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**VOCABULARY UNIT 3** 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 are about the short story, “A Very Old Man with Enormous Wings,” written by Colombian author Gabriel García Márquez.*

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| 1. | “A Very Old Man with Enormous Wings” is the story of Pelayo and Elisenda, who are nice, **amiable** people worried about their sick baby. | My guess: |
| 2. | People interested in **anthropology**, the study of human development and behavior, will be fascinated by García Márquez’s descriptions of the towns and people in the story. | My guess: |
| 3. | Pelayo and Elisenda live in an area that is as marshy as a wetland or bayou. Crabs have crawled into their house, and Pelayo goes out to throw the crabs they’ve killed into the ocean. | My guess: |
| 4. | On the way back to the house, Pelayo finds an old man with enormous wings lying in the mud, and his face twists into a **grimace** of annoyance when he and Elisenda cannot understand the man’s strange language. | My guess: |
| 5. | Their neighbors say they should kill the old man, but Pelayo and Elisenda put him in their chicken coop. The old man, who has an **indomitable** spirit, survives people taunting him and throwing things at him. | My guess: |
| 6. | At first Pelayo and Elisenda do not exploit or take advantage of the old man, but they later show their personalities are **malleable** when they listen to others and start charging a fee to see the old man because some people think he is an angel. | My guess: |
| 7. | The old man suffers in silence except when someone pokes him with a burning hot branding iron. The author is not **melodramatic** in this scene – the main cries out in pain but is not too dramatic or emotional. | My guess: |
| 8. | Pelayo and Elisenda make a large amount of money before people in town **succumb** to a new curiosity and give in to their desire to see a new woman in town who looks like a tarantula. | My guess: |
| 9. | The old man lives in the chicken coop until it rots. Only his face gives an idea of the suffering he has endured, for his **visage** is that of a dying man. | My guess: |
| 10. | García Márquez describes the people in town as **whimsical**, full of curious ideas. Their interest in the old man is odd because they never see him as a human being like themselves. | 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. |  | Capable of being shaped by hammering or pressing; having the capacity to be changed easily; adaptive (adjective)  *Easily influenced or changed by other people* |  |
| 2. |  | Friendly; agreeable; good-natured; pleasant (adjective) |  |
| 3. |  | Overly dramatic, emotional, or sentimental (noun)  *Having or showing emotions that are strong and unreasonable* |  |
| 4. |  | To make a face showing pain, annoyance, and the like (verb); a twisting of the face to show annoyance, pain, etc. (noun) |  |
| 5. |  | Unconquerable; unyielding; not easily overcome (adjective)  *Determination, courage that can never be defeated* |  |
| 6. |  | To die; to yield or give in to an overpowering force or desire (verb)  *To die; to stop opposing someone or something and allow it to take control* |  |
| 7. |  | A marshy inlet or outlet of a river or lake, especially in parts of the southern United States (noun) *A large area of water that moves very slowly and has many water plants* |  |
| 8. |  | Full of curious ideas or notions; odd, often in an amusing way; fanciful (adj.)  *Unusual or strange and often amusing (funny)* |  |
| 9. |  | A study of the physical, cultural, and social developments and behavior of human cultures (noun)  *The study of people, their societies, their beliefs, etc.* |  |
| 10. |  | A face or a facial expression; appearance (noun) |  |

D. Fill in the blanks in the following sentences.

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1. The house that Pelayo and Elisenda build is designed to keep out water and animals from the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

2. The first people who come to see the old man \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at him, hoping to make him react to their twisted faces of disgust.

3. The old man does not seem to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. No matter how much people pressure him to move, he just sits quietly in the chicken coop.

4. Perhaps a student of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ could explain why the society represented in the story does nothing to help the sick and helpless old man.

5. The old man’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ remains the same. His appearance suggests that he is dying, but he lives on.

6. Despite the years of neglect and abuse, the old man never gives up; he is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

7. The winged man is not mean, but he is not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ either. He ignores those around him.

8. Pelayo and Elisenda expect the old man to ­­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and die from old age and exposure.

9. There is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ending to the story – the old man actually grows new feathers on his wings and flies away.

10. Elisenda does not react to that in a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ way. Instead, she is calmly pleased that he will no longer be an annoyance in her life.

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.*