

from THE CANTERBURY TALES: THE PROLOGUE

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Vocabulary Study

WORDS IN CONTEXT

Directions: As your teacher reads each item, listen for the boldfaced word. Discuss possible meanings of the word, and write on the chart what you think the word means. After reading “The Prologue,” confirm or adjust your definitions.

1. Though the woman longed for **courtliness**, no one had even taught her good table manners.
2. Though she tried to take the meat **sedately**, her efforts at dignity failed, and she grabbed it.
3. Some people might say her fellow traveler was **personable**, but I found him unpleasant.
4. How did he **accrue** such wealth? Rumor has it that he had a rich aunt.
5. The learned doctor can diagnose any **malady**.
6. We begged him to be on our team, and he listened to our **entreaty**.

Vocabulary Word	Predicted Meaning	Meaning in Selection
1. courtliness		
2. sedately		
3. personable		
4. accrue		
5. malady		
6. entreaty		