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**VOCABULARY UNIT 1** English 10

A. BEFORE PRACTICE

3 = I know this word and can use it on my own 2 = I sort of know what the word means

1 = I have heard the word before, but don’t know what it means 0 = I’ve never heard it before

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B. In the following sentences, underline the context clues. Then make your guess about the word before you move on. *These sentences deal with art of the Prehistoric Age, which included paintings on the walls of caves, sculpture, pottery, baskets, and textiles.*

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| 1. | The museum accused the art dealer of stealing a prehistoric sculpture of a woman’s head. At the trial the jury found the dealer not guilty, and the judge announced the **acquittal**. | My guess: |
| 2. | The museum did not have any evidence that the art dealer took the sculpture, which was carved in France around 22,000 BC. The art dealer **asserted** his right to have a fair trial, and the museum could not deny his claim. | My guess: |
| 3. | The art dealer said that he was an honorable man who would not **condescend** to any dishonesty. Theft, he explained, was beneath him. | My guess: |
| 4. | During the trial, museum officials were **contemptuous** of the art dealer’s qualifications. The defense, however, produced witnesses who proved that the officials were wrong to show disdain for the dealer’s expert knowledge. | My guess: |
| 5. | “He is among the **elite** in the world of prehistoric art,” one defense witness said. “Only a few select people know as much as he does about this kind of Paleolithic art.” | My guess: |
| 6. | The art dealer told how his interest in Paleolithic art **evolved** over the last fifty years and how his interest in other periods of art had also gradually developed over time. | My guess: |
| 7. | The newspaper article praised the art dealer’s courage and moral strength during the trial. The article said he showed great **fortitude** in facing the charges from the museum. | My guess: |
| 8. | At one point in the trial, however, the art dealer became **inarticulate**. He felt so much emotion that he could not speak clearly. | My guess: |
| 9. | The art dealer was emotional when talking about his **mentor**, with whom he had worked in Turkey. “He was indeed a wise and trusted advisor,” the dealer said. “He taught me many things.” | My guess: |
| 10. | Although the art dealer achieved a **notoriety** he did not want during the trial, the museum’s reputation suffered even more when they discovered that an employee of the museum had stolen the sculpture. | My guess: |

C. Write the correct word next to its definition and identify any variations of the word.

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|  | **WORD** | **DEFINITION** | **VARIATIONS?** |
| 1. |  | Patient courage in facing pain or danger; moral strength; endurance (noun)*Courage shown when you are in pain or having a lot of trouble* |  |
| 2. |  | To stoop to do something you think is beneath you (verb)*To believe that something or someone is not good enough for you* |  |
| 3. |  | To develop gradually over time (verb) |  |
| 4. |  | Fame, usually in an unfavorable sense; a bad reputation (noun)*The state of being famous for doing something bad* |  |
| 5. |  | To express or declare firmly; to defend or claim (verb) *To state firmly that something is true* |  |
| 6. |  | A setting free by judgment of a court (noun)*An official statement in a court of law that someone is not guilty* |  |
| 7. |  | Of or suitable for a select group (adjective); a group or part of a group of people regarded as the best, most skilled, most powerful, etc. (noun) |  |
| 8. |  | A wise and trusted advisor; a counselor (noun) *An experienced person who helps and gives advice to a less experienced person* |  |
| 9. |  | Unable to speak clearly or to use words; unable to say what one thinks (adjective) *Not able to express yourself* |  |
| 10. |  | Showing or feeling scorn; disdainful (adjective) *Showing that you believe someone or something does not deserve any respect* |  |

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D. Fill in the blanks in the following sentences.

1. One speaker \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that the best cave paintings are in France.

2. I was glad that the main speaker was not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and could clearly explain why prehistoric artists painted animals on cave walls.

3. The speaker explained that the skills of the artists \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and improved over time.

4. Someone in the audience did not respect prehistoric artists at all and was very \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of them.

5. I accept the more positive opinion of my \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. She has wise opinions that I can trust.

6. The speaker felt that it was beneath him to respond to that negative person in the audience, but he did \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to defend the skill of prehistoric artists.

7. He suggested that painting the image of a hunted animal may have given the hunters the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ they needed to have courage and be able to endure the hunt.

8. “Were the people who did the cave paintings an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ group, or could just anybody paint in the caves?” I asked.

9. The speaker said that being an artist was an honor and anyone with any degree of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ may not have been allowed to paint.

10. The speaker told how many people have stolen precious artifacts, but in some cases where there was not enough evidence, the robbers received an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in court.

E. AFTER PRACTICE

*Go back to Part A and evaluate each word again. Focus your study before the quiz on those words that you have still identified as a 2 or below. Use the menu to practice any words that you are still struggling to remember.*