



No Easy Answers

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Power Vocabulary List

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ACCEPTANCE

Pronunciation ak-**sep**-tuhnss

Part of Speech noun

Definition 1 an agreeing either expressly or by conduct to the act or offer of another

Word Used in Context

Mandy's **acceptance** of the difficult situation illustrated her grace and strength.

Frank was thrilled to receive a letter of **acceptance** from the college he wanted to attend.

The charity made a gracious **acceptance** of the large donation of money.

APOLOGY*

Pronunciation uh-**pol**-uh-jee

Part of Speech noun

Definition 1 an admission or error or discourtesy accompanied by an expression of regret

Word Used in Context

Because her **apology** was so sincere, her friend quickly forgave her.

The girl knew she owed her mother an **apology** for breaking the dish.

The politician made a formal **apology** on television for lying to the community.

ATTITUDE*

Pronunciation **at**-i-tood

Part of Speech noun

Definition 1 your opinions and feelings about someone or something

Word Used in Context

Nancy tried to have a positive **attitude** about everything, and was always hopeful that things would turn out for the best.

The children did not like to be around Ricky because he had a negative **attitude** and complained about everything.

She knew that if she did something fun, her **attitude** would improve.

AUTHOR*

Pronunciation **aw**-thur

Part of Speech noun

Definition 1 the writer of a book, play, or poem

Word Used in Context

The **author** worked for two years on his new book, and when it was finished, it got rave reviews.

Polly wrote stories even as a child, and knew that someday she would like to be an **author**.

The **author** came to the bookstore to autograph copies of her new novel.

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COMMUTE

Pronunciation kuh-myoot

Part of Speech noun

Definition 1 an act or instance of traveling back and forth regularly

Word Used in Context

Harold did not enjoy the long **commute** to work, but listening to music in the car made it more enjoyable.

Don decided to take the bus to work so he could read the newspaper on his **commute**.

Missy made the **commute** to and from her mother's house every weekend.

COMPETITION*

Pronunciation kom-puh-tish-uhn

Part of Speech noun

Definition 1 a situation in which two or more people are trying to get the same thing

Word Used in Context

Anna won the gold medal in the gymnastics **competition**.

Lucy won the talent **competition** because she had a beautiful singing voice.

The brothers had a **competition** every week to see who could finish his chores first.

CONTEMPORARY

Pronunciation kuhn-tem-puh-rer-ee

Part of Speech adjective

Definition 1 up-to-date or modern

Word Used in Context

Alice did not care for old-fashioned furniture, but preferred more **contemporary** pieces.

The teacher tried to make the ancient poem more **contemporary** for the students by explaining it in modern terminology.

Contemporary art differs from classic paintings because it reflects the changes that came with modern life.

CREATE*

Pronunciation kree-ate

Part of Speech verb

Definition 1 to make or design something

Word Used in Context

She wanted to **create** a sculpture of an eagle out of clay.

Emma liked to **create** poetry when she was sad as a way to understand her feelings.

She began to **create** a garden in her backyard by tilling a patch of land for planting.

CRUELTY

Pronunciation krool-tee

Part of Speech noun

Definition 1 inhumane treatment

Word Used in Context

His mean insults were an act of **cruelty**.

Barbara thought that using rats for scientific experimentation constituted **cruelty** to animals.

The guards treated the prisoners with disrespect and **cruelty**.

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DEBRIS

Pronunciation duh-**bree**

Part of Speech noun

Definition 1 the scattered pieces of something that has been broken or destroyed

Word Used in Context

"I broke a dish," the child confessed when her mother pointed to the **debris**.

Debris from the collapsed ceiling covered the floor.

After the storm, Paul and his neighbors gathered to clean up the **debris** in the streets.

EMERGE*

Pronunciation i-**mirj**

Part of Speech verb

Definition 1 to become manifest, or known

Word Used in Context

The form of a turtle began to **emerge** as the sculptor worked with the clay.

The butterfly began to **emerge** from its cocoon.

She watched her cat **emerge** from his favorite hiding place under the bed.

ESCAPADE

Pronunciation **ess**-kuh-pade

Part of Speech noun

Definition 1 a usually adventurous action that runs counter to approved or conventional conduct

Word Used in Context

The students enjoyed the **escapade** of searching the school on a scavenger hunt.

Trying to run home in the mud was a funny **escapade** because they kept falling down.

The outdoor **escapade** did not last long because of the rain.

EXIST*

Pronunciation eg-**zist**

Part of Speech verb

Definition 1 to live, or to have reality

Word Used in Context

If an endangered species is not protected, it will no longer **exist**.

She wanted to **exist** simply, so she got rid of all her unnecessary belongings.

Fire cannot **exist** without oxygen.

HILARIOUS

Pronunciation huh-**lair**-ee-uhs

Part of Speech adjective

Definition 1 very funny

Word Used in Context

The joke was so **hilarious** that Julie could not stop laughing.

Bob thought the picture of the clown in the tiny car was **hilarious**.

Everyone went to see the comedian perform because he was so **hilarious**.

INDIVIDUAL*

Pronunciation in-duh-**vij**-oo-uhl

Part of Speech adjective

Definition 1 single and separate

Word Used in Context

Bill did not want a big pizza, so he ordered the **individual** size for one person.

Each **individual** student has his or her own unique qualities.

She had her own **individual** taste in music that was different from her friends' tastes.

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INTACT

Pronunciation in-takt

Part of Speech adjective

Definition 1 not broken or harmed; complete

Word Used in Context

Although the dish fell from a high shelf, it remained **intact**.

Lori was surprised to find a perfect sand dollar, unbroken and **intact**.

Kevin tried to keep the bird's nest **intact** as he put it back in the tree.

LITERATURE*

Pronunciation lit-ur-uh-chur

Part of Speech noun

Definition 1 written works that have lasting value or interest

Word Used in Context

Emmet enjoyed reading **literature** about knights and dragons.

The students studied the **literature** of Shakespeare in their English class.

Bryan thought the **literature** of the early American settlers was interesting to read.

LOGICAL

Pronunciation loj-ih-kuhl

Part of Speech adjective

Definition 1 capable of reasoning or of using reason in an orderly fashion

Word Used in Context

Computers are created with **logical** programs.

David was glad there was a **logical** explanation for the mess.

The argument he made in his speech was both passionate and **logical**.

OBSTINATE

Pronunciation ob-stuh-nit

Part of Speech adjective

Definition 1 perversely adhering to an opinion, purpose, or course, in spite of reason, arguments, or persuasion

Word Used in Context

She was an **obstinate** child who was stubborn and had a bad temper.

The teacher told the **obstinate** student that if he didn't start following directions, he would have to stay after school to finish the assignment.

She was **obstinate** in her refusal to clean up her room, so her mother threatened to cancel their camping trip.

OCCASIONAL*

Pronunciation uh-kay-zhuh-nuhl

Part of Speech adjective

Definition 1 happening from time to time

Word Used in Context

She would have an **occasional** piece of chocolate, but tried not to eat too many sweet foods.

Lori took an **occasional** walk to the park to feed the pigeons, but didn't have time to go every day.

Rick only had an **occasional** meal at the restaurant because it was too expensive to eat there all the time.

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Directions: For each vocabulary word below, circle it in the letter grid above—up and down, across, backwards or diagonally. Going across each row starting at the top left, place each unused letter on a blank until you reveal the hidden message.

AACCEPTANCE	COMPETITION	EMERGE	INTACT
APOLOGY	CONTEMPORARY	ESCAPADE	LITERATURE
ATTITUDE	CREATE	EXIST	LOGICAL
AUTHOR	CRUELTY	HILARIOUS	OBSTINATE
COMMUTE	DEBRIS	INDIVIDUAL	OCCASIONAL

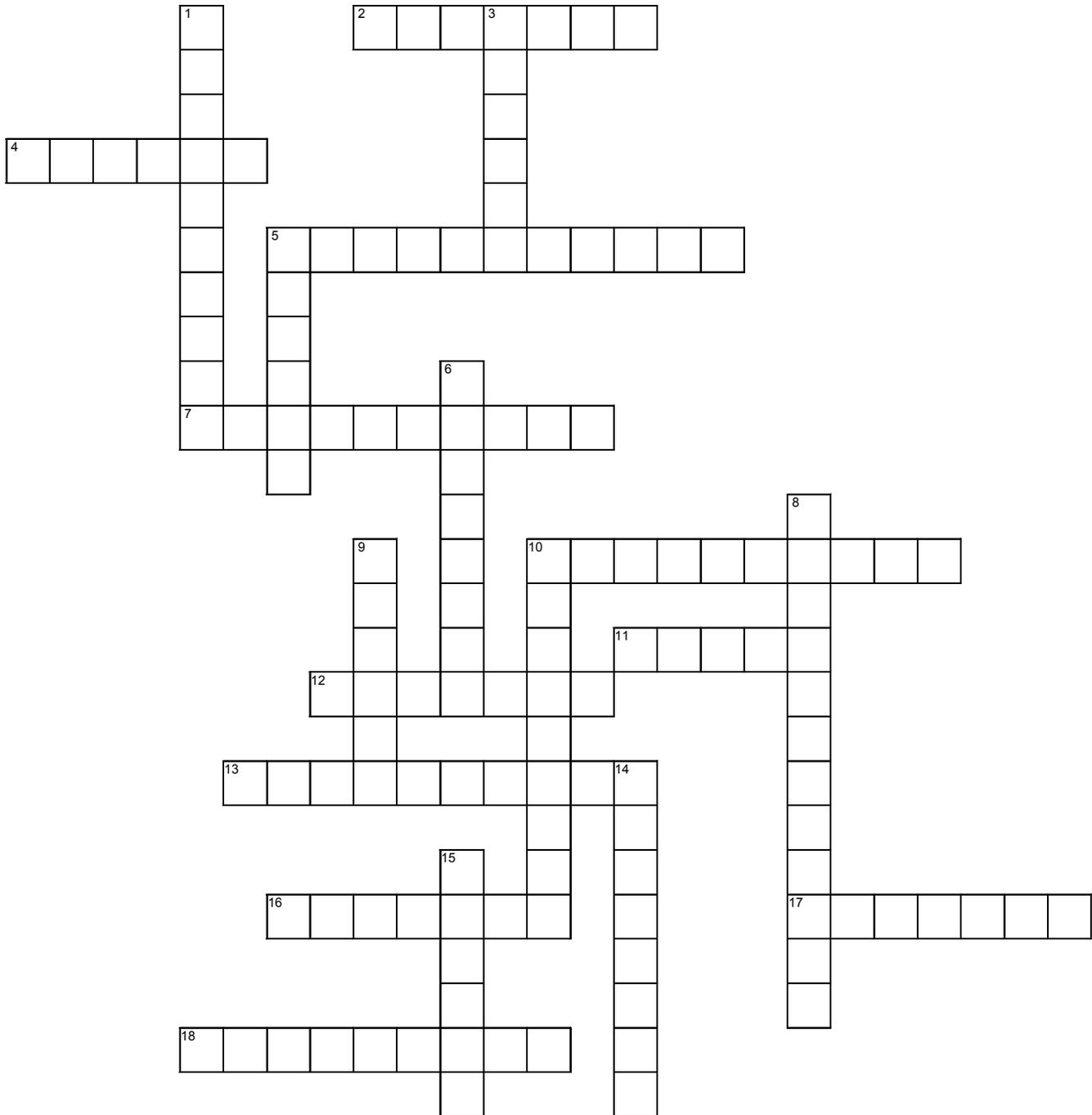
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Across

- capable of reasoning or of using reason in an orderly fashion
- the scattered pieces of something that has been broken or destroyed
- a situation in which two or more people are trying to get the same thing
- written works that have lasting value or interest
- happening from time to time
- to live, or to have reality
- inhumane treatment
- an agreeing either expressly or by conduct to the act or offer of another
- an act or instance of traveling back and forth regularly
- an admission or error or discourtesy accompanied by an expression of regret
- very funny

Down

- single and separate
- not broken or harmed; complete
- to make or design something
- your opinions and feelings about someone or something
- up-to-date or modern
- to become manifest, or known
- perversely adhering to an opinion, purpose, or course, in spite of reason, arguments, or persuasion
- a usually adventurous action that runs counter to approved or conventional conduct
- the writer of a book, play, or poem

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Directions: For each vocabulary word in the left column, locate its definition in the right column. Write the number of the correct definition in the blank before the word.

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| acceptance | 1. single and separate |
| apology | 2. the scattered pieces of something that has been broken or destroyed |
| attitude | 3. perversely adhering to an opinion, purpose, or course, in spite of reason, arguments, or persuasion |
| author | 4. a usually adventurous action that runs counter to approved or conventional conduct |
| commute | 5. very funny |
| competition | 6. an agreeing either expressly or by conduct to the act or offer of another |
| contemporary | 7. to live, or to have reality |
| create | 8. to make or design something |
| cruelty | 9. written works that have lasting value or interest |
| debris | 10. a situation in which two or more people are trying to get the same thing |
| emerge | 11. to become manifest, or known |
| escapade | 12. happening from time to time |
| exist | 13. the writer of a book, play, or poem |
| hilarious | 14. an admission or error or discourtesy accompanied by an expression of regret |
| individual | 15. inhumane treatment |
| intact | 16. your opinions and feelings about someone or something |
| literature | 17. up-to-date or modern |
| logical | 18. an act or instance of traveling back and forth regularly |
| obstinate | 19. capable of reasoning or of using reason in an orderly fashion |
| occasional | 20. not broken or harmed; complete |

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Power Vocabulary Assessment



Directions: Now that you have completed *No Easy Answers*, it's time to see if you can use the Power Vocabulary Words you learned while reading this book. Look at each of the sentences below and fill in the Power Vocabulary Word that would best complete the sentence.

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COMMUTE	DEBRIS	INDIVIDUAL	OCCASIONAL

1. The winner of the school _____ would win one hundred dollars for the best essay.
2. Rachel wanted to _____ a soothing mood in her living room, so she painted it a soft color.
3. He wanted to _____ in a peaceful quiet place, so he moved to the mountains.
4. The sun finally started to _____ from behind the clouds and brighten the sky.
5. Loli called in _____ of her friend's invitation to her graduation party.
6. A rainbow is an _____ occurrence.
7. Frank checked the eggs in the carton to make sure they were all _____.
8. Her pocket was the _____ place for her keys, but they were not there.
9. Marcie looked at each _____ vase before deciding which one to buy.
10. Lisa liked _____ novels rather than those written during the 19th century.
11. After a tornado destroyed her house, Connie searched through the _____ for photographs.
12. R. L. Stine is the _____ of the famous *Goosebumps* series of books.
13. Ellie made the most _____ face she could think of to cheer up her sad friend.
14. She believed that _____ toward anyone was wrong, and tried to always treat everyone with kindness.
15. His negative _____ about school caused him to have poor grades and get into trouble often.
16. He would not accept her _____ because he didn't think she was really sorry for what she did.
17. Justin decided to join a carpool so he would have someone to talk to during his daily _____.
18. The club decided to distribute some _____ about water conservation, so they made pamphlets.
19. The girls made an _____ to the mall to go on a shopping spree.
20. The _____ man had few friends because no one enjoyed being around such an unpleasant person.