

Words to Own

Collection 8: See the Miracles

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Developing Vocabulary

Carefully read each word's definition, explanation, and sample sentence. Then write a sentence of your own using that word.

1. **cordiality** (kôr: jē•alvĕ•tē) *n.* warm feelings. ■ The innkeeper's cordiality encouraged his
 ▲ This word is from the Latin *cordis*, meaning "heart." guests to return frequently. ("A Narrow Fellow in the Grass," line 20)

Original sentence: _____

2. **unaccountable** (En•Ē•kountvĒ•bĒl) *adj.* strange; inexplicable. ■ Kirk's fondness for polka-dot ties and loud
 ▲ *Unaccountable* stems from a Latin word meaning "to count." jackets was unaccountable. ("When I Heard the Learn'd Astronomer," line 8)

Original sentence: _____

3. **mystical** (misvti•kĒl) *adj.* having a spiritual meaning; relating to the religious experience of ultimate reality. ■ Standing on the mountaintop at dawn,
 ▲ *Mystical* stems from a Greek word meaning "mystery." Elliot felt a mystical connection with nature. ("When I Heard the Learn'd Astronomer," line 10)

Original sentence: _____

4. **twined** (twɪnd) *pp.* a form of the verb *to twine*, which means "to twist together, weave, interlace, or coil." meaning "two." ■ The leafy vines were
 ▲ *Twined*, like the word *twin*, comes from an Old English word coiled and twined about the tree. (Chiyo's Haiku, line 2)

Original sentence: _____

5. **luscious** (lushvĒs) *adj.* sweet; seductive. ■ Sheila exclaimed, "This papaya sorbet is a
 ▲ The words *luscious* and *delicious* both stem from the Latin *deliciae*, which means "delight." luscious dessert." ("in Just-," line 3)

Original sentence: _____

6. **vales** (vālz) *n. pl.* valleys, dales. ▲ *Vales* stems from the Latin *vallis*, meaning “valley.”

■ The wagon train snaked through mountains and vales on its way to California. (“I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud,” line 2)

Original sentence: _____

7. **host** (hōst) *n.* a multitude or army; one who entertains guests; an organism lodging a parasite. ▲ The different meanings of the word *host* have two origins: the Middle Latin *hostis*, which means “army or hostile force,”

and the Latin *hospes*, meaning “host, guest.”
 ■ A host of people descended on the Thai restaurant for its grand opening. (“I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud,” line 4)

Original sentence: _____

8. **sprightly** (sprɪtɪv lē) *adj.* spirited; lively; vivacious. ▲ To be *sprightly* is to be like a *sprite*, which is an elf or a goblin.

■ The tired veterans were no match for the sprightly new point guard on the basketball team. (“I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud,” line 12)

Original sentence: _____

9. **oft** (ôft) *adv.* often. ▲ *Oft* is an archaic or literary term frequently appearing in forms such as *oft-recurring* and *oft-times*.

■ The knight was oft threatened by dragons and other wild beasts on his adventures. (“I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud,” line 19)

Original sentence: _____

10. **pensive** (penɪv sɪv) *adj.* deeply or heavily in thought; sadly thoughtful. ▲ *Pensive* derives from the Latin *pendere*, “to weigh,” which also gives us the word *pendulum*.

■ After being cut from the team, John was very pensive. (“I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud,” line 20)

Original sentence: _____