

Quarterly Vocabulary Assignment

As you read, you will keep track of unfamiliar words. Out of these words, you will choose ten to do a more detailed, expanded study of. You will be responsible for these ten words, and we will work on incorporating them into your writing. For this reason, it is important that you choose words that are *usable*. For each word, you will complete a four-part analysis:

1. First, copy down the sentence in which the word appears. Make sure the vocabulary word is bolded. Place the author's last name and the page number in parentheses after the sentence. Based on the context, make your best guess as to what you think the word might mean, and *explain* your reasoning.
2. Look the word up in the dictionary. List the word (bolded), its part of speech, and its definition. Was your guess close? *Explain*.
3. Use the word in a sentence that clearly shows its meaning. Put the word in bolded letters and underline your context clue(s).
4. Draw (or find) a picture or symbol that represents the word and will help you remember it. Briefly explain the significance of the image.

Example:

From Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird*

Assuage

"When it healed, and Jem's fears of never being able to play football were **assuaged**, he was seldom self-conscious about his injury" (Lee 3).

Based on this sentence, I think that the word assuaged might mean calmed, relieved or taken away because Jem's fears were assuaged, and fears need to be relieved or taken away.

Assuage (v.)—provide relief, as from pain, fear, or anxiety

My guess was pretty much accurate because I thought it might mean calmed, or relieved, and it does.

The students were worried about the quiz, but I **assuaged** their fears by telling them that we would review beforehand.



I included a picture of Band-Aids because they make scrapes feel better, and **assuage** relieves discomfort or makes something feel better.