

"The Most Dangerous Game" Vocabulary

Directions: You will practice the skill of using context clues to help you decipher what the vocabulary words are. Once you are done and have submitted this document, you will be given the actual definition to see how well you guessed.

1. "Can't see it," remarked Rainsford, trying to peer through the dank tropical night that was **palpable** as it pressed its thick warm blackness in upon the yacht.

What do you think **palpable** means? _____

Actual definition of **palpable** _____

2. "Maybe. But sometimes I think sailors have an extra sense that tells them when they are in danger. Sometimes I think evil is a **tangible** thing--with wave lengths, just as sound and light have. An evil place can, so to speak, broadcast vibrations of evil..."

What do you think **tangible** means? _____

Actual definition of **tangible** _____

3. Rainsford, reclining in a steamer chair, **indolently** puffed on his favorite brier (a pipe made of brierroot.).

What do you think **indolently** means? _____

Actual definition of **indolently** _____

4. The first thing Rainsford's eyes **discerned** was the largest man Rainsford had ever seen--a gigantic creature, solidly made and black bearded to the waist.

What do you think **discerned** means? _____

Actual definition of **discerned** _____

5. He was a very rich man with a quarter of a million acres in the Crimea, and he was an **ardent** sportsman.

What do you think **ardent** means? _____

Actual definition of **ardent** _____

6. "After the debacle in Russia I left the country, for it was **imprudent** for an officer of the Czar to stay there..."

What do you think **imprudent** means? _____

Actual definition of **imprudent** _____

7. "How extraordinarily **droll** you are!" he said. "One does not expect nowadays to find a young man of the educated class, even in America, with such a naive, and, if I may say so, mid-Victorian point of view..."

What do you think **droll** means? _____

Actual definition of **droll** _____

8. "Dear me," said the general, quite unruffled, "again that unpleasant word. But I think I can show you that your **scruples** are quite ill founded."

What do you think **scruples** means? _____

Actual definition of **scruples**_____

9. "Ah, indeed?" the general inquired **solicitously**.

What do you think **solicitously** means? _____

Actual definition of **solicitously**_____

10. He saw that straight flight was **futile**; inevitably it would bring him face to face with the sea.

What do you think **futile** means? _____

Actual definition of **futile**_____

Prediction: Based on the sentences above, what do you think "The Most Dangerous Game" will be about? (2-3 sentences)