

GETTING THE BALANCE RIGHT

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APPENDIX - DIACK'S TEST NO. 19

Start at the first word of the test, and simply ask yourself if you know the meaning of the words in order. Mark any word that you don't know, or aren't sure about, and keep going through the test until you find 10 words that you have marked in this way. Then stop. Your score for each test is the number of the last word minus ten. Diack suggests that your total vocabulary size can be estimated by multiplying your average score on a series of tests by 600.

	Level 1		Level 2		Level 3
1	almond	11	artificial	21	anonymous
2	buoy	12	blunder	22	boycott
3	cul-de-sac	13	contrary	23	caustic
4	gosling	14	lurch	24	crescendo
5	haste	15	medieval	25	depleted
6	impersonate	16	muzzle	26	essence
7	polite	17	perpendicular	27	gist
8	punctual	18	predominate	28	hysterical
9	source	19	submerge	29	insipid
10	traitor	20	turmoil	30	saturate

	Level 4		Level 5		Level 6
31	casement	41	arcanum	51	ankylosis
32	decrement	42	chervil	52	crambo
33	capalier	43	intaglio	53	killick
34	lampoon	44	mitrailleuse	54	mumpsimus
35	minutiae	45	ossicle	55	ogdoad
36	ocular	46	pachydermatous	56	orthodromy
37	carnivorous	47	pleonasm	57	paduasoy
38	raucous	48	scree	58	runcinate
39	replicate	49	symbiosis	59	sphagnum
40	sedulous	50	veridical	60	syrinx