



Tears of a Tiger

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Power Vocabulary List



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ANNUAL

Pronunciation an-yoo-uhl

Part of Speech adjective

Definition 1 happening once every year or over a period of one year

Word Used in Context

Margaret had been chosen to be the grand marshal of the **annual** school parade.

Lance always comes home in the summer for his **annual** vacation.

The **annual** neighborhood Halloween party was always a big event.

APPRECIATE*

Pronunciation uh-**pree**-shee-ate

Part of Speech verb

Definition 1 to enjoy or value somebody or something

Word Used in Context

“You will always be happy,” Grandfather said, “if you **appreciate** the little things in life.”

Bonnie could **appreciate** the difficulty of the painting because she had taken many art classes.

After a month of eating camp food, Joey knew he would **appreciate** his mother’s cooking.

ASSIGNMENT

Pronunciation uh-**sine**-muht

Part of Speech noun

Definition 1 a specific job that is given to somebody

Word Used in Context

Nathan had to finish his homework **assignment** before he was allowed to watch television.

The construction workers met each morning to review the day’s **assignment**.

The newspaper reporter traveled to China on a foreign **assignment**.

ATHLETIC*

Pronunciation ath-**let**-ik

Part of Speech adjective

Definition 1 characteristic of an athlete; a person who is trained or skilled in exercises, sports, or games requiring physical strength, agility, or stamina

Word Used in Context

Joshua preferred intellectual activities like chess rather than **athletic** ones like basketball.

The most **athletic** students usually get picked first when teams are being chosen in gym class.

Tony had an **athletic** build and broad shoulders from being a swimmer his whole life.

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AVAILABLE

Pronunciation uh-**vay**-luh-buhl

Part of Speech adjective

Definition 1 present or ready for immediate use

Word Used in Context

Back copies of newspapers published in the area may be **available** on microfilm at the library.

The entertainment industry changed when televisions became **available** to all people.

There was no seat **available** in the auditorium, so Maria stood in the back.

AWARE*

Pronunciation uh-**wair**

Part of Speech adjective

Definition 1 having or showing realization, perception, or knowledge

Word Used in Context

Millie had not been **aware** of the club's expensive dues when she joined, and had to quit because she couldn't afford it.

The soldier was always **aware** of his surroundings, in case there was some lurking danger.

Marge was **aware** that there was a cat stuck in the tree, but she did not know what to do to help it.

BEHAVIOR*

Pronunciation bi-**hayv**-yhur

Part of Speech noun

Definition 1 the manner of conducting oneself

Word Used in Context

The dog's **behavior** could be described as aggressive as he seemed to growl at anyone who passed by.

Lisa's apology made Jen ashamed of her own rude **behavior**.

She had come to apologize for her **behavior**.

CONTRAST

Pronunciation kuhn-**trast**

Part of Speech noun

Definition 1 comparison of similar objects to set off their dissimilar qualities: the state of being so compared

Word Used in Context

The glow of the fire lit the area near the cave in **contrast** to the darkness of the surrounding woods.

The black picture frame was a great **contrast** to the stark white wall.

The photographer chose a blue background for the photo because it was a perfect **contrast** with the child's yellow dress.

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DESIRE*

Pronunciation di-zire

Part of Speech noun

Definition 1 a strong wish or need for something or someone

Word Used in Context

She had a **desire** to eat at her favorite Italian restaurant that night.

His **desire** to become a doctor led him to study hard and make good grades.

The school counselor suggested that she think about becoming a veterinarian since she had such a **desire** to be around animals all the time.

EMERGENCY*

Pronunciation I-mur-juhn-see

Part of Speech noun

Definition 1 a sudden and dangerous situation that must be dealt with quickly

Word Used in Context

Jena called 911 and said, "This is an **emergency!** The neighbor's house is on fire!"

Blaring its sirens, the ambulance raced down the street to respond to the **emergency.**

A police car and an ambulance raced to the scene quickly to deal with the **emergency** because people's lives were in danger.

EMOTION

Pronunciation I-moh-shuhn

Part of Speech noun

Definition 1 a strong feeling, such as happiness, love, anger, or grief

Word Used in Context

Anger was an **emotion** that the peaceful man was not used to feeling.

"Fear is a strong **emotion,**" the counselor said, "and sometimes it can feel overwhelming."

When she found her lost dog, Amy picked him up and cried, overcome with **emotion.**

FANTASTIC

Pronunciation fan-tass-tik

Part of Speech adjective

Definition 1 terrific or wonderful

Word Used in Context

The underwater life and colors of the coral reef are **fantastic.**

The stories grew more **fantastic** as they passed from one generation to another.

The colors, music, and lights of the carnival were **fantastic.**

MARVELOUS*

Pronunciation mar-vuh-luhss

Part of Speech adjective

Definition 1 very good or outstanding

Word Used in Context

It was a **marvelous** party with beautiful decorations and an abundance of delicious food.

Lena had a **marvelous** time at camp because she got to go horseback riding every day.

Hal thought the movie was so **marvelous** that he went back to see it again several times.

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NOTICEABLE

Pronunciation noh-tiss-uhbul

Part of Speech adjective

Definition 1 to treat with attention or civility; to take notice of: MARK

Word Used in Context

In most flowers, it is the petals that are large and **noticeable** to attract pollinators.

The difference in the room after it was redecorated was very **noticeable**.

Usually signs for emergency exits are lit up and very **noticeable**.

POSITIVE*

Pronunciation poz-uh-tiv

Part of Speech adjective

Definition 1 having a good effect; favorable

Word Used in Context

The response to his idea was **positive**, so he continued to describe his plan.

Fran always tried to focus on the **positive** aspects of every situation, even situations that seemed to be entirely negative.

When Bill complained during the entire camping trip, his friends finally told him that he needed to have a more **positive** attitude.

REALITY

Pronunciation ree-al-uh-tee

Part of Speech noun

Definition 1 truth, or the actual situation

Word Used in Context

Television shows are only representations of **reality**.

His mother told him that he was old enough to know the difference between imagination and **reality**.

When Clarice bought her first home, her dream became a **reality**.

RESPECTABLE

Pronunciation ri-spek-tuh-buhl

Part of Speech adjective

Definition 1 decent or correct in character or behavior: PROPER

Word Used in Context

Although they didn't have a lot of money to spend on groceries, they made a very **respectable** dinner with inexpensive ingredients.

Enrique was a **respectable** and honest member of the city council.

She makes a **respectable** living from her business.

SEVERE*

Pronunciation suh-veer

Part of Speech adjective

Definition 1 painful or dangerous

Word Used in Context

She had a **severe** dislike of broccoli and never ate it.

Her leg injury was not **severe**, so she was able to continue to play in the second half of the game.

The meteorologist issued a warning of a **severe** storm approaching.

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VAGUE*

Pronunciation **vayg**

Part of Speech adjective

Definition 1 not clear or not definite

Word Used in Context

The teacher's instructions were **vague**, so Malcolm asked her if she could be more specific about the assignment.

She had a **vague** memory of the first house she lived in and she couldn't really remember any details.

She gave her mother a **vague** explanation about how the dish got broken.

VOCABULARY

Pronunciation voh-**kab**-yuh-ler-ee

Part of Speech noun

Definition 1 the range of words that a person uses and understands

Word Used in Context

Even though the child had a limited **vocabulary**, he was able to tell a colorful and entertaining story.

She looked up a new word in the dictionary every day to increase her **vocabulary**.

She took a Spanish class to improve her **vocabulary** before she visited Mexico.

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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.

ANNUAL	AWARE	EMOTION	REALITY
APPRECIATE	BEHAVIOR	FANTASTIC	RESPECTABLE
ASSIGNMENT	CONTRAST	MARVELOUS	SEVERE
ATHLETIC	DESIRE	NOTICEABLE	VAGUE
AVAILABLE	EMERGENCY	POSITIVE	VOCABULARY

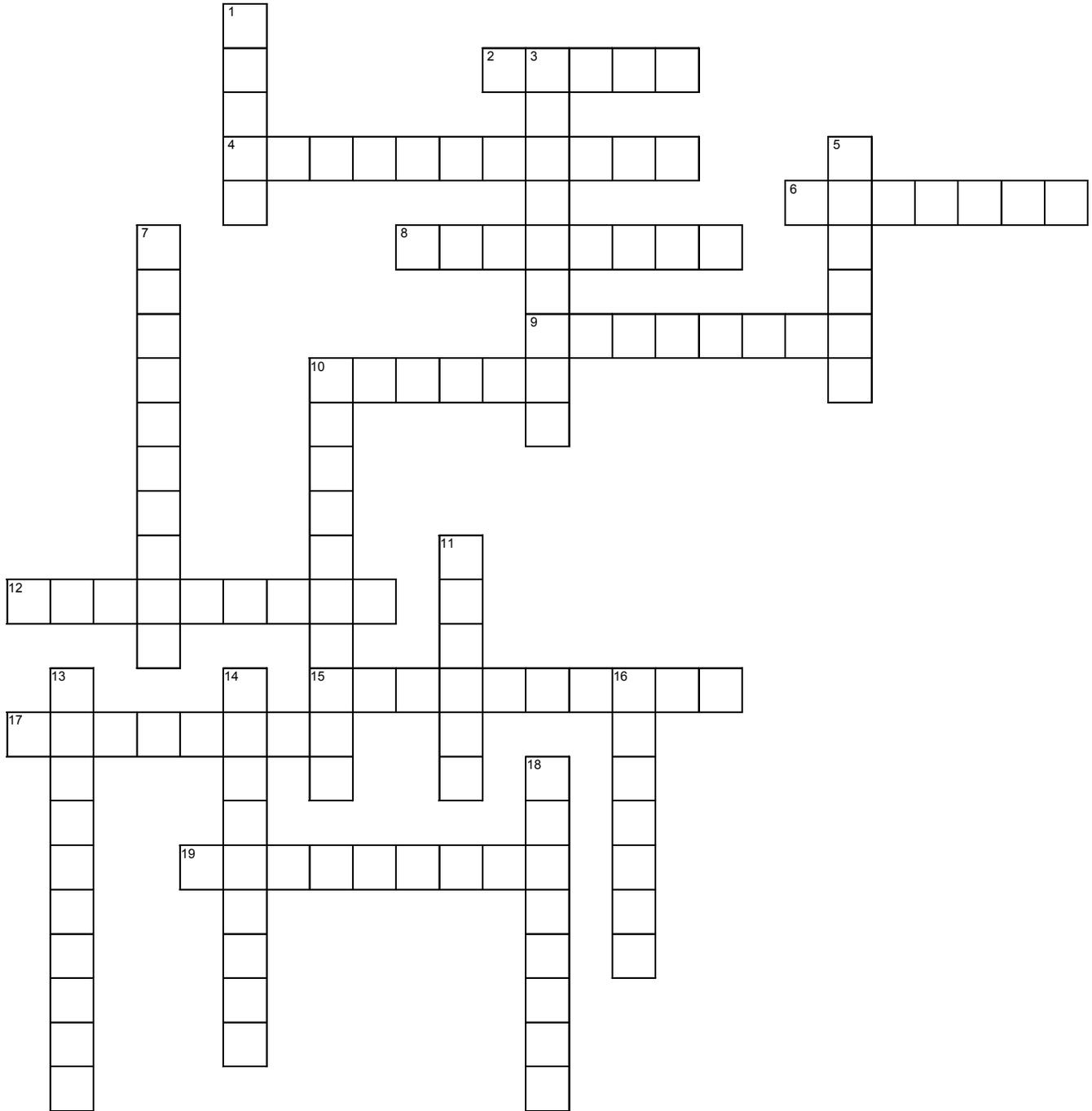
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Across

- not clear or not definite
- decent or correct in character or behavior :
PROPER
- truth, or the actual situation
- characteristic of an athlete; a person who is trained or skilled in exercises, sports, or games requiring physical strength, agility, or stamina
- the manner of conducting oneself
- happening once every year or over a period of one year
- a sudden and dangerous situation that must be dealt with quickly
- a specific job that is given to somebody
- comparison of similar objects to set off their dissimilar qualities : the state of being so compared
- very good or outstanding

Down

- having or showing realization, perception, or knowledge
- present or ready for immediate use
- painful or dangerous
- the range of words that a person uses and understands
- to enjoy or value somebody or something
- a strong wish or need for something or someone
- to treat with attention or civility; to take notice of :
MARK
- terrific or wonderful
- a strong feeling, such as happiness, love, anger, or grief
- having a good effect; favorable

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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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| ___ annual | 1. a sudden and dangerous situation that must be dealt with quickly |
| ___ appreciate | 2. to treat with attention or civility; to take notice of : MARK |
| ___ assignment | 3. very good or outstanding |
| ___ athletic | 4. the manner of conducting oneself |
| ___ available | 5. a strong feeling, such as happiness, love, anger, or grief |
| ___ aware | 6. truth, or the actual situation |
| ___ behavior | 7. present or ready for immediate use |
| ___ contrast | 8. the range of words that a person uses and understands |
| ___ desire | 9. a specific job that is given to somebody |
| ___ emergency | 10. decent or correct in character or behavior : PROPER |
| ___ emotion | 11. comparison of similar objects to set off their dissimilar qualities : the state of being so compared |
| ___ fantastic | 12. terrific or wonderful |
| ___ marvelous | 13. having a good effect; favorable |
| ___ noticeable | 14. to enjoy or value somebody or something |
| ___ positive | 15. happening once every year or over a period of one year |
| ___ reality | 16. not clear or not definite |
| ___ respectable | 17. having or showing realization, perception, or knowledge |
| ___ severe | 18. a strong wish or need for something or someone |
| ___ vague | 19. painful or dangerous |
| ___ vocabulary | 20. characteristic of an athlete; a person who is trained or skilled in exercises, sports, or games requiring physical strength, agility, or stamina |

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Power Vocabulary Assessment



Directions: Now that you have completed *Tears of a Tiger*, 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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1. She had a _____ feeling of fear, but she didn't know why.
2. There was much _____ between the current artist's painting and the original from 50 years ago.
3. Their _____ was to read one chapter of the textbook.
4. Every year, the family would get together for an _____ reunion.
5. Jason was not _____ that anyone else was in the house, so he turned his stereo up very loud.
6. _____ air and water pollution have damaged thousands of acres.
7. It is very decent hotel and run by _____ people.
8. Marcie was not _____ to take phone calls while she was doing her homework.
9. Children can learn good _____ through the example set by adults and other children.
10. Because she had such a rich _____, she was able to write wonderful and descriptive stories.
11. They had a _____ dinner at the expensive restaurant and decided to go back again soon.
12. Ellen's _____ outlook on life helped her get through many difficult times with grace and strength.
13. She was filled with _____ upon hearing the news, but unfortunately it was not happiness.
14. She was an _____ person until she injured her knee and had to stop playing sports.
15. Bill was selfish and greedy and did not _____ all of the things he had.
16. The story was so _____ that she simply couldn't believe that it was real.
17. She knew it was only a cartoon, not _____.
18. Ambulance drivers and doctors must be ready in cases of _____.
19. After her chicken pox healed, the spots were barely _____.
20. She had no _____ to attend the party, and wanted to just stay at home and watch TV.