

ANSWER KEY—Vocabulary for Achievement— Placement Evaluation

This trial quiz will help to place you in the vocabulary book that is best for you. For each item, write down the letter of the word that is closest in meaning to it.

Remember that this quiz is only for placement. If you do not know a word, leave the space blank. DON'T TRY TO GUESS.

NAME _____

DATE _____

SECTION OR CLASS _____

SCORE _____

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| <u>c</u> | 1. mentor | a. friend | b. relative | c. advisor | d. sponsor |
| <u>d</u> | 2. youthful | a. mature | b. helpful | c. amusing | d. childish |
| <u>d</u> | 3. to abolish | a. surprise | b. hope | c. ruin | d. end |
| <u>a</u> | 4. transfusion | a. transfer | b. thrill | c. threat | d. thought |
| <u>d</u> | 5. dash | a. walk | b. hop | c. avoid | d. run |
| <u>a</u> | 6. illogical | a. lacking sense | b. making more sense | c. having sense | d. sensitive |
| <u>a</u> | 7. to arm | a. give weapons | b. give hope | c. give transportation | d. give money |
| <u>b</u> | 8. prosperous | a. helpful | b. rich | c. popular | d. athletic |
| <u>d</u> | 9. species | a. class of students | b. class of ants | c. class of rocks | d. class of animals |
| <u>b</u> | 10. corps | a. business group | b. army group | c. continent | d. computer network |
| <u>d</u> | 11. pedestrian | a. seller | b. singer | c. inventor | d. walker |
| <u>c</u> | 12. authentic | a. valuable | b. ancient | c. real | d. decorated |
| <u>a</u> | 13. evident | a. obvious | b. stubborn | c. short | d. acceptable |
| <u>c</u> | 14. to fascinate | a. understand | b. argue | c. interest | d. want |
| <u>c</u> | 15. to scurry | a. skip | b. walk | c. run | d. hop |
| <u>b</u> | 16. habitual | a. best | b. usual | c. strange | d. ridiculous |
| <u>c</u> | 17. mammoth | a. frightening | b. sloppy | c. enormous | d. mature |
| <u>c</u> | 18. municipality | a. team | b. gathering | c. city | d. club |
| <u>b</u> | 19. to stampede | a. haul | b. rush | c. leave | d. fly |

- a 20. to totter a. move unsteadily b. move quickly c. move skillfully d. move decisively
- d 21. wrath a. kindness b. sensitivity c. horror d. anger
- a 22. to certify a. guarantee b. argue c. imagine d. investigate
- b 23. recalcitrant a. overpowering b. resistant c. complaining d. courageous
- b 24. bliss a. sympathy b. joy c. annoyance d. loneliness
- a 25. cordial a. friendly b. calm c. sophisticated d. helpful
- c 26. disheveled a. fashionable b. faded c. messy d. unpleasant
- d 27. to traverse a. move b. tremble c. visit d. cross
- b 28. to facilitate a. wrap around b. make easier c. embarrass d. work hard
- b 29. harmonious a. similar b. peaceful c. warm d. confident
- d 30. amelioration a. repayment b. protection c. cancellation d. improvement
- a 31. medley a. group of songs b. display of paintings c. club of artists d. line of pianos
- d 32. intuition a. defense b. thinker c. movement d. feeling
- b 33. potent a. sizable b. strong c. dense d. ridiculous
- a 34. to clarify a. explain b. spread c. announce d. trade
- a 35. serialized a. presented in parts b. made quickly c. put on television d. shown in color
- b 36. amiss a. incomplete b. wrong c. lost d. misunderstood
- d 37. insupportable a. wonderful b. comforted c. ridiculous d. unbearable
- d 38. to subvert a. gossip b. criticize c. block d. weaken
- b 39. eminence a. requirement b. fame c. hard work d. swiftness
- d 40. sanctuary a. hospital b. forest c. attached building d. holy place
- a 41. to peal a. ring b. force c. travel d. oppose
- c 42. to disclaim a. invent b. crowd c. deny d. outline
- c 43. miscalculation a. cutting apart b. burning c. error d. counting
- d 44. blockade a. outlining b. giving form to c. bringing near d. closing off
- a 45. impinge upon a. disturb b. repair c. help out d. uncover
- a 46. forbearance a. patience b. favoritism c. argument d. social awareness
- d 47. communal a. crowded b. puzzled c. inexpensive d. shared
- d 48. coup a. brother b. elder c. election d. overthrow
- c 49. decomposition a. revising b. pounding c. rotting d. disorder

<u>b</u>	50. virulent	a. pale	b. poisonous	c. disabled	d. serious
<u>d</u>	51. thwart	a. delay	b. calm	c. fulfill	d. frustrate
<u>a</u>	52. rapt	a. attentive	b. unspoken	c. deserving	d. lawful
<u>d</u>	53. prodigy	a. careful person	b. rich person	c. athletic person	d. talented person
<u>d</u>	54. astute	a. imaginative	b. energetic	c. honest	d. clever
<u>b</u>	55. notoriety	a. good fame	b. bad fame	c. immense fame	d. important fame
<u>c</u>	56. to scrutinize	a. confuse	b. forbid	c. examine	d. converse
<u>a</u>	57. junta	a. military leaders	b. outlaw	c. enthusiastic fan	d. unskilled laborers
<u>b</u>	58. incipient	a. difficult	b. beginning	c. bold	d. powerful
<u>a</u>	59. perceptive	a. sensitive	b. imagined	c. uncomfortable	d. sly
<u>c</u>	60. dupe	a. discouraged person	b. defended person	c. tricked person	d. hopeful person
<u>c</u>	61. cognizant	a. careful	b. disguised	c. informed	d. immoral
<u>a</u>	62. salient	a. noticeable	b. confusing	c. foolish	d. rude
<u>d</u>	63. credence	a. dislike	b. agreement	c. knowledge	d. belief
<u>d</u>	64. diaphanous	a. thick	b. easily bent	c. faded	d. transparent
<u>d</u>	65. totalitarian	a. captured	b. dominant	c. independent	d. absolute
<u>c</u>	66. to elucidate	a. provoke	b. invade	c. explain	d. improve
<u>d</u>	67. feral	a. local	b. immature	c. settled	d. wild
<u>d</u>	68. hilarity	a. unpredictability	b. oddness	c. disrespect	d. amusement
<u>a</u>	69. assail	a. attack	b. punish	c. injure	d. resist
<u>d</u>	70. ponderous	a. sticky	b. moist	c. airy	d. heavy
<u>d</u>	71. recurrent	a. happening once	b. happening suddenly	c. ended	d. happening again
<u>d</u>	72. cede	a. conquer	b. reduce	c. enter	d. give up
<u>a</u>	73. nuance	a. slight difference	b. large difference	c. no difference	d. deciding difference
<u>d</u>	74. wily	a. wise	b. cruel	c. inappropriate	d. tricky
<u>d</u>	75. shirk	a. embrace	b. express	c. plot	d. avoid
<u>d</u>	76. candor	a. honor	b. willingness	c. rudeness	d. honesty
<u>a</u>	77. redundant	a. repetitious	b. hopeless	c. badly written	d. empty
<u>c</u>	78. to propitiate	a. think over	b. beg	c. soothe	d. refuse
<u>b</u>	79. affront	a. break	b. insult	c. war	d. target

<u>a</u>	80. sylvan	a. like the forest	b. like the city	c. like the sea	d. like the desert
<u>d</u>	81. malevolent	a. with expectations	b. with blessings	c. with speed	d. with ill will
<u>d</u>	82. inimitable	a. critical	b. valuable	c. established	d. unique
<u>c</u>	83. auspices	a. cautiousness	b. disadvantage	c. sponsorship	d. indications
<u>b</u>	84. gregarious	a. conspicuous	b. sociable	c. innocent	d. beautiful
<u>a</u>	85. despicable	a. hateful	b. private	c. perfect	d. ended
<u>d</u>	86. complicity	a. exaggeration	b. circulation	c. imperfection	d. involvement
<u>a</u>	87. peerless	a. without equal	b. without doubt	c. without truth	d. without merit
<u>b</u>	88. cognomen	a. fame	b. nickname	c. pride	d. holiness
<u>a</u>	89. to wrest	a. extract	b. destroy	c. overcome	d. anticipate
<u>d</u>	90. to meander	a. replace	b. flow	c. leap	d. wander
<u>a</u>	91. to stultify	a. make ineffective	b. cause annoyance	c. justify	d. regret
<u>a</u>	92. querulous	a. irritable	b. slippery	c. crying	d. cynical
<u>d</u>	93. cryptic	a. observant	b. undecided	c. contradictory	d. mysterious
<u>a</u>	94. obsequious	a. eager to serve	b. eager to end	c. eager to hide	d. eager to relax
<u>d</u>	95. transience	a. comfortable life	b. happy life	c. unfortunate life	d. short life
<u>c</u>	96. extant	a. accustomed	b. irreversible	c. existing	d. simultaneous
<u>b</u>	97. to revel	a. annoy	b. celebrate	c. disapprove	d. win
<u>b</u>	98. lachrymose	a. common	b. tearful	c. breakable	d. sloppy
<u>a</u>	99. irresolute	a. undecided	b. stubborn	c. indifferent	d. tired
<u>a</u>	100. bedlam	a. confusion	b. stubbornness	c. success	d. determination

SUGGESTED STARTING LEVELS:

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15–24	Introductory Course
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35–44	Second Course
45–54	Third Course
55–64	Fourth Course
65–74	Fifth Course
75 and above	Sixth Course

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CRITERIA AND DESCRIPTION

This test contains 100 items from *Vocabulary for Achievement*, of Great Source Education Group, a division of Houghton Mifflin Company. It is meant to place students into the correct levels, as listed below:

- Introductory Course** (generally grade 6)
- First Course** (generally grade 7)
- Second Course** (generally grade 8)
- Third Course** (generally grade 9)
- Fourth Course** (generally grade 10)
- Fifth Course** (generally grade 11)
- Sixth Course** (generally grade 12)

Suggested number correct for the placement at each level are:

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