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INTRODUCTION

The study of the English language has spread all over the world, and high school and college students everywhere have come to realize that language mastery depends on the possession of a comprehensive vocabulary. This is just what *1100 Words You Need to Know* has been offering through the five earlier editions and continuing on this sixth one.

We are proud that Amazon.com has rated this book as the number one best seller in its category. In addition to the various exercises that help readers learn challenging vocabulary, we have now added a section called "The Lighter Touch 100," which shows that vocabulary can be taught with a sense of humor. By investing a mere 15 minutes with this new book, you will soon see a dramatic improvement in your vocabulary.

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FULL PRONUNCIATION KEY

a	bat, trap	j	just, enjoy	ü	bull, pull
ā	rage, lace	k	kin, talk	ū	dual, sue
ã	jar, farther	l	lose, hurl	v	vast, have
b	bag, sob	m	mice, cram	w	wish, wood
ch	chill, such	n	not, into	y	youth, yes
d	done, said	ng	song, ring	z	zoo, zest
e	met, rest	o	rot, cot	zh	pleasure, treasure
ē	ease, see	ō	tow, blow	a	stands for:
er	fern, learn	ô	cord, lord	a	in around
f	feel, stiff	oi	toil, boil	e	in waken
g	gone, big	ou	mouse, bout	i	in cupid
h	him, hold	p	pest, cap	o	in demon
i	inch, pin	r	red, art	u	in brush
ī	ivy, hive	s	see, best		
		sh	crush, crash		
		t	time, act		
		th	this, math		
		ʒH	they, booth		

voracious
və rā' shəs

indiscriminate
in' dis krim' ə nit

eminent
em' ə nənt

steeped
stēpt

replete
ri' plēt'

READING WISELY

The youngster who reads *voraciously*, though *indiscriminately*, does not necessarily gain in wisdom over the teenager who is more selective in his reading choices. A young man who has read the life story of every *eminent* athlete of the twentieth century, or a coed who has *steeped* herself in every social-protest novel she can get her hands on, may very well be learning all there is to know in a very limited area. But books are *replete* with so many wonders that it is often discouraging to see bright young people limit their own experiences.

Sample Sentences On the basis of the above paragraph, try to use your new words in the following sentences. Occasionally it may be necessary to change the ending of a word; e.g., *indiscriminately* to *indiscriminate*.

1. The football game was _____ with excitement and great plays.
2. The _____ author received the Nobel Prize for literature.
3. My cousin is so _____ in schoolwork that his friends call him a bookworm.
4. After skiing, I find that I have a _____ appetite.
5. Modern warfare often results in the _____ killing of combatants and innocent civilians alike.

Definitions Now that you have seen and used the new words in sentences, and have the definitions "on the tip of your tongue," try to pair the words with their meanings.

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|-------------------|-------|---|
| 6. voracious | _____ | a. of high reputation, outstanding |
| 7. indiscriminate | _____ | b. completely filled or supplied with |
| 8. eminent | _____ | c. choosing at random without careful selection |
| 9. steeped | _____ | d. desiring or consuming great quantities |
| 10. replete | _____ | e. soaked, drenched, saturated |

TODAY'S IDIOM

to eat humble pie—to admit your error and apologize

After his candidate had lost the election, the boastful campaign manager had *to eat humble pie*.

abound
ə baʊnd

technology
tek nol' ə jē

prognosticate
prog nos' tə kāt

automaton
ō tom' ə ton

matron
mā' trən

SOLVING THE SERVANT PROBLEM

The worlds of science-fiction *abound* with wonders. Yet modern *technology* progresses so rapidly that what may be today's wild dream may be next year's kitchen appliance. A British scientist has *prognosticated* that within ten years every suburban *matron* will have her own robot servant. One task this domesticated *automaton* will not have to contend with will be scouring the oven because even today the newest ranges can be "programed" to reduce their own baked-on grime to easily disposed of ashes.

Sample Sentences Now that you've seen the words used in context, and—hopefully—have an idea of their meanings, try to use them in the following sentences. Remember that a word-ending may have to be changed.

- The mayor refused to _____ as to his margin of victory in the election.
- The time is approaching when human workers may be replaced by _____.
- A clever salesman will always ask a _____ if her mother is at home.
- The western plains used to _____ with bison before those animals were slaughtered by settlers.
- Man may be freed from backbreaking labor by the products of scientific _____.

Definitions Test yourself now by matching the new words with the definitions. If you are not sure of yourself, cover the top half of this page before you begin.

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| 6. abound | _____ | a. an older married woman |
| 7. technology | _____ | b. branch of knowledge dealing with engineering, applied science, etc. |
| 8. prognosticate | _____ | c. a robot; a mechanical "person" |
| 9. automaton | _____ | d. to exist in great numbers |
| 10. matron | _____ | e. to predict or foretell a future event |

TODAY'S IDIOM

a pig in a poke—an item you purchase without having seen; a disappointment

The mail order bicycle that my nephew bought turned out to be *a pig in a poke*, and he is now trying to get his money back.