

The Scarlet Pimpernel (Lessons 1-5)  
Vocabulary Quiz #1

**Instructions:** Match the word with its definition.

A. carnage	B. pungent	C. insularity
D. querulous	E. defalcation	F. peremptory
G. tureen	H. foppish	I. implacable
J. scion	K. onerous	L. equanimity
M. impugn	N. ineradicable	O. guffaw
P. ennui	Q. piquant	R. apropos
S. cognizance	T. jackanapes	

1. \_\_\_\_\_ a conceited or impudent person
2. \_\_\_\_\_ a misuse of funds; embezzlement
3. \_\_\_\_\_ troublesome or oppressive; burdensome
4. \_\_\_\_\_ listlessness and dissatisfaction resulting from lack of interest
5. \_\_\_\_\_ impossible to placate or appease
6. \_\_\_\_\_ conscience knowledge or recognition
7. \_\_\_\_\_ given to complaining; peevish; grumbling
8. \_\_\_\_\_ a hearty, boisterous burst of laughter
9. \_\_\_\_\_ penetrating, biting, or caustic
10. \_\_\_\_\_ at an appropriate time; by the way; incidentally
11. \_\_\_\_\_ of, relating to, or characteristic of a man preoccupied with clothing
12. \_\_\_\_\_ to attack as false or questionable
13. \_\_\_\_\_ putting an end to all debate or action
14. \_\_\_\_\_ appealingly provocative; charming, interesting, or attractive
15. \_\_\_\_\_ massive slaughter, as in war; a massacre
16. \_\_\_\_\_ a descendant or an heir
17. \_\_\_\_\_ impossible to eliminate or be eliminated
18. \_\_\_\_\_ a broad, deep, usually covered dish used for serving soups or stews
19. \_\_\_\_\_ quality of being calm and even-tempered
20. \_\_\_\_\_ suggestive of the isolated life of an island

The Scarlet Pimpernel (Lessons 6–9)  
Vocabulary Quiz #2

**Instructions:** Match the word with its definition.

A. doggerel	B. prosaic	C. mullion
D. vis-a-vis	E. ormolu	F. billet-doux
G. antiquated	H. dowager	I. gourmand
J. recherché	K. sobriquet	L. effete
M. diadem	N. punctilious	O. chaff
P. efface	Q. parry	

1. \_\_\_\_\_ an evasive action or answer
2. \_\_\_\_\_ marked by self-indulgence, triviality, or decadence
3. \_\_\_\_\_ an elderly woman of high social station
4. \_\_\_\_\_ to engage in playful teasing
5. \_\_\_\_\_ one that is face to face with or opposite another
6. \_\_\_\_\_ matter-of-fact; straightforward; lacking imagination and spirit; dull
7. \_\_\_\_\_ a crown worn as a sign of royalty; royal power or dignity
8. \_\_\_\_\_ too old to be fashionable, suitable, or useful
9. \_\_\_\_\_ to rub or wipe out; erase
10. \_\_\_\_\_ crudely or irregularly fashioned verse, often of a humorous nature
11. \_\_\_\_\_ a lover of good food; a gluttonous eater
12. \_\_\_\_\_ an affectionate or humorous nickname
13. \_\_\_\_\_ a love letter
14. \_\_\_\_\_ strictly attentive to minute details of form in action or conduct
15. \_\_\_\_\_ a vertical strip dividing the panes of a window
16. \_\_\_\_\_ forced; pretentious; overblown; uncommon; rare; exquisite
17. \_\_\_\_\_ an imitation of gold

The Scarlet Pimpernel (Lessons 10–14)  
Vocabulary Quiz #3

**Instructions:** Match the word with its definition.

A. indefatigable	B. wizened	C. alacrity
D. perfunctory	E. impedimenta	F. surly
G. squalid	H. obsequiousness	I. factotum
J. surreptitious	K. interlocutor	L. unwonted
M. brine	N. ubiquitous	O. precipitous
P. banal	Q. bode	R. anathema
S. invigorate		

1. \_\_\_\_\_ exhibiting servile compliance; fawning
2. \_\_\_\_\_ done routinely and with little interest or care; acting with indifference
3. \_\_\_\_\_ not habitual or ordinary; unusual; not accustomed; unused
4. \_\_\_\_\_ to impart vigor, strength, or vitality to; animate
5. \_\_\_\_\_ cheerful willingness; eagerness; speed or quickness
6. \_\_\_\_\_ one who takes part in a conversation, often formally or officially
7. \_\_\_\_\_ drearily commonplace and often predictable; trite
8. \_\_\_\_\_ dirty and wretched; morally repulsive; sordid
9. \_\_\_\_\_ a vehement denunciation; a curse
10. \_\_\_\_\_ withered; dried up
11. \_\_\_\_\_ a large body of salt water
12. \_\_\_\_\_ an employee or assistant who serves in a wide range of capacities
13. \_\_\_\_\_ extremely steep; having several precipices
14. \_\_\_\_\_ sullenly ill-humored; gruff
15. \_\_\_\_\_ to be an omen of; to predict; foretell
16. \_\_\_\_\_ tireless
17. \_\_\_\_\_ being or seeming to be everywhere at the same time
18. \_\_\_\_\_ obtained, done, or made by clandestine or stealthy means
19. \_\_\_\_\_ objects, such as provisions or baggage, that impede or encumber