

**PRETEST: Choose the word that best completes each sentence. SCORE: \_\_\_\_\_**

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strident	sinuous	conundrum	surfeit
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**POST-TEST 2: Match each vocabulary word with its definition. SCORE: \_\_\_\_\_**

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| _____ 1. sanguine     | a. boredom   |
| _____ 2. contravene   | b. a puzzle; a problem   |
| _____ 3. emulate      | c. concerned; attentive; worried   |
| _____ 4. solipsistic  | d. to signal by some system of flags   |
| _____ 5. strident     | e. to violate; infringe; transgress  |
| _____ 6. copious      | f. to immitate with effort to equal or surpass   |
| _____ 7. behemoth     | g. believing that oneself is all that exists   |
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| _____ 9. undulate     | i. harsh; loud; shrill   |
| _____ 10. edict       | j. a mornful or melancholy poem; a funeral song for the dead                               |
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| _____ 21. desiccated  | u. idealistic; impractical   |
| _____ 22. ennui       | v. something of tremendous power or size   |
| _____ 23. unctuous    | w. whiny; complaining; grouchy   |
| _____ 24. disparage   | x. greasy in texture or appearance; ingratiating   |
| _____ 25. elegy       | y. sharp in quality, often used to describe tastes or smells                               |
| _____ 26. surfeit     | z. effective; efficient; productive  |
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## ANSWER KEY: PRETEST/ POST-TEST 1

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27. **Umbrage** is inevitable when one person takes credit for another's hard work.
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## ANSWER KEY: POST-TEST 2

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