

Vocabulary Lesson 18

Name: _____ #: _____

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

1. **tragedy**

definition: _____

sentence: _____

2. **pedestrian**

definition: _____

sentence: _____

3. **glance**

definition: _____

sentence: _____

4. **budget**

definition: _____

sentence: _____

5. **nimble**

definition: _____

sentence: _____

6. **manipulate**

definition: _____

sentence: _____

7. **reckless**

definition: _____

sentence: _____

8. **horrid**

definition: _____

sentence: _____

9. **rave**

definition: _____

sentence: _____

10. **economical**

definition: _____

sentence: _____

11. **lubricate**

definition: _____

sentence: _____

12. **ingenious**

definition: _____

sentence: _____

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

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1. tragedy –a very sad or terrible happening; a sad play
2. pedestrian –a person who goes on foot; walker
3. glance –to look at quickly; a quick look
4. budget –estimate of the amount of money that can be spent for different purposes in a given time
5. nimble –active and sure-footed; quick moving; light and quick
6. manipulate –handle or treat skillfully
7. reckless –careless; heedless; wild
8. horrid –terrible; frightful
9. rave –talk wildly
10. economical –not wasting money or time
11. lubricate –make (machinery) smooth and easy to work by putting on oil, grease, or a similar substance
12. ingenious –having great mental ability; clever

Words in Use

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

The Challenge* of the Small Car

The auto makers in Detroit barely survived* the **tragedy** of 1956. That was the year the consumer became aware* of the Volkswagen, and the auto market was forever altered.* Once Americans got a **glance** at this low-priced, **nimble**, small car that one could **manipulate** so easily, they frequently* refused those **horrid** Detroit monsters with eight cylinders and ten miles to each gallon of gasoline. Many **pedestrians**, previously uninterested in owning a car, began to purchase small foreign cars.

Conservative as well as **reckless** drivers found the price within their **budget** and became customers.

Volkswagen owners would **rave** about their **economical** cars, telling everyone how little gas they used and how infrequently* they needed to be **lubricated**. Volkswagen, once one of the most popular* small cars sold in America, has now fallen behind the autos of the **ingenious** Japanese manufacturers.