

Level

Vocab

12

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Knowsys Vocabulary Group Word List

Grade 12

Group 1 BEHAVIOR 1 chasten 2 deign 3 fractious 4 infraction 5 infringe 6 interloper 7 protocol 8 recalcitrant 9 refractory 10 sublimate	Group 5 NATURE 42 aborigine 43 apiary 44 brackish 45 cetacean 46 cornucopia 47 endemic 48 flora 49 preternatural 50 terrestrial 51 vernal 52 viviparous	Group 9 CRITICIZE 84 abjure 85 aspersion 86 calumny 87 decry 88 fulminate 89 *obloquy 90 adjure 91 decree 92 dictum 93 exigent 94 mandate	Group 13 MOVEMENT 126 actuate 127 convulse 128 devolve
Group 2 KNOWLEDGE 11 covert 12 dilettante 13 educe 14 empirical 15 forte 16 *misapprehend 17 misconstrue 18 prescient 19 *presentiment 20 putative	Group 6 RELATIONSHIP 53 ancillary 54 conjugal 55 consanguinity 56 filial 57 *genealogy 58 minion 59 nemesis 60 nuptials 61 parity 62 *progenitor	Group 10 SMART 95 acumen 96 cerebration 97 mordant 98 omniscient 99 savant 100 trenchant 101 herculean 102 infinitesimal 103 leviathan 104 *minutia	144 mores 145 rectitude
Group 3 LACK 21 ascetic 22 benighted 23 desuetude 24 dotage 25 insular 26 nihilism 27 nonplus 28 nugatory 29 torpor 30 vacuous	Group 7 SPEECH 63 apothegm 64 badinage 65 *colloquy 66 *convoke 67 declaim 68 *invoke 69 polemic 70 repartee 71 supplicate 72 taciturn 73 valedictory	Group 11 SENSES 105 acerbic 106 cacophony 107 descry 108 fetid 109 gustatory 110 obstreperous 111 palpable 112 enervate 113 lassitude 114 stultify	Group 15 MODEL 146 *archetype 147 exemplar 148 microcosm 149 paragon 150 prototype 151 quintessence 152 bourgeois 153 denizen 154 habitué 155 insipid
Group 4 LANGUAGE 31 adumbrate 32 appellation 33 delineate 34 dissertation 35 *equivocal 36 expatiate 37 *genre 38 limn 39 peruse 40 *prospectus 41 protagonist	Group 8 TIME 74 anachronism 75 antediluvian 76 archaic 77 erstwhile 78 hiatus 79 perennial 80 precursor 81 primeval 82 quadrennial	Group 12 BELIEFS 115 acolyte 116 *animus 117 apotheosis 118 credo 119 desecrate 120 fatalism 121 iconoclast 122 inferno 123 talisman 124 arrogant	Group 16 MEDICAL 156 apothecary 157 carcinogen 158 cognitive 159 coma 160 congenital 161 nostrum 162 regurgitate 163 salutory 164 absolve 165 excupulate

The Basics:

- 300 words
- 30 groups
- About 10 words per group

The Categories:

- Thematic groups
- * = word root activity

* Indicates a Word Root Activity is available.

Activities & Timing Summary

Activity Type		Time Per Question	Time Per Activity
Definitional Activities	Antonym ID	20 seconds	Students: 3 min 20 sec Discuss: 5 - 7 minutes
	Crossword Puzzles	10 seconds	Students: 1 min 40 sec Discuss: 5 - 7 minutes
	Matching	10 seconds	Students: 1 min 40 sec Discuss: 5 - 7 minutes
	Oddball ID	10 seconds	Students: 1 min 40 sec Discuss: 5 - 7 minutes
	Synonym ID	15 seconds	Students: 2 min 30 sec Discuss: 5 - 7 minutes
	Synonym Matching	15 seconds	Students: 2 min 30 sec Discuss: 5 - 7 minutes
Contextual Activities	Cumulative Assessment = Six Weeks Exam	20 seconds	Students: 18 minutes Review: 30 - 35 minutes
	Fill in the Blanks	15 seconds	Students: 2 min 30 sec Discuss: 5 - 7 minutes
	Media Mentions	7 - 10 minutes total	7 - 10 minutes total
	Name the Speaker	10 seconds	Students: 1 min 40 sec Discuss: 5 - 7 minutes
	Narrative (Cloze)	8 - 10 minutes total	8 - 10 minutes total
	Sentence Completion	20 seconds	Students: 3 min 20 sec Discuss: 5 - 7 minutes
	Short Answer	1 - 2 minutes	Students: 10 - 20 minutes Discuss: 5 - 7 minutes
	Six Weeks Exam = Cumulative Assessment	20 seconds	Students: 18 minutes Review: 30 - 35 minutes
	Synonym Substitution	15 seconds	Students: 2 min 30 sec Discuss: 5 - 7 minutes
	True or False	10 seconds	
	Vocab Scenarios	15 seconds	
	Word Roots	7 - 10 minutes total	
	Writing Prompts	30 minutes	

Great Bell-Ringers!

- 5-10 minutes/day
- Timed activities
- Mix of Definitional and Contextual
- Makes differentiation easy

Teacher Vocab Website
www.MyKnowsysOnline.com

General Information

Pronunciation Guide
Timing Chart for Vocab Activities
Vocab Handout for Parents & Students
Vocab Handout for Parents & Students-Spanish
Weekly Schedule of Activities
Sample Pre-Test and Post-Test Report
College Board SAT Question of the Day

Word Lists

Group List
Knowsys Dictionary
PDFs of Flashcards
Word Wall PDFs

Word Root, Prefix, and Suffix Activities

“Fic” - Groups 8, 11, 16, 19
“Spec” - Group 15
“Super” - Group 17
“Path” - Group 21
“Prehend” - Group 21
“Vol” - Group 21
“Fer” - Group 22
“Sens, Sent” - Groups 24, 27
“Cred” - Group 30

Cumulative Exams (Time: 20 minutes each)

1st Six Weeks Exam
2nd Six Weeks Exam
3rd Six Weeks Exam

Teacher Resources:

- All activities are online
- Activities are PDFs
- Teachers print or project each activity
- Each of the 30 groups has 8-12 activities
- Teachers select each week’s activities

Web Resources Include:

- Word lists
- Six Weeks Exams
- Pre- and post-tests
- Group activities

Group 3 Exercises and Assessments

Definitional Activities

Antonym Identification
Crossword Puzzle
Matching

Contextual Activities

Media Mentions
Narrative
Scenarios
Sentence Completion Quiz
Short Answers
True or False
Writing Prompt

Group 4 Exercises and Assessments

Definitional Activities

Crossword Puzzle
Matching
Synonym Matching

Contextual Activities

Fill in the Blank
Media Mentions
Narrative
Scenarios
Sentence Completion Quiz
Short Answers
Writing Prompt

Each Group Includes these activities:

Definitional Activities:

- Matching
- Crossword

Contextual Activities:

- Media Mentions
- Narrative
- Sentence Completion Quiz
- Short Answers

Plus...

- At least 2 additional activities

Group 2

Matching

Match the term in the Word Bank to the best definition below.

- | | |
|---------------|-----------------|
| A. sublimate | F. forte |
| B. covert | G. misapprehend |
| C. dilettante | H. prescient |
| D. educe | I. presentiment |
| E. empirical | J. putative |

- ___ 1. 1) someone who dabbles in a field or 2) someone who loves the fine arts
- ___ 2. a feeling that something is about to occur
- ___ 3. to make purer or more acceptable
- ___ 4. based on observation rather than theory
- ___ 5. to reason or conclude based on the available facts
- ___ 6. to misunderstand or misinterpret
- ___ 7. commonly assumed
- ___ 8. knowing events beforehand (= having foresight)
- ___ 9. an activity at which a person excels
- ___ 10. secret or unacknowledged

Matching:

- Tests memorization

Notice the ID:

- Objective activities have 7 versions (See "ID: A")

Group 4**Synonym Identification**

Identify the two choices that are closest in meaning to the question word.

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1. educe
 - A. derive
 - B. overlook
 - C. forget
 - D. reason
 - E. hide
 2. adumbrate
 - A. predict
 - B. uncover
 - C. lacerate
 - D. foreshadow
 - E. slice
 3. appellation
 - A. anchor
 - B. name
 - C. weight
 - D. appeal
 - E. title
 4. delineate
 - A. describe
 - B. clarify
 - C. visit
 - D. baffle
 - E. confuse
 5. dissertation
 - A. atlas
 - B. thesis
 - C. map
 - D. exposition
 - E. research
 6. expatiate
 - A. explain
 - B. condense
 - C. discuss
 - D. limit
 - E. simplify
 7. genre
 - A. signal
 - B. category
 - C. group
 - D. indication
 - E. mark
 8. limn
 - A. hide
 - B. conceal
 - C. describe
 - D. prevent
 - E. represent
 9. peruse
 - A. analyze
 - B. maintain
 - C. scrutinize
 - D. reside
 - E. occupy
 10. equivocal
 - A. explicit
 - B. uncertain
 - C. indefinite
 - D. clear
 - E. unquestionable

Synonym Identification:

- Builds vocab through association
- Answers include words from earlier groups

Group 3

Antonym Identification

Identify the choice that best represents the antonym (opposite) of the question word.


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1. Fractious
 - A. Unruly
 - B. Irritable
 - C. Splintered
 - D. Obedient
 - E. Whole
 2. Dotage
 - A. Sanity
 - B. Forgetfulness
 - C. Feebleness
 - D. Kindness
 - E. Hostility
 3. Benighted
 - A. Short-sighted
 - B. Unenlightened
 - C. Disloyal
 - D. Obtuse
 - E. Sage
 4. Insular
 - A. Sheltered
 - B. Uptight
 - C. Restricted
 - D. Parochial
 - E. Connected
 5. Desuetude
 - A. Activity
 - B. Abandonment
 - C. Enthusiasm
 - D. Disuse
 - E. Cessation
 6. Nihilism
 - A. Pessimism
 - B. Skepticism
 - C. Narcissism
 - D. Optimism
 - E. Dejection
 7. Nonplus
 - A. Detract
 - B. Astonish
 - C. Clarify
 - D. Diminish
 - E. Baffle
 8. Nugatory
 - A. Influential
 - B. Insignificant
 - C. Poor
 - D. Ineffectual
 - E. Large
 9. Torpor
 - A. Sluggishness
 - B. Chivalry
 - C. Boredom
 - D. Vivacity
 - E. Lethargy
 10. Vacuous
 - A. Unintelligent
 - B. Insightful
 - C. Belligerent
 - D. Confused
 - E. Vacant

Antonym Identification:

- Builds vocab through disassociation
- Answers include words from earlier groups

Group 18**Oddball Identification**

Identify the choice that does not fit with the others in the question.

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| <p>1. Identify the oddball term.</p> <p>A. beneficent
B. altruistic
C. generous
D. philanthropic
E. sedulous</p> | <p>6. Identify the oddball term.</p> <p>A. paragon
B. frequenter
C. habitu e
D. customer
E. patron</p> |
| <p>2. Identify the oddball term.</p> <p>A. reasonable
B. impartial
C. unbiased
D. palliative
E. equitable</p> | <p>7. Identify the oddball term.</p> <p>A. diligent
B. sedulous
C. careful
D. persistent
E. equitable</p> |
| <p>3. Identify the oddball term.</p> <p>A. splendor
B. beneficence
C. effulgence
D. radiance
E. brilliance</p> | <p>8. Identify the oddball term.</p> <p>A. utopian
B. idealistic
C. fanciful
D. palliative
E. impractical</p> |
| <p>4. Identify the oddball term.</p> <p>A. effulgence
B. insouciance
C. heedlessness
D. indifference
E. unconcern</p> | <p>9. Identify the oddball term.</p> <p>A. abate
B. lessen
C. alleviate
D. palliate
E. eschew</p> |
| <p>5. Identify the oddball term.</p> <p>A. vitality
B. vivacity
C. recourse
D.  lan
E. animation</p> | <p>10. Identify the oddball term.</p> <p>A. indigent
B. insolvent
C. rapacious
D. bankrupt
E. impoverished</p> |

Oddball Identification:

- Builds vocab through association and disassociation
- Answers include words from earlier groups

Greek & Latin Roots:

- Frequently-used roots
- Great discussion activity
- Introduces new words using the roots
- Extends vocab groups

The Root of the Matter

Fact, Fect, Fic, Feas (Latin) = "do," "make,"

Thought and Discussion

What is the function of a *factory*? What do *factory* workers do for a living?

Is there an *effective* cure for the common cold? What makes some medicines *ineffective*?

What would you do if you bought a *defective* product at the store?

What does it take to become *proficient* at a task?

Charities seek *benefactors* to donate funds and resources so that the charities can serve their *beneficiaries*. What does a *benefactor* do? What does a *beneficiary* do?

Application


Fill in the blanks using your knowledge of the word roots.

1. A benefactor is someone who _____ good deeds.
2. An efficacious medicine _____ well.
3. An ineffectual effort fails to _____ what it is supposed to do.
4. To facilitate is to _____ something easier to do.
5. Someone beneficent enjoys _____ good things for other people.
6. Someone proficient at an activity is really good at _____ that activity.
7. Someone deficient in a skill lacks the ability to _____ that skill well.
8. A product that is defective does not _____ correctly.
9. Politicians convicted of malfeasance have _____ wrong.
10. In a cause and effect relationship, the cause _____ the effect happen.
11. A malefactor is someone who _____ bad deeds.

Group 10**Substitution Activity**

Identify the choice that most closely matches the italicized word or phrase below.

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|------------------|---------------|
| A. acumen | F. nemesis |
| B. savant | G. omniscient |
| C. putative | H. minutiae |
| D. infinitesimal | I. herculean |
| E. cerebral | J. mordant |

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- ___ 1. Poverty is the *arch enemy* of programs designed to stop widespread disease.
 - ___ 2. Since no one addressed the *small details*, the principal threatened to cancel the spring dance.
 - ___ 3. Before the quark was discovered, it had been previously thought that the electron was the most *diminutive* particle in physics.
 - ___ 4. Sherlock Holmes solved mysteries by using *insightful* strategies based on observation.
 - ___ 5. The speaker used his *keen mind* to keep the students interested in his topic.
 - ___ 6. Jaime's professor considered her a *specialist* in the Latin language since she had received such an extensive Latin education.
 - ___ 7. Even though her mother never went to college, Gloria still considered her one of the most *scholarly and intelligent* people she knew.
 - ___ 8. Christianity teaches that God is *all-knowing*.
 - ___ 9. Crossing the United States on the Oregon Trail took *extraordinary* strength and desire.
 - ___ 10. The CNN commentator gave a trenchant account of the *presumed* points of dispute between the two conflicting sides.


Substitution:

- Focuses on synonymous expressions
- Tests grammar, verb tense, idiomatic prepositions, etc.
- All activities are cumulative

Group 4

True or False

If the sentence correctly uses the word in italics, mark it True. If not, mark it False.

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- _____ 1. A *dissertation* is a 5-10 minute speech given by a political candidate.
- _____ 2. *Friends* with Monica, Chandler, Joey, Rachel, Ross, and Phoebe is a show within the Situation Comedy genre.
- _____ 3. Since the scientist was completely certain of the validity of his hypothesis, he was *equivocal* about it.
- _____ 4. To cut down trees and branches is to *limn* the forest and make a clearing.
- _____ 5. A *prospectus* is a useful tool that investors use to determine the value of a potential investment.
- _____ 6. The movie's *protagonist* was a trivial character in the overall plot.
- _____ 7. An *appellation* is an appeal made to a higher court to try to get a decision from a lower court reversed.
- _____ 8. *Perusing* material before an exam will best prepare students for the exam questions.
- _____ 9. In order for students to understand the assignment instructions, the teacher must *delineate* them clearly.
- _____ 10. Fortune tellers claim to make *prescient* statements.

True or False:

- Higher-level thinking skills
- Encourages discussion of nuances and examples
- Uses words from earlier groups

Group 11**Name the Speaker**

Read the statement and identify which term from the list below is most closely associated with the statement.

- | | |
|--------------|----------------|
| A. pedagogue | F. pacifist |
| B. savant | G. curmudgeon |
| C. sycophant | H. boor |
| D. sage | I. clairvoyant |
| E. glutton | J. epicure |

- ___ 1. "Don't even try and be nice to me. I'm having a bad day."
- ___ 2. "I'm going to bring the boss tickets to the Rangers baseball game so that he will prefer me to my coworkers."
- ___ 3. "I hate war!"
- ___ 4. "I can tell by reading your cards that you are having some trouble in your life."
- ___ 5. "I just couldn't get enough of that roast beef. I ate so much that my stomach ached."
- ___ 6. "People always look to me for wisdom."
- ___ 7. "I want to be the one to choose the restaurant because I know where we can get the best wine with dinner."
- ___ 8. "I will be giving a lecture on the Knights of the Round Table in class today."
- ___ 9. "I can remember a random series of 100 numbers after only hearing them once."
- ___ 10. "I like to use a toothpick at the table."

Name the Speaker:

- Higher-level thinking skills
- Enhances student understanding
- Provides a "visual" to associate with terms
- All activities are cumulative

Group 11

Fill in the Blank

Select the best term from the Word Bank below to complete each blank. Each term will only be used one time.

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|---------------|-----------------|
| A. enervated | F. obstreperous |
| B. acerbic | G. cacophonous |
| C. gustatory | H. descried |
| D. stultified | I. lassitude |
| E. palpable | J. repartee |

- ___ 1. During his routine, the comic's tone was overly ----- and his jokes so bitter that they did not draw many laughs.
- ___ 2. The sound of the clashing cymbals was ----- in the second movement that otherwise employed only woodwinds.
- ___ 3. The sense of smell is in part ----- since the inability to smell usually decreases the ability to taste.
- ___ 4. On any given weekend, the fraternities on campus throw at least two ----- parties that disturb the other students.
- ___ 5. Tiger Woods ----- his ball on the green after searching for it unsuccessfully in the bunker.
- ___ 6. Jim bumped his head so hard on the desk that the knot was -----.
- ___ 7. The laughing gas that the anesthesiologist gave me before surgery ----- my speech.
- ___ 8. After hiking Mt. Kilimanjaro, Stephen was so fatigued that he was almost overwhelmed by -----.
- ___ 9. As a result of his illness, Andrew was so ----- that he did not have the energy to move.
- ___ 10. Chandler on Friends was most commonly known for his witty ----- and practical jokes.

Fill in the Blank:

- Tests:
 - » Usage
 - » Grammar
 - » Prepositions
 - » Verb Tense

Narrative Questions

Directions: Select the best term from the Word Bank to complete each sentence only one time.

GROUP 10

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|-----------------|------------------|
| A. omniscient | F. savant |
| B. aspersions | G. acumen |
| C. mordant | H. infinitesimal |
| D. cerebral | I. herculean |
| E. presentiment | J. minutia |

In the nights leading up to the volcano eruption, many so-called experts who were intelligent were assuring the public that nothing was going to happen. Omar, a student with a great deal of 2)____, was convinced that something was awry with the dormant volcano. Omar's interest in the volcano had been piqued in science class, and since then he had been preoccupied with the volcano. He began observing everything about the volcano and tracking what some might consider mere 3)____. He became a(n) 4)____ on the topic of the volcano, acquiring more knowledge about the ecological properties of this local volcano than anyone else. He tracked 15 different variables daily and was nearly 5)____ when it came to the data about "his volcano."

Early in his observation period, he noticed a(n) 6)____, almost imperceptible, wilting of all the plants on the dormant monster that he thought indicated an increase in the temperature. Thinking that was odd, he reported his observations to the rangers stationed nearby. The rangers dismissed Omar's concerns. They agreed that his efforts to document the volcano's parameters were 7)____, but 8)____ to tell him that all the information gathered through his effort was ultimately useless because the volcano was dormant. Though 9)____ about the volcano's imminent eruption, no one took his claims seriously. The villagers apologized for their disbelief and for casting 10)____ on his established history of 11)____ insights into volcanic phenomena, Omar continued to track a(n) 12)____. In fact, tracking and predicting volcanic eruptions became a science. Just a few years, he became the acclaimed expert on the topic.

Narrative:

- Higher-level thinking skills
- Synthesizes terms from many groups
- Tests:
 - » Usage
 - » Grammar
 - » Prepositions
 - » Verb tense

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|------------|---------------|
| 1. ANS: D | TOP: Group 10 |
| 2. ANS: G | TOP: Group 10 |
| 3. ANS: J | TOP: Group 10 |
| 4. ANS: F | TOP: Group 10 |
| 5. ANS: A | TOP: Group 10 |
| 6. ANS: H | TOP: Group 10 |
| 7. ANS: I | TOP: Group 10 |
| 8. ANS: L | TOP: Group 1 |
| 9. ANS: E | TOP: Group 10 |
| 10. ANS: B | TOP: Group 9 |
| 11. ANS: C | TOP: Group 10 |

Media Mentions Group 10

"You know him [Bill Belichick] as a so-called coaching genius, a defensive **savant** who devises creative ways for his Xs to stop your Os. His on-camera personality mirrors that of his sideline attire—a drab, gray sweatshirt—reinforcing his image as a colorless man who does his best work in a darkened film room, dissecting game tape until his eyes are bloodshot."

Cimini, Rich. "Belichick, Bon Jovi in Perfect Harmony." *New York Daily News*. 25 Jan. 2004. <www.nydailynews.com>.

In what area would you like to be a savant? What would you do with your knowledge?

"If you're a woman with a foot larger than size 11, finding fashionable shoes that fit can be a **herculean** feat. Stores like 9 West, Enzo, and Sacco, with the broadest selection of the most stylish shoes, carry sizes 6 to 10 and some just recently added size 11. But for the larger sizes, woman are forced to travel miles to find the one store that sells their size."

Hunter, Karen. "It's Big Feet First At Tall Step." *New York Daily News*. 3 Apr. 1995. <www.nydailynews.com>.

What other tasks can be described as herculean? What herculean task have you undertaken?

"City correction officers John Gamble and Michael Morales knew they wanted to open a day care center, but they wanted to make sure their business venture did not go bust. . . . Last year, the pair sharpened their business **acumen** during an eight-week course sponsored by the Queens County Overall Economic Development Authority."

Serant, Claire. "Basic Day Care Training." *New York Daily News*. 2 Apr. 1995. <www.nydailynews.com>.

What is the benefit of acumen? How do you sharpen your acumen?

Media Mentions:

- Higher-level thinking skills
- Great for discussion
- Shows terms used in modern media contexts

Short Answer Questions Group 4

Directions: Answer the questions below thoroughly to demonstrate your understanding of the *italicized* vocabulary term.

1. How is a *dissertation* different from a high school paper?
2. If Congress were *equivocal* about healthcare would they reform the system? Explain your reasoning.
3. What might you *limn*? Explain your choice.
4. What might you *expatiate* about? Explain your choice.
5. What could you use to *delineate* something? Explain your choice.
6. What is your *appellation*?
7. To which *genre* does *Star Wars* belong?
8. Which type of profession would use a *prospectus* regularly?
9. Is an *adumbration* an accurate foreshadowing? Why or why not?
10. If you *peruse* a book, would you have a comprehensive understanding of it?

Short Answers:

- Higher-level thinking
- Writing and application
- Great for in-class or homework assignments
- Students generate examples and form mental pictures
- Enhances student understanding

Group 12

Sentence Completion Quiz

Select the best term among the choices to fill in the blank.

1. On his first day to participate in services, the ----- dropped the candle he was carrying in the processional.
A. animus B. acolyte C. apotheosis
D. iconoclast E. talisman
2. His behavior was so obnoxious and ----- that I would not even ----- to speak to him until he apologized.
A. brackish .. expatiate B. prescient .. educe
C. fractious .. infringe D. refractory .. chasten
E. recalcitrant .. deign
3. When I found myself stumbling through life, I realized I was bereft of a(n) ----- to live by; I then adopted the motto "live everyday to its fullest."
A. credo B. inferno C. talisman D. animus
E. acolyte
4. When I lost my lucky pencil the day before the major exam, I searched frantically to find a new ----- to ward off ill luck.
A. animus B. iconoclast C. inferno
D. talisman E. credo
5. When the ----- destroyed the images in the religious sanctuary and claimed to be doing the will of God, the members of the congregation were shocked and appalled.
A. acolyte B. animus C. apotheosis
D. iconoclast E. fatalist
6. When my neighbor tried to ----- a large portion of my property for his own by installing a pool that infringed on my property, I sued him.
A. despoil B. desecrate C. arrogate
D. abjure E. adjure
7. When the looters attempted to ----- the shopkeeper's store during the last crisis, the shopkeeper met them at the door with a shotgun and sent them on their way.
A. arrogate B. despoil C. desecrate
D. educe E. sublimate
8. On Halloween night, several local teenagers ----- the graves in the local cemetery, scrawling graffiti on the headstones, overturning flower pots, and digging holes in the ground.
A. desecrated B. arrogated C. despoiled
D. perused E. declaimed
9. The saint was the ----- of moral rectitude, embodying all the best characteristics in humanity.
A. acolyte B. animus C. iconoclast
D. talisman E. apotheosis
10. I cannot abide a(n) ----- perspective; I believe th

Weekly Quiz:

- Teaches application of test-taking skills
- Tests timing skills
- Cumulative activity
 - » At least one question tests a prior group directly
 - » Answer choices include terms from prior groups

Knowsys Vocabulary Group Word List

Grade 6

Group 1 NATURE	Group 5 MONEY	Group 9 ENERGY	Group 13 EXCESS
1 domesticate	41 appreciate	80 diligent	116 abundant
2 eclipse	42 bankrupt	81 exhaust	117 arrogant
3 evolve	43 budget	82 exhilaration	118 deplete
4 fiber	44 contribute	83 fatigue	119 drastic
5 graze	45 extravagant	84 hectic	120 elaborate
6 hatch	46 fee	85 velocity	121 exaggerate
7 innate	47 frugal	86 colossal	122 leeway
8 rodent	48 invaluable	87 extend	123 rash
9 solar	49 poverty	88 extensive	
10 stampede		89	
	Group 6 CLOTHING	Group 10 ENERGY	
Group 2 MOVEMENT	50 apparel	90	
11 gait	51 attire	Group 11 BOTHER	
12 hover	52 garment	91 boycott	127 abandon
13 inflate	53 appeal	92 continuous	128 accumulate
14 mobile	54 captivate	93 detain	129 attain
15 motion	55 engross	94 inhibit	130 custody
16 propel	56 fad	95 punctuate	131 possess
17 revolve	57 insist	96 quench	132 repel
18 shed	58 inspire	97 restrain	133 strew
19 stationary	59 intrigue	98 stifle	
20 swivel	60 manipulate		Group 15 DANGER
21 wend			134 captive
Group 3 GROUP	Group 7 PLACE	99 aggravate	135 *flammable
22 accompany	61 abroad	100 gripe	136 jeopardy
23 council	62 aloft	101 unruly	137 peril
24 exclude	63 expanse	102 appropriate	138 plummet
25 fuse	64 moor	103 *beneficial	139 predicament
26 horde	65 peninsula	104 convenient	140 woe
27 integrate	66 terrain	105 discreet	141 *conspicuous
28 majority	67 territory	106 sinister	142 detect
29 segregate	68 vicinity		143 exhibit
30 supplement	Group 8 RESULT	Group 12 DESTROY	144 glare
31 swarm	69 consequence	107 breach	
	70 *factor	108 catastrophe	Group 16 CALM
Group 4 HOSTILE	71 verdict	109 collide	145 lull
32 brawl	72 abbreviate	110 corrode	146 *placid
33 grudge	73 *diminish	111 debris	147 soothe
34 persecute	74 disk	112 *exterminate	148 tranquil
35 prejudice	75 *miniature	113 fatality	149 adapt
36 retaliate	76 *minute	114 infest	150 *effect
37 revenge	77 paltry	115 salvage	151 persevere
38 siege	78 scale		152 restore
39 skirmish	79 trace		153 substitute
40 stern			154 tentative
			155 versatile

Grade 6

* Indicates a Word Root Activity is available.

Knowsys Vocabulary Group Word List

Grade 7

Group 1 SPEECH	Group 5 EFFORT	Group 9 IMPORTANT	Group 13 KNOWLEDGE
1 admonish	43 arduous	83 climax	122 astute
2 allege	44 cope	84 compulsory	123 consult
3 assert	45 endure	85 haughty	124 docile
4 beseech	46 grueling	86 illustrious	125 enlighten
5 conjure	47 hurtle	87 legendary	126 illiterate
6 emphasize	48 industrious	88 momentous	127 mentor
7 haggle	49 menial	89 necessity	128 naive
8 retort	50 stint	90 pretentious	129 rustic
9 signify	51 strenuous	91 principal	130 unwitting
10 theme	52 toil		
11 warble	53 trek		
		Group 10 AMBIVALENCE	
		92	
		93	
		94	
		95 infuriate	134 impartial
		96 irate	135 indifferent
		97 wrath	136 compel
		98 aghast	137 enthrall
		99 dumbfound	138 evict
		100 flabbergast	139 oblige
		101 *incredulous	140 oppress
			141 overwhelm
Group 2 THINK	Group 6 MOVEMENT	Group 11 TIME	Group 15 CHARACTERISTIC
12 acknowledge	54 avert	102 consecutive	142 aloof
13 dissuade	55 clamber	103 era	143 attribute
14 fathom	56 detach	104 headlong	144 exotic
15 incline	57 enroll	105 impromptu	145 homage
16 muse	58 fluctuate	106 initiate	146 irrelevant
17 perceive	59 intervene	107 permanent	147 mottled
18 ponder	60 nimble	108 prior	148 precise
19 probe	61 nomad	109 respite	149 sleek
20 realize	62 recede	110 urgent	150 subtle
21 resolve	63 ungainly		
		Group 12 GAIN	Group 16 FIRST
Group 3 STRENGTH	Group 7 AGREE	111 acquire	151 debut
22 formidable	64 acclaim	112 procure	152 pioneer
23 foster	65 *assent	113 scavenge	153 premiere
24 intensify	66 compromise	114 *apathy	154 *benefactor
25 invincible	67 concur	115 derelict	155 bounty
26 ponderous	68 correspond	116 desolate	156 estimate
27 prowess	69 endorse	117 devoid	157 flourish
28 replenish	70 *placate	118 lax	158 inherit
29 robust	71 receptive	119 lethargic	159 lavish
30 stringent		120 scanty	160 lucrative
31 ultimate	Group 8 BOTHER	121 trifling	161 privilege
	72 agitate		
Group 4 GROUP	73 badger		
32 component	74 distraught		
33 comprise	75 fluster		
34 congested	76 harass		
35 distinction	77 perturb		
36 diversity	78 pique		
37 ghetto	79 tedious		
38 insulate	80 prostrate		
39 medley	81 proximity		
40 menagerie	82 verge		
41 participate			
42 throng			

Grade 7

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Knowsys Vocabulary Group Word List

Grade 8

Group 1	BAD	Group 4	MOVEMENT	Group 8	THOUGHT	Group 12	HORROR
1	atrocious	35	agile	72	commemorate	112	claustrophobia
2	dire	36	dismantle	73	conjecture	113	foreboding
3	flagrant	37	dispel	74	*contemplate	114	grotesque
4	inclement	38	execute	75	derive	115	gruesome
5	irksome	39	extricate	76	enigma	116	haunt
6	*malevolent	40	fitful	77	*evoke	117	lurid
7	precarious	41	impel	78	inane	118	abhor
8	reprisal	42	pivot	79	inkling	119	alienate
9	risqué	43	shackle	80	irrational	120	*inflammatory
10	unseemly	44	culminate	81			
11	*despicable	Group 5	OCCUR	82			
12	*ineffectual	45	feasible	83	indelible	123	bulwark
Group 2	CHARACTERISTIC	46	arbitrary	84	brevity	124	citadel
13	avid	47	imminent	85	cursor	125	embroil
14	azure	48	incessant	86	elapse	126	grapple
15	clad	49	phenomenon	87	epoch	127	impregnable
16	combustible	50	recur	88	*interminable	128	onslaught
17	forbearance	51	spontaneous	89	millennium	129	rebuff
18	ornate	52	sporadic	90	perpetuate	130	wrest
19	resilient	53	wreak	91	protracted	131	vie
20	tremulous	Group 6	OVERTAKE	92	simultaneous	Group 14	AGREE
21	indulgent	54	instill	Group 10	EMOTION	132	accede
22	intricate	55	encompass	93	abject	133	accord
23	overt	56	pervade	94	ardent	134	*dissension
Group 3	LANGUAGE	57	assimilate	95	despondent	135	affirm
24	decipher	58	encroach	96	disposition	136	conscientious
25	depict	59	engulf	97	electrify	137	fastidious
26	dialect	60	immerse	98	grimace	138	gingerly
27	dub	61	influx	99	irascible	139	meticulous
28	glib	62	surpass	100	rue	140	prudent
29	memoir	Group 7	SENSES	101	vehement	141	slovenly
30	recant	63	ogle	Group 11	EXCESS	Group 15	CHANGE
31	rejoinder	64	panorama	102	copious	142	enhance
32	reticent	65	picturesque	103	deluge	143	innovation
33	rhetoric	66	surveillance	104	fanfare	144	modify
34	vignette	67	audible	105	glut	145	rectify
		68	mute	106	ostentatious	146	stagnate
		69	reverberate	107	profusion	147	alleviate
		70	strident	108	swelter	148	exemplify
		71	pungent	109	guile	149	impersonate
				110	*pseudonym	150	replica
				111	embellish	151	simulate

Grade 8

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Knowsys Vocabulary Group Word List

Grade 9

Group 1 MONEY	Group 5 POSITION	Group 9 EXCESS	Group 13 BODY
1 appraise	42 antecedent	81 dote	120 amputate
2 assess	43 apex	82 exorbitant	121 decapitate
3 defray	44 ascendant	83 extravaganza	122 embody
4 depreciate	45 caliber	84 jaded	123 recuperate
5 garner	46 definitive	85 pomp	124 sustenance
6 gratis	47 rudimentary	86 regale	125 trauma
7 impoverish	48 *supersede	87 sumptuous	126 visage
8 monetary	49 surmount	88 torrid	127 viscera
9 remunerate	50 zenith	89 voracious	128 contend
10 subsidy	Group 6 SPEECH	Group 11 HOSTILE	Group 15 ENERGY
Group 2 CONDITION	51 blandishment	99 averse	142 alacrity
11 fateful	52 broach	100 contravene	143 spry
12 fraught	53 divulge	101 decimate	144 verve
13 impervious	54 exhort	102 foray	145 allure
14 incontrovertible	55 expostulate	103 martial	146 amenity
15 indubitable	56 impart	104 pernicious	147 boon
16 inexplicable	57 implicate	105 quash	148 camaraderie
17 inherent	58 orator	106 subjugate	149 gregarious
18 *insuperable	59 remonstrate	107 vitriolic	150 *magnanimous
19 *irrevocable	60 solicit	108 memorabilia	151 suave
20 porous	61 voluble	109 paraphernalia	Group 16 HUMOR
Group 3 ACTIVITY	62 wheedle	Group 12 THINK	152 facetious
21 adhere	Group 7 LEGAL	110 deduction	153 farce
22 *avocation	63 clemency	111 deem	154 parody
23 brandish	64 collusion	112 devise	155 travesty
24 centrifugal	65 indict	113 envisage	156 zany
25 cleave	66 injunction	114 *infer	157 articulate
26 emancipate	67 judicial	115 pensive	158 enunciate
27 expend	68 obligatory	116 plumb	159 ribald
28 impetus	69 sanction	117 quandary	160 stilted
29 proffer	70 suffrage	118 scrutinize	161 succinct
30 rescind	71 vindicate	119 *speculate	
Group 4 SKILLED	Group 8 INACTIVITY		
31 adroit	72 default		
32 aficionado	73 feckless		
33 aptitude	74 indolent		
34 dexterous	75 intermittent		
35 faculty	76 laggard		
36 incapacitate	77 moribund		
37 *ingenious	78 repose		
38 potential	79 sedentary		
39 precocious	80 wane		
40 prodigy			
41 virtuoso			

Grade 9

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Knowsys Vocabulary Group Word List

Grade 10

Group 1 MONEY	Group 5 BOTHER	Group 8 LANGUAGE	Group 12 HOSTILE
1 allocate	42 accost	76 aphorism	114 abominate
2 avarice	43 beleaguer	77 *colloquial	115 acrimony
3 disburse	44 beset	78 epitaph	116 altercation
4 insatiable	45 disgruntle	79 euphemism	117 *animosity
5 largesse	46 exacerbate	80 *grandiloquent	118 asperity
6 liquidate	47 foment	81 hyperbole	119 rancor
7 magnate	48 importune	82 ineffable	120 scurrilous
8 recompense	49 incur	83 manifesto	121 amenable
9 reparation	50 instigate	84 *misnomer	122 induce
10 stipend	51 inure	85	
	52 onerous		
Group 2 NATURE	Group 6 COLLECTION	Group 10 EMOTION	Group 14 ENERGY
11 agrarian	53 aggregate	86	123 curator
12 cataclysm	54 assemblage	87	126 entrepreneur
13 celestial	55 clique	88 demoralize	127 espionage
14 galaxy	56 cohort	89 diabolical	128 *factotum
15 *indigenous	57 constituent	90 iniquitous	129 incumbent
16 maelstrom	58 enclave	91 *malign	130 predecessor
17 promontory	59 flotilla	92 perverse	131 servitude
18 secrete	60 gamut	93 sadistic	
19 winnow	61 *homogeneous	94 scourge	
20 zephyr	62 manifold		
Group 3 RULE	63 muster		
21 annals	64 pantheon		
22 cede	65 repertoire		
23 constrain	Group 7 CRITICIZE		
24 flout	66 berate		
25 *hierarchy	67 castigate		
26 inalienable	68 cavil		
27 insurrection	69 denigrate		
28 mandatory	70 disparage		
29 *matriarchy	71 gibe		
30 necessitate	72 indignity		
31 prerogative	73 inveigh		
Group 4 CHAOS	74 pillory		
32 aberration	75 scathing		
33 desultory			
34 disarray			
35 *equilibrium			
36 incoherent			
37 indiscriminate			
38 pandemonium			
39 rambunctious			
40 rampant			
41 temerity			
		Group 11 APPEARANCE	Group 15 PREDICT
		104 aura	141 ambivalent
		105 countenance	142 augur
		106 gossamer	143 *auspicious
		107 materialize	144 harbinger
		108 mien	145 vagary
		109 patina	146 visionary
		110 vestige	147 volatile
		111 infirmity	148 bemuse
		112 lacerate	149 conundrum
		113 panacea	150 dilemma

Grade 10

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Knowsys Vocabulary Group Word List

Grade SAT

Group 1 UNCERTAINTY

- 1 ambiguous
- 2 ambivalent
- 3 baffle
- 4 capricious
- 5 dubious
- 6 *equivocal
- 7 impetuous
- 8 irresolute
- 9 mercurial
- 10 nebulous
- 11 whimsical

Group 2 LANGUAGE

- 12 allusion
- 13 anecdote
- 14 articulate
- 15 convey
- 16 enumerate
- 17 ineffable
- 18 irony
- 19 loquacious
- 20 platitude
- 21 reticent
- 22 rhetoric
- 23 verbose

Group 3 CRITICISM

- 24 aspersion
- 25 chide
- 26 denounce
- 27 deride
- 28 diatribe
- 29 disdain
- 30 disparage
- 31 rail
- 32 reproach
- 33 scoff
- 34 scorn

Group 4 KNOWLEDGE

- 35 *apprehend
- 36 ascertain
- 37 connoisseur
- 38 didactic
- 39 discern
- 40 enlighten
- 41 fundamental
- 42 lucid
- 43 profound
- 44 scrutinize
- 45 tacit
- 46 vicarious

Group 5 EMOTION

- 47 catharsis
- 48 dispassionate
- 49 ebullient
- 50 fervent
- 51 indignation
- 52 lament
- 53 somber
- 54 sullen
- 55 temperament
- 56 wistful

Group 6 MOVEMENT

- 57 *circumvent
- 58 convergence
- 59 digress
- 60 dispersion
- 61 encroach
- 62 immerse
- 63 momentum
- 64 regressive
- 65 supplant
- 66 transcend
- 67 traverse
- 68 winnow

Group 7 BAD

- 69 acrid
- 70 aversion
- 71 conflagration
- 72 debacle
- 73 foreboding
- 74 *ignominy
- 75 inept
- 76 machination
- 77 mar
- 78
- 79
- 80

Group 8

- 81 belligerent
- 82 cantankerous
- 83 contemptuous
- 84 contentious
- 85 grudge
- 86 pugnacious
- 87 cynical
- 88 pragmatist
- 89 skeptic

Group 9 CALM

- 90 acquiesce
- 91 assuage
- 92 *complacent
- 93 conciliatory
- 94 docile
- 95 mollify
- 96 phlegmatic
- 97 *placid
- 98 resign
- 99 solace
- 100 steadfast

Group 10 COMPLEX

- 101 abstract
- 102 abstruse
- 103 amalgam
- 104 arcane
- 105 convoluted
- 106 eclectic
- 107 enigma
- 108 inscrutable
- 109 multifaceted
- 110 obscure

Group 11 APPEARANCE

- 111 aestheticism
- 112 baroque
- 113 decorum
- 114 demeanor
- 115 depict
- 116 embellish
- 117 garnishment
- 118 ornate

Group 12 SMART

- 123 erudite
- 124 esoteric
- 125 precocious
- 126 sagacious
- 127 trenchant

Group 13 EFFORT

- 128 culminate
- 129 debilitate
- 130 diligent
- 131 *efficacious
- 132 exploit
- 133 flag
- 134 *prolific
- 135 resurgence
- 136 sedulous

Group 14 FALSE

- 137 belie
- 138 chicanery
- 139 delude
- 140 disillusioned
- 141 *disingenuous
- 142 erroneous
- 143 fabrication
- 144 fallacious
- 145 feign

Grade 11

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Knowsys Vocabulary Group Word List

Grade 12

Group 1 BEHAVIOR	Group 5 NATURE	Group 9 CRITICIZE	Group 13 MOVEMENT
1 chasten	42 aborigine	84 abjure	126 actuate
2 deign	43 apiary	85 aspersion	127 convulse
3 fractious	44 brackish	86 calumny	128 devolve
4 infraction	45 cetacean	87 decry	129 efflorescence
5 infringe	46 cornucopia	88 fulminate	130 exhume
6 interloper	47 endemic	89 *obloquy	131 expatriate
7 protocol	48 flora	90 adjure	132 itinerary
8 recalcitrant	49 preternatural	91 decree	133 peripatetic
9 refractory	50 terrestrial	92 dictum	134 celerity
10 sublimate	51 vernal	93	
	52 viviparous	94	
Group 2 KNOWLEDGE	Group 6 RELATIONSHIP	Group 10 ACUMEN	Group 14 INSOLVENCY
11 covert	53 ancillary	95 acumen	137 insolvent
12 dilettante	54 conjugal	96 cerebral	138 pecuniary
13 educe	55 consanguinity	97 mordant	139 perquisite
14 empirical	56 filial	98 omniscient	140 prodigal
15 forte	57 *genealogy	99 savant	141 rapacious
16 *misapprehend	58 minion	100 trenchant	142 restitution
17 misconstrue	59 nemesis	101 herculean	143 eschew
18 prescient	60 nuptials	102 infinitesimal	144 mores
19 *presentiment	61 parity	103 leviathan	145 rectitude
20 putative	62 *progenitor	104 *minutia	
Group 3 LACK	Group 7 SPEECH	Group 11 SENSES	Group 15 MODEL
21 ascetic	63 apothegm	105 acerbic	146 *archetype
22 benighted	64 badinage	106 cacophony	147 exemplar
23 desuetude	65 *colloquy	107 descry	148 microcosm
24 dotage	66 *convoke	108 fetid	149 paragon
25 insular	67 declaim	109 gustatory	150 prototype
26 nihilism	68 *invoke	110 obstreperous	151 quintessence
27 nonplus	69 polemic	111 palpable	152 bourgeois
28 nugatory	70 repartee	112 enervate	153 denizen
29 torpor	71 supplicate	113 lassitude	154 habitué
30 vacuous	72 taciturn	114 stultify	155 insipid
Group 4 LANGUAGE	73 valedictory	Group 12 BELIEFS	Group 16 MEDICAL
31 adumbrate	Group 8 TIME	115 acolyte	156 apothecary
32 appellation	74 anachronism	116 *animus	157 carcinogen
33 delineate	75 antediluvian	117 apotheosis	158 cognitive
34 dissertation	76 archaic	118 credo	159 coma
35 *equivocal	77 erstwhile	119 desecrate	160 congenital
36 expatriate	78 hiatus	120 fatalism	161 nostrum
37 *genre	79 perennial	121 iconoclast	162 regurgitate
38 limn	80 precursor	122 inferno	163 salutary
39 peruse	81 primeval	123 talisman	164 absolve
40 *prospectus	82 quadrennial	124 arrogate	165 exculpate
41 protagonist	83 *temporize	125 despoil	

Grade 12

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Overall District View by School & Grade

Knowsys Vocabulary Builder Program
Results for District

Testing Period: 8/1/2008 to 7/1/2009

	Pre-Test	Post-Test
All Students and Grades		
Average Percentage Correct:	37%	74%
Number of Students:	1966	1580
All Students by Grade		
Grade Level: 6	44%	79%
Number of Students:	532	525
Grade Level: 7	40%	68%
Number of Students:	491	473
Grade Level: 8	40%	74%
Number of Students:	539	510
Grade Level: 9	22%	70%
Number of Students:	404	72
All Grades by School		
Generic High School	22%	

Teacher View by Grade, Period, and Student

Knowsys Vocabulary Builder Program
Results for Teacher

Generic Middle School
Testing Period: 8/1/2008 to 5/15/2009

Grade: Average: Pre-Test Post-Test
29% 76%

Period: 1 Average: 31% 77%

Student ID	Student Name	Pre-Test	Post-Test
24383	Student 1		64%
24882	Student 2	80%	98%
24271	Student 3	14%	80%
20802	Student 4	48%	88%
37578	Student 5	12%	54%
25474	Student 6	24%	64%
	225%		

Student View (includes peer performance)

Knowsys Vocabulary Builder Program
Individual Student Reports

Grade: Period: 1
Testing Period: 8/1/2008 to 5/15/2009

	Pre-Test	Post-Test
*Peer Group (*Same school, same test)	39%	75%
Student Name:	14%	80%
Details	Details	
1 B *	1 A ✓	
2 A ✓	2 D ✓	
3 C *	3 B ✓	
4 A *	4 B ✓	
5 C *	5 B *	
6 B *	6 D ✓	
7 D ✓	7 C ✓	

Generic Middle School Three 44%
Number of Students: 528

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College Readiness

7th Grade TIP Courses and Seminars
8th Grade ReadiStep and Explore Seminars
PSAT National Merit Potential Courses and Seminars
SAT and ACT Courses and Seminars
College Skills Courses and Seminars
SAT, ACT, PSAT Practice Exams
College Readiness Seminars
Vocabulary Builder Program

Graduate School Prep

GRE Prep and Tutoring
GMAT Prep and Tutoring
LSAT Prep and Tutoring

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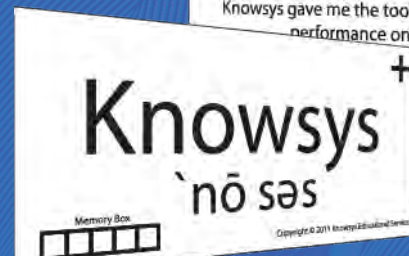
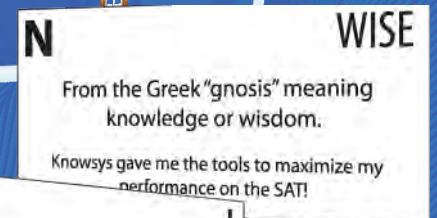
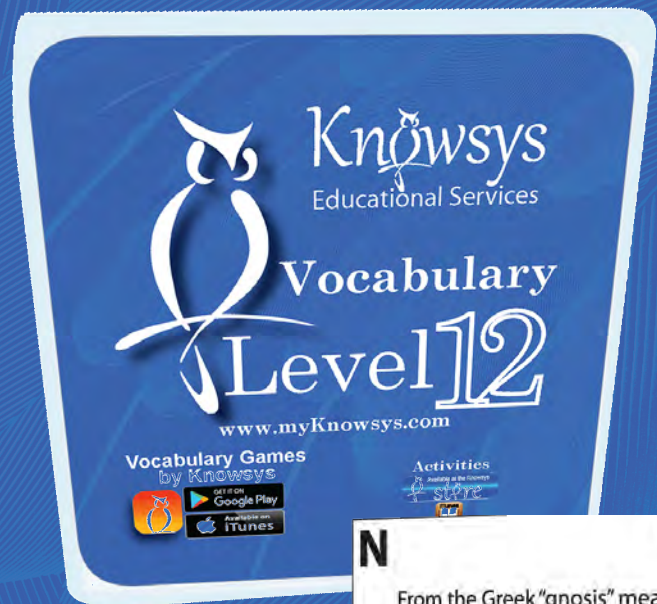
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