they begin to steal, hunt, and kill.
20. It may be a(n) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_that everyone is equal before the law, because people with money hire expensive lawyers to keep them out of jail.
21. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that exists between the two men has lasted for years; they truly hate each other.