



# SETON HOME STUDY SCHOOL

## VOCABULARY 8

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**TEXT:**

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*Wordly Wise Book Five* (1998 edition)

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**INTRODUCTION**

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It is important to learn vocabulary. It is so important that it is a major part of all achievement tests which school children need to take throughout their school years, including the test required for students before they enter college.

The best way to learn vocabulary is to read. That way the student can see how words are used in a variety of contexts. Reading repeatedly reinforces the meaning of words and the various meanings of words.

Another way to learn the meanings of words is to write sentences and paragraphs using a variety of words. We recommend that students use a thesaurus to find words that might be more precise or more colorful or more interesting for the reader.

Students can learn more vocabulary words by looking up unfamiliar words in a dictionary. Every good student has a dictionary on his desk.

A popular way for students to learn vocabulary is by doing crossword puzzles. Crossword puzzle books for children are readily available and make great birthday presents!

The result of learning the meaning of many words is the ability to read more and more, to understand more and more of what is read, and to be able to write more clearly, accurately, and precisely.

Our Seton students like to learn their vocabulary using this Wordly Wise vocabulary workbook mainly because of the variety of exercises. Students especially like the crossword puzzles.

Though this vocabulary workbook is not Catholic, we believe it is a very good text. It is used in many private schools, and is definitely challenging. However, we have included sentences in the weekly quizzes to share our Catholic values. We hope you and your student like them. Pray that someday we can produce our own Catholic vocabulary text-workbook.

The section "Introduction" on page vii contains good instructions. Your child should refer to it often. Point out the importance of learning the different meanings of a word. Help your child to use a dictionary and to learn that many words have a variety of meanings. The Quarter Test definitions must come from a Dictionary. The Merriam-Webster School Dictionary is available from Seton and most bookstores.

Students usually do one exercise each day: Exercise A on Monday, B on Tuesday, C on Wednesday, and so on. Most students can do the daily lesson in about twenty minutes. Students benefit from doing all the exercises, but any one of the workbook exercises may be skipped if necessary, provided that the student has learned the definitions of the vocabulary words. Please have your child do the weekly quizzes, which are on the following pages, in a Vocabulary Notebook or on the computer. Notice that for each weekly quiz, the student is to write out the definitions first, and then the vocabulary words are to be written in the blanks in the sentences that follow the list of words.

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