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Build a Fabulous Vocab

Words That Begin With G

Name _____

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“But words are things, and a small drop of ink,
Falling like dew upon a thought, produces
That which makes thousands, perhaps millions, think.”

—Lord Byron (George Gordon Noel Byron), *English writer, 1788–1824, Don Juan, Canto 3, Stanza 88*

A powerful vocabulary is not reserved only for the intellectual elite. A wise teacher once told her students, “If you say it three times, it’s yours.” Use a word from the Word Bank to complete each sentence below. One of the words fits two sentences. Yes, you may use your dictionary.

Word Bank	galumph	gamboling	gauche	gerrymandering
	glabrous	gobbet	gravitas	guttural
				gyre

1. During Susan’s chemotherapy, she and a friend painted a mandala on her _____ skull.
2. The nominating committee feared the candidate lacked _____, that voters would perceive her as too young and inexperienced for the job.
3. “Whatcha got there?” Henry hollered to Alex, who crouched by the fire roasting a _____ of something skewered on a long stick.
4. When Matt auditioned for the production of *Arms and the Man*, the drama teacher told him his _____ voice was perfect for the role of Major Petkoff.
5. The sub polar _____ pushes ocean water in a counterclockwise pattern from Ireland to Labrador.
6. “Oh, how cute,” Kathleen said, pointing out the baby lambs _____ on the hillside. “Oh, how delicious,” Tony replied.
7. The politician accused the opposition of _____, charging that the redistricting gave its candidates an unfair advantage in the election.
8. “What a moron,” Anava thought as she heard her little brother _____ down the stairs like some wild beast freed from its cage.
9. When Simon noticed the red-tailed hawk _____ up through the stand of trees, he pulled to the side of the road and watched until it was lost from view.
10. Cindy felt awkward and _____ at her cousin’s wedding reception, like a little girl dressed up in mommy’s clothes.