

The Kite Runner

Vocabulary Chapters 1-3

Part A: Definitions and Parts of Speech--Please commit the following definitions to memory. After each definition, please write the part of speech (N, V, ADJ, ADV)

1. atoned: made amends; offered reparations _____
2. appendage: a subordinate part to something larger; a limb _____
3. affluent: having an abundance of wealth or property _____
4. intricate: finely detailed; complex, complicated _____
5. unscrupulous: unrestrained by ethical matters; conscienceless _____
6. garrulous: talkative; wordy _____
7. blundering: to move or act blindly or stupidly _____
8. chortle: to laugh gleefully _____
9. obstinate: stubborn; inflexible _____
10. opportune: occurring at an appropriate time _____
11. veracity: truthfulness _____

Part B: Synonyms and Antonyms--Match the correct synonym from column A and the antonym from Column C with the vocabulary word in Column B (keep the parts of speech in mind).

<u>Column A-Synonyms</u>	<u>Column B-Vocab</u>	<u>Column C-Antonyms</u>
A. chuckle	_____ 1. atoned _____	L. body
B. authenticity	_____ 2. appendage _____	M. graceful
C. elaborate	_____ 3. affluent _____	N. shy
D. chatty	_____ 4. intricate _____	O. principled
E. attachment	_____ 5. unscrupulous _____	P. poor
F. apologized	_____ 6. garrulous _____	Q. submissive
G. favorable	_____ 7. blundering _____	R. inaccuracy
H. stumbling	_____ 8. chortle _____	S. sob
I. corrupt	_____ 9. obstinate _____	T. ill-timed
J. prosperous	_____ 10. opportune _____	U. unashamed
K. tenacious	_____ 11. veracity _____	V. simplistic

Part C: Sentences--Complete the following sentences by filling in the blanks with the correct vocabulary word. Change the endings of words as necessary.

1. Some children who come from _____ families are given everything they want and never learn to work hard for their money or material items.
2. The _____ criminal noisily broke the window, tripped over the window ledge, and knocked over a nearby vase, alerting the homeowners of his presence.
3. Melissa tended to be a(n) _____ child which often led her teacher to make phone calls home complaining of Melissa's constant interruptions.

4. For many of us, our phones have become a(n) _____; they seem to be permanently attached to our hands.

5. I did not doubt the _____ of Mandy's story; she's never lied before.

6. When you know you're wrong, you should not be _____; just admit you were wrong and _____ for your mistake.

7. Hearing my son _____, especially when he's being tickled, always makes me smile.

8. Our bodies are a collection of _____ systems, each one depending on the next.

9. I do not care for _____ people; if you don't live an ethical life, I cannot be your friend.

10. Mina waited for the _____ moment to tell her husband that they were going to have a baby.

