

Group 1

# Callous Prophecy

Find each of the following words on the *New Moon* page number provided. Based on the way each word is used in the book, guess at its definition.

1. **Callous** (p. 1) might mean \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. **Relentless** (p. 1) might mean \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. **Inexorably** (p. 1) might mean \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. **Extraordinarily** (p. 2) might mean \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. **Toll** (p. 2) might mean \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

6. **Wizened** (p. 4) might mean \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

7. **Prophetic** (p. 6) might mean \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

8. **Quantifiable** (p. 7) might mean \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2 Let's see how you did. Check your answers, write the exact definitions, and reread the sentence in *New Moon* where each word appears. Then complete the drills on the next page.

1. **Callous** (p. 1) means *insensitive*. On page 1 of *New Moon*, the crowd is **insensitively** in Bella's way as she rushes to prevent Edward from sparkling like a diamond in the middle of the plaza. The word *callous* actually comes from the dead **insensitive** skin of a callus that you might get after a tough field hockey or basketball season.
2. **Relentless** (p. 1) means *endless* or *constant*. *Relent* means *end*, and *-less* means *without*, so *relentless* and *endless* mean *without end*. Synonyms: ceaseless, eternal, incessant, interminable, perpetual, unremitting.
3. **Inexorably** (p. 1) means *unstoppably*. This is a serious high-level vocabulary word—don't you love that your SAT, ACT, GED, or SSAT score will go up just from reading the *Twilight* saga?!
4. **Extraordinarily** (p. 2) means *very*. This is a great word to break apart. *Extra-* means *beyond*, like *extrasensory* (beyond normal senses), *extracurricular* (beyond the normal curriculum), and *extraterrestrial* (beyond the Earth, like E.T.). So *extraordinarily* means *beyond ordinary*.
5. **Toll** (p. 2) in this case is a cool word for *the ring of a bell*, as in Ernest Hemingway's novel, *For Whom the Bell Tolls*.
6. **Wizened** (p. 4) means *wrinkled*. As people age, they become **wiser** . . . and they get **wrinkles**, so there you have it.
7. **Prophetic** (p. 6) means *predicting something*, like *prophets* do in the Bible. For all you *Twilight* diehards (Twihards), on this page we learn that Bella's birthday is September 13. Synonyms: prescient, visionary. *Prescient* is an interesting word to break apart. *Pre-* means *before*, as in *preview*, *preregister*, and *pretest*; and *-scient* refers to *know*, as in *science* and *sentient* (aware). So *prescient* means to *know beforehand—to predict!*
8. **Quantifiable** (p. 7) means *measurable*. In fact, *quant-* refers to *number*, as in *quantity*, and the Spanish word *cuanto*.

**Synonyms:** Select the word or phrase whose meaning is closest to the word in capital letters. 3

1. CALLOUS

- A. extraordinary
- B. insensitive
- C. tolling
- D. playful
- E. generous

2. RELENTLESS

- A. wizened
- B. temporary
- C. extracurricular
- D. impermanent
- E. endless

3. INEXORABLY

- A. all-present
- B. visionary
- C. prescient
- D. unstoppably
- E. relaxed

4. PROPHEPIC

- A. visionary
- B. quantifiable
- C. extraordinary
- D. ceaseless
- E. extraterrestrial

**Analogies:** Select the answer choice that best completes the meaning of the sentence.

5. Callous is to insensitive as

- A. wizened is to tall
- B. extraordinary is to simple
- C. quantifiable is to limitless
- D. prophetic is to visionary
- E. relentless is to timid

6. Incessant is to constant as

- A. prescient is to prophetic
- B. kind is to callous
- C. quantifiable is to detested
- D. extrasensory is to immortal
- E. toll is to vampire

**Sentence Completions:** Choose the word that, when inserted in the sentence, best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

7. The team progressed \_\_\_\_\_ toward the goal; the defense could do nothing to stop them from scoring.

- A. quantifiably
- B. wisely
- C. inexorably
- D. extraordinarily
- E. prophetically

8. The wizened sage was known for her \_\_\_\_\_ visions; villagers came from all over seeking her predictions and advice.

- A. relentless
- B. prophetic
- C. incessant
- D. wrinkled
- E. false

1. **B.** *Callous* means *insensitive*. *Extraordinary* means *beyond ordinary*, and *tolling* means *ringing*.
2. **E.** *Relentless* means *endless*. Use the process of elimination—cross out all choices that are **definitely** wrong. *Wizened* means *wrinkled*, *extracurricular* means *beyond the normal curriculum*, and *impermanent* means *not permanent*. Notice that *im-* means *not*, which is why *impermanent* means *not permanent*.
3. **D.** *Inexorably* means *unstoppably*. *Visionary* and *prescient* mean *predicting*.
4. **A.** *Prophetic* means *visionary*. *Ceaseless* means *endless*.
5. **D.** Make a sentence with the two words. Ideally, define the first word using the second. For example, “A callous person is insensitive.” Then, try your sentence for each pair of words in the answer choices.
- A. A wizened (wrinkled) person is tall . . . no, not necessarily.
- B. An extraordinary (beyond ordinary) person is simple . . . no.
- C. A quantifiable (countable) person is limitless . . . no, that makes no sense.
- D. A prophetic person is visionary . . . yes!
- E. A relentless person is timid . . . no, a relentless person never gives up and is not shy.
6. **A.** “Incessant means constant.”
- A. Prescient means prophetic . . . yes, they both mean *predicting*.
- B. Kind means callous (insensitive) . . . no, they are opposites.
- C. Quantifiable (countable) means detested (hated) . . . no, they are totally unrelated.
- D. Extrasensory means immortal . . . no. An immortal like Edward, Alice, or Jasper might have extrasensory abilities, but the words are not synonyms.
- E. Toll means vampire . . . no, *ringing a bell* and *vampire* are unrelated, well . . . except to Edward, Bella, and the Volturi at the Palazzo dei Priori.
7. **C.** Think of a word to fill the blank. Often you can borrow a word right out of the sentence.

“The team progressed unstoppably toward the goal; the defense could do nothing to stop them from scoring.”

Then use the process of elimination, crossing off answer choices that **definitely** do not work, and see which answer choice fits best. *Inexorably* means *unstoppably* and is the best answer.

8. **B.** “The wizened sage was known for her predictive visions; villagers came from all over seeking her predictions and advice.”
- When trying to come up with a word to fill the blank, always look for evidence in the sentence—“seeking her predictions” tells you what you need to know.