

Selection Vocabulary Practice (page 246)

The Devil and Tom Walker WASHINGTON IRVING

Vocabulary

prevalent *adj.* widespread

discord *n.* lack of agreement or harmony; conflict

melancholy *adj.* depressing; dismal; gloomy

surmise *v.* to infer from little evidence; to guess

speculate *v.* to engage in risky business ventures, hoping to make quick profits

EXERCISE A Analogies

Complete each analogy with a vocabulary word.

1. declare : announce :: suppose : _____
2. humorous : serious :: scant : _____
3. cheat : deceive :: gamble : _____
4. energizing : exercise :: hostile : _____
5. timid : confident :: cheerful : _____

EXERCISE B Applying Meanings

Complete each sentence with a vocabulary word.

1. He invested all his savings in the land deal, but she refused to _____ .
2. The folk ballad was mournful and _____ .
3. Though polio has almost disappeared, it was quite _____ not long ago.
4. Because you won't tell me any details, I can only _____ what happened.
5. They got along well at first; later, cramped conditions created _____ .

EXERCISE C Responding to the Selection

Imagine that Tom Walker had decided to refuse the devil's offer. On the back of this sheet, write a letter of refusal from Walker to the devil. Use at least FOUR vocabulary words in your letter.

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Build Vocabulary

Spelling Strategy When the prefix *ex-* means “out,” do not use a hyphen after it: *extort*, *export*, *extract*. When it means “former,” use a hyphen: *ex-president*, *ex-wife*.

Using the Prefix *ex-*

A. DIRECTIONS: The prefix *ex-* often means “out.” On the line provided, write the word from the box that best completes each sentence.

exhale	extract	export	extrovert	exoskeleton	extricate
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1. If you ship a product out of the country, you _____ it.
2. An _____ is an outgoing person.
3. When you breathe out, you _____.
4. A hard, protective covering on the outside of the body, like the shells on insects, is called an _____.
5. When you pull out a tooth, you _____ it.
6. If you get out of trouble, you _____ yourself from a tricky situation.

Using the Word Bank

avarice	usurers	extort	ostentation	parsimony
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B. DIRECTIONS: The following sentences are missing two words. On the line before each number, write the letter of the pair of terms that best completes each sentence. For each pair, assume that the first term goes in the first blank and the second term goes in the second blank.

1. He was a _____ who tried to _____ money.
 a. criminal—extort c. avarice—treasure
 b. usurer—give d. extortionist—donate
2. Her _____ was awakened when she heard about the _____.
 a. husband—ostentation c. avarice—treasure
 b. dog—usurer d. parsimony—earthquake
3. The house was _____, a monument to _____.
 a. loving—avarice c. extorted—love
 b. bright—parsimony d. lavish—ostentation
4. The _____ was evidence of her _____.
 a. mouse—avarice c. small portion—parsimony
 b. usurer—intelligence d. tasteful decor—ostentation
5. The _____ collected the _____ that was due.
 a. extortionist—video c. child—avarice
 b. teacher—parsimony d. usurer—fee