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Vocabulary: *Frankenstein*

Directions: Read the definitions and example sentences below. Then add two other words from the play.

- 1. distraught (dih-STRAWT)** *adjective*; distracted or disturbed with doubt or painful feelings
example: Distraught over not making the football team, Mike missed most of what Mr. Berg said.
- 2. fiend (feend)** *noun*; 1. an extremely wicked or cruel person; demon, devil, or monster;
2. a person enthusiastically devoted to something
example 1: I love Halloween for the scary, thrilling stories about fiends.
example 2: Sarah is a soccer fiend. She eats, sleeps, and breathes soccer!
- 3. ghastly (GAST-lee)** *adjective*; horrible or shocking
example: Mona's costume was ghastly. It frightened me every time I looked at her.
- 4. perplexed (per-PLEKST)** *adjective*; confused or puzzled
example: I am perplexed as to why Cameron did not return my text last night.
- 5. spasm (SPAZ-uhm)** *noun*; 1. a sudden uncontrolled contracting of muscles; 2. a sudden and brief spell of great energy, activity, or feeling
example 1: Mr. Laurence's back spasm caused him a great deal of pain.
example 2: Erin had a spasm of creativity and decided to paint her dresser with bright colors.
- 6. vile (vahyl)** *adjective*; 1. evil or immoral; 2. disgustingly or utterly bad
example 1: "It was a most vile crime," Jed began. "The villagers were shocked."
example 2: The vile weather created the perfect atmosphere for our Halloween storytelling party.
- 7. wretch (rech)** *noun*; 1. a miserable, unhappy person; 2. mean or evil person
example 1: "Oh, you poor wretch," my mom said sarcastically when I complained about having to walk our dog before going out with my friends.
example 2: "Beware of the wretch in the house on the hill," said Brian. "She's a witch!"

8. _____ (_____) _____ ; _____

example: _____

9. _____ (_____) _____ ; _____

example: _____

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Vocabulary Practice: *Frankenstein*

Directions: For each pair of words below, write **S** if the words are synonyms (have the same meaning) or **A** if the words are antonyms (have opposite meanings).

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| 1. perplexed | baffled | _____ |
| 2. vile | appalling | _____ |
| 3. distraught | calm | _____ |
| 4. wretch | villain | _____ |
| 5. ghastly | dreadful | _____ |
| 6. fiend | angel | _____ |

Directions: In each row of words, place an **X** on the word that does not belong.

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| 7. | delightful | pleasant | enchancing | ghastly |
| 8. | attack | spasm | calm | fit |
| 9. | perplexed | resolved | confused | mystified |
| 10. | friend | savage | fiend | monster |

Directions: Write two sentences. In each, **use at least one noun and one adjective** from the list of vocabulary words on page 1 of this activity (including the words you chose).

11. _____

12. _____

