

Vocabulary Lesson 24

Name: _____ #: _____

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

1. **fierce**

definition: _____

sentence: _____

2. **detest**

definition: _____

sentence: _____

3. **sneer**

definition: _____

sentence: _____

4. **scowl**

definition: _____

sentence: _____

5. **encourage**

definition: _____

sentence: _____

6. **consider**

definition: _____

sentence: _____

7. **vermin**

definition: _____

sentence: _____

8. **wail**

definition: _____

sentence: _____

9. **symbol**

definition: _____

sentence: _____

10. **authority**

definition: _____

sentence: _____

11. **neutral**

definition: _____

sentence: _____

12. **trifle**

definition: _____

sentence: _____

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

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1. fierce –savage; wild
2. detest –dislike very much; hate
3. sneer –show scorn or contempt by looks or words; a scornful look or remark
4. scowl –look angry by lowering the eyebrows; frown
5. encourage –give courage to; increase the confidence of
6. consider –think about in order to decide
7. vermin –small animals that are troublesome or destructive; fleas, bedbugs, lice, rats, and mice are vermin
8. wail –cry loud and long because of grief or pain
9. symbol –something that stands for or represents something else
10. authority –the right to command or enforce obedience; power delegated to another; an author or volume that may be appealed to in support of an action or belief
11. neutral –on neither side of a quarrel or war
12. trifle –a small amount; little bit; something of little value

Words in Use

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

Punishment for Drug Abuse

A recent* attempt by New Jersey's attorney general to lessen the penalties* for use of marijuana has caused **fierce** arguments around the country. Those who **detest** the drug users **sneer** and **scowl** at the light treatment of offenders. They reject* the attorney general's recommendation as lacking a morsel* of sense, claiming it would only **encourage** more drug abuse. They **consider** the drug addict much like **vermin** that must be stamped out. Such citizens continually **wail** for

stiffer penalties. Those in favor of a milder approach* to the drug problem point to the poor results achieved by prison terms. They feel addicts* should be given medical help. Also, in enforcing harsh* drug laws, police tend to be viewed as a **symbol** of unwelcome **authority**. The problem demands a solution. We cannot remain **neutral** or unconcerned, nor can we afford to muddle through with ineffective measures, for this is not a **trifling** matter.