

VOCABULARY LESSON 6

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.

- I was having **ambivalent** thoughts about Mya’s prom dress; from one angle I thought it was flattering, then as she turned around it seemed to drown her petite figure.
- The **beneficent** man gave fifty million dollars to the university for no apparent reason; he had not even gone there for his schooling!
- Most children love vegetables as babies, but find them **repugnant** by the time they are three or four years old and refuse to eat them.
- Allison thought that her fancy dinner with Mike was to celebrate his new job, so she was pleasantly surprised when he pulled out a large diamond and asked her to be his **betrotthed**.
- Bryan’s angry temperament seems to be a **congenital** trait; even as a little baby he would scream loudly and turn bright red when he was displeased with something.
- At first I thought Sarah was faking her illness, but when I looked at her **sallow** skin, I knew she wasn’t feeling well.
- After the class vote, the **consensus** was to read together today and independently tomorrow.
- The fight to get students to take off their hats is **interminable**; I must ask the same students over and over again.
- The **intrepid** soldier didn’t think twice about running into the gunfire to save his friend.
- The pilot was scared about his **sortie**, but knew it was necessary if his country were to win the war.

Word	Part of Speech	Definition
	Adj	Present at birth but not hereditary; inborn; having a characteristic so strong as to be part of one’s nature.
	Noun	A general agreement or opinion; a majority opinion
	Adj	Endless; occurring over and over again indefinitely
	Adj	Grayish yellow in color, sickly pale
	Adj	Distasteful; disgusting; repulsive; causing aversion (avoidance)
	Noun	A sudden attack by troops from a defensive position; a single mission of a long airplane against an enemy.
	Adj/ noun	Engaged to be married OR a person who is engaged to be married
	Adj	Brave or resolute; showing great courage
	Adj	Kind; charitable; doing good
	Adj	Having mixed, conflicting, or changing emotions or thoughts towards a person, thing, or idea.

Use each of the vocabulary words to complete the sentences below.

1. If you polled Americans about their favorite comic-book heroes, the _____ would probably be that Ninja Turtles belong high on the list.
2. Strange-looking as they are, the turtles are too talented and charming to be _____.
3. Being _____ isn't the only requirement for a hero. In addition to being brave, a hero must have a strong sense of right and wrong.
4. The turtles wouldn't seem admirable if they launched an offensive attack against someone for personal gain. Any _____ they organize must be in the interest of justice.
5. Although the turtles received their intelligence and strength from a mysterious green ooze, their pleasant personalities seem to be _____, a gift of birth.
6. People have waged an _____ argument about whether the comic book is a literary genre. One reason for the endless debate is that comic books are considered popular entertainment, not art.
7. Traditionally, epics are long narrative poems that recount the deeds of noble, _____ people.
8. The heroes of epics are bound to honor and justice, as a husband-to-be might be bound to his _____.
9. Since epics usually have a serious tone, some readers are _____ about whether comic-book heroes can possess epic qualities.
10. Visually, comic books, with their vivid colors, are very attractive to readers; comic books that feature _____ colors might not be as successful.
11. A decade ago, people might not have been _____ about the idea of talking turtles. Yet the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles have won the unconditional approval of millions of American readers and moviegoers.
12. Heroic figures usually don't fight without a good reason. Likewise, the turtles are sure to launch a _____ against villains who cross them.
13. These _____ characters dedicate themselves to fighting evil and doing good.
14. Ordinary people would look _____ after years of living in underground tunnels, but the Ninja Turtles maintain their healthy, naturally green complexions.
15. The turtles were in great demand after their creators published the first issue of the comic book. Soon Laird was spending so much time with his turtle characters that he might as well have been _____ to them. Logically, he couldn't marry all of them, however.
16. Another important figure in the Ninja Turtles comics is super intelligent rat who becomes the turtles' teacher. Even people who find rats _____ have come to appreciate this wise character.
17. The turtles' size, strength, and intelligence aren't _____; the turtles received their powers accidentally instead of being born with them.
18. Popular culture is full of courageous characters, but these _____ turtles have a special appeal.
19. Although a few American comic-book readers may not be impressed with the Ninja Turtles, the general _____ is that the turtles are terrific!
20. Like all superheroes, the turtles wage an _____ battle against evil. They never seem to run out of bad guys to fight.