

VOCAB-u-lous!

Build a Fabulous Vocab

Words That Begin With N

Name _____

Date _____

“Words! Words! Words! I’m so sick of words!
I get words all day through;
First from him, now from you!
Is that all you blighters can do?”
—Alan Jay Lerner, lyricist, *My Fair Lady*, “Show Me”

At times, we all get as frustrated as Eliza Doolittle was when she sang the song above. Acquiring a great vocabulary takes time, patience, and hard work. Use a word from the Word Bank to complete each sentence below. You may use your dictionary.

Word Bank	nascent	natter	nefarious	nettlesome	nocturnal
	nomenclature	nominal	nominative	nonsectarian	nubbin

1. Al and Gina wanted a religious wedding service, but they didn’t want to exclude anyone, so they invited a _____ minister to perform the ceremony.
2. The prices at the roller rink were _____, so Miriam was allowed to invite all the kids in her class to her birthday party.
3. The pupils of _____ birds eyes are larger than humans’, which is one reason the birds see better at night than people do.
4. The thin sliver of the _____ moon hung above the horizon, and the tide was falling as Rachel urged her pony toward the barn covered in beach roses.
5. “This is just a _____ of an idea,” the community service coordinator told Neely. “You need to flesh this out and come up with some concrete activities.”
6. When the students visited Nature Works, the botanist explained the scientific _____ in ways that made remembering the names of plants easier.
7. “Mrs. Anderson can _____ away all day, but talking constantly doesn’t keep her from doing an excellent job with the housework,” Bonnie’s mother said.
8. “So, what _____ deeds are you getting up to in here?” the camp counselor asked the boys, who were forbidden to enter the mess after lights out.
9. Emily found little Jared’s habit of constantly interrupting his mother _____ but she didn’t want to offend her friend, so she said nothing.
10. The students groaned when they saw question 6 -- “Identify the predicate _____ in this sentence: George Bush is the president of the United States.”