

VOCABULARY WORKSHEETS

VOCABULARY ASSIGNMENT 1 *The Westing Game*

Part I: Using Prior Knowledge and Contextual Clues

Below are the sentences in which the vocabulary words appear in the text. Read the sentence. Use any clues you can find in the sentence combined with your prior knowledge, and write what you think the underlined words mean on the lines provided.

1. The furniture would have to be reupholstered; no, she'd buy new furniture-- beige velvet.

2. She had waited all these years for a place of her own, and here it was, in an elegant building where rich people lived.

3. Touch her precious pigtail, even by accident, and she'll kick you in the shins, the brat.

4. . . . Baumbach dropped the pin from her pudgy fingers and almost swallowed the three in her mouth.

5. No one could have guessed that under that stern facade her stomach was doing flip-flops as Doctor Wexler cut out a corn.

6. Staring down at the fine lines of pink scalp that showed through the podiatrist's thinning light brown hair did nothing to ease her queasiness...

7. Her profile was fine, marred only by the jut of her clenched jaw.

8. From these meager beginnings he built the giant Westing Paper Products Corporation and founded the city of Westingtown to house thousands of workers and their families.

9. The executor of the Westing estate said the deceased requested that, in place of flowers, donations be sent to Blind Bowlers of America.

10. Grace Windsor Wexler wrote *housewife*, crossed it out, wrote *decorator*, crossed it out, and wrote heiress.

The Westing Game Vocabulary Worksheet Assignment 1 Continued

Part II: Determining the Meaning -- Match the vocabulary words to their dictionary definitions.

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| ___ 1. | beige | A. Valuable; of special worth |
| ___ 2. | elegant | B. Chubby; short and fat |
| ___ 3. | precious | C. Tan in color |
| ___ 4. | pudgy | D. Beautiful and refined |
| ___ 5. | facade | E. Someone appointed to handle a deceased person's estate |
| ___ 6. | podiatrist | F. Made imperfect; damaged on the surface |
| ___ 7. | marred | G. Foot doctor |
| ___ 8. | meager | H. False front; false appearance |
| ___ 9. | executor | I. Small in amount; lacking abundance |
| ___ 10. | heiress | J. A woman who has inherited or will inherit an estate and/or title |

VOCABULARY ASSIGNMENT 2 *The Westing Game*

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1. Some stared at the afflicted child with morbid fascination, but most turned away.

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3. "Then we are still waiting for one, no, two more," the lawyer said, fumbling with his papers, his hands shaking under the strict scrutiny of the judge.

4. Her exaggerated hips were even more exaggerated by the wavy stripes of white on her purple dress.

5. Although the will you are about to hear may seem eccentric, I pledge my good name and reputation on its legality.

6. The culprit is far too cunning to be apprehended for this dastardly deed.

7. Someone had moved a white pawn.

8. Absent pairs forfeit the \$10,000; their clues will be held until the next session.

9. She must seem as pompous as that intern, putting on airs with that title.

10. Angela stepped tentatively behind the secretary, not knowing whether to ignore her disability or to take her arm.

The Westing Game Vocabulary Worksheet Assignment 2 Continued

Part II: Determining the Meaning -- Match the vocabulary words to their dictionary definitions.

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| ___ 1. | morbid | A. A close, careful examination or study |
| ___ 2. | fascination | B. Highly unusual; very odd |
| ___ 3. | scrutiny | C. Having an unhealthy interest in death or gruesome subjects |
| ___ 4. | exaggerated | D. Made to seem more extreme than in reality |
| ___ 5. | eccentric | E. Give up something by force or as punishment |
| ___ 6. | cunning | F. Intense interest or attraction |
| ___ 7. | pawn | G. Without certainty; not permanently |
| ___ 8. | forfeit | H. Having an inflated view of one's own importance, intelligence, or value |
| ___ 9. | pompous | I. Smartly sly; calculating in actions |
| ___ 10. | tentatively | J. A chess piece of the lowest value, used to protect more valuable pieces |

VOCABULARY ASSIGNMENT 3 *The Westing Game*

Part I: Using Prior Knowledge and Contextual Clues

Below are the sentences in which the vocabulary words appear in the text. Read the sentence. Use any clues you can find in the sentence combined with your prior knowledge, and write what you think the underlined words mean on the lines provided.

1. "Your wife is quite lovely, you know, so doll-like and inscrutable."

2. He had enough problems with the empty restaurant, a lazy son, and his nagging ulcer; now he had to put up with this bigot.

3. Gracie Windkloppel Wexler, heir pretender, pretentious heir.

4. Sikes resumed his Westingtown medical practice and the post of county coroner, but Westing disappeared from sight.

5. That's where the real clues were buried, among the veiled threats and pompous promises, the slogans and stillness in that hodgepodge of a will.

6. Which heir was the target of Westing's vindictiveness?

7. "Just one eensy-beensy clue?" Grace wheedled, winding a rubber band around the end of the braid.

8. Four votes for the Bible, three for Shakespeare, and one abstention (Madame Hoo did not understand the question).

9. Sydelle turned toward him with what should have been a gracious manner, but she grimaced when the top of the crutch poked her in the chest.

The Westing Game Vocabulary Worksheet Assignment 3 Continued

Part II: Determining the Meaning -- Match the vocabulary words to their dictionary definitions.

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| ___ 1. | inscrutable | A. Mysterious; not able to be understood |
| ___ 2. | bigot | B. Hidden; covered-up from clear sight |
| ___ 3. | pretentious | C. Wanting revenge that will really hurt someone |
| ___ 4. | coroner | D. Full of warm kindness and courtesy |
| ___ 5. | veiled | E. Attempted sly persuasion through friendliness |
| ___ 6. | vindictiveness | F. Public official who investigates the causes of deaths |
| ___ 7. | wheedled | G. Acting as if you are better than everyone else, whether you are or not |
| ___ 8. | abstention | H. A strongly prejudiced person |
| ___ 9. | gracious | I. Choosing not to participate |

VOCABULARY ASSIGNMENT 4 *The Westing Game*

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Below are the sentences in which the vocabulary words appear in the text. Read the sentence. Use any clues you can find in the sentence combined with your prior knowledge, and write what you think the underlined words mean on the lines provided.

1. "Thief!" Sydelle cried, now accusing Mrs. Wexler. "Thief! Larcenist! Felon!"

2. And if anyone here suspects us of murder, forget it, we both have airtight alibis.

3. "Tabitha-Ruth," replied Mrs. Wexler with a bewildered look at Flora Baumbach, who said "Alice."

4. I'm fine now, just a bit woozy.

5. Angela carefully dug through the embroidery, personal items, and other paraphernalia in her tapestry bag...

6. Treat your taste buds to a scrumptious meal while feasting your eyes on the stunning snowscape before it melts away.

7. "It's not easy being a parent," Hoo said woefully.

8. "Whas moo g-goo g-gipn?" Chris asked, baffled by the strange words on the menu.

9. She now bestowed one of her rare smiles on the dressmaker.

10. "I'm using heirloom lace on the bodice of Angela's gown; it's been in my family for three generations.

The Westing Game Vocabulary Worksheet Assignment 4 Continued

Part II: Determining the Meaning -- Match the vocabulary words to their dictionary definitions.

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| ___ 1. | felon | A. Completely confused or at a loss for understanding |
| ___ 2. | alibis | B. Presented as a gift or honor |
| ___ 3. | bewildered | C. With deep distress or misery as from grief, sorrow, or troubles |
| ___ 4. | woozy | D. Miscellaneous articles used in a particular activity |
| ___ 5. | paraphernalia | E. Evidence that shows the accused in a situation that makes it impossible for that person to have committed the crime |
| ___ 6. | scrumptious | F. A valued possession passed down in a family through generations |
| ___ 7. | woefully | G. Completely unable to make sense of something |
| ___ 8. | baffled | H. Unsteady and perhaps dazed or not mentally clear |
| ___ 9. | bestowed | I. Delicious; delightful to the senses |
| ___ 10. | heirloom | J. Person who has been convicted of a serious crime |

VOCABULARY ASSIGNMENT 5 *The Westing Game*

Part I: Using Prior Knowledge and Contextual Clues

Below are the sentences in which the vocabulary words appear in the text. Read the sentence. Use any clues you can find in the sentence combined with your prior knowledge, and write what you think the underlined words mean on the lines provided.

1. "The last thing I need is a gas explosion," she said peevishly.

2. "The doctor says your disease is incurable, but you could have a remission lasting five years, even more, if you take good care of yourself and don't overdo it."

3. The dressmaker thought of the clue Chris had dropped; no stock symbol had five letters or even resembled the word *plain*.

4. Hoping to interrogate both George Theodorakis and James Shin Hoo, they alternated their dinner orders. One night they would order up, the next night they would order down.

5. The senator turned out to be a state senator, a hack politician, now serving a five-year jail term for bribery.

6. Fragments of the scorched box lay in her burned hands.

7. "Traumatic amnesia," Jake Wexler said.

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9. In it he painstakingly entered the information culled from reports the private detective delivered each day to Judge Ford's office...

10. The wind was still howling, and something (a word? a phrase?) was still eluding him.

The Westing Game Vocabulary Worksheet Assignment 5 Continued

Part II: Determining the Meaning -- Match the vocabulary words to their dictionary definitions.

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| ___ 1. | peevisly | A. Selected based on some criteria |
| ___ 2. | remission | B. Caused by shock or violence |
| ___ 3. | resembled | C. Escaping the understanding or perception of |
| ___ 4. | alternated | D. Interested in personal gain over principles |
| ___ 5. | hack | E. In a discontented or ill-tempered way |
| ___ 6. | scorched | F. The period of time during which the symptoms of a disease are not present |
| ___ 7. | traumatic | G. Loss of memory |
| ___ 8. | amnesia | H. Took turns, one then the other |
| ___ 9. | culled | I. Slightly burned |
| ___ 10. | eluding | J. Shared common characteristics; was like or similar to |

VOCABULARY ASSIGNMENT 6 *The Westing Game*

Part I: Using Prior Knowledge and Contextual Clues

Below are the sentences in which the vocabulary words appear in the text. Read the sentence. Use any clues you can find in the sentence combined with your prior knowledge, and write what you think the underlined words mean on the lines provided.

1. A suspicious malady, no apparent Westing connection, somehow Sydelle Pulaski did not seem to fit in.

2. The door flew open and slammed against the adjacent wall.

3. How could he explain that what he wanted from his partner was companionship, not more probing, pricking doctors with their bad news that made his mother cry?

4. It was her penance to go back, not her due.

5. Hospital records: problems related to chronic alcoholism.

6. Sinful woman, she'll go to hell with her pride and her covetousness, and take that foot-butcher of a husband with her.

7. And that one, the fat one, the glutton, the bomber, the mutilator of innocent children.

8. Grace, casting a suspicious eye on her husband, was suddenly seized by a surge of gnawing jealousy (maybe it was just the fried dumpling).

9. Hoo had a legitimate excuse from classes: tomorrow was the big track meet.

The Westing Game Vocabulary Worksheet Assignment 6 Continued

Part II: Determining the Meaning -- Match the vocabulary words to their dictionary definitions.

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| ___ 1. | malady | A. Directly next to |
| ___ 2. | adjacent | B. Ailment; illness |
| ___ 3. | probing | C. Chewing away |
| ___ 4. | penance | D. Desiring the possessions of another |
| ___ 5. | chronic | E. Frequently reoccurring |
| ___ 6. | covetousness | F. Accepted, legal, or reasonable |
| ___ 7. | glutton | G. Person who eats or consumes too much |
| ___ 8. | gnawing | H. Exploring or searching with or as if with a device or an instrument |
| ___ 9. | legitimate | I. Act(s) done to show regret for sin |

VOCABULARY ASSIGNMENT 7 *The Westing Game*

Part I: Using Prior Knowledge and Contextual Clues

Below are the sentences in which the vocabulary words appear in the text. Read the sentence. Use any clues you can find in the sentence combined with your prior knowledge, and write what you think the underlined words mean on the lines provided.

1. Theo was not a runner like Doug, who was fuming about his being so late.

2. Take it easy; anger won't help any more than blackmail did.

3. The pair wandered through the dimly lit, littered, and stinking street, bending over grimy bums asleep in doorways, raising them to their unsteady feet, and leading the ragtag procession into a decaying storefront.

4. Rows of wretched souls sat hunched on wooden benches.

5. He had to be meticulous in order to prove he was better than his eighth-grade education.

6. He stared down at the sparking, sputtering arsenal, yelled and belly-flopped to the carpet as rockets whizzed out of the elevator, inches above his head.

7. The judge said it was a criminal offense to conceal a murder.

8. Grace's despair exploded in anger.

9. Angela looked back at the embracing couple; her father's face was buried in her weeping mother's tousled hair.

The Westing Game Vocabulary Worksheet Assignment 7 Continued

Part II: Determining the Meaning -- Match the vocabulary words to their dictionary definitions.

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| ___ 1. | fuming | A. Hide; cover-up |
| ___ 2. | blackmail | B. Tossed about; lacking order |
| ___ 3. | ragtag | C. Attempting to get something from someone by threatening to expose something negative about that person |
| ___ 4. | wretched | D. Feeling of hopelessness and defeat |
| ___ 5. | meticulous | E. Steaming with anger |
| ___ 6. | arsenal | F. Stock of weapons |
| ___ 7. | conceal | G. In a state of distress or misfortune; miserable |
| ___ 8. | despair | H. Shaggy, unkempt, or ragged |
| ___ 9. | tousled | I. With great attention to detail |

VOCABULARY ASSIGNMENT 8 *The Westing Game*

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Below are the sentences in which the vocabulary words appear in the text. Read the sentence. Use any clues you can find in the sentence combined with your prior knowledge, and write what you think the underlined words mean on the lines provided.

1. Rosalie was squat and square and squinty, her protruding tongue was too large for her mouth, her head lolled to one side.

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3. He could have sworn she had again signed the receipt *Good Salvation Soup Kitchen*.

4. The derisive smiles soon faded as, pair by pair, the heirs heard their code words sung.

5. She was paired with the one person who could confound her plans, manipulate her moves, keep her from the truth.

6. "Sandy! Sandy!" Turtle screamed, pushing through the restraining hands.

7. They were struggling with their conscience.

8. "Crow's going to jail," Otis Amber wailed, "and all you do is pat yourself on the back for not being a stoolie."

The Westing Game Vocabulary Worksheet Assignment 8 Continued

Part II: Determining the Meaning -- Match the vocabulary words to their dictionary definitions.

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| ___ 1. | protruding | A. Sticking out |
| ___ 2. | lolloped | B. A person acting as a decoy or as an informer for the police |
| ___ 3. | receipt | C. One's awareness of a moral or ethical right and wrong |
| ___ 4. | derisive | D. Mocking, jeering, making fun of |
| ___ 5. | manipulate | E. Drooped |
| ___ 6. | restraining | F. A written acknowledgment that something has been received |
| ___ 7. | conscience | G. Holding back from something |
| ___ 8. | stoolie | H. Influence, manage, operate |

VOCABULARY ASSIGNMENT 9 *The Westing Game*

Part I: Using Prior Knowledge and Contextual Clues

Below are the sentences in which the vocabulary words appear in the text. Read the sentence. Use any clues you can find in the sentence combined with your prior knowledge, and write what you think the underlined words mean on the lines provided.

1. Theo went on in a mournful voice.

2. This was the lowest court she had ever presided at: a thirteen-year-old lawyer, a court stenographer who records in Polish, and the judge in African robes.

3. The similarity was astounding.

4. "A fire was started in the fireplace to call attention to the deserted house."

5. "Perhaps stealing is not considered stealing in China," Sydelle Pulaski said in a clumsy gesture of kindness.

6. The judge had to pound her gavel several times.

7. "Ladies and gentlemen, heirs (for we all inherited something), let us bow our heads in silent prayer for our benefactor Sam Westing, alias Sandy the doorman."

8. "It was all a regrettable mistake," Ed Plum explained to the judge.

9. Behind her the discontented heirs grumbled: He made fools of us all.

10. Stars of all colors bursting into the night, silver pin-wheels spinning, golden lances up-up-BOOM! crimson flashes flashing blasting, scarlet showers BOOM! emerald rain BOOM! BOOM! orange flames, red flames leaping from the windows, sparking the turrets, firing the trees....

11. The great winter fireworks extravaganza, as it came to be called, lasted only fifteen minutes.

The Westing Game Vocabulary Worksheet Assignment 9 Continued

12. Reaching the crossroads, she turned into the narrow lane whose twisting curves mimicked the shoreline.

13. The hall had an inlaid marble floor....

14. "Okay," Madame Hoo replied, toting up accounts on her abacus.

15. "Angela is an orthopedic surgeon."

Part II: Determining the Meaning -- Match the vocabulary words to their dictionary definitions.

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| ___ 1. mournful | A. Copied or imitated closely |
| ___ 2. presided | B. Something someone wishes hadn't been done |
| ___ 3. astounding | C. An elaborate, spectacular entertainment or display |
| ___ 4. deserted | D. Small towers or tower-shaped projections on a building |
| ___ 5. gesture | E. Acted as a person in charge of a gathering |
| ___ 6. gavel | F. One who gives aid, especially financial aid |
| ___ 7. benefactor | G. Surprising; shocking |
| ___ 8. regrettable | H. Unhappy because of being unsatisfied |
| ___ 9. discontented | I. A small mallet used by a presiding officer |
| ___ 10. turrets | J. Having materials cut and set into the surface to form a design |
| ___ 11. extravaganza | K. Adding |
| ___ 12. mimicked | L. Act or remark made as a courtesy |
| ___ 13. inlaid | M. Sad, as if grieving |
| ___ 14. toting | N. Relating to the skeletal system and associated muscles, joints, and ligaments |
| ___ 15. orthopedic | O. Occupied at one time, but empty now |