

AP Language and Composition Vocabulary Test One

Write a sentence for each vocabulary word. Show that you understand the meaning of the word.

Example: Alliteration

Sentence: In her poem, she used alliteration to create a melodic effect by repeating the same consonant sound at the beginning of multiple words.

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1. apathy – lack of emotion or interest
 2. ambiguous – having more than one meaning; vague
 3. fervent – passionate
 4. vagrant – a wandering homeless person; a tramp
 5. undermine – to weaken; to wear the foundation of
 6. oblivious – unaware; unconscious
 7. indifferent – not caring one way or the other; lacking a preference; neutral
 8. obscure – unclear; clouded; partially hidden; hard to understand
 9. objective – without bias (as opposed to subjective)
 10. revere – to worship
 11. discriminate – to differentiate; to make a clear distinction; to see the difference
 12. embellish – to add details; to exaggerate
 13. denounce – to speak out against; to condemn
 14. innovate – to be creative; to introduce something new
 15. stagnant – not moving
 16. candid – honest; frank
 17. impartial – unbiased; neutral
 18. discern – to distinguish one thing from another
 19. ostentatious – showing off
 20. contentious - quarrelsome