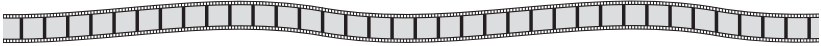


Group 1

Here's an excerpt from a movie. See if you can name the movie, describe the scene, and define the boldface vocabulary words. Check your answers on the following page.



JIM: I should be able to talk to girls. I'm **articulate**. You know I got a 720 on my SAT verbal. (*Jim demonstrates his vocabulary.*) **Copious. Verisimilitude. Xenophobic.**

(The audience hears the sound of a girl screaming upstairs. The screamer comes running through the kitchen with a vomit stain on her shirt. She bolts out the door and into the night. A moment passes.)

JIM: Regurgitation.



Movie: _____

Scene: _____

Articulate might mean _____

Copious might mean _____

Verisimilitude might mean _____

Xenophobic might mean _____

Regurgitation might mean _____

Hint: "Like warm apple pie."

Solutions

Let's see how you did. Check your answers and write the exact definitions. To help you memorize the vocabulary words, reread the movie excerpt or even act out the scene with a friend.



Movie: American Pie, Universal Studios, 1999

Scene: Jim (Jason Biggs) and his friends are at a party at Stifler's house at the beginning of the movie.

Inside Scoop: The "pale ale" responsible for Stifler's **regurgitation** is actually beer with egg whites in it. This was Seann William Scott's (Stifler) first movie.



Articulate means *well spoken—able to express ideas clearly*. Jim is pretty articulate, unless he's speaking to Nadia (Shannon Elizabeth), the Czechoslovakian exchange student. Jim's dad (Eugene Levy) is also articulate, and I'd say probably the funniest dad character in any movie. Synonym: eloquent.

Copious means *plentiful*. Synonyms: abundant, bountiful, profuse, prolific. Antonym: sparse. Standardized tests frequently use *copious* and its synonyms. Remember to say or write every new vocabulary word and its synonyms five times. The repetition will help you learn and memorize the words. It's a great tip because you get to memorize a bunch of new words all at one time.

Verisimilitude means the appearance of being real and is an interesting word to break apart. *Veri-* comes from the Latin word **veritas** and means *truth*, and *similitude* means *similarity*. So, *verisimilitude* means **similarity to being true—the appearance of being real**. *Veri-* reminds me of Professor Snape's **truth** serum, **Veritas**erum, which causes a person to only speak the **truth** in the *Harry Potter* books and movies. Synonyms: credibility, plausibility.

Xenophobic means *afraid of foreigners*. In fact, *xeno-* means *foreigners*, and *phobic* means *afraid of*.

Regurgitation means *vomiting*. The prefix *re-* means *again*, like tasting food **again**. OK, that was way too gross, but this *is* the *American Pie* page, so nothing is off-limits.