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Build a Fabulous Vocab

Words That Begin With C

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“A word is not a crystal, transparent and unchanged, it is the skin of a living thought and may vary greatly in color and content according to the circumstances and the time in which it is used.”

—Oliver Wendell Holmes, American writer, 1809–1894

Language is an ever growing, always changing entity. English speakers borrow and transform words from other languages and often make up new words and expressions. Use a word from the Word Bank to complete each sentence below. Notice that one word fits two sentences. Yes, you may use your dictionary.

Word Bank	camaraderie	cameo	censer	chicanery	churlish
	circumlocution	consanguineous	culpable	cumulative	

1. “I’m sick and tired of your _____ attitude, young man,” Eric’s mother scolded when he started to argue about taking out the garbage.
2. Low-ranking soldiers on trial for abusing prisoners at Abu Ghraib maintained that military officials should also be held _____.
3. The two plants were _____ but showed few physical similarities; their leaf size and shape, blossom color, and stalk thickness all differed.
4. By the end of the semester, Linda had made some terrific friends on the yearbook staff and treasured the _____ that had grown among them.
5. The company president’s mastery of _____ was exceeded only by his lack of knowledge about the day-to-day processes of his employees.
6. *Funny Times* maintains a _____ online index of all the cartoons it has published since its first issue.
7. Dee’s _____ showed a bas-relief image of a woman’s profile carved from fossilized walrus ivory.
8. During the Holy Thursday procession, the incense burning in the _____ the acolyte carried drifted through the cathedral.
9. Douglas pointed to the continuous evasions about when the kitchen cabinets would be installed as evidence of the construction company’s _____.
10. Even though his role was only a _____, Forrest hoped it would be memorable enough to kick-start his movie career.