

**VOCABULARY LESSON 8**

**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.

- With the blue skies and warm temperature, I could not help but feel **blithe** and happy. All of my worries seemed to disappear.
- Michael is typically oblivious to all women, so when he arrived at prom holding the door for his date and dressed so handsomely, we couldn't help but comment on how **debonair** he seemed.
- Some might say it is a **filial** duty to take care of your parents once they are older and ailing.
- The major change in Jessica's attitude was **precipitated** by the threat her mother made to take away her car if she did not straighten up.
- Solitude must be **intrinsic** to producing great artwork; very rarely do you hear of artists who shared studios or spent time chatting while they worked.
- Kayla is much more **proficient** in calculus than I expected her to be; in fact, I may even ask her to tutor me!
- Before I could continue with my thought, Bobby **interposed** an excellent question and the group turned their attention to answering it.
- Because Daniel was caught cheating in class, he had to **cede** his title of NHS President to Sarah, the Vice- President.
- The **chagrin** our team felt after we lost the game to an easy opponent was awful; we were terribly embarrassed to see our peers at the dance afterwards.
- After finishing the big project, Larry enjoyed the **remission** of stress he seemed to experience; it was as if he had let go of a huge weight.

Word	Part of Speech	Definition
		Of or expected from a son or daughter; of a parent's offspring
		A feeling of disappointment, distress, or embarrassment
		To yield or give up; to transfer or render title to
		Advanced in a particular art or science; skilled; expert; qualified
		To cause something to happen; to bring about quickly or suddenly OR reckless, rash, acting hastily
		A release from debt or duty; a lessening of intensity; a diminishing
		To put between; to insert between parts; to interject during a conversation
		Graceful, charming, and smooth ( in actions ); seemingly carefree
		Happy, joyful, carefree
		Belonging to a thing by its essential nature; inherent

Use the vocabulary words to complete the sentences below.

1. Chamberlain's professional career was not always joyful. At times he was far from \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Chamberlain's greatest opponent, Bill Russell of the Boston Celtics, frequently \_\_\_\_\_ himself between Chamberlain and a championship.
3. Although Chamberlain played his best, his losses often \_\_\_\_\_ harsh, immediate criticism from the media.
4. The fierce rivalry with Russell was a cause of \_\_\_\_\_ for Chamberlain and his fans.
5. Although even in a post-season tournament he could seem \_\_\_\_\_, Chamberlain actually had to make a supreme effort to beat Russell on the court.
6. Some degree of rivalry is \_\_\_\_\_ to professional basketball; by its nature the sport is extremely competitive.
7. Chamberlain's relationship with his coaches could be far from \_\_\_\_\_; he often played the part, not of the obedient son, but of a headstrong maverick.
8. Because of an injury, Chamberlain wasn't able to play much in the 1969 championship series. Once again, he had to \_\_\_\_\_ the championship to Russell.
9. Chamberlain's \_\_\_\_\_ playing finally paid off in 1972. Overcoming the pain of a fractured wrist, he scored twenty-four points and brought the Lakers the world championship.
10. This amazing victory brought a swift \_\_\_\_\_ of the criticism Chamberlain had endured throughout his career.
11. In order to play for the Lakers, Chamberlain had to ask to be released from this contract with the 76ers. Chamberlain's \_\_\_\_\_ from his contract was fortunate for the Lakers who hadn't won a championship since 1960.
12. Chamberlain tried to join professional team after his junior year in college, but he had to \_\_\_\_\_ to the NBA's ruling that he must play a fourth season first.
13. With their newest member, the \_\_\_\_\_ Globetrotters charmed audiences around the world.
14. Although he may have felt some \_\_\_\_\_ at first, his fourth season, which he spend playing with the Globetrotters, was far from disappointing.
15. The Philadelphia Warriors traded Chamberlain to the 76ers in 1967. This event \_\_\_\_\_ a new degree of success for Chamberlain; he won his first world title soon after switching teams.
16. Before Wilt Chamberlain joined the NBA, he enjoyed a relatively \_\_\_\_\_, carefree year with the Harlem Globetrotters.
17. Chamberlain grew up in Philadelphia, but attended college in Kansas. \_\_\_\_\_ affection may have made it difficult to go so far from his parents, but Chamberlain wanted to play basketball in the Midwest.
18. Two years later, Chamberlain joined the Los Angeles Lakers. His skill was already legendary, and he quickly made a name for himself as one of the Laker's most \_\_\_\_\_ players.
19. Although Chamberlain worked hard to develop his skills, his talent seemed \_\_\_\_\_, as if from the time he was born, he was destined to play basketball.
20. Chamberlain was such an expert scorer that opponents could rarely \_\_\_\_\_ themselves between him and the basket.