**Vocabulary Power Plus for the ACT**  Name   
**Lesson 9 -- Assignment 1**  Hour

**Definitions and Sentence Completion**

**Directions:** Use *http://www.learnersdictionary.com/* to locate a definition for each word on the list. Write the definition on the lines. Then, complete each sentence with an original idea.   
 You may print this assignment, copy it into Word to complete digitally, or you may complete it on lined paper. If you use lined paper, be sure to write out the sentence starter as well as your ending.

1. **machination** (n.)   
   
   
 Luckily, Captain Freedom foiled Dr. X’s evil **machinations** to…  
  
  
  
2. **pejorative** (adj.)   
   
   
 Shouting **pejorative** remarks to the other team will not…   
  
  
  
3. **harbinger** (n.)   
   
  
 One **harbinger** of an approaching storm is…

4. **nubile** (adj.)   
   
  
 Henson’s daughter had grown into a **nubile** young woman, so the lonely Trader Bill  
 asked…  
  
  
  
5. **sapient** (adj.)   
   
  
 Computers ( can / cannot ) be considered **sapient** because…

6. **chimerical** (adj.)   
   
  
 Madeline, who just turned two, has the **chimerical** notion that…

7. **masochist** (n.)   
   
  
 In weather this frigid, only a **masochist** would want to…

8. **finesse** (n.)

The receptionist at the complaint department lacked the **finesse** to…

9. **heterogeneous** (adj.)   
   
  
 Within the jiggling block of lime Jell-O was a **heterogeneous** mixture of…

10. **eclectic** (adj.)   
   
  
 Mom has only knickknacks, but Tiffany’s **eclectic** collection includes…

11. **grandiose** (adj.)   
   
  
 Ned and Mary wanted to buy the **grandiose** mansion on the hill, but they…

12. **raiment** (n.)   
   
  
 Compared to the elegant **raiment** of the Victorian era, the mass-produced clothing of modern society is…

13. **blanch** (v.)   
   
  
 Aaron was afraid of heights, so his face **blanched** when…

14. **hybrid** (n.)   
   
  
   
 Plant **hybrids**, like tangelos, are grown by combining…

15. **idiosyncracy** (n.)   
   
  
 Good friends seldom allow an **idiosyncracy** to…