

“Here’s Looking at You, Kid!” Words Connoting Sight/Seeing

Avocabo Wordlist 22

APPARENT, ARGUS, BASILISK, DAZZLE, DISCERN, ESPIONAGE, GLIMPSE, HOODWINK, INTROSPECTION, KEN, LEER, LIMPID, LORGNETTE, MANIFESTATION, MYOPIA, OBFUSCATE, OGLE, OPHTHALMIC, PANORAMIC, PERSPICACITY, RECONNAISSANCE, WITNESS



Exercise 22-1 Seeing Clear

Write the list word defined in each of the following (22 marks)

_____ 1. From French, formed from lorgner “to squint, peer at,” ultimately from a prehistoric Germanic *a pair of glasses or opera glasses with a short handle at the side.*

_____ 2. This word means *clear and transparent* and it is often used to describe bodies of water or eyes. It can also describe writing that is *lucid and easy to understand*

_____ 3. Archaic meanings of this word, *to blindfold somebody* or *to conceal or hide something* have given way to more figurative definition of *deceiving or duping somebody, especially by trickery*

_____ 4. In Greek mythology, *a one hundred-eyed monster, or somebody who is very alert and watchful (literary)*

_____ 5. James Bond’s line of work, or a noun meaning *the use of spying or spies to gather secret information*

_____ 6. What you see is not always what you get! This word means *clearly seen or understood* and can also mean *appearing to show particular qualities, feelings, or attributes that may not be genuine.*

_____ 7. While you probably know this word in its sense of *amazing someone*, here it is relevant as a verb meaning *to make somebody temporarily unable to see*. It can also be a noun meaning *very bright light that deprives somebody of sight temporarily.*

_____ 8. *To see something happen, especially a crime or an accident (verb), or the person doing the seeing (noun)*

_____ 9. *An unobstructed view extending in all directions, especially of a landscape.* The term was coined in the late 1780s by an Irish artist, Robert Barker, to describe a method he had invented for painting a scene on the inside of a cylinder in such a way that its perspective would seem correct to someone viewing it from inside the cylinder.

_____ 10. *A brief look.*

_____ 11. From Latin , literally “to separate off,” this verb means *to see or notice something unclear, to understand something that is not immediately obvious and to be able to tell the difference between two or more things*

_____ 12. Also called a cockatrice, this is *a legendary reptile whose look or breath was supposed to be fatal.* It is also the name of *a tropical American lizard, related to the iguana, that is able to run upright on its long hind legs. The males have an inflatable crest at the back of the head.*

_____ 13. *shortness of sight or lack of foresight or long-term planning*

_____ 14. A very hard word to spell correctly, it means *relating to the eyes, or located in the region of the eye*

_____ 15. Looking inwardly; *the detailed mental self-examination of feelings, thoughts, and motives*

_____ 16. *acuteness of discernment or perception.*

_____ 17. From a Latin root meaning “to darken”, this word now means *to make something obscure or unclear, especially by making it unnecessarily complicated*

_____ 18. *to look or smile in a way that suggests unpleasantly lustful or malicious intent*

_____ 19. There are lots of meanings for this multifunctional noun: *1. an act of showing or demonstrating something, 2. the state or condition of being shown or perceptible, 3. an indication that something is present, real, or exists, 4. a public demonstration, usually over a political issue, 5. a supposed appearance in visible form by a spiritual being, 6. a visible form in which a divine being, idea, or person is believed to be revealed or expressed*

_____ 20. This word is similar in meaning to 18 but has a subtle difference, in meaning *to look at somebody for sexual enjoyment or as a way of showing sexual interest*

_____ 21. *somebody’s knowledge or understanding*

_____ 22. This term has taken on martial connotations, meaning *the exploration or examination of an area, especially to gather information about the strength and positioning of enemy forces.* It need not be a wartime act, as it also means *a preliminary inspection of a given area to obtain data concerning geographic, hydrographic, or similar information prior to a detailed or full survey*

Exercise 22-2 Fill-in-the-blanks

Choose the best list word (or variant of) to complete each of the following sentences: (22 marks) Some questions feature multiple blanks, in which case the same answer is repeated in each space.

1. The report says that Hanssen betrayed “some” of the country’s most important intelligence and military secrets. He routinely “surfed” the Bureau’s computer systems seeking details on _____ investigations and the identities of key FBI human sources working for the Soviet KGB. He compromised the identities of dozens of these sources.

2. His night vision is going, he said. He can’t pick information out of the _____ the way he used to. Same with the stuff on the edges—either his peripheral vision has declined or his brain has lost the ability to interpret input.

3. The _____ is creature in classical mythology who had a hundred eyes. Hera set him to watch over Io, a girl who had been seduced by Zeus and then turned into a cow; with _____ on guard, Zeus could not come to rescue Io, for only some of _____’ eyes would be closed in sleep at any one time. Hermes, working on Zeus’ behalf, played music that put all the eyes to sleep and then killed _____. Hera put his eyes in the tail of the peacock.

4. Writing in 1968, Hernando J. Abaya set the journalist’s first duty to be that of chronicler — the discoverer and recorder of truth (“as near as he can attain it”), from which historians will write their fuller accounts. The journalist has no time for hindsight. Therefore she or he must be always armed with the weapon of _____ as events rush before his eyes and a flood of words assail his ears, most of them lies. This _____ allows judgments to be made quickly in the course of obtaining what Abaya calls “the earliest and most correct intelligence on events as they happen, and instantly, by disclosing them, make them the common property of the people.”

5. Serbian star Jelena Dokic wants tennis fans who _____ Anna Kournikova to start loving the sport’s sex symbols for their skill with a racket as much as their looks. “People should stop looking for a babe,” Dokic said. “They should look at tennis players first. There are plenty of good looking girls out here besides Anna.

6. Anyone who has been involved with the small parties of the far Left will appreciate Orwell’s extraordinary ability to see through dogma, to recognise the threat to individual liberty from totalitarianism of both the left and right, and his _____ and courage in rejecting Stalinism while continuing to call himself a socialist.

7. Though most antivirus programs take care of it, this time round Sobig is proving to be a master of disguise. It keeps changing its size and name to _____ antivirus measures and some of them do manage to sneak through.

8. Even in her 60s, without an ounce of fat on her tiny body, she’d whip the _____ off her eyes, say, at a MoMA opening, and kiss you smack on the lips: “I haven’t seen you for a while, when are you coming to my gallery?”

9. This year marks a century and a half since a young German Jewish immigrant named Levi Strauss settled in San Francisco, became an American citizen and opened a dry goods store. Jeans' global popularity is _____ in crowds at Levi Strauss' birthplace in Buttenheim, Germany.

10. "In the '90s, the Swiss came along with a high-quality _____ camera that could go up to 360 degrees, solving many early problems," said the retired Dominican ER doctor. "But now with digital cameras, I can take more than one photo. The software I have matches up the pixels so there's no seam, so to most people the pictures are just as good as with the Swiss camera."

11. Security has been tightened at all U.N. facilities, but officials said they also hope to maintain the degree of accessibility that they say has distinguished them from the U.S.-led occupation forces. "We need to make sure that in the process of reviewing security requirements, we do not _____ the *raison d'être* of the U.N.," said Ramiro Lopes da Silva, the chief of U.N. humanitarian programs. Da Silva, whose head and hand were injured in the attack, has been named the temporary replacement for Sergio Vieira de Mello, 55, the U.N. special representative who died in the bombing.

12. The way Thomas Sobol describes it, you'd expect to find Poland Spring a scummy puddle teeming with mosquito larvae. The original source of America's best-selling bottled spring water "is stagnant and no longer flows," according to court papers filed by Sobol and several other attorneys.

Yet visitors to Nestle's Poland Spring Museum and Spring House find no sign of contamination, stagnation or impurity. Emanating from a bedrock crack into a _____ pool lined with flat gray stones, the water is cold and clean and looks like it could slake a Saharan thirst.

13. Tony Blair will be the star _____ to the Hutton inquiry this week, facing direct questions about his role in the preparation of the disputed dossier on Iraq's weapons of mass destruction and his part in events leading up to the death of Dr David Kelly.

14. Changing the culture of NASA won't be easy: Is it even possible? Clark says the future of the space agency is dependent on it. "If we don't change, if we don't adopt a strategy of _____ and critical appraisal, then we

can't survive with this high-risk technology," he said. "Ask me a year from now, or 10 years from now, I will be able to give you a better answer."

15. But insurance doesn't cover everything. Contracts can exclude care that, while life-enhancing, isn't essential. Most insurance doesn't cover Lasik eye surgery, for instance, even though it cures _____.

16. "We're really happy in our larger facility where we offer services from something as simple as adjusting glasses to _____ surgery," Pickens said. "It makes life easier for us and for our patients."

17. The _____ was the King of the snakes and the most poisonous creature on earth. His appearance has always been a matter of dispute since there is no way to see one and survive. Looking at it, according to legend, brings death.

18. A(n) _____ into Katherine Hepburn's will reveals that four acres of beachfront property near her home will become protected land for "exclusively public purposes."

19. The old ways are fast disappearing.
So too with the pastime of _____.
But many a rogue'll
Continue to ogle.
(At least its politer than cheering.)

20. The _____ troops didn't find all they were looking for, but they returned safely and gained valuable on-ground intelligence of an area unseen by the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force or the U.S.-led coalition against terrorism for more than a year.

21. The necessity of trading their best player is a troubling _____ of the Pirates' financial crisis, just two years after moving into a new stadium that was supposed to have cured their woes.

22. So we are predisposed — if not preprogrammed — to accept tales of animals who display human motives, understanding, reason, and intentions. It takes a far greater imagination to conceive the possibility that a dog's mental life may assume a form that is simply beyond our _____.

Exercise 22-3: Making Connections

In a few sentences, describe the relationship between each pair of words. Use a good dictionary to clarify any unclear words. (5 x 2 marks)

1. espionage cloak-and-dagger

2. limpid clear

3. testimony witness

4. theophany manifestation

5. indistinguishable discern

Exercise 22-4 See better, Lear!

Answer the following questions in the spaces provided. Marks are shown for each question. (10 marks total)

1. What does it mean to be Argus-eyed? (1 mark)

2. Provide five words that connote *blindness or lack of seeing*. (5 marks) e.g. **altricial**, but **NOT venetian** Be prepared to define your word and explain the connection.

3. Write the noun form of **discern**: (1 mark)

4. Provide an antonym of **obfuscate**: (1 mark)

5. Provide a synonym for **limpid** other than 'clear' (1 mark)

6. Use the word **ken** in an original sentence. (1 mark)
