

Lexicon Hunt Answer Key

(Sample accurate dictionary entries provided for teacher reference.)

1. **Ephemeral** - Definition: Lasting for a very short time; fleeting. | *Adj.* | Pronunciation: ih-FEM-er-uhl
2. **Obfuscate** - Definition: To make something unclear or confusing. | *Verb* | Pronunciation: OB-fuh-skeyt
3. **Pulchritude** - Definition: Physical beauty. | *Noun* | Pronunciation: PUHL-kri-tood
4. **Ubiquitous** - Definition: Present or existing everywhere. | *Adj.* | Pronunciation: yoo-BIK-wi-tuhs
5. **Quintessential** - Definition: Representing the most perfect example of something. | *Adj.* | Pronunciation: kwin-tuh-SEN-shuhl
6. **Vociferous** - Definition: Expressing opinions loudly or forcefully. | *Adj.* | Pronunciation: voh-SIF-er-uhs

Teacher's Guide

- **Purpose:** This activity strengthens students' dictionary skills and deepens understanding of rare academic and literary vocabulary.
- **Teaching Tips:**
 1. Model how to read dictionary entries, focusing on pronunciation symbols and parts of speech.
 2. Encourage students to use online dictionaries with audio pronunciation for multisensory learning.
- **Differentiation:**
 1. *Support:* Provide simplified dictionary definitions or pre-filled pronunciation guides.
 2. *Challenge:* Ask advanced students to include etymology (word origin) or use each word in a complex sentence.
- **Engagement Idea:** Turn the task into a "Dictionary Detective Race"-students compete to "solve" each word correctly and use it in context first.
- **Extension Activity:** Have students compile their six words into a mini "Rare Word Glossary" with definitions, sample sentences, and small illustrations.