

Vocabulary Warm-up Word Lists

Study these words from the selection. Then, complete the activities.

Word List A

absence [AHB sens] *n.* the condition of being away

His absence from school is due to a bad cold, and he will be back soon.

affliction [uh FLIK shuhn] *n.* suffering; a cause of suffering, such as an illness

His illness had no cure and was a constant affliction.

confined [kuhn FYND] *adj.* kept from moving out of a place; restricted

The power went out, and I was confined in the elevator for an hour.

custom [KUHS tuhm] *n.* habit; tradition

It is their custom to have dinner at six o'clock.

eternal [ee TER nuhl] *adj.* without beginning or end; everlasting

The fireman earned the mother's eternal gratitude when he saved her child.

patience [PAY shuntz] *n.* ability to wait or to suffer without complaint

The critic needed patience to sit through the boring movie.

remedy [REM uh dee] *n.* cure; medicine; something that solves a problem

There was no remedy for her broken heart.

summons [SUHM muhnz] *n.* order to appear at a particular place

She received a summons for jury duty, so she went to the court the next day.

Word List B

acquaint [uh KWAYNT] *v.* familiarize; inform

He was able to acquaint himself with the new neighborhood while walking his dog.

amends [uh MENDZ] *n.* something done to make up for injury or loss

The man wanted to make amends for being grouchy with the waiter, so he left a big tip.

disposition [dis puh ZISH uhn] *n.* someone's usual mood; personality

Her cat has a gentle disposition and never scratches.

encounter [en KOWN tuhr] *v.* meet; come upon

The mail carrier didn't expect to encounter a squirrel in the mailbox.

jovial [JOH vee uh] *adj.* cheerful; having good humor

The gathering of retired comedians was extremely jovial.

mingle [MING guhl] *v.* mix together; socialize with

The president told the executives and the workers to mingle at the party.

posterity [pah STER uh tee] *n.* the future; those people who are to come

We need to keep the environment clean for posterity.

revenge [ri VENJ] *v.* cause someone harm for something the person has done

He tried to revenge himself by spraying them with water.