

WORDS TO OWN**The Minister's Black Veil**

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Vocabulary Comprehension

Each sentence below uses one Word to Own (in boldface type). If the Word to Own is used correctly, write **Correct** on the line provided. If it is used incorrectly, write **Incorrect** on the line and explain your answer.

EXAMPLE: The church **sexton** preached a powerful sermon.

Incorrect A sexton is a church maintenance worker, not a preacher.

1. The veil was so **ostentatious** that it was hardly noticed by the congregation.

2. In his former days, Hooper's **semblance** had been so kindly and bland that he never startled anyone.

3. The congregation wondered what deep significance Hooper's veil might **portend**.

4. If you were distracted or cheerful, you would listen **pensively** to Hooper's explanation of why he wears the veil.

5. People on the verge of death found **plausibility** in Hooper's veil, for they didn't understand the veil or believe it had any meaning.

6. Although they had always liked and admired Hooper, many in his congregation felt a strong **antipathy** toward his veil.

7. Elizabeth argued with **iniquity**, giving several reasons why Hooper should remove the veil.

8. Even the most **sagacious** parishioners did not foolishly ask Hooper to explain.

9. Perhaps Hooper would have preferred to live a life of **obscurity**, but his decision to wear the veil made it impossible for him to hide away.

10. However **resolute** the minister was, his determination to have Hooper remove the veil was no match for Hooper's resistance.
