The Lumber-Room

1. **asperity** [Noun]
   Sentence: The early settlers dreaded the asperity of the long, cold winter.
   Definition: harshness or severity in speech or behavior

2. **disgrace** [Noun] dis•grace
   Sentence: The politician's foolish behavior brought disgrace to his campaign.
   Definition: a loss of respect as a result of having done something bad or dishonorable; a person or thing thought of as shameful

3. **forbidden** [Adjective] for•bid•den
   Sentence: Touching paintings in a museum is usually forbidden.
   Definition: not allowed

4. **lumber room** [Noun]
   Sentence: All the old furniture was stored in the lumber room.
   Definition: a room used to store things that are large or not currently being used, such as old furniture

5. **obstinacy** [Noun]
   Sentence: My parents' obstinacy often meant they would refuse to change their decisions.
   Definition: stubborness

6. **tapestry** [Noun] tap•es•try
   Sentence: The woven tapestry showed a lively scene from a village farm.
   Definition: a thick piece of cloth with a pattern or scene woven in to it, generally used for display

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asperity
(noun)

1. They didn't join the club because of the **asperity**, or severity, of its members' behavior.
2. They accepted not only the mildness but also the **asperity** of their friend's mood swings.
3. She had to ignore the **asperity** and criticism of others while working toward her goal.

disgrace
(noun)

1. **Disgrace** is loss of respect or reputation as a result of having done something dishonorable.
2. Her behavior brought **disgrace**, or dishonor, to her family.
3. The crooked politician was forced to resign in **disgrace**.

forbidden
(adjective)

1. If something is **forbidden**, a person, group, or law does not allow it.
2. Running in the hallways at school is **forbidden**, or prohibited.
3. Driving alone under the age of sixteen is **forbidden**, but after that age it is permitted if you have a license.

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lumber room
(noun)

1. The butler placed the old table in the **lumber room** for storage.
2. The children were not allowed to play in the **lumber room**.
3. Extra chairs were stored in the **lumber room**.

obstinacy
(noun)

1. **Obstinacy** is the quality of being stubborn and fixed in one's mind.
2. My **obstinacy** makes me stick firmly to my views no matter what.
3. The athlete's **obstinacy** showed in her determination to continue on no matter the obstacles.

tapestry
(noun)

1. The thick cloth **tapestry** displayed on the wall had colorful patterns woven into it.
2. The Bayeux **Tapestry** is a famous French piece of fabric with fifty woven scenes.
3. The circular patterns on the Indian **tapestry** were quite beautiful.

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INSTRUCTIONS: Record a vocabulary word in each word box. Then write a synonym and an antonym, draw a picture, and define each word. Use each word in a sentence on the back of this worksheet.

Word	Picture
_____	

_____
Synonym

_____
Antonym

Definition _____

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(noun)

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(adjective)

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(noun)

obstinacy

stubborness
(noun)

tapestry

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An **analogy** shows a relationship between two sets of words. The words in the first pair must have the same relationship as the words in the second pair. To complete an analogy with a missing word, you must first discover the relationship between the completed pair. (Example: *Cat is to meow as dog is to bark.*)

clay humbleness joy reluctance cooking legal

INSTRUCTIONS: Determine the relationship between the first pair of words. Then use the words in the word box to complete the second pair of words.

1. **Lumber room** is to *storage* ...as... **kitchen** is to _____.
2. **Forbidden** is to *permitted* ...as... **illegal** is to _____.
3. **Disgrace** is to *honor* ...as... **sadness** is to _____.
4. **Asperity** is to *harshness* ...as... **humility** is to _____.

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5. **Obstinacy** is to *compliance* ...as... **eagerness** is to _____.

6. **Tapestry** is to *cloth* ...as... **pottery** is to _____.

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asperity	tapestry	lumber room	obstinacy
	forbidden	disgrace	

INSTRUCTIONS: Use the vocabulary words in the word box above to complete the sentences below.

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3. Touching paintings in a museum is usually _____.
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5. The woven _____ showed a lively scene from a village farm.

6. My parents' _____ often meant they would refuse to change their decisions.

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A **synonym** is a word that has the same or almost the same meaning as another word. (Example: *hot/burning*)

INSTRUCTIONS: Read the words in the left-hand column. Then list at least two synonyms for each word in the right-hand column. Use one of the synonyms to write a complete sentence for each word.

asperity	Synonyms: _____ Sentence: _____ _____.
disgrace	Synonyms: _____ Sentence: _____ _____.
forbidden	Synonyms: _____ Sentence: _____ _____.

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INSTRUCTIONS: Use what you know about the vocabulary words to complete the following sentences.

1. One thing that might bring **disgrace** to a person is _____.
2. A **lumber room** is used for _____.
3. The **asperity** of their behavior made people feel _____.
4. A beautiful **tapestry** hung _____.
5. One thing that is **forbidden** in my school is _____.
6. **Obstinacy** in a person is _____.

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INSTRUCTIONS: Choose the best answer to complete each statement.

1. The employees disliked the new manager's asperity, or _____, in his treatment of them.
   ⓐ indifference
   ⓑ severity
   ⓒ kindness

2. Which of the following is an antonym for *disgrace*?
   ⓐ *honor*
   ⓑ *joy*
   ⓒ *humor*

3. _____ is a synonym for *forbidden*.
   ⓐ *Frightening*
   ⓑ *Prohibited*
   ⓒ *Allowed*

4. You would most likely find a _____ in a lumber room.
   ⓐ discarded chair
   ⓑ new refrigerator
   ⓒ working sink

5. My friend's obstinacy meant she would _____ change her mind.
   ⓐ not
   ⓑ always
   ⓒ randomly

6. A tapestry often has different _____.
   ⓐ names
   ⓑ plants
   ⓒ scenes

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