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Vocabulary Study

SELF-ASSESSMENT OF WORD MEANING

A. Directions: As your teacher reads each set of sentences, listen for the boldfaced word and clues to its possible meaning.

1. Keller’s **consciousness**, or understanding, lit up like a light bulb when she became aware that everything had a name.
2. At first she felt no **repentance** for breaking the doll, but soon she felt guilt and sadness for what she had done.
3. The **sensation** of the cold running water was so overwhelming that Keller knew she would remember the feeling for the rest of her life.
4. The dense white fog was so thick it seemed almost **tangible**, but when I reached out to touch it, all I felt was air.
5. The child’s mother tried to explain what was happening, but the girl looked at her with an **uncomprehending** stare.

B. Directions: To determine how well you understand each vocabulary word, fill in the chart. As you read the selection, revise your definitions as needed.

Vocabulary Word	New	Seen Before	Can Use in a Sentence	Possible Meanings
1. consciousness				
2. repentance				
3. sensation				
4. tangible				
5. uncomprehending				