

“The Call of the Wild” Vocabulary Preview, chapter 1-3

Instructions: use a dictionary to find the correct definition of the words below.
Be careful! Many words have more than one meaning. Use the sentence examples of each word to help you determine the correct meaning of each word.

1. **Auspiciously:** _____

Her movie career began **auspiciously** with an unforgettable role in *Casablanca*.

2. **Cowed:** _____

The students were **cowed**, and accepted that they had no choice but to complete their homework.

3. **Discomfiture:** _____

He looked up quickly, momentarily forgetting his **discomfiture**.

4. **Diverse:** _____

There are many **diverse** species of plants in the forest behind the school.

5. **Insular:** _____

She lived a very **insular** life, and didn't seem interested in what was going on outside of her own home.

6. **Latent:** _____

The **latent** tension between the two girls became evident when Susan pushed Jessica in gym class.

7. **Malignant:** _____

The player was thrown out of the game for his **malignant** hit on his opponent.

8. **Primordial:** _____

When she became angry, she gave a **primordial** yell that scared the whole class.

9. **Score** (hint: how many is a *score*):

A **score** of protesters rushed the stage.

10. Unwanted: _____

The student's behaviour aroused **unwanted** fury in his teacher.