

# Vocabulary Study

## SELF-ASSESSMENT OF WORD MEANING

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

1. Honor, like glory, was an **abstraction** that the general often spoke of to the soldiers.
2. Although the prisoner glared **balefully** at the jailer, he had no intention of harming him.
3. That company was once part of the XYZ Corporation but is now a separate **entity**.
4. *Unruly* is a **euphemism** for *out of control*.
5. The speaker referred to the Holocaust as the greatest **iniquity** of the twentieth century.
6. Jorge is **intrinsically** suited to a sales job because he loves talking to people.
7. Moved by the plight of the drought victims, the senator returned to **propound** a program to send massive aid to their country.
8. The rising flood waters will **vitate** any attempts to rescue people trapped in their homes.

**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 |
|------------------|-----|-------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 1. abstraction   |     |             |                       |                   |
| 2. balefully     |     |             |                       |                   |
| 3. entity        |     |             |                       |                   |
| 4. euphemism     |     |             |                       |                   |
| 5. iniquity      |     |             |                       |                   |
| 6. intrinsically |     |             |                       |                   |
| 7. propound      |     |             |                       |                   |
| 8. vitiate       |     |             |                       |                   |