

The Kite Runner

Vocabulary Chapters 4-5

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. feigned: false; faked _____
2. hone: to sharpen; to improve _____
3. impeccable: flawless _____
4. nemesis: enemy _____
5. indecipherable: unclear; unreadable _____
6. akin: similar _____
7. coyly: shyly _____
8. nuance: subtle difference _____
9. trepidation: trembling fear _____

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. refine	_____ 1. feigned _____	J. ally
B. gradation	_____ 2. hone _____	K. sincere
C. modestly	_____ 3. impeccable _____	L. different
D. rival	_____ 4. nemesis _____	M. composure
E. terror	_____ 5. indecipherable _____	N. marred
F. alike	_____ 6. akin _____	O. comprehensible
G. pretend	_____ 7. coyly _____	P. obvious
H. illegible	_____ 8. nuance _____	Q. brazenly
I. perfect	_____ 9. trepidation _____	R. impair

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. With great _____, Indian Jones edged closer to the pit of snakes, knowing that, in order to reach the Ark on the other side, he'd have to face his greatest _____--his own fear.
2. Suzanna _____ sleep when her father came to check on her that night; once he closed the door, though, she was back on her phone texting her boyfriend.
3. As an English teacher, I often have to read essays written in _____ handwriting, which is one of the reasons I make my students type most of their work.
4. Some people think running a school is _____ to running a business, but students are not products.

5. If you want to succeed in life, you must _____ your true talent.
6. An employer will expect you to maintain a(n) _____ attendance record.
7. Sasha smiled _____ at Regina, hoping they could be friends.
8. Although they are identical twins, Sam and Stephen have some _____
in their appearance.

