Graduation Exam- Word Choice Worksheet

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Define these terms:

1. Denotation
2. Connotation
3. Metaphor
4. Style
5. Dialect

Match the term on the left with its definition on the right.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ idiom a. this is when a passage begins a happening in one time and then goes

to another time without warning and for no reason

\_\_\_\_\_\_ imagery b. this is what people use every day speech. It consist of fairly short

sentences and simple vocabulary.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ diction c. this is the author’s use of brevity in their writing

\_\_\_\_\_\_ syntax d. this is another way for saying “diction.” This can help reveal the tone

of the work, the connotations of meaning, and the style of writing.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ tense shift e. this is a reference book containing an alphabetical list of words, with

information given for each word, usually including meaning

pronunciation, and etymology

\_\_\_\_\_\_ dictionary f. this refers to the order of elements in a sentence

\_\_\_\_\_\_ informal language g. this is the use of language that appeals to the five senses

\_\_\_\_\_\_ word choice h. this is the writer’s use of words including the vocabulary used, the

appropriateness of the words, and the tone of the language

\_\_\_\_\_\_ concise wording i. this is the part of the word to which we attach an affix: suffix or prefix

\_\_\_\_\_\_ stem j. this is a phrase in common use that can not be understood by literal

or ordinary meaning. Examples- Nest Egg or New York Minute