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English: Vocabulary

Two Devils Vocab

**Circle the word that best completes the sentence. Use the words and definitions above.**

**Miserly:** *adjective* of, like, or befitting a miser penurious; stingy; niggardly.

**Termagant:** *noun* a violent, turbulent, or brawling woman.

**Quagmire:** *noun* 1. an area of miry or boggy ground whose surface yields under the tread; a bog.

 2. a situation from which extrication is very difficult

1. The old man house was in disrepair because he was to *quagmire/miserly* to fix it.

2. The debate was stuck in a *quagmire/termagant* because the politician refused to compromise.

3. Fred’s wife was a tall *miserly/termagant* woman, whose fierce temper was the terror of the

 neighborhood.

**Use the word above that best completes the sentence.**

**Melancholy:** *noun*, 1. a gloomy state of mind, especially when habitual or prolonged; depression.

 2. sober thoughtfulness; pensiveness.

**Memento:** *noun*, an object or item that serves to remind one of a person, past event, etc.; keepsake;

 souvenir.

**Morass:** *noun,* 1. a tract of low, soft, wet ground. 2. a marsh or bog.

1. William kept his grandfathers ring has a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

2. The tractor was stuck in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and needed to be pulled out.

3. Mondays and math class always make me feel \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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**Propitiatory:** *adjective*, serving or intended to make favorably inclined; appease; conciliate.

**Usurer:** *noun*, a person who lends money and charges interest, especially at an exorbitant or unlawful

 rate; moneylender.

**Doleful:** *adjective*, sorrowful; mournful; melancholy: Example “a doleful look on her face.”

1. The politician remarks were *usurer/propitiatory* to help get the vote.

2. The *doleful/usurer* was charged with tax evasion.

3. The speakers *propitiatory/doleful* remarks made the audience cry .

**Turn over more on the back!**

**Use the word above that best completes the sentence.**

**Ostentation:** *noun*, pretentious or conspicuous show, as of wealth or importance; display intended to impress others.

**Parsimony:** *noun,* extreme or excessive economy or frugality; stinginess; niggardliness.

**Superfluous:** *adjective*, being more than is sufficient or required; excessive.

**Anthracite:** *noun*, a mineral coal containing little of the volatile hydrocarbons and burning almost without flame; hard coal.

1. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(ous) dress of the courtier made king angry.

2. The politician was known for his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in economic decisions.

3. The rich man’s house was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in its decoration.

**Anthracite:** *noun*, a mineral coal containing little of the volatile hydrocarbons and burning almost

 without flame; hard coal.

**Gimlet:** *noun,* a small tool for boring holes, consisting of a shaft with a pointed screw at one end

and a handle perpendicular to the shaft at the other.

**Revile:** verb (used with object), reviled, reviling. to assail with contemptuous or opprobrious language;

 address or speak of abusively.

**Berth:** *noun,* Nautical. the distance maintained between a vessel and the shore, another vessel.

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1. He carpenter use a *gimlet/berth* when making the ostentatious cabinet.
2. The miners discovered *anthracite/gimlet* coal which is better bituminous coal.
3. The news anchor *berth/revile* (ed) the politician in an editorial.
4. Mr. Fegley was in a bad mood and his student gave him a wide *berth/gimlet*.