

**WORDS TO OWN****Benjamin Franklin**  
**The Autobiography**

Each of the vocabulary words is used in a sentence. Using the context clues provided by the sentence, determine the meaning of the unfamiliar words.

assert  
arbitraryindiscreet  
abateitinerant  
arduousrectitude  
facilitatesubsequent  
eradicate

EXAMPLE: Dr. Brown, an erudite physician who was knowledgeable about many matters, became Franklin's lifelong friend. learned or scholarly

- Who knows what indiscreet words passed between Franklin and his brother?  
Franklin may have said something careless. \_\_\_\_\_
- Franklin's father could have done something to simplify his son's search for a job, but he decided not to facilitate this quest. \_\_\_\_\_
- Franklin's journey to Philadelphia was long and arduous, but these difficulties taught him a lot about himself. \_\_\_\_\_
- As he traveled about, Franklin tried to be correct in his manners. The rectitude of his behavior made a positive impression on the people he met. \_\_\_\_\_
- With the few pennies he had, Franklin bought some rolls. They seemed to abate his hunger, for he gave two of them away. \_\_\_\_\_
- Franklin seems to disapprove of arbitrary actions. Rather than following his whims, he tries to think before acting. \_\_\_\_\_
- Franklin believed that it was possible to eliminate nonproductive ways of thinking and behaving. To help eradicate undesirable behavior, he made a "little book" to track the development of his virtues. \_\_\_\_\_
- Franklin declared that his "little book" made him more virtuous. To assert this was to claim that he was the master of his own fate. \_\_\_\_\_
- Franklin called Dr. Brown itinerant, because the physician had traveled widely and had lived in many places. \_\_\_\_\_
- Following the fight with his brother, Franklin tried to make his way on his own. These subsequent efforts were largely successful. \_\_\_\_\_