

Beowulf
Vocabulary List #2

Name _____

DIRECTIONS: On a separate sheet of paper, write or type 20 sentences using each of the vocabulary words correctly.

1. revelry – (noun, p. 10) – noisy partying

I was trying to study, but the sound of the REVELRY coming from next door made it hard to concentrate.

2. peerless – (adjective, p. 11) — without equal; matchless

Because he was the best hunter in the town, he was considered PEERLESS.

3. rue (noun/verb, p. 11) regret; to regret

Seeing the RUE on his mother's face when he told her he wished they had never moved caused the young boy to RUE the fact that he even mentioned it.

4. thane – (noun, p. 11) - a man who owns land granted by the king (ranked between an ordinary man and a noble)

Beowulf was considered a THANE because he inherited land from his family, but he was not a noble.

5. gallant – (adjective, p. 11) – brave or heroic

A hero performs many GALLANT deeds.

6. stalwart – (adjective, p. 11) – loyal, reliable, hardworking

Companies prefer to higher STALWART employees, as opposed to slackers and flakes.

7. esteem – (noun – p. 12) – high regard

I feel great ESTEEM for my parents; I look up to them.

8. prudent – (adjective, p. 13) – wise, sensible

When asked to stay out late on a school night, he made the PRUDENT decision to go home and get some sleep.

9. spurn – (verb, p. 13) - reject with disdain or contempt (dislike)

“I SPURN broccoli!” the young girl announced, throwing the remainder of her dinner to the floor.

10. irk – (verb, p. 14) – to irritate or annoy

It really IRKS me when people confuse “your” and “you’re” in their writing.

11. dissuade – (verb, p. 14) - to persuade someone NOT to do something

When I heard about the bus accident, I was glad my mom had DISSUADED me from taking the bus that day.

12. wrath – (noun, p. 15) – extreme anger

If you show up in the cafeteria before the bell rings, you will feel the WRATH of the lunch ladies.

13. brandish – (verb, p. 15) - to wave something threateningly (like a sword)

I jokingly BRANDISHED a rolled up newspaper at my brother when he wouldn’t leave my room.

14. baleful – (adjective, p. 17) - harmful or destructive

The BALEFUL wind destroyed many of the seedlings I had planted the night before.

15. compass – (verb, p. 18) - to plan, plot, or scheme

Students often try to COMPASS a way to meet up in the middle of a class.

16. swelter – (noun, p. 18) - heat

The SWELTER of the classroom last week was almost too much to bear.

17. grievous (adjective, p. 19) – severe, causing great suffering

“That is not a GRIEVOUS wound,” said the school nurse. “It’s just a minor scratch.”

18. vanquish – (verb, p. 19) - to defeat thoroughly

The powerful army easily VANQUISHED its enemies.

19. prowess – (noun, p. 20) – skill or expertise; bravery in battle

Because of his military PROWESS, the general lead his troops to victory.

20. valor – (noun, p. 21) courage in the face of danger

VALOR is an important quality to have if you want to be a soldier.