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1. vociferous- adj clamorous, noisy voc- to call ous- full of

The crowd grew vociferous in its anger and threatened to take the law into its own hands.

Helen would get frustrated with herself and begin a tantrum **that was full of vociferous outcries.**

2. advocate- n. to speak or write in favor of voc- to call ate- makes an adjective a noun

A smaller group of personal handgun advocates gathered to stage their own demonstration.

Kate was an advocate for Helen **who could not speak for herself.**

3. vocation- n. secondary or minor occupation voc- to call ation- action or condition

Annie felt a strong vocation to help other blind people **which led her to Helen.**

4. avocation- n. something a person does in addition to a principal occupation a- without voc- to call ation- action or condition

His hobby proved to be so fascinating and profitable that gradually he abandoned his regular occupation and concentrated on his avocation.

Annie’s avocation is writing; she does it often when she is frustrated by her student, **who is blind and deaf.**

5. invocation- n. prayer for help; calling upon as a reference or support in- pertaining to voc- to call ation- action or condition

The service of Morning Prayer opens with an invocation during which we ask God to hear our prayers.

Helen, **whose invocation was obvious by her tantrums**, was just considered a nuisance.

6. provocation- n. something that incites, instigates, angers, or irritates pro- towards voc- to call ation- action or condition

The provocation **which Helen adds to the family** is very massive.

7. callow- adj. youthful, immature, inexperienced

As a freshman, Jack was sure he was man of the world; as a sophomore, he made fun of freshmen as callow youths. In both cases, his judgment showed just how callow he was.

Jason was a very callow young man, **whom Annie was the main target of his callow remarks.**

8. puerile- childish or immature ile- capable of

Throwing tantrums! You should have outgrown such puerile behaviors years ago.

Although Helen was still puerile, she was able to throw a tantrum **that could be heard throughout the whole neighborhood.**

9. abdicate- v. renounce; give up ab- from, away from dict- to say

When Edward VIII abdicated the British throne to marry the woman he loved, he surprised the entire world.

Annie was not going to abdicate Helen until she tried as hard as she could **which, in the end, was a success.**

1. diction- n. choice of words especially with regard to correctness, clearness, or effectiveness dict- to say ion- full of

Helen, **whose diction is very poor**, tries to communicate but no one knows what she is trying to say.

1. verdict- the finding or decision of a jury on the matter submitted to it in ver- true dict- to say

Keller’s verdict is always the strongest because he is the man of the house **which entitles him to the strongest opinions.**

1. indicative- adj. suggestive; implying in- in,on,upon dic- to say

A lack of appetite may be indicative of a major physical or mental disorder.

The fact **that Helen always threw tantrums** was indicative to her smartness.

1. Indices- signs; indications in- in,upon,on dic- to say

Many college admissions officers believe that SAT scores and high school grades are the best indices of a student’s potential to succeed in college.

Annie made indices for Helen **that would help her communicate**.

14. didactic- adj. teaching;instructional di- two da- to give ic- like or pertaining to

Pope’s lengthy poem *An Essay on Man* is too didactic for my taste: I dislike it when poets turn preachy and moralize.

Annie was didactic to Helen **who was thankful for it in the end.**