

from THE PRINCE

COPY MASTER

Vocabulary Study

WORDS IN CONTEXT

A. 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 excerpt from *The Prince*, confirm or adjust your definitions.

1. The **astute** lobbyist knew how to manipulate politicians; he was especially good at hiding his agenda with a false show of sincerity.
2. “I must vote my conscience,” the senator proclaimed. “You cannot **constrain** me to do otherwise.”
3. When the time came, the vote was unanimous; there was no sign of **dissension**.
4. The mayor awarded the medals and called the firefighters’ **laudable** effort “an example of honor that I am proud to praise.”
5. The President’s courageous, bold speech showed the media that they could call her “the **pusillanimous** Prez” no longer.
6. A **rapacious** man, the governor held office only to build his personal fortune.
7. Younger colleagues stepped aside with an awed whisper when the **venerated** congressman entered the hall.
8. The candidate was very **voluble**, but no one could get him to talk seriously about the issues.

Vocabulary Word	Predicted Meaning	Meaning in Selection
astute		
constrain		
dissension		
laudable		
pusillanimous		
rapacious		
venerated		
voluble		