

## En 102 Vocabulary Exercise Set 8

Use the context of the following sentences to determine the meanings of the given words. Next to each word, write in cursive what you think the meaning might be. For this part of the homework, don't look the word up in the dictionary. (13 points)

70. **hackneyed** \_\_\_\_\_
- It's a **hackneyed** phrase, but he truly is the face of the franchise, and has been," said former Colts vice chairman Bill Polian...
71. **idiom** \_\_\_\_\_
- ... Northern California missionary and linguist has compiled a comprehensive dictionary for the Mien language, a fast-fading **idiom** spoken by thousands of refugees from Laos.
72. **imperious** \_\_\_\_\_
- The tragedy in Egypt is a warning to Americans— **imperious** executive power is a threat to liberty everywhere.
73. **insurrection** \_\_\_\_\_
- For nearly two weeks, Chirac has allowed the **insurrection** to build in ferocity, refusing to use his military, allowing anarchy ...
74. **listless** \_\_\_\_\_
- .... and the Washington Wizards shot 55 percent from the field to beat the **listless** Milwaukee Bucks 101-77 on Friday night.
75. **pretentious** \_\_\_\_\_
- the Escort features a more upright roofline and a look Ford says is meant to be stylish, but not arrogant or **pretentious** .
76. **prostrate** \_\_\_\_\_
- Officials from around the country came to Rabat this week to **prostrate** themselves before King Mohamed VI.
77. **relinquish** \_\_\_\_\_
- Just 10 days ago, Ballmer, 57, announced he will **relinquish** the CEO reins within the next year in a move that many analysts regarded as Microsoft's tacit admission that the company ...
78. **suffuse** \_\_\_\_\_
- ... what happened to 3,000 innocent people on that horrendous day, is testimony to the seething arrogance of power which can **suffuse** well-intentioned men like Mr. Berger.
79. **sundry** \_\_\_\_\_
- Several PGA Tour players withdrew from their qualifiers for various and **sundry** reasons.
80. **superfluous** \_\_\_\_\_
- ... welcomed those developments after the frustrations and the tribulations of the past few months, but they were ultimately **superfluous** on this particular occasion.
81. **traverse** \_\_\_\_\_
- According to scientists' current understanding, keeping a wormhole stable enough to **traverse** requires large amounts of exotic matter, a substance that is still very poorly understood.
82. **veritable** \_\_\_\_\_
- The exchange operator said a slew of "technology events" caused a **veritable** perfect storm on August 22, forcing it to shut down trading on Nasdaq-listed financial products to stave off broader issues ...
- excerpts from *Fox News*

