

Vocabulary Lesson 10

Name: _____ #: _____

Write the definition then use the word in a sentence of your own.

1. **excel**

definition: _____

sentence: _____

2. **feminine**

definition: _____

sentence: _____

3. **mount**

definition: _____

sentence: _____

4. **compete**

definition: _____

sentence: _____

5. **dread**

definition: _____

sentence: _____

6. **masculine**

definition: _____

sentence: _____

7. **menace**

definition: _____

sentence: _____

8. **tendency**

definition: _____

sentence: _____

9. **underestimate**

definition: _____

sentence: _____

10. **victorious**

definition: _____

sentence: _____

11. **numerous**

definition: _____

sentence: _____

12. **flexible**

definition: _____

sentence: _____

Now draw a picture that represents one of your vocabulary words: WORD: _____

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1. excel –be better than; do better than
2. feminine –of women or girls
3. mount –get up on
4. compete –try hard to get something wanted by others; be a rival
5. dread –look forward to with fear; fear; fear greatly; causing great fear
6. masculine –of man; male
7. menace –threat
8. tendency –leaning; movement in a certain direction
9. underestimate –set too low a value, amount, or rate
10. victorious –having won a victory; conquering
11. numerous –very many; several
12. flexible –easily bent; willing to yield

Words in Use

Read the following passage to see how the new words are used in it.

Bet on the Blond

Can women **excel** as jockeys in big-time horse racing? Years ago the **feminine** touch was kept out of racing, but now at tracks all over the country women **mount** horses and **compete** with men, many of whom **dread** the whole idea. Their **masculine** image, they feel, may be threatened.* Also, some offer the **weak** argument that females are a

menace on the track. But, as we all know, we should resist* the **tendency** to **underestimate** the power of women. A few female jockeys have been **victorious** in **numerous** races, and this is probably what has put the male jockeys in a rage.* It would be wise if the men were more **flexible** in their attitudes toward women athletes.

