

Vocabulary Exercise 6

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.

51. **finite** _____
- Mayor Gray's job is to allocate limited community resources to legal residents, not advertise his city as a safe haven and encourage thousands of additional illegal aliens to come in and drain **finite** services.
 - Finances are generally **finite**; so if you buy the item in question now, you may not have enough money to purchase something else more desirable in the future.
52. **fluctuate** _____
- During the course of a day, [airline] prices **fluctuate** depending on availability.
 - The percentages and number of people employed or unemployed could **fluctuate** widely due to the decisions of one company to hire or fire.
53. **formidable** _____
- A porous run defense should enable the Lions to achieve better balance on offense and make an already potent passing game even more **formidable**.
 - Israel considers Iran to be its most **formidable** enemy, given its nuclear program, its repeated calls for Israel's destruction and its proxy militant groups based near Israel's borders.
54. **gale** _____
- The tropical cyclone is expected to bring heavy rains and **gales** of up to 100 kilometers an hour.
 - The unusual, out-of-season blaze [was] spread by **gales** [ripping] through the Sierra foothills.
55. **gape** _____
- A pair of giant volcanic craters called Los Gemelos ("The Twins") **gape** near the road near Santa Rosa.
 - A human mouth is designed to **gape** over objects measuring up to one and a half inches.
56. **gratuitous** _____
- Why the president insists on this **gratuitous** giving of legitimacy by using the preferred term of the mullahs is beyond me.
 - It's important to make sure the praise is deserved, because **gratuitous** comments are not motivating to the recipient and demotivating to everyone else.
57. **havoc** _____
- Federal authorities are urging law enforcement agencies across the country to watch out for signs that extremists might be planning to wreak **havoc** at the upcoming political conventions.
 - During the Atlantic storm season, tropical storms pass over the Gulf's thick nest of offshore-oil-and-gas platforms and pipelines, sometimes causing major **havoc**.
58. **illuminate** _____
- Fireworks **illuminated** the sky over the Tower Bridge and River Thames in London during the Opening Ceremony at the 2012 Summer Olympics.
 - Due process will not hide the truth and will only **illuminate** the facts and allow for thoughtful, substantiated conclusions.
59. **immerse** _____
- Next time you find yourself in a foreign land, why not indulge your adventurous side and completely **immerse** yourself in a foreign culture?
 - Half of the men and half of the women were asked to **immerse** their hands in nearly freezing water for up to three minutes.
60. **incapacitate** _____
- The African crested rat can **incapacitate** and even kill predators many times its size.
 - A migraine can **incapacitate** you for hours or even days.

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
finite		
fluctuate		
formidable		
gale		
gape		
gratuitous		
havoc		
illuminate		
immerse		
incapacitate		

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

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