

## Build Your Vocabulary

Read the sentences below. On separate sheet of paper write a definition of the word in bold, then use the word in a new sentence of your own.

1. "...they treated me with the same oily **condescension** Hattie visited on me in public."

condescension:\_\_\_\_\_

2. "They were an **odious** group, Hattie and the two she called her special friends, Blossom and Delicia"

odious:\_\_\_\_\_

3. "Hattie's orders were chiefly chores. I think she lacked the imagination to **devise** more interesting commands"

devise:\_\_\_\_\_

4. "She stopped to pick a flower and lift it to her nose, **posturing** for me."

posturing:\_\_\_\_\_

5. "Perhaps the ogres will raid and there will be a **skirmish**."

skirmish:\_\_\_\_\_

6. "It is a great distance to go to learn such **paltry** tricks."

paltry:\_\_\_\_\_

7. "Frantically, I riffling the pages of my book, hoping to **vouchsafed** a map."

vouchsafed:\_\_\_\_\_

8. "I loved his howl, which I could both hear and feel: long and plaintive, **woebegone** and heartsore..."

woebegone:\_\_\_\_\_

9. "I swallowed **convulsively**. My stomach heaved and I threw up."

convulsively:\_\_\_\_\_

10. "The young lady can tell them (the ogres) to go wherever we say...She can come with us and keep them **biddable**."

biddable:\_\_\_\_\_