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### VOCABULARY LESSON 10

**Directions:** Complete the following exercises on your own. Use context clues from the following sentences to match the **bold** words with the proper definition. Write neatly, spell words correctly, and complete each section.

- We weren't supposed to have our cell phones in the room when we took the SAT; they were considered to be **contraband**.
- The effect of the helium on his voice was only **transient**; after a few minutes, his normal tone resumed.
- Jake's boss used him as a **scapegoat**; no matter what went wrong, Jake always got the blame.
- When making arrangements for summer vacation, Joanne was **politic**. She was only concerned with what she wanted to do while at the beach.
- Was the murder **premeditated**? The jury will have to decide whether or not he planned to do it or if he experienced temporary insanity.
- Our decision was **arbitrary**; we did what we felt like regardless of the rules.
- He thinks he is very special since his mother is a member of our local **bureaucracy**; however, he doesn't realize that most people don't agree with her executive decisions.
- Since I couldn't make it to the meeting, I sent Michelle as my **proxy**.
- It was hard to watch as the older boys **browbeat** the younger children and stole their lunch money.
- The entire movie was **inane**. I was disappointed that I'd spent \$9.50 to waste my Saturday night.

Word	Part of Speech	Definition
		Senseless; pointless; stupid
		To frighten with a stern manner or harsh words; to bully
		A person who is given the authority to act or stand in for another
		The collection of departments of appointed officials through which a government is run
		Based only on one's own wishes or whims; not guided by rules or law
		Planned or plotted; closely considered beforehand; deliberate
		Wise in looking out for one's own interests; prudent; shrewd
		A person or thing who takes the blame for the mistakes or crimes of others
		Lasting for a short time only; not permanent; fleeting
		Smuggled goods

Use the vocabulary words to complete the sentences below.

1. The National Women's Suffrage Association, and later the National American Women's Suffrage Association, battled the government \_\_\_\_\_ to win the vote for women.
2. The organization's deliberate, carefully \_\_\_\_\_ efforts helped bring about the passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment.
3. Susan B. Anthony was elected president of the organization in 1892. The choice wasn't \_\_\_\_\_; instead, it was based on Anthony's outstanding record of achievements.
4. Anthony and other suffragists didn't try to \_\_\_\_\_ the government into granting women the right to vote.
5. Many suffragists went to jail for their efforts. Clearly, they were more concerned with furthering their cause than being \_\_\_\_\_, or acting solely out of personal interest.
6. Anthony's intelligence and purpose were obvious to everyone who heard her speak. Even those who disagreed couldn't accuse her of being \_\_\_\_\_.
7. The suffragist magazine *The Revolution* supported so many unpopular causes that it was treated as \_\_\_\_\_. Some readers had to smuggle it into their homes.
8. Some people were so opposed to women's rights that they made the suffragists into \_\_\_\_\_ and blamed them for the moral decline of American society.
9. *The Revolution* was \_\_\_\_\_ due to financial problems. The magazine was forced to close after only two years.
10. Anthony was so well trusted and respected that suffragists let her be a \_\_\_\_\_ to represent their views.
11. Today, the decision to vote or not to vote seems \_\_\_\_\_ to us. Yet there was a time when the law forbade certain groups of Americans from voting.
12. It's unimaginable today that someone would be \_\_\_\_\_ for wanting to exercise the right to vote. Many groups were frightened off from the polls.
13. Government \_\_\_\_\_ were often inefficient in protecting these voters. Government officials were not able to guarantee the voters' legal rights.
14. Would you exercise your right to vote if you couldn't do so openly—if you had to smuggle your vote in like \_\_\_\_\_?
15. In hindsight, we can see that laws and attitudes restricting voting were \_\_\_\_\_. Not everyone in the early 1900s saw the stupidity.
16. When the women's suffrage movement began, many elected officials did not consider it \_\_\_\_\_, or in their own best interests, to support the cause.
17. The laws that restricted women from voting were probably not a \_\_\_\_\_ attempt to keep women down. Society truly believed that gender roles were different.
18. Some people believed that a woman's husband was an appropriate \_\_\_\_\_ to represent her interests at the polls.
19. Suffragists did not want to make others \_\_\_\_\_ for the past mistakes of the government; they just wanted to correct injustice.
20. Fortunately, restrictions on voting were \_\_\_\_\_; the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment, which gave women the right to vote, was passed in 1920.