

# VOCAB-u-lous!

## Build a Fabulous Vocab

### Words That Begin With **T**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

“To me, the greatest pleasure of writing is not what it’s about,  
but the inner music that words make.”  
—Truman Capote, American writer, 1924–1984, *McCall’s*, November 1967

Many of the words in the **T** Word Bank are very musical. Say them aloud and listen. Two of the words have similar sounds but very different primary meanings. Keep that in mind as you 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.

<b>Word Bank</b>	taradiddle	tautog	tautology	tectonic	temerity
	timorous	thermodynamics	tipple	tremulous	

1. “Jon, I don’t believe you have the \_\_\_\_\_ to come to this class day after day without your homework,” his teacher spluttered, shaking her head in frustration.
2. Describing the suspect, the witness said, “She was wraithlike and \_\_\_\_\_. When her body shook, she looked like a bag of bones rattling in her long coat.”
3. The guys in the dorm worried about their buddy because he had begun to \_\_\_\_\_ in the morning, even when he had class.
4. Luis understood the basic idea of \_\_\_\_\_, but he could not do the math problems that measured how much heat flowed from a hot place to a cold place.
5. Ellen caught the first \_\_\_\_\_ of the day, but she had to throw it back because it measured only 13 inches, an inch too short to be legal.
6. The kids studying \_\_\_\_\_ forces had a rough time comprehending that mountains arose when giant plates of Earth’s crust exerted pressure on each other.
7. “What’s your \_\_\_\_\_, lads?” the genial waiter asked as he handed the menus to the soccer team. “Lemonade? Root beer? Milk?”
8. The day-care worker could see that the girl was shy, a \_\_\_\_\_ looking kid, so he kept his voice smooth as he gently guided her toward the water table.
9. “Poppycock! \_\_\_\_\_,” the English teacher stormed as the students tried to explain that no one had been near the window, that it had just shattered by itself.
10. “With malice toward none, with charity for all” is an example of a \_\_\_\_\_ that is still meaningful, unlike “free gift,” which is just plain silly.