## EN102 Grammar and Composition II

## Vocabulary Exercise 2

Use the following twelve vocabulary words in the next three vocabulary exercises.

| balmy | deft | languish |
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| beguile | embalm | muse |
| buckler | frenzy | pestilence |
| constrain | homely | prose |

Write the vocabulary word in the box next to its etymology.

1. Middle English constrainen, from Middle French constraindre, constreindre, from Latin constringere, from com-together+ stringere to draw tight -- more at STRAIN
2. Middle English hoomly, homly, from hoom, hom home +-ly (adjective suffix) -- more at HOME
3. Middle English languishen, languissen, from Middle French languiss-, stem of languir, from (assumed) Vulgar Latin languire, from Latin langu ère
4. Middle English musen, from Middle French muser to idle, loiter, muse (probably originally, "to gape, stare"), from muse mouth of an animal, snout, from Medieval Latin musus
5. Middle English, from Middle French, from Latin prosa, from feminine of prosus straightforward, direct, being in prose, from prorsus, from proversus, past participle of provertere to turn forward, from pro before + vertere to turn
6. Middle English bocler, from Old French, shield with a boss, from bocle boss -- more at BUCKLE
7. Middle English, from Middle French, from Latin pestilentia, from pestilent-, pestilens + -ia -y
8. Middle English enbaumen, embaumen, embalmen, from Middle French embaumer, embalmer, from Old French embasmer, embausmer, from en- ${ }^{1}$ en- + basme balm -- more at BALM

| 9. [f. BE- $2+$ GUILE $v .$, cognate with WILE.] |  |
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| 10. [f. BALM $n .+\underline{\text { - }}$ ¹ .] |  |
| 11. Middle English frenesie, from Middle French, from Medieval Latin phrenesia, alteration of Latin phrenesis, from phreneticus, after such pairs as Latin poeticus poetic: poesis poetry, poesy |  |
| 12. [app. a doublet of DAFT, repr. OE. $\bar{\delta}$ edæfte, for $\bar{\delta}$ ed ${ }^{\text {q. }} f t e$, mild, gentle, meek, from stem $\overline{d a} \bar{b}_{-}$in Gothic gadaban to become, befit: cf. OE. $\bar{\delta}$ edæfen becoming, fit, suitable.] |  |

Fill in the blank with the correct vocabulary word (or a form of it).

1. Let me $\qquad$ on your suggestion a while, and I'll get you an answer.
2. The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my $\qquad$ , and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower. - Psalm 18:2
3. The company's $\qquad$ marketing tactics helped it make money, even during the recession.
4. On the battle field, there was no time for $\qquad$ ; the bodies had to be quickly buried in shallow graves.
5. The definition of good $\qquad$ is proper words in their proper places; of good verse, the most proper words in their proper places. - Samuel Taylor Coleridge
6. It was a perfect day for sight-seeing; the sky was clear and the weather $\qquad$ .
7. The health official's fear of $\qquad$ caused them to take extra precautionary measures.
8. In a rage and a $\qquad$ of struggle, the uncontrollable fans were forcibly removed from the stadium
9. Thou unassuming common-place of Nature, with that $\qquad$ face. - William Wordsworth
10. The Muslim terrorist was $\qquad$ to tell what he knew of the bombing plot.
11. Therefore shall the land mourn, and every one that dwelleth therein shall $\qquad$ . - Hosea $4: 3$
12. Don't let the cover of that book $\qquad$ you; it looks like it's a story about the old West, but it's really set in modern day New York City.

EXTRA CREDIT:
Find two examples of words whose etymologies show similarities to the etymologies of vocabulary words. That is, find two words which share common origins with vocabulary words. List these two words and their etymologies.

|  | New Word | New Word's etymology | Vocabulary word with similar etymology |
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|  | convert | [a. OF. convert-ir = Pr. co(n)vertir, Sp. convertir, It. convertire: -pop. L. *convert ${ }^{\bar{\natural}} r e$, for cl. L. convert ${ }^{\text {̈ }} r e$ to turn about, turn in character or nature, transform, translate, etc., f. contogether, altogether + vert ${ }^{3}$ re to turn.] | prose (Notice how both convert and prose have vertre in their etymologies.) |
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| 2. |  |  |  |

