exemplary sentences from the quiz over Vocabulary Workshop lessons 1 & 2

Because Trish is constantly bullied she is abject, having no self-respect whatsoever.

The teacher <u>admonished</u> the boy to stay in the classroom because a stranger had entered the school.

After hearing the same song on the radio every five minutes, the lyrics become banal.

Jacob used the same jokes so often that they quickly became banal.

The student was extremely bellicose; he was always fighting with someone.

When she built the table, the length and angles were commensurate.

Segregation and slavery did not create **commensurate** standards for both blacks and whites.

U.S. dollars and pesos are not commensurate because they have different monetary values.

The cafeteria offers a commensurate portion of food to all the students with in the school.

When the girl's grandmother had passed away, the girl was distraught and had to be sedated to help calm her down.

I used a <u>euphemism</u> rather than bluntly telling carol her dress was hideous.

"The Patriot Act" seems like a <u>euphemism</u> to me, as it uses a positive direction to title an un-American policy.

The gymnast showed finesse in every turn, twist, and flip she made to win the gold medal.

A con artist glibly talked a widow into signing all her assets over to him.

It is common teenage sport to <u>lampoon</u> one another; though usually not ill-meant, some remarks are taking quite seriously.

After Ann got the wrong answer, the mean student lampooned her.

The lugubrious mood at the funeral made everyone even more sad and mournful.

The instructions that the teacher gave me were <u>nebulous</u>, I still don't understand what I'm supposed to do.

My cousin is so nefarious that my aunt had to put him in boot camp to keep him out of trouble.

Taylor is a nemesis to me. Although we study together, her grade is always higher than mine.

Batman's nemesis is the Joker because he just can't ever seem to completely win against him.

Even though his car had crashed, he seemed phlegmatic and uncaring about the whole situation. John was phlegmatic about his trip to Spain; he seemed not to care because he goes there every summer.

When asked if I wanted McDonald's or Taco Bell, I was phlegmatic because it really didn't matter to me.

Jane doesn't possess any form of propriety because she never follows the rules.

There is a certain level of propriety that should be maintained while you are at the dinner table.

The prosaic art was ignored by many people because they had seen it many other places.

The jewel thief desperately wanted to <u>purloin</u> the diamonds I kept in my safe.

According to the Ten Commandments to <u>purloin</u> is a sin. That's what I told the robber.

A person living in poverty may be forced to <u>purloin</u> things from others that they don't have.

I sometimes like to <u>purloin</u> lyrics of musicians that I admire.

The two kids reviled each other in such a vicious manner that they might as well have been fist-fighting.