

The Kite Runner

Vocabulary Chapters 12-13

Part A: Definitions and Parts of Speech--Please commit the following definitions to memory. After each definition, please write the part of speech (N, V, ADJ, ADV)

1. vigil (143): a period of wakefulness during which someone keeps watch or prays _____
2. perpetually (144): in a way that never ends; constantly _____
3. tenets (145): strongly held beliefs _____
4. insinuation (148): an unpleasant hint or suggestion of something bad _____
5. amiable (150): displaying a friendly and pleasant manner _____
6. diplomat (157): a person who deals with others in a sympathetic, sensitive way _____
7. reticence: the state of being restrained or hesitant _____
8. humility (168): humbleness; a modest or low view of one's own importance _____
9. malady (178): a disease or ailment _____
10. meticulous (186): showing great attention to detail; precise _____
11. ambivalent: having mixed feelings; uncertain _____

Part B: Synonyms and Antonyms—Match the correct synonym from column A and the antonym from Column C with the vocabulary word in Column B (keep the parts of speech in mind).

<u>Column A-Synonyms</u>	<u>Column B-Vocab</u>	<u>Column C-Antonyms</u>
A. allusion	_____ 1. vigil _____	L. doubts
B. reluctance	_____ 2. perpetually _____	M. arrogance
C. continuously	_____ 3. tenets _____	N. fighter
D. illness	_____ 4. insinuation _____	O. disagreeable
E. peacekeeper	_____ 5. amiable _____	P. sleep
F. thorough	_____ 6. diplomat _____	Q. careless
G. principles	_____ 7. reticence _____	R. openness
H. modesty	_____ 8. humility _____	S. decisive
I. unsure	_____ 9. malady _____	T. health
J. likeable	_____ 10. meticulous _____	U. statement
K. watchfulness	_____ 11. ambivalent _____	V. intermittently

Part C: Sentences—Complete the following sentences by filling in the blanks with the correct vocabulary word. Change the endings of words as necessary.

1. My mother acted as a _____ whenever my sister and I would fight, helping us to reach a compromise.
2. Marla did not appreciate the _____ that she is not fit to be a candidate for school board president because she doesn't have a college degree.
3. My grandmother suffered from cancer, a _____ that left her weak and in need of a caregiver to keep a constant _____ over her.

4. Brad's _____ was evident as he blushed and tried to refuse the top award for his amazing artwork.
5. I have become quite _____ about money; whether I have it or not, life will go on.
6. Going to confession and accepting communion are two of the basic _____ of the Catholic faith.
7. Gracie is a(n) _____ young girl; she is _____ smiling and giggling.
8. While Jane doesn't mind talking about herself to her coworkers, Katie shows much more _____ to discuss her private life.
9. You should always be _____ when it comes to completing your work; clean and neatly finished assignments show care and concern.

