

**Vocabulary Exercise 1**

Use the context of the following sentences to determine the meanings of the given words. Next to each word, put what you think the meaning might be. For this part of the homework, don't look up the word in the dictionary.

1. **absolve** \_\_\_\_\_
  - Judges absolved all the suspects Friday in a terrorism case involving anarchist bombings outside bank buildings in downtown Santiago.
  - Beware of illegal provisions that absolve the landlord of liability for negligent acts.
2. **abysmal** \_\_\_\_\_
  - Today South Africa remains one of the world's dominant producers of platinum, gold and coal, but its workers still face abysmal salaries and living conditions.
  - After an abysmal start to the season, the Galaxy looked to be back on track with three straight wins against the Portland Timbers.
3. **adequate** \_\_\_\_\_
  - Make sure every table is under the glow of adequate task lighting in addition to ambient lighting for the remainder of the space.
  - With nine large fires burning in Montana, officials said there was increasing competition for adequate equipment and personnel.
4. **aesthetic** \_\_\_\_\_
  - The game allows you to choose your settings and Jenga block style, but these aesthetic preferences pale in comparison to the gameplay itself.
  - A meticulously manicured lawn and garden will certainly increase your home's aesthetic value.
5. **align** \_\_\_\_\_
  - You want to align your efforts with theirs, and show that you are trying to fit into their organization.
  - Those kinds of incentives - known as pay-for-performance - have become more popular as health systems try to align benefits for providers with best practices and actual patient outcomes.
6. **allocate** \_\_\_\_\_
  - We value the quarterback position and we want to allocate the necessary resources to it.
  - A good budget will allocate funds to necessary categories such as housing, entertainment, transportation and -- importantly -- savings.
7. **allude** \_\_\_\_\_
  - He seemed to allude to the fact that she would like you to drop out of the race.
  - Blagojevich's attorneys allude to his financial straits, saying a legal fund he drew on has run dry.
8. **allure** \_\_\_\_\_
  - The company, based in Gdansk, capitalized on gold's allure while playing on people's anxieties in unpredictable financial times.
  - The allure of the Olympics is not about sports. It's how easily regular people can relate to them.
9. **analogy** \_\_\_\_\_
  - To use a sports analogy, if this was a boxing match, stocks would win the competition in the first round with a knockout punch.
  - There is a common analogy that compares labor negotiations to a "game of chicken."
10. **anomaly** \_\_\_\_\_
  - They [Afghan authorities] considered these turncoat attacks a major part of their [the Taliban's] strategy against international forces. Once an anomaly, these attacks have been climbing in recent months.
  - Defense Secretary Robert Gates says he considers the incident that forced the ouster of Gen. Stanley McChrystal "an anomaly, not a systemic problem" in the U.S. military establishment.

Look up each word in the dictionary. Give the dictionary definition that best fits the way the word is used in the sample sentences on the previous page. Give the word's part of speech. If the word is a verb, label it as transitive (TR Verb) or intransitive (I Verb).

	Dictionary Definition	Part of Speech
<b>absolve</b>		
<b>abysmal</b>		
<b>adequate</b>		
<b>aesthetic</b>		
<b>align</b>		
<b>allocate</b>		
<b>allude</b>		
<b>allure</b>		
<b>analogy</b>		
<b>anomaly</b>		

Write definitive sentences for five of the vocabulary words of your choice.

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