

from THE LIFE OF SAMUEL JOHNSON

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Vocabulary Practice

abstemious	assail	mason	temperate	resolution	vehement
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A. Directions: Fill in each blank with the correct word from the box.

- The winner of the contest was _____ in her denial that she had cheated.
- The star athlete was healthy and _____, preferring video games to late nights on the town.
- Jenna thought the best thing about Seattle was its _____ climate, because it was never too hot or too cold.
- The candidate chose to run an honorable campaign and not _____ his opponent's integrity.
- The city council contacted a _____ to help repair the stone courthouse.
- Due to his considerable _____, Sam was able to regain full use of his hand after the accident.

B. Directions: Circle the word that is opposite in meaning to the boldfaced word.

7. assail

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| a. withdraw | b. impede |
| c. support | d. surpass |

8. abstemious

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| a. indulgent | b. responsive |
| c. delicate | d. manageable |

9. temperate

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| a. worthless | b. severe |
| c. modest | d. opaque |

10. resolution

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| a. consequence | b. weakness |
| c. awareness | d. ridicule |

11. vehement

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| a. apathetic | b. devout |
| c. discreet | d. endless |

C. Writing Option: Samuel Johnson was not without enemies. Write a brief description of him as one of them might have written it, using as least **three** words from the box.
