

# Vocabulary Study

## WORDS IN CONTEXT

**A. Directions:** As your teacher reads each set of sentences, listen for the boldfaced word and clues to its possible meaning.

1. Because the Irish language has not been widely spoken in Ireland since the mid-1800s, road signs in Irish are viewed by some people as an **anachronism**.
2. In 1649, the English Parliament sent Oliver Cromwell to subdue the Irish. His massacre of thousands at Drogheda is still remembered as an **atrocity**.
3. The annual Salmon Festival brought crowds of tourists to the town. The townspeople's chatty, warm welcome created a **convivial**, festive atmosphere.
4. The townspeople distrusted the Middletons, so they gave no **credence** to the Middletons' suspicions that the German couple were spies.
5. Mr. Middleton remembered the former glitter and glory of his family's grand manor house. Now, as he stared **disconsolately** at its crumbling remains, he felt that he had failed to uphold his family's glory.
6. Fat Driscoll couldn't suppress a loud **guffaw** when he told Mr. Breen the story of the Middletons and their Union Jack. Mr. Breen began to laugh, too.
7. The Middletons liked the townspeople and enjoyed their company. Yet some **perversity** in their nature led them to say and do things that offended the townspeople.
8. British rule in Ireland was challenged for hundreds of years. Finally, in the 20th century, the Irish overthrew the old **regime** and achieved self-government.

**B. Directions:** To determine how well you understand each vocabulary word, fill in the chart. As you read the selection, revise your definitions as needed.

Vocabulary Word	New	Seen Before	Can Use in a Sentence	Possible Meanings
anachronism				
atrocity				
convivial				
credence				
disconsolately				
guffaw				
perversity				
regime				