**Vocabulary Power Plus for the ACT**  Name   
**Lesson 3 -- 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. **pedestrian** (adj.)   
   
   
 The **pedestrian** television program was not worth  
  
  
  
2. **bona fide** (adj.)   
   
   
 Ralph wanted a **bona fide** New York cheesecake, so he  
  
  
  
3. **adventitious** (adj.)   
   
  
 During the game, it was **adventitious** that the players

4. **fecund** (adj.)   
   
  
 The **fecund** nature of the jungle  
  
  
  
5. **deviate** (v.)   
   
  
 Try not to **deviate** from the subject when you

6. **obfuscate** (v.)   
   
  
 The salesman obfuscated the dissatisfied customer so much that the customer

7. **impale** (v.)   
   
  
 Nathan **impaled** an earthworm on a hook before he

8. **extenuate** (v.)

You cannot **extenuate** your bad habit of

9. **parochial** (adj.)   
   
  
 Martin had a **parochial** fear of travel, so it surprised everyone when he

10. **glower** (v.)   
   
  
 Sheila, covered in food, **glowered** at the waiter after he

11. **edify** (v.)   
   
  
 Alicia thought she could **edify** her son, but she knew that she could not when

12. **ambiguous** (adj.)   
   
  
 If a teacher gives **ambiguous** directions for an assignment,

13. **cataclysm** (n.)   
   
  
 A **cataclysm** caused by an asteroid striking the earth would probably

14. **optimum** (adj.)   
   
  
 If you do not wait for **optimum** sailing conditions, you might

15. **importune** (adj.)   
   
  
 The uninsured woman **importuned** the hospital to