

The Kite Runner

Vocabulary Chapters 1-3

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. unatoned (1)—having not been forgiven; having not made amends _____
2. appendage (3)— a thing that is added or attached to something larger _____
3. affluent (4)— having an abundance of wealth, property, or other material goods _____
4. intricate— having many interrelated parts or facets _____
5. unscrupulous (8)— having or showing no moral principles _____
6. garrulous (10)— excessively talkative in a rambling, roundabout manner _____
7. veracity (12)— habitual observance of truth in speech or statement _____
8. obstinate (13)— firmly or stubbornly adhering to one's purpose or opinion _____
9. furtive (16)— attempting to avoid notice or attention; secretive _____
10. chortle (17)— a gleeful chuckle _____
11. opportune (20)— favorable; appropriately organized _____

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. elaborate	_____ 1. unatoned _____	K. quiet
B. chatty	_____ 2. appendage _____	L. body
C. headstrong	_____ 3. affluent _____	M. principled
D. unexcused	_____ 4. intricate _____	N. obedient
E. snicker	_____ 5. unscrupulous _____	O. sob
F. prosperous	_____ 6. garrulous _____	P. repented
G. trustworthiness	_____ 7. veracity _____	Q. plain
H. stealthy	_____ 8. obstinate _____	R. unfortunate
I. devious	_____ 9. furtive _____	S. falseness
J. limb	_____ 10. chortle _____	T. public
K. well-timed	_____ 11. opportune _____	U. underprivileged

Part C: Sentences—Complete the following sentences by filling in the blanks with the correct vocabulary word. Remember to change the ending as necessary and spell the words correctly.

1. The _____ boy did not want anyone to see him steal the cookies from the pantry, but when he dropped the box on the floor, he gave himself away.
2. I prefer students who are _____ over those who are too shy, as long as the talkative ones know when to be quiet.

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3. The random meeting between Jack and Diane was quite _____, as the two eventually fell in love and were married.
4. There is nothing wrong with going after what you want, but being too _____ can be harmful; you must be willing to bend a little.
5. If you hold on to mistakes without seeking forgiveness for them, the guilt of those _____ moments may continue to haunt you for much of your life.
6. My great uncle is _____; he even owns a Rolls Royce Excalibur, a rare and expensive model.
7. People who are _____ tend not to care if they hurt people's feelings or break minor laws.
8. The elephant's trunk serves as a(n) _____ that it uses to reach water and food.
9. A baby's _____ might be the sweetest sound in the whole world.
10. At the recent trial, the defense attorney questioned the _____ of several of the witnesses' statements.
11. Belgian lace is known for its _____ designs, which can make it quite expensive.

