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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, **whose tantrums were vociferous**, got whatever she wanted.

2. advocate-n. a person who pleads for or in behalf of another; intercessor ad=to, forward voc=to call

Aunt Ev, **who was visiting the Kellers**, was an advocate for Helen’s education.

3. vocation-n. a particular occupation, business, or profession; calling. voc=to call

Annie’s vocation was to teach blind children to communicate but she did not know **that she would do it somewhere other than her home.**

4. avocation-n. secondary or minor occupation a=away voc=to call

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

Annie had no avocation to fall back on if she failed with Helen, **which was not a good idea**.

5. invocation-n. prayer for help, calling upon as reference or support in=on voc=to call

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

Annie, **who was Helen’s teacher**, made an invocation to the Kellers so that she could move into the garden house with Helen.

6. provocation-n. something that incites, instigates, angers, or irritates pro=forward voc=to call

Annie’s provocation for Helen’s tantrums, **which were infantile**, helped her correct Helen’s behavior

7. callow-adj. youthful; immature; inexperienced

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

The callow attitude of Annie, **who lived in the ­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­North**, did not help her cause when she got off the train to see the Kellers, **who lived in the South**.

8. puerile-adj. childish; immature

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

James made some puerile remarks **that did not help any situation at all**.

9. abdicate-v. renounce; give up ab=away from dic=to say, to tell ate=to make

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

James abdicated his fight with his father, **who is related to Robert E. Lee, a Confederate Civil War general**, about the Civil War.

10. diction-n. the accent, inflection, intonation, and speech-sound quality manifested by an individual speaker, usually judged in terms of prevailing standards of acceptability; enunciation. dic=to say, to tell

Annie could not teach Helen, **who was blind, deaf, and mute**, diction because she did not understand what it was

11. verdict-n. a judgment dic=to say, to tell

Captain Keller, **who was a firm man**, had to sway his verdict on calling Annie when his wife begged him to continue helping Helen.

12. indicative-adj. suggestive; implying in=not dic=to say, to tell

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

The indicative behavior of James when Annie gets off the train is what causes the tension between them, **which prevents him from being helpful in the future**.

13. indices-n. indications in=in, on, upon dic=to say to tell

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.

The indices that made Captain Keller decide to write the letter to Perkin’s was Helen, **whose voice did not work**, trying to imitate them talking.

14. didactic-adj. teaching; instructional

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

Mr. Aganos, **who was Annie’s instructor at Perkin’s**, gave Annie much didactic knowledge to use on Helen.