

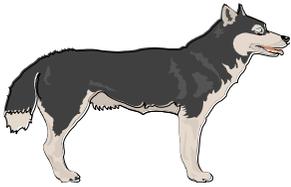
# Call of the Wild

## Vocabulary Assignment #2

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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1. coveted 25	6. fatigue 31	11. salient 32	16. amenities 36
2. floundered 30	7. superfluous 34	12. apprehensively 32	17. copious 37
3. lingered 30	8. formidable 35	13. imploringly 33	18. transient 43
4. perplexed 30	9. voracious 36	14. repugnance 33	19. imperiously 55
5. feigned 31	10. convalescence 42	15. averred 35	20. impelled 53



**Directions:** Use the context provided for each word to determine the part-of-speech and attempt an accurate guess at the correct definition. Then, use the dictionary to find the **correct** definition. Although “**on-level**” students will only be tested on words 1-10, **all** of the vocabulary will be on the test. **Advanced** students should be prepared to be tested on all twenty words. **Once all of the words have been properly defined, students should use each word in their own original compound or complex sentences.**

- Buck trotted up to the place Spitz would have occupied as leader: but Francois, not noticing brought Sol-leks to the **coveted** position. In his judgment, Sol-leks was the best lead-dog left.  
P.O.S. \_\_\_\_\_  
Guess: \_\_\_\_\_ Definition: \_\_\_\_\_
- With his last remnant of his strength he managed to stagger along behind till the train made another stop, then he **floundered** past the sleds to his own, where he stood alongside Sol-leks.  
P.O.S. \_\_\_\_\_  
Guess: \_\_\_\_\_ Definition: \_\_\_\_\_
- His driver **lingered** to get a light for his pipe from the man behind. Then he returned and started his dogs.  
P.O.S. \_\_\_\_\_  
Guess: \_\_\_\_\_ Definition: \_\_\_\_\_
- He pleaded with his eyes to remain there. The driver was **perplexed**. His comrades talked of how a dog could break its heart through being denied the work that killed it, and of dogs that had died because they were cut out of the traces.  
P.O.S. \_\_\_\_\_  
Guess: \_\_\_\_\_ Definition: \_\_\_\_\_
- Pike, the malingerer, who, in his lifetime of deceit, had often successfully **feigned** a hurt leg, was now limping in earnest.  
P.O.S. \_\_\_\_\_  
Guess: \_\_\_\_\_ Definition: \_\_\_\_\_
- Their feet fell heavily on the trail, jarring their bodies and doubling the **fatigue** of a day’s travel.  
P.O.S. \_\_\_\_\_  
Guess: \_\_\_\_\_ Definition: \_\_\_\_\_
- And so it went, the inexorable elimination of the **superfluous**. Mercedes cried when her clothes-bags were dumped on the ground and article after article was thrown out.  
P.O.S. \_\_\_\_\_  
Guess: \_\_\_\_\_ Definition: \_\_\_\_\_
- This accomplished, the outfit, though cut in half, was still a **formidable** bulk.  
P.O.S. \_\_\_\_\_  
Guess: \_\_\_\_\_ Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

9. The Outside dogs, whose digestions had not been trained by chronic famine to make the most of little, had **voracious** appetites.  
P.O.S.  
Guess: \_\_\_\_\_ Definition: \_\_\_\_\_
10. As Buck grew stronger they enticed him into all sorts of ridiculous games...and in this fashion Buck romped through his **convalescence** and into a new existence.  
P.O.S.  
Guess: \_\_\_\_\_ Definition: \_\_\_\_\_
11. This belt was the most **salient** thing about him.  
P.O.S.  
Guess: \_\_\_\_\_ Definition: \_\_\_\_\_
12. Buck watched them **apprehensively** as they proceeded to take down the tent and load the sled. There was a great deal of effort about their manner, but no businesslike method.  
P.O.S.  
Guess: \_\_\_\_\_ Definition: \_\_\_\_\_
13. Mercedes looked at them **imploringly**, untold **repugnance** at sight of pain written in her pretty face.  
P.O.S.  
Guess: \_\_\_\_\_ Definition: \_\_\_\_\_
14. P.O.S.  
Guess: \_\_\_\_\_ Definition: \_\_\_\_\_
15. She **averred** she would not go an inch, not for a dozen Charleses.  
P.O.S.  
Guess: \_\_\_\_\_ Definition: \_\_\_\_\_
16. By this time all the **amenities** and gentlenesses of the Southland had fallen away from the three people. Shorn of its glamour and romance, Arctic travel became...too harsh for their manhood and womanhood.  
P.O.S.  
Guess: \_\_\_\_\_ Definition: \_\_\_\_\_
17. Mercedes...disburdened herself of **copious** opinions upon that topic, and incidentally upon a few other traits unpleasantly peculiar to her husband's family.  
P.O.S.  
Guess: \_\_\_\_\_ Definition: \_\_\_\_\_
18. His **transient** masters since he had come into the Northland had bred in him a fear that no master could be permanent.  
P.O.S.  
Guess: \_\_\_\_\_ Definition: \_\_\_\_\_
19. For two days and nights Buck never left camp, never let Thornton out of his sight...but after two days the call in the forest began to sound more **imperiously** than ever.  
P.O.S.  
Guess: \_\_\_\_\_ Definition: \_\_\_\_\_
20. But he did not know why he did these various things. He was **impelled** to do them, and did not reason about them at all.  
P.O.S.  
Guess: \_\_\_\_\_ Definition: \_\_\_\_\_