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Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde Vocabulary Worksheets

Dr. Jekyll Was Quite at Ease, The Carew Murder Case; Incident of the Letter, Remarkable Incident of Dr. Lanyon

Part I: Using Prior Knowledge and Context Clues

Below are the sentences in which the vocabulary words appear in the text. Read the sentence. Use any clues you can find in the sentence combined with your prior knowledge, and write what you think the underlined words mean on the blue lines provided.

1. They liked to sit awhile in his **unobtrusive** company, practising for solitude, sobering their minds in the man's rich silence after the expense and strain of gaiety.

2. "It can make no change. You do not understand my position," returned the doctor, with a certain **incoherency** of manner.

3. When they had come within speech (which was just under the maid's eyes) the older man bowed and **accosted** the other with a very pretty manner of politeness.

4. The stick with which the deed had been done, although it was of some rare and very tough and heavy wood, had broken in the middle under the stress of this **insensate** cruelty.

5. Mr. Utterson beheld a marvelous number of degrees and hues of twilight; for here it would be dark like the back-end of evening; and there would be a glow of a rich, lurid brown, like the light of some strange **conflagration**; and here, for a moment, the fog would be quite broken up. . .

6. A flash of **odious** joy appeared upon the woman's face. "Ah!" said she, "he is in trouble! What has he done?"

7. From these embers the inspector **disinterred** the butt end of a green cheque book, which had resisted the action of the fire. . .

8. . . . and he eyed the dingy, windowless structure with curiosity, and gazed round with a distasteful sense of strangeness as he crossed the theatre, once crowded with eager students and not lying **gaunt** and silent, the tables laden wit chemical apparatus. . .

9. Utterson **ruminated** awhile; he was surprised at this friend's selfishness, and yet relieved by it.

10. "One moment. I thank you, sir," and the clerk laid the two sheets of paper alongside and **sedulously** compared their contents.

Part II: Determining the Meaning: Match the vocabulary words to their dictionary definitions. Write the letter of the correct definition on the blue line.

1. unobtrusive _____
2. incoherency _____
3. accosted _____
4. insensate _____
5. conflagration _____
6. odious _____
7. disinterred _____
8. gaunt _____
9. ruminated _____
10. sedulously _____

- A. a great fire
- B. spoke to first
- C. diligently
- D. dug up
- E. pondered; reflected over and over
- F. unable to express one's thoughts clearly
- G. lean and angular
- H. hateful
- I. not noticeable
- J. without feeling