

Evidence Vault Answer Key

Sample Answers (acceptable variations allowed)

1. **untenable**: not able to be maintained or defended; unrealistic.
 - o Clues: "timeline" plus "staffing limits" (cause-effect). "legal review required" plus "phasing the rollout" (example/solution implies original is not workable).
2. **equivocal**: intentionally unclear or open to multiple interpretations.
 - o Clues: "contradictions accumulate" (cause-effect). "leaves the reader uncertain whether" (definition-like clue).
3. **provisional**: temporary; not final; dependent on further confirmation.
 - o Clues: "Without replication" (cause-effect). "intended to guide the next round... rather than to settle" (contrast/definition).
4. **glib**: smooth-sounding but shallow or insincere.
 - o Clues: "relied on vague slogans" (example). "polished on the surface yet thin in substance" (definition).
5. **irony**: a contrast between what is said and what is meant, or between expectation and reality, used for effect.
 - o Clues: "begins by condemning... then immediately argues" (contrast). "deliberate use... to expose" (author intent).
6. **opaque**: hard to understand; not transparent.
 - o Clues: "key sections blacked out" (example). "public could not verify" (cause-effect).

Teacher's Guide

- **Purpose**: Build Grade 10 vocabulary skill by pushing students to infer meaning from **dense literary and academic contexts** and justify claims with evidence.
- **Setup tips**: Model one item aloud by underlining two clues, labeling the clue types, and writing a one-sentence definition that matches the evidence.