



Vocabulary List 9

10 New Words to Learn This Week...November 14, 2016

1. Ample

2. Blunt

3. Chronic

4. Chronological

5. Optimist

6. Pretense

7. Prolong

8. Alter

9. Refrain

10. Remorse

Many inventions have changed the course of history. Television **altered** the world, for example, by making it smaller.



- A. To surprise
- B. To change
- C. To emphasize

Surprisingly, my compact car has **ample** space inside. Even Martin, who is six feet tall, never feels cramped in it.

- A. Little
- B. Healthy
- C. Plenty



“I’ll be **blunt**,” Phyllis said, as plainspoken as ever. “This movie is boring,”



- A. Very smart
- B. Honest to the point of rudeness
- C. Wordy

My little brother is a **chronic** complainer—
all we hear from him is whining day in and
day out.



- A. Constant
- B. Rare
- C. Harmless

I could have followed the movie better if it had presented events in a **chronological** order, instead of jumping back and forth in time.



- A. Brief
- B. Mixed-up
- C. Arranged as the events happened

My sister is a true **optimist**. When her friends get out their umbrellas, she puts on suntan lotion.



- A. A friendly person
- B. A hopeful person
- C. A troublemaker

The robber entered people's houses under the **pretense** of being a repairman.



- A. A false claim
- B. A true statement
- C. A threat

Pulling of a bandage always hurts, but pulling it off slowly **prolongs** the pain.



- A. To avoid
- B. To wear away
- C. To make longer

I **refrained** from saying what I really thought about Anne's haircut because I didn't want to hurt her feelings.



- A. To stop oneself
- B. To return
- C. To keep going.

After she yelled at Russell, his mother was filled with **remorse**. She always regrets her outbursts of temper.



- A. Excitement
- B. Ambition
- C. Regret

Definitions #2

- 1. alter to change
- 2. ample more than enough; plenty of
- 3. blunt straightforward & brief, often rudely so
- 4. chronic continuing; lasting a long time; constant
- 5. chronological in the time order in which events happened
- 6. optimist someone who expects a good outcome
- 7. pretense a false show or claim
- 8. prolong to make something last longer
- 9. refrain to hold oneself back from doing something
- 10. remorse a strong feeling of regret and guilt

