

Vocabulary Power Plus for the ACT
Lesson 1 -- Assignment 2

Name _____
Hour _____

Words in Context

Directions: From the list below, supply the words needed to complete the paragraph.
Some words will not be used.

amorphous enervate besiege factious ephemeral perspicacity
altruism carrion

1. Carter had been walking for more than four hours since his truck ran out of fuel. The morning desert sun (a)_____ him, bringing him closer to exhaustion. In his weary state, he chastised himself for not having the (b)_____ to have brought an extra can of fuel on the trip. In such a barren, isolated place, Carter knew that he couldn't rely on the (c)_____ of others for help if his truck broke down. The only living things on the road were biting flies that (d)_____ Carter and forced him to swat his face and neck every few seconds. They continued to attack until they detected the foul smell of (e)_____ when Carter passed a dead hare on the shoulder of the road. The departure of the flies gave him relief as he continued his trudge; the bugs went away, but in the distance, Carter could see, through eyes stinging with sweat, the (g)_____ distortions of light along the hot desert floor.

rectify factious ignoble erotic amorphous besiege

2. Some of the council approved the new zoning restriction, but a few (a)_____ members refused to cast votes. None of them actually approved of the (b)_____ bookstore next to the little league field, but they wanted to find a better way to legally (c)_____ the (d)_____ situation.

aegis altruism boor fervent carrion opulent

3. Councilman Parker, a wealthy native of the small town, knew that a few council members had a(n) (a)_____ desire to remove him from office. Some of them resented his (b)_____ lifestyle, and others claimed that Parker was careless because he lived under the (c)_____ of his wealth and thus had no fear of being fired. They also called Parker a (d)_____ because he had the habit of interrupting conversations and barging into offices without knocking.