Mr. Valentine’s 10th Grade English – Vocabulary List for Unit 2, Week 2

**1. Foreshadowing – Noun –** The use of clues in a narrative to hint at what is going to happen later in the plot.

**2. Inference – Noun –** Making predictions based on your own knowledge and experience (and what we know so far, in a text).

**3. Instigation – Noun –** Urging on to an evil or questionable act.

**4. Intrepid – Adjective**  - Fearless; extremely brave.

**5. Medieval Romance – Noun –** A genre of literature about knights going on adventures. Typically, the knight goes on a quest to overcome evil or obtain an artifact of some kind (much like the epic hero does); however, he might also be born into uncertain parentage, have a coming of age event with a magical weapon, have a wise old mentor figure, face challenges both physical and moral, aide ladies in distress, and in the case of King Arthur, depart from the story in such a way that leaves their living or dying ambiguous.

**6. Metaphor – Noun –** A comparison of two seemingly unlike things (different from a simile, which uses like or as. In a metaphor, both things are spoken of as if they were equal).

**7. Sinister – Adjective –** Threatening harm or evil.

**8. Sumptuous – Adjective –** Lavish or extravagant.

**9. Thwarted – Verb or Adjective –** To be hindered or blocked.

**10. Versatile – Adjective –** Able to do many things.

Practice Problems

1. When the character said, “I told myself this is the end of my troubles, but I didn’t believe it,” this is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that the character has more troubles to face in the future.

2. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ hero faced the massive dragon, despite all the dangers it promised.

3. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ villain promised to do many horrible things if the heroes did not stop him.

4. According to *The Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy*, a towel is the most \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ object you can have with you on your travels: “You can wrap it around you for warmth as you bound across the cold moons of [Jaglan Beta](https://hitchhikers.fandom.com/wiki/Jaglan_Beta" \o "Jaglan Beta); you can lie on it on the brilliant marble-sanded beaches of [Santraginus V](https://hitchhikers.fandom.com/wiki/Santraginus_V" \o "Santraginus V), inhaling the heady sea vapours; you can sleep under it beneath the stars which shine so redly on the desert world of [Kakrafoon](https://hitchhikers.fandom.com/wiki/Kakrafoon" \o "Kakrafoon); use it to sail a miniraft down the slow heavy [River Moth](https://hitchhikers.fandom.com/wiki/River_Moth); wet it for use in hand-to-hand combat; wrap it around your head to ward off noxious fumes or avoid the gaze of the [Ravenous Bugblatter Beast of Traal](https://hitchhikers.fandom.com/wiki/Ravenous_Bugblatter_Beast_of_Traal) (a mind-bogglingly stupid animal, it assumes that if you can't see it, it can't see you — daft as a brush, but very very ravenous); you can wave your towel in emergencies as a distress signal, and of course you can dry yourself off with it if it still seems to be clean enough.”

5. Each week, folks tuned in to see how the heroes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the villain’s plans to take over the city.

6. The man was a total pig, the lady was a fish out of water, the cheese was solid gold – these are all examples of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

7. The devil on his shoulder’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ urged the man to perform bad deeds.

8. Every so often we stop reading, evaluate what we know so far, and make a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as to what will happen next.

9. Stories about King Arthur and his knights are typically \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

10. Royalty and rich folks often have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and extravagant parties.