

Vocabulary for *The Pigman* – Unit 1

1. **avocation (n)**- a hobby, interest
2. **excruciating (adj)**- intensely painful
3. **subliminal (adj)**- hidden meaning
4. **repress (v)**- to hold back or keep down
5. **infantile (adj)**- childish, immature; having to do with infants
6. **distort (v)**- to twist, deform, or disfigure
7. **compassion (n)**- kindness, mercy, or sympathy
8. **paranoia (n)**- suspicion; the feeling that someone is out to get you or hurt you
9. **philanthropy (n)**- charity/generosity to humankind; concerned with the well-being of others
10. **summon (v)**- to send for; to call forth, request
11. **prevaricate (v)**- to lie; avoid the truth
12. **bolt (v)**- to move quickly or suddenly
13. **patron (n)**- one who supports someone with money; a benefactor
14. **subsidize (v)**- to assist with money or aid
15. **disdain (n)**- disrespect or dislike
16. **intensive (adj)**- very thorough or extensive; concentrated
17. **harbor (v)**- to give shelter or protection to
18. **antagonistic (adj)**- to show hostile opposition
19. **omen (n)**- a sign of future good or evil
20. **nocturnal (adj)**- active at night

Using the words, definitions and parts of speech, complete each sentence. Each word is only used ONCE and you may have to change the endings.

1. Years ago, advertisers sent _____ messages to movie watchers by flashing split-second images of products, only to be recognized by the subconscious mind.
2. Since the employee was afraid to tell the truth about his frequent lateness, he would _____ and create incredible stories.
3. The president of the student government _____ all members to a meeting after school.
4. Her feelings of _____ were so strong that she could not leave the house nor answer the phone.
5. The coach scolded the team saying that fooling around on the bus was _____ and dangerous.
6. Since I expected having my wisdom teeth pulled to be _____, I was pleasantly surprised by the mild pain and recovery.
7. Susan struggled to _____ her laughter, but the teacher still heard her stifled sounds.
8. Once the theater fire alarm went off, all the people _____ to the emergency exits.
9. Our little league team is supported by two _____: the pizza parlor and hardware store.
10. Because of his generous _____, he left his entire estate to charitable causes.
11. Liz had so much _____ for others, she spent her summer volunteering with disabled children.
12. The lightning storm interfered with our television, _____ the picture and sound.
13. I didn't know cats were _____ animals until I got my kittens and they were up all night.
14. The cashier was so _____, I decided not to ask about the price for fear of arguing.
15. The detectives made a(n) _____ search of the area for clues relating to the kidnapping.
16. Doctors agree it is not healthy to _____ feelings of hatred and hostility for periods of time.
17. Since the new student showed _____ for the school and her classmates when she first arrived, she is now having a very hard time fitting in.
18. The proceeds from the benefit concert will help to _____ a new auditorium.
19. When the rain stopped and the sun shone, we all agreed it was a good _____ for the wedding.
20. It is important to find time to spend on one's _____; it helps to relieve the stress of work, family, and everyday life.