

## English 12: British Literature and Composition

### Learning Vocabulary from *Pygmalion*

When reading the play *Pygmalion*, transcribe exactly the sentences from the text that contain each word. Then, paraphrase the sentence (writing it in your own words) to reveal understanding of the function of the vocabulary word in the sentence. Finally, practice with these words from *Pygmalion* by writing sentences in which you use the words in contextually accurate ways.

***articulate***      expressing oneself clearly and effectively; intelligible

sentence from play:

paraphrase of sentence:

your own sentence:

***blasphemy***      contempt or irreverence for something sacred

sentence from play:

paraphrase of sentence:

your own sentence:

***callous***      feeling no sympathy for others; hard-hearted

sentence from play:

paraphrase of sentence:

your own sentence:

***coax***      gently urge; manipulate with effort to achieve goal

sentence from play:

paraphrase of sentence:

your own sentence:

***condescension***      patronizing attitude or behavior

sentence from play:

paraphrase of sentence:

your own sentence:

***coquette***      a woman who tries to gain the attention of men but feels no sincere affection

sentence from play:

paraphrase of sentence:

your own sentence:

***diffident***      hesitant in acting or speaking through lack of self-confidence; unassertive

sentence from play:

your own sentence:

***genteel***

having an aristocratic quality; elegant or graceful in manner or appearance

sentence from play:

paraphrase of sentence:

your own sentence:

***lavish***

spending or giving extravagantly; prodigal

sentence from play:

paraphrase of sentence:

your own sentence:

***prudent***

wise in making decisions; using good judgment

sentence from play:

paraphrase of sentence:

your own sentence:

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**1** wise in making decisions; using good judgment

**3** gently urge; manipulate with effort to achieve goal

**5** patronizing attitude or behavior

**7** feeling no sympathy for others; hard-hearted

**9** a woman who tries to gain the attention of men but feels no sincere affection

**10** contempt or irreverence for something sacred

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**2** hesitant in acting or speaking through lack of self-confidence; unassertive

**4** expressively oneself clearly and effectively; intelligible

**6** having an aristocratic quality; elegant or graceful in manner or appearance

**8** spending or giving extravagantly; prodigal

