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## Selection Vocabulary

### Focus

**assassins** *n.* plural of **assassin**: a person who murders a public figure, such as a government leader

**challenged** *v.* past tense of **challenge**: call to take part in a contest

**worthy** *adj.* having enough value; deserving

**throb** *n.* a heavy, fast beat or sensation

**hideous** *adj.* extremely ugly; horrible

**strait** *n.* a narrow channel between two larger bodies of water

**destiny** *n.* what happens to a person, especially when it seems to be determined in advance; fortune

**glistening** *adj.* shining with reflected light

**pity** *n.* a feeling of sorrow and sympathy for the troubles of another

**gaping** *adj.* wide open

### Practice

Circle the vocabulary word that best fits each sentence.

1. Ron felt (pity, worthy) for the victims of the flood, so he donated food and clothing.
2. My friend thought that several of the museum's paintings were (gaping, hideous).
3. The bench left a (worthy, gaping) hole in my jeans where a nail had snagged the fabric.
4. Devon (challenged, glistening) his dad to juggle four oranges.
5. Only three contestants will be judged (pity, worthy) to move on to the final round.
6. The wet cars began (throb, glistening) as the sun broke through the storm clouds.