

The House on Mango Street by Sandra Cisneros
Vocabulary List 1
Week of December 3, 2012

Monday's Do Now: Below are the sentences in which the vocabulary words appear in the text. Read the sentence. Use any context clues you can find in the sentence combined with your prior knowledge, and write what you think the underlined words mean in the box labeled "attempt". Then copy the actual definition provided when you the official list.



1. Nicholas seemed serene for the moment, but everyone knew that behind those stormy eyes he was waiting for a chance to scream.

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| Attempt | <hr/> <hr/> |
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2. The nuns and priests began their contemplative day by starting it with prayer and reflection.

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| Attempt | <hr/> <hr/> |
| Actual | <hr/> <hr/> |

3. Even though he did not study for the test, Jaeqhan was optimistic that he would still pass the class.

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| Attempt | <hr/> <hr/> |
| Actual | <hr/> <hr/> |

4. Unfortunately, the situation in the Middle East remains **tense** because of the conflict between Israel and Palestine.

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5. Tall high-rise buildings were built on both sides of the sidewalks and made the streets **gloomy** because they blocked the light.

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Tuesday's Do Now: Use the definitions from Monday's do now, the dictionary, and or thesaurus to complete a KIPPtionary square for each vocabulary word.

| Vocabulary Word | Definition | |
|-----------------|------------|-------------|
| Serene | | |
| Part of Speech | Synonyms | Antonyms |
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| Examples | | Nonexamples |
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| Vocabulary Word | Definition | |
|-----------------|------------|-------------|
| Contemplative | | |
| Part of Speech | Synonyms | Antonyms |
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| Examples | | Nonexamples |
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| Vocabulary Word | Definition | |
|-----------------|------------|-------------|
| Optimistic | | |
| Part of Speech | Synonyms | Antonyms |
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| Examples | | Nonexamples |
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| Vocabulary Word | Definition | |
|------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Tense | | |
| Part of Speech | Synonyms | Antonyms |
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| Examples | | Nonexamples |
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| Vocabulary Word | Definition | |
|------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Gloomy | | |
| Part of Speech | Synonyms | Antonyms |
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Thursday's Do Now: Complete each sentence below with a vocabulary word. Highlight or underline the buzz words and context clues that help you to determine the word for each blank.

1. The dark clouds made it a _____ afternoon.
2. A usual relaxed manner was strangely _____.
3. An _____ man is hopeful about the future.
4. The _____ lake did not have even one ripple.
5. I became very _____ as I began to consider changing my career and going back to school.

For each word, write original sentences that contain buzz words (synonyms & parts of definitions) proving you know the meaning of the words. Underline or highlight all vocabulary words.

6. _____

7. _____

8. _____

9. _____

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1. **serene** (adjective): (1) showing complete calm; (2) clear and free of storms
 - someone or something that is serene is **calm and quiet**.
2. **contemplative** (adjective): involving contemplation or the act of looking at or thinking about something with focus
 - someone who is contemplative **thinks deeply, or is thinking in a serious or calm way**.
3. **optimistic** (adjective): hopeful; expecting everything to come out all right.
 - someone who is optimistic is hopeful about the future or the success of something in particular
4. **tense** (adjective): (1) marked by uncertainty or not knowing; (2) feeling or showing nervousness
 - a tense situation or period of time is one that makes people **anxious**, because they do not know what is going to happen next.
 - If you are tense, you are **anxious and nervous and cannot relax**.
5. **gloomy** (adjective): (1) partial or total darkness; (2) a sad mood
 - if a place is gloomy, it is almost dark so that you cannot see very well.
 - If people are gloomy, they are unhappy and have no hope

Reminders & Announcements:

1. Interim Assessment #2 on Wednesday, December 5, 2012.
2. Vocabulary Quiz on Friday, December 7, 2012.
3. Vocabulary Packet collected on Friday, December 7, 2012 for a grade.
4. Progress Reports go out next week.