1. Appall (v) to dismay or horrify
2. Ardent (adj) passionate or enthusiastic
3. Carnage (n) bloodshed
4. Eloquent (adj) smoothly persuasive
5. Malign (adj) deadly or evil
6. Obliterate (v) to destroy
7. Ominous (adj) threatening
8. Perilous (adj) dangerous
9. Pivotal (adj) vitally important
10. Poignant (adj) deeply moving

Part 1

* Copy the word and rephrase the definition.
* Nuances

Determine which column uses the word better.

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| **A** | **B** |
| I was appalled at the lack of choices among apple varieties at Kroger. | The crime scene left the detective appalled: brain matter covered the walls and written in blood was the word “lamp.” |
| Amber is such an ardent Justin Bieber fan that she defended him against what she called the “calumny” of his egg throwing and DUI arrest. | The old man was ardently arguing that Preparation H was better than Tucks. |
| As I drove by the carnage of the car accident, I couldn’t help but gag when I saw what was once someone’s arm resting on the cement. | The carnage murder-suicide was highlighted on the news yesterday and caused viewers all over to cringe. |
| The speaker eloquently told his story of losing his family in a fire. | It is vital to be eloquent when your parents catch you coming home at five am. |
| A knife is the most malign of weapons. | The most malign people usually use eloquence to lure people to their deaths. |
| The bomb completely obliterated the building. There was nothing left but ash and rubble. | That burger was so greasy that it obliterated by appetite for dinner. |
| The low, dark clouds, green sky, and eerie silence seemed ominous: surely a tornado was coming. | The bully was ominous: she always had an insult ready for Becca. |
| Scaling cliffs on the weekend is a perilous hobby. One wrong step and you can die. | The Rottweiler was perilous as he growled from behind the fence. |
| Passing American Literature is a pivotal step to graduating on time. | Band is a pivotal class if you want to be a musician. |
| Although the letter was poignant, it did not convince Shelly to marry Mark. | The ferry was a poignant way of travelling to the island. |

Part 2

Questions. Answer in two to three sentences. Use the words.

1. What is the one thing you’ve done that would most appall your parents if they found out about it?
2. Do you choose music based on the artist’s ardent communication or technical brilliance?
3. Why do you think there is so much carnage in the world?
4. Who is the most eloquent person you know? What makes them eloquent?
5. Who is more malign: Osama Bin Laden or Hitler?
6. If you could obliterate one disease from the world, what would it be? Why?
7. What are the signs of an ominous day?
8. Where is the most perilous neighborhood in Atlanta? What makes it perilous?
9. What is pivotal about learning how to read difficult stories? Why is it important?
10. What is the most poignant thing anyone has said to you?

Part 3

Concepts. Write a concept with three ideas attached for each word.

Poignant Movies

1. Titanic
2. The Notebook
3. Million Dollar Baby

Part 4

Write a sentence for each word. For each sentence, illustrate the word.

Part 5

Fill in the Blank.

1. The Ferguson riots in response to the Michael Brown murder were a(n) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ incident in the fight for racial equality in America.
2. Politicians have a great ability to be so \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that they can convince most of America to trust that they will serve the needs of all.
3. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Sandy Hook was so appalling that I refused to watch any coverage after the first reports.
4. You would be surprised if you traveled the world. Most people outside of America live in what we would consider \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ing conditions: dirt floors, no running water, no modern toilets, and no electricity.
5. Although she trusted Vic because he was her friend’s cousin, Vic ended up to be wholly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , and thus she ended up a victim on *The First 48.*
6. Toddlers have a habit of benignly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ing everything in their path. Keep whatever you value above four feet.
7. Walking into the SAT felt \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Everyone was quiet and tense.
8. Kiera \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ly kissed Kaia in the hall before fourth period, which made me gag a little because teenage love is gross.
9. Making any kind of noise in the trenches was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, for it could get you and your entire unit killed in a millisecond.
10. *The Kite Runner* is one of the most \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ books I have ever read. I cried at the end.