

The Kite Runner

Vocabulary Chapters 4-6

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. impeccable (24): flawless _____
2. nemesis (29): an enemy _____
3. indecipherable (30): unclear; unreadable _____
4. feigned (31): false; faked _____
5. nuance (42): a subtle difference _____
6. coyly (45): shyly _____
7. trepidation (43): trembling fear _____
8. coveted (51): loved; desired _____
9. abhor (52): to hate _____
10. hordes: large crowds _____
11. viable (56): reasonable; acceptable _____

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. detest	_____ 1. impeccable _____	L. ally
B. subtlety	_____ 2. nemesis _____	M. sincere
C. modestly	_____ 3. indecipherable _____	N. unshaded
D. rival	_____ 4. feigned _____	O. composure
E. terror	_____ 5. nuance _____	P. impossible
F. feasible	_____ 6. coyly _____	Q. comprehensible
G. pretended	_____ 7. trepidation _____	R. adore
H. illegible	_____ 8. coveted _____	S. brazenly
I. perfect	_____ 9. abhor _____	T. singles
J. multitudes	_____ 10. hordes _____	U. unwanted
K. wanted	_____ 11. viable _____	V. marred

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. With great _____, Indian Jones edged closer to the pit of snakes, knowing that, in order to reach the Ark on the other side, he'd have to face his greatest _____--his own fear.
2. Suzanna _____ sleep when her father came to check on her that night; once he closed the door, though, she was back on her phone texting her boyfriend.
3. As an English teacher, I often have to read essays written in _____ handwriting, which is one of the reasons I make my students type most of their work.

4. While I enjoyed the architecture and natural beauty of Paris, I did not enjoy the _____ of people everywhere; it was just too crowded.
5. The Academy Award (or the Oscar) is the most _____ award in Hollywood.
6. An employer will expect you to maintain a(n) _____ attendance record.
7. Sasha smiled _____ at Regina, hoping they could be friends.
8. Although they are identical twins, Sam and Stephen have some _____ in their appearance.
9. Traveling by boat was once the only _____ way to travel across the seas.
10. I _____ rudeness and disrespect; I shouldn't have to put up with either.

