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## “Harrison Bergeron”- Vocabulary

1. **vigilance**- *noun*: close attention; alertness  
**Ex:** The police officers patrolled the neighborhood with intense vigilance in order to prevent crimes before they occurred.
2. **wince**- *verb*: cringe; recoil  
**Ex:** I winced when I watched the film of the surgeon giving his patient stitches.
3. **envious**-*verb*: jealous  
**Ex:** After realizing that my friend received a better score on the SAT than I did, I felt horribly envious.
4. **glimmer**- *adverb*: flash of light  
**Ex:** The glimmer of light cut through the fog to guide the ship safely into the harbor.
5. **luminous**-*adjective*: emitting light  
**Ex:** When looking at the sky, I noticed a luminous object dart across the horizon; it may have been a shooting star.
6. **consternation**- *noun*: dismay; concern  
**Ex:** My coach expressed her consternation to the players after half of them did not show up for practice on Saturday.
7. **synchronize**- *verb*: coordinate; match; bring into line  
**Ex:** The dance team labored tirelessly to synchronize the finale of their routine; it was very important that everything lined up perfectly.
8. **calibrated** – *adjective*: marked with measurements; (v) to measure  
**Ex:** The calibrated cylinder of the engine revealed the necessary measurements needed for new parts.
9. **hindrances** – *noun*: obstacles; things that restrain or prevent an activity  
**Ex:** To overcome hindrances, people should remain persistent in trying to solve their problems.
10. **symmetry** – *noun*: a balanced arrangement  
**Ex:** The sculptor toiled endlessly to create a model of the Empire State Building with perfect symmetry.
11. **cower** – *verb*: to draw back or crouch in fear or helplessness  
**Ex:** Jaiden cowered in fear when the pitbull aggressively approached her.

### Part 1- Cloze Exercise

**Directions:** Match the appropriate vocabulary word to the sentence provided.

1. When taking the splinter out of his index finger, George \_\_\_\_\_ with pain.
2. Despite many \_\_\_\_\_ and hardships, the citizens of New Orleans are as proud and optimistic as ever before.
3. My mother, despite her \_\_\_\_\_ with my study habits, always gives me the encouragement that I need.
4. The SWAT team \_\_\_\_\_ their watches so they would be able to coordinate their arrest at the perfect time.

5. A \_\_\_\_\_ of light emitted from under the doorway of the well-lit bedroom.
6. Many security guards were needed to monitor the school with intense \_\_\_\_\_ after dusk; there had been a series of events that warranted extra attention to the area.
7. The \_\_\_\_\_ bulb of the police officer's flashlight shone directly into the eyes of the trembling suspect.
8. In recognizing that her best friend was wearing the shoes she had hoped to buy, Marcy grew extremely \_\_\_\_\_.
9. The engineer had to work carefully with the machine, paying close attention to the \_\_\_\_\_ components of the device.
10. When Chris pretended to punch Mr. MacDougal in the arm, Mr. MacDougal \_\_\_\_\_ in fear.
11. When I was little, I always struggled to draw hearts with perfect \_\_\_\_\_.

## **Part 2- Sentence Completion**

**Directions:** Complete each sentence in a way that demonstrates your understanding of each vocabulary word.

1. When monitoring the halls, teachers show **vigilance** by...
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3. Despite his bravery, George **winc**ed when...
4. Because I felt so **envious**, I...
5. The **glimmer** looked to me like...
6. I would describe the object as **luminous** because...
7. Chris could sense his brother's **consternation** because...
8. If our movements are **synchronized**, they will look like...
9. I would describe the house as possessing perfect **symmetry** because...
10. George **cowered** when he...
11. The ruler is described as **calibrated** because...
12. One of the **hindrances** faced by high school students is...