

### Judging Nick: *The Great Gatsby*

The table below contains quotes from Nick's narration in *The Great Gatsby*. Each quote uses one or more vocabulary words in bold print. Fill out the table according to the directions provided. If you are working in a group, be sure all group members agree on the answers.

**Directions for each quote:**

1. Identify the person who is being described in the quote.
2. Use the Visual Thesaurus to provide a brief definition or synonym for each vocabulary word as it used in the quote.
3. For each vocabulary word, decide whether Nick's word choice conveys an objective perspective or a judgment.
4. For words that convey a judgment, state whether the judgment is positive or negative.

The first row is filled in for you. In some cases there may be more than one appropriate answer.

Vocabulary Word	Quote	Who is being described?	Definition of word(s) in bold?	Objective or judgmental?
<b>Sample entry:</b> <b>supercilious</b>	Now he was a sturdy straw-haired man of thirty with a rather hard mouth and a <b>supercilious</b> manner.	Tom	arrogant; smug	judgmental (negative)
<b>counterfeit</b>	[He], his hands still in his pockets, was reclining against the mantelpiece in a strained <b>counterfeit</b> of perfect ease, even of boredom.			
<b>exhilarating</b>	The <b>exhilarating</b> ripple of her voice was a wild <b>tonic</b> in the rain.			
<b>tonic</b>				
<b>anemic</b> (British spelling: <b>anaemic</b> )	He was a blond, spiritless man, <b>anaemic</b> , and faintly handsome.			

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<b>hauteur</b>	The intense vitality that had been so remarkable in the garage was converted into impressive <b>hauteur</b> . Her laughter, her gestures, her assertions became more violently <b>affected</b> moment by moment.			
<b>affected</b>				
<b>indecisive</b>	We hadn't reached West Egg village before [he] began leaving his elegant sentences unfinished and slapping himself <b>indecisively</b> on the knee of his caramel-colored suit.			
<b>jaunty</b>	There was a <b>jauntiness</b> about her movements as if she had first learned to walk upon golf courses on clean, crisp mornings.			
<b>scrutiny</b>	He put his hands in his coat pockets and turned back eagerly to his <b>scrutiny</b> of the house, as though my presence marred the sacredness of the <b>vigil</b> .			
<b>vigil</b>				
<b>incessant</b>	His eyes leaked continuously with excitement, and when I took the bag and umbrella from his hands he began to pull so <b>incessantly</b> at his sparse gray beard that I had difficulty in getting off his coat.			
<b>impetuous</b>	[He]... was sitting somewhat drunk on the edge of a great table, staring with unsteady concentration at the shelves of books. As we entered he wheeled excitedly around and examined Jordan from head to foot. What do you think?" he demanded <b>impetuously</b> .			