vocab lesson 7—10 more words you should know

I. Matching. Match the word on the left with its definition on the right. Some of the answers will not be used. Use a dictionary to find the definitions. For those definitions that are used, write the part of speech in the blank next to each definition. Three of the part of speech blanks will be blank.

____1. badger	A. _____ expressing much in a few words
____2. implore	B. _____ silent; reluctant to speak freely
____3. drudgery	C. _____ unpleasant, dull, or hard work
____4. interminable	D. _____ to approach and speak to
____5. laconic	E. _____ speaking very quietly, without much volume
____6. throng	F. _____ excess
____7. intrepid	G. _____ to plead urgently for aid or mercy
____8. accost	H. _____ brave
____9. reticent	J. _____ to understand, know, or become aware of
____10. plethora	K. _____ to pester, nag, or annoy persistently
	L. _____ crowd
	M. _____ seemingly unending
	N. _____ to grab

II. Fill in the Blank. Fill in the blank in each sentence with one word from the list below. You will use each word only once. Remember to change form of the word if needed to fit the sentence.

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21. She does her homework on Fridays to save herself from the _____ of having to do it during the weekend.

22. The teacher continually _____ her student for his missing assignments.

23. If a disagreeable panhandler should _____ you, keep on walking.

24. Even under repeated questioning, the witness remained_____, not wanting to talk.

25. A howling_____of teenage girls surrounded Justin Timberlake.

26. When the teacher asked why homework wasn't done, he received a _____ of excuses.

27. The sick child's mother_____the doctor to come immediately, and the doctor did.

28. His speech was usually rambling, but this time I found it brief and_____ .

29. The corporal received the Silver Star for his_____deeds in combat.

30. I listened to the boring lecture for what seemed a/an_____ fifty minutes.

III. Antonyms. In the blank, write the vocab word which is the OPPOSITE of each word below.

31. _____ talkative

32. _____ just enough

33. _____ verbose (look it up!)

34. _____ cowardly

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35. _____ small group
36. _____ easy work
37. _____ short
38. _____ walk away
39. _____ ignore
40. _____ ask simply

IV. Synonyms. In the blank, write vocab word which means nearly the SAME THING as each word below.

41. _____ beg
42. _____ back-breaking labor
43. _____ very long
44. _____ bother
45. _____ approach and address
46. _____ reluctant
47. _____ surplus
48. _____ not verbose
49. _____ mob
50. _____ brave

V. Short Story. You will use each term only once to complete the following story. Write your answer in the space provided. Remember to change form of the word if needed to fit the sentence.

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Art had spelled out his escape plan during Gloria's last visit to the prison. He spent an hour trying to 51._____ her into being his accomplice. He used threats and unkind words. Gloria would have to pretend to have a seizure. She got down on her knees and 52._____ Art to give up on the plan, but the monotony and 53. _____ of prison labor had really gotten to him. Gloria was 54._____ about her decision, not wanting to commit to one thing or the other and hesitant to speak about it. Art was worried she might say no when she finally did speak up. He delivered a final, short and 55._____ plea, which lasted about 30 seconds, and though his words were brief, he was finally able to convince her to go along with the plan.

Gloria felt the wait until her next visit was 56._____ , as if the actual day would never arrive. When she approached the prison gate, there was a/an 57. _____ of visitors waiting in line before her, and she worried that she might be late. That would throw off everything. In her mind, she ran remembered the 58. _____ of things that could go wrong, but she remained focused. She proved herself a/an 59._____ person, though her behavior was not admirable, considering the amount of fear she experienced. Finally, she was next in line to go through the gate, and the guard 60._____ her.