

Directions for Vocabulary Sentences

There will be ten vocabulary lists assigned per semester. You will be required to write original sentences for each word of each list. (Each list is 30 points=300 points total)

When writing sentences, you must show **context** for each vocabulary word—show/lead the reader to the meaning of the word. The most common mistake students make is simply “dropping” the vocabulary word into the sentence. Here’s an example of the word “placid” (peaceful):

“My sister is placid.”

The example above shows zero context, zero commitment, and zero creativity. It does not demonstrate knowledge of the word “placid”. When I grade each sentence, I will pretend as if I do not know the meaning of the vocabulary word; therefore, in the above example, “placid” could mean a million things: kind, thoughtful, angry, frustrated, shy, etc.... Here’s a better example:

“My sister has a magical effect on people who are anxious or upset; it seems to be her placid nature.”

Requirements for vocabulary sentences:

1. Must be in Times New Roman, size 12 font
2. Heading must go in **upper right-hand corner** (no title is necessary):

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3. Double-spaced
4. Each vocabulary word must be highlighted, underscored, or bolded