

Vocabulary Exercise 3

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.

21. **concentric** _____
- Is it any wonder, then, that a sliced carrot reveals concentric circles that look like your pupil and iris?
 - Pluto's moons are arranged in **concentric** circles around the dwarf planet.
22. **concise** _____
- As a lyric writer, Hal was simple, concise and poetic -- conveying volumes of meaning in [the] fewest possible words and always in service to the music.
 - ...banks don't provide important policy and fee information in a concise and easy-to-understand format.
23. **confer** _____
- Couples should always **confer** with the one another before making a big-ticket purchase.
 - [The] Israeli Prime Minister [visited] Moscow to confer with Putin [about] Iran.*
*Taken from a news article headline.
24. **confound** _____
- Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Thursday he intends to confound critics and skeptics and make peace with the Palestinians.
 - If they keep scoring this way, after topping the 100-point mark for the fourth time in five games, and continue to **confound** opponents, they will be tough to beat.
25. **consist** _____
- Slalom races differ from sprint events in that they consist of timed runs down a white water course.
 - The blocked exports consist mostly of fruit and vegetables.
26. **continuity** _____
- I wanted to have the least amount of change with both the offensive and defensive staffs, and maintain the most continuity with the program that has been in place for the last six years.
 - FXall will continue to operate with its existing brand, technology and processes, providing continuity for clients and guarding against any service disruption.
27. **converge** _____
- Labor Day is the one time pedestrians can use the bridge across the Straits of Mackinac where Lakes Huron and Michigan converge.
 - A low-pressure system coming in from the northwest and a surface low sweeping up from Kentucky were expected to **converge** along the Virginia-West Virginia line, bringing heavy precipitation, cold temperatures and winds gusting up to 35 mph.
28. **credible** _____
- He said the hearsay was no more credible than water-cooler gossip they might hear around the office.
 - For observers of Uganda's attempt to become a credible oil producer, the government's defiance of parliamentary resolutions was a bad omen.
29. **cumbersome** _____
- While it might be cumbersome to carry water with you on a run, it's worth it.
 - The current nominations process has grown too cumbersome and too complicated.
30. **dearth** _____
- On Monday, a dearth of U.S. data and a weak reading on Japan's growth caused stocks to falter.
 - The dearth of strong U.S. intelligence on the situation in Syria is a sharp contrast to the U.S. government's recent experience in Egypt, where "we had a long-standing intelligence agreement."

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
concentric		
concise		
confer		
confound		
consist		
continuity		
converge		
credible		
cumbersome		
dearth		

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

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