



Warriors Don't Cry

by Melba Patillo Beals

Power Vocabulary List

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ADAMANT

Pronunciation ad-uh-mint

Part of Speech adjective

Definition 1 unshakable or immovable, especially in opposition; unyielding

Word Used in Context

The teacher was **adamant** about wanting silence during the movie, so she told the class that anyone who talked would have to stay after school.

The politician was **adamant** in his views about improving the school system and spoke with great passion.

Kyle went to the meeting to share his **adamant** views about saving endangered species.

AGITATE*

Pronunciation aj-uh-tate

Part of Speech transitive verb

Definition 1 to excite or trouble the mind; to try to arouse public feeling

Word Used in Context

The screaming children in the theater began to **agitate** the audience.

Angie knew that if she whined and complained, it would **agitate** her mother.

The sound of the leaky faucet did nothing but **agitate** Beth to the point that she couldn't sleep.

AMID*

Pronunciation uh-mid

Part of Speech preposition

Definition 1 in or into the middle of

Word Used in Context

Amid the noise in the cafeteria, Jill was still able to concentrate on reading her book.

Hal could not see the neighbor's house **amid** the smoke and flames of the nearby fire.

Amid the disaster after the tornado, Deanna was amazed to see an unbroken egg lying on the ground.

AMPLE*

Pronunciation am-pull

Part of Speech adjective

Definition 1 generously sufficient to satisfy a requirement or need

Word Used in Context

She bought the car because there was **ample** storage space in the trunk.

The farm had **ample** room for horses and cows to wander freely.

The living room had **ample** space for both couches and the piano.

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BIZARRE

Pronunciation bi-zar

Part of Speech adjective

Definition 1 very strange or odd

Word Used in Context

Ellie wore a **bizarre** outfit to school and everyone commented on how unusual it was. He thought the dinosaurs were strange creatures and that they looked very **bizarre**. Ansel got a **bizarre** haircut to show that he did not want to be like everyone else.

BRAVERY*

Pronunciation bray-vuhry

Part of Speech noun

Definition 1 the quality or state of being brave; to face or endure with courage

Word Used in Context

The warrior was honored by the people for his **bravery** in battle. Cathy demonstrated her **bravery** by rescuing the child from the burning building. The policeman received a medal for his **bravery** during the dangerous car chase.

COMPOSURE

Pronunciation kuhm-poh-zhur

Part of Speech noun

Definition 1 a calm state; self-control

Word Used in Context

Ellen was determined to maintain her **composure**, even after she tripped on her way up to the stage. Rob's **composure** during a crisis makes him a good source of strength and support. She kept her **composure** during the ceremony even though she was distracted and amused by a joke she heard earlier.

CONFRONTATION

Pronunciation kuhn-fruhnt-ay-shun

Part of Speech noun

Definition 1 to meet or face someone in a threatening or accusing way; confront

Word Used in Context

When it looked like there would be a **confrontation**, Alan told a joke to lighten the mood. The bully was always looking for a **confrontation**. George always tried to avoid an unpleasant **confrontation** because arguments made him uncomfortable.

CONSOLE*

Pronunciation kuhn-sole

Part of Speech transitive verb

Definition 1 to alleviate the grief, sense of loss or trouble of; comfort

Word Used in Context

Hannah was not able to **console** her little sister who had just lost her beloved cat. When the teacher saw that Missy was crying, he tried to **console** her and make her feel better. He wanted to **console** his grieving mother, but did not know what to do to take away her pain.

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DISCIPLINE*

Pronunciation **diss**-uh-plin

Part of Speech transitive verb

Definition 1 to train or develop by instruction and exercise, especially in self-control

Word Used in Context

Peter had to **discipline** his puppy when he first got it because it had not been trained.

It is a parent's job to **discipline** a misbehaving child.

Her father tried to **discipline** her, but she continued to break the rules.

DISRESPECT*

Pronunciation diss-ri-**spekt**

Part of Speech noun

Definition 1 a lack of respect; rudeness

Word Used in Context

The mother would not tolerate any **disrespect** from her children.

Interrupting someone is a form of **disrespect**.

She knew she was never to show **disrespect** toward adults, and always regarded them politely.

DISTRAUGHT

Pronunciation diss-**trhatt**

Part of Speech adjective

Definition 1 agitated with doubt or mental conflict

Word Used in Context

Archie was **distraught** when he found out that his favorite restaurant was going out of business.

Annie was **distraught** when she found out that her family was moving to a new state.

The quarterback knew he would be **distraught** if the team lost the championship game.

EMPHATIC

Pronunciation **em**-pha-tick

Part of Speech adjective

Definition 1 tending to express oneself in forceful speech or to take decisive action

Word Used in Context

Marissa's answer to the question was **emphatic** and loud.

The teacher gave an **emphatic** speech about always treating others with respect.

He was so **emphatic** about wanting a new stereo that his parents got him one for his birthday.

ENCOUNTER*

Pronunciation en-**koun**-tur

Part of Speech transitive verb

Definition 1 to come upon, especially unexpectedly

Word Used in Context

Leslie was surprised to **encounter** someone who spoke English in the foreign country.

Seeing a clown on the street was a strange but pleasant **encounter**.

She only had one **encounter** with the stranger, and then never saw him again.

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FRENZY*

Pronunciation fren-zee

Part of Speech noun

Definition 1 a violent mental or emotional agitation

Word Used in Context

There was a **frenzy** of activity inside the store that was having a huge sale.

Lila ran around in a **frenzy** trying to find her keys because she was late for work.

Before the big performance, the actors ran around backstage in a **frenzy**, looking for their costumes and practicing their lines.

HOSTILITY

Pronunciation hoss-til-uh-tee

Part of Speech noun

Definition 1 a strong hatred or dislike

Word Used in Context

She had a great deal of **hostility** toward the person who robbed her house.

His **hostility** showed in the way he yelled and slammed the door.

Her **hostility** toward other cultures was the most negative aspect of her personality and prevented her from having many different friends.

JEOPARDIZE

Pronunciation jep-ur-dize

Part of Speech transitive verb

Definition 1 to expose to danger or risk; imperil

Word Used in Context

She knew that if she got sick, it would **jeopardize** her chance of winning the track meet because she wouldn't be able to perform as well.

Rain would **jeopardize** their plans to play golf and have a picnic.

She did not want to **jeopardize** her chance of getting into a good college by letting her grades fall.

OMINOUS

Pronunciation om-uh-nuhss

Part of Speech adjective

Definition 1 being or exhibiting an omen; foreboding or foreshadowing evil

Word Used in Context

The quiet dark house was **ominous** and unwelcoming.

The **ominous** sound coming from the woods made Frank think that something was very wrong.

Ellen thought the storm warning on the radio sounded **ominous**, and she was afraid of impending danger.

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PERSISTENCE*

Pronunciation pur-**sist**-uhnss

Part of Speech noun

Definition 1 to go on resolutely or stubbornly in spite of opposition, importunity, or warning

Word Used in Context

Anita's **persistence** in following up on the job interview paid off when they offered her a position.

Although Maggie's **persistence** is a good quality, it can sometimes seem to be simple stubbornness, which is not a good quality.

Pablo had **persistence** in looking for the lost cat, checking every hiding place he thought it might go, and not stopping until he found it.

VULNERABLE

Pronunciation **vuhl**-nur-uh-buhl

Part of Speech adjective

Definition 1 capable of being physically wounded

Word Used in Context

While he recovered from his illness, he was **vulnerable** to other infections because his immune system was still weak.

Being alone in the house sometimes made her feel **vulnerable** and scared, like a child.

Brent did not like to feel **vulnerable**, but preferred feeling strong and confident.

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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.

ADAMANT	BRAVERY	DISRESPECT	HOSTILITY
AGITATE	COMPOSURE	DISTRAUGHT	JEOPARDIZE
AMID	CONFRONTATION	EMPHATIC	OMINOUS
AMPLE	CONSOLE	ENCOUNTER	PERSISTENCE
BIZARRE	DISCIPLINE	FRENZY	VULNERABLE

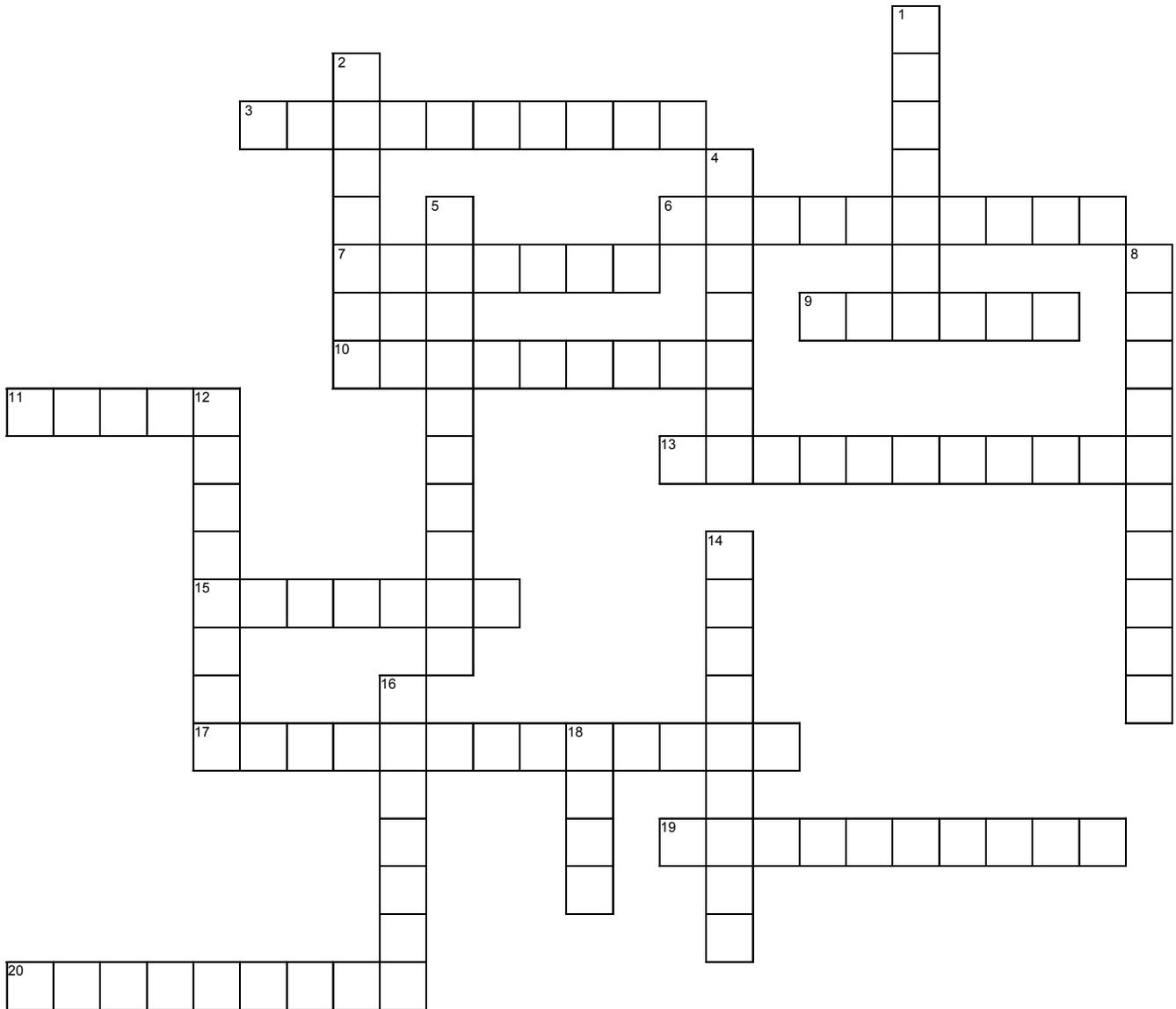
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Across

3. to expose to danger or risk; imperil
6. agitated with doubt or mental conflict
7. being or exhibiting an omen; foreboding or foreshadowing evil
9. a violent mental or emotional agitation
10. to come upon, especially unexpectedly
11. generously sufficient to satisfy a requirement or need
13. to go on resolutely or stubbornly in spite of opposition, importunity, or warning
15. unshakable or immovable especially in opposition; unyielding
17. to meet or face someone in a threatening or accusing way; confront
19. capable of being physically wounded
20. a strong hatred or dislike

Down

1. to excite or trouble the mind; to try to arouse public feeling
2. to alleviate the grief, sense of loss or trouble of; comfort
4. very strange or odd
5. to train or develop by instruction and exercise, especially in self-control
8. a lack of respect; rudeness
12. tending to express oneself in forceful speech or to take decisive action
14. a calm state; self-control
16. the quality or state of being brave; to face or endure with courage
18. in or into the middle of

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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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| ___ adamant | 1. to excite or trouble the mind; to try to arouse public feeling |
| ___ agitate | 2. in or into the middle of |
| ___ amid | 3. to go on resolutely or stubbornly in spite of opposition, importunity, or warning |
| ___ ample | 4. tending to express oneself in forceful speech or to take decisive action |
| ___ bizarre | 5. a violent mental or emotional agitation |
| ___ bravery | 6. capable of being physically wounded |
| ___ composure | 7. to meet or face someone in a threatening or accusing way; confront |
| ___ confrontation | 8. to expose to danger or risk; imperil |
| ___ console | 9. being or exhibiting an omen; foreboding or foreshadowing evil |
| ___ discipline | 10. a strong hatred or dislike |
| ___ disrespect | 11. a lack of respect; rudeness |
| ___ distraught | 12. to come upon especially unexpectedly |
| ___ emphatic | 13. unshakable or immovable, especially in opposition; unyielding |
| ___ encounter | 14. generously sufficient to satisfy a requirement or need |
| ___ frenzy | 15. very strange or odd |
| ___ hostility | 16. a calm state; self-control |
| ___ jeopardize | 17. agitated with doubt or mental conflict |
| ___ ominous | 18. to train or develop by instruction and exercise, especially in self-control |
| ___ persistence | 19. to alleviate the grief, sense of loss or trouble of; comfort |
| ___ vulnerable | 20. the quality or state of being brave; to face or endure with courage |

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Power Vocabulary Assessment



Directions: Now that you have completed *Warriors Don't Cry*, 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.

ADAMANT	BRAVERY	DISRESPECT	HOSTILITY
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BIZARRE	DISCIPLINE	FRENZY	VULNERABLE

1. She made _____ food for the party, not wanting the guests to be hungry.
2. He could not control his _____ and finally started a fight.
3. Her only _____ with Mongolian food was a pleasant one, and she'd like to try it again.
4. Emily felt _____ when she thought she had lost her keys, but was relieved when she finally found them.
5. He knew that not sleeping would _____ his performance in the play the next day because if he were tired, he may not remember his lines.
6. Pete thought it was _____ that no one in town knew the name of the suspicious stranger.
7. Her _____ testimony about his innocence was so passionate that it influenced the jury.
8. Hank was happy to find his friend _____ the chaos outside of the concert.
9. There was a _____ inside the coffeehouse as the band came on stage, but outside, everything was calm and quiet.
10. Her father told her that _____ was an important thing to have when trying to achieve a difficult goal.
11. Alexis hoped she could rely on her _____ and save her friend if a dangerous situation arose while they were swimming across the channel.
12. The two dogs stood in silent _____ until one of them attacked the other.
13. Loud music would _____ the baby, but soft music soothed her.
14. She believed that gentle _____ was better than harsh punishment.

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15. Wilson became angry when the man showed _____ for his mother by pushing her aside.
16. The child stomped his feet and yelled, _____ about not wanting to go to bed.
17. Ms. Eames lost her _____ when the chemistry lab caught on fire.
18. The tiny kitten was so helpless and _____ that Inga felt she had to protect it.
19. The counselor tried to _____ all of his patients and give them ways to deal with their sadness.
20. The teacher was surprised by her _____ behavior since she was usually such a quiet and predictable student.