

# Vocabulary Study

## CLASSIFYING WORDS

**A. Directions:** As your teacher reads each sentence, listen for the boldfaced word and clues to its meaning. Together discuss possible meanings of the word.

1. A loud noise caused the horses to **balk**. Their refusal to move slowed him down.
2. Jimmy is required to serve only part of his full sentence. He has already completed the **compulsory** number of months.
3. The officials know that once Jimmy is out of prison, he will be impossible to capture again. He is the most **elusive** criminal of the century.
4. Only the **eminent** and world-famous detective Ben Price could ever hope to capture “Dandy” Jimmy Valentine.
5. For a master criminal, he certainly behaves **genially**. He always has a pleasant smile for everyone, even for the police trying to catch him.
6. Although prison is meant to **rehabilitate** criminals and prepare them to return to society as more honest citizens, it often falls short of its goal.
7. He received a light sentence for his crimes. The members of the jury found him too charming to hand down more severe **retribution**.
8. He used to **saunter** down the street as if he did not have a care in the world. He looked like any other young man out for a stroll.
9. **Unperceived** by anyone, Jimmy had already taken out his tools. By the time the family noticed him, he was ready to begin drilling.
10. For a year he led a **virtuous** life. He was a model citizen and obeyed the law.

**B. Directions:** Use the boldfaced words from Part A to answer each question. Be prepared to give reasons for your answers.

1. Which words contain a prefix that means “again” or “back” and one that means “not”?

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2. Which words have to do with movement?

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3. Which words positively describe someone?

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4. Which words are associated with force?

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