

LOB'S GIRL

COPY MASTER

## Vocabulary Study

### CLOZE PRACTICE

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| agitated | atone | decisively | erupt | melancholy | reluctant |
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**A. Directions:** As your teacher reads each set of sentences, listen for the boldfaced word. Then discuss the possible meaning of the word.

1. The dog became **agitated**, barking and whining loudly.  
Some people are **agitated** and nervous at the sight of a big dog.
2. He felt he was innocent of wrongdoing and shouldn't have to **atone** for anything.  
To **atone** for her bad temper, she made her brother his favorite cookies.
3. Her answer was spoken **decisively**, which ended all argument.  
Lob chose Sandy **decisively** and without hesitation.
4. Lob had so much energy that he seemed to **erupt** into a room.  
Her excitement at the thought of keeping Lob threatened to **erupt** into tears.
5. The gloomy weather made her feel even more **melancholy**.  
The beach appeared **melancholy** and deserted after the summer tourists left.
6. She dragged her feet, **reluctant** to arrive at her aunt's house.  
The dog was **reluctant** to get into the bathtub; he fought with all his strength until we gave up.

**B. Directions:** Listen as your teacher reads the story. Then complete the story, using words from the box.

"No! No! No!" I said **1.** \_\_\_\_\_ "I do not want that  
**2.** \_\_\_\_\_ color on my bedroom walls. I want a shade that is bright and sunny, not one that makes me feel depressed." The salesclerk backed off. She looked quite taken aback at my **3.** \_\_\_\_\_ state. "Don't worry," I told her. "I won't **4.** \_\_\_\_\_ again. I feel much better now." To **5.** \_\_\_\_\_ for my outburst, I tried to be especially nice about the next colors she chose. I felt **6.** \_\_\_\_\_ to commit to anything, though, and told her I'd come back another day.