3.4 Vocabulary for Impact Synonyms: 10-minute Pack

about 10 minutes

Total Marks

Name: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / _____

Answer ALL questions.

1 Writers vary the verb 'said' to give the reader more precise information about how something was spoken. Use this word bank to answer the questions below.

Word bank
whispered
murmured
said
exclaimed
shouted
bellowed

(a) Which word from the bank suggests someone spoke so quietly they could barely be heard? **(1)**

- ☐ whispered
- ☐ murmured
- ☐ said
- ☐ exclaimed
- ☐ shouted
- ☐ bellowed

(b) Which word from the bank suggests someone spoke suddenly, with surprise or strong emotion? **(1)**

- ☐ whispered
- ☐ murmured
- ☐ said
- ☐ exclaimed
- ☐ shouted
- ☐ bellowed

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(c) Which word from the bank suggests someone spoke in a deep, forceful roar, far louder than an ordinary shout? **(1)**

- ☐ whispered
- ☐ murmured
- ☐ said
- ☐ exclaimed
- ☐ shouted
- ☐ bellowed

(d) Which word from the bank is the most neutral, giving no extra information about volume or tone? **(1)**

- ☐ whispered
- ☐ murmured
- ☐ said
- ☐ exclaimed
- ☐ shouted
- ☐ bellowed

(Total for Question 1 is 4 marks)

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2 Classify each word below according to its connotation: positive, negative or neutral.

(a) vibrant **(1)**

- ☐ positive
- ☐ negative
- ☐ neutral

(b) gaudy **(1)**

- ☐ positive
- ☐ negative
- ☐ neutral

(c) unusual **(1)**

- ☐ positive
- ☐ negative
- ☐ neutral

(d) childish **(1)**

- ☐ positive
- ☐ negative
- ☐ neutral

(e) youthful **(1)**

- ☐ positive
- ☐ negative
- ☐ neutral

(f) average **(1)**

- ☐ positive
- ☐ negative
- ☐ neutral

(Total for Question 2 is 6 marks)

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3 For each description below, choose the word that would best create the stated effect on the reader.

(a) Which word best conveys menace when describing a shadow moving across a wall? **(1)**

- ☐ A) crept
- ☐ B) walked
- ☐ C) moved
- ☐ D) went

(b) Which word best conveys admiration when describing a sunset? **(1)**

- ☐ A) big
- ☐ B) nice
- ☐ C) breathtaking
- ☐ D) okay

(c) Which word best conveys gentle humour when describing a clumsy puppy? **(1)**

- ☐ A) bumbled
- ☐ B) marched
- ☐ C) glided
- ☐ D) stalked

(d) Which word best conveys sadness when describing an empty house? **(1)**

- ☐ A) quiet
- ☐ B) forlorn
- ☐ C) big
- ☐ D) nice

(Total for Question 3 is 4 marks)

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Question 1

(a) whispered **B1**

(a) Answer: whispered

(b) exclaimed **B1**

(b) Answer: exclaimed

(c) bellowed **B1**

(c) Answer: bellowed

(d) said **B1**

(d) Answer: said

Question 2

(a) positive **B1**

(a) Answer: positive

(b) negative **B1**

(b) Answer: negative

(c) neutral **B1**

(c) Answer: neutral

(d) negative **B1**

(d) Answer: negative

(e) positive **B1**

(e) Answer: positive

(f) neutral **B1**

(f) Answer: neutral

Question 3

(a) A) crept **B1**

(a) Answer: A

(b) C) breathtaking **B1**

(b) Answer: C

(c) A) bumbled **B1**

(c) Answer: A

(d) B) forlorn **B1**

(d) Answer: B

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