**English 10 Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Mr. Fisher Vocabulary, Chapters 1-7**

1. Cowries: Shells of the cowrie, a kind of mollusk related to snails and found in warm seas; used as money in parts of Africa.

2. Egwugwu: Leaders of the clan who wear masks during certain rituals and speak on behalf of the spirits; the term can be either singular or plural.

3. Kites: Birds of prey with long, pointed wings and a forked tail; they prey especially on insects, reptiles, and small mammals.

4. Kola nut: The seed of the cola, an African tree. The seed contains caffeine and yields an extract; it represents vitality and is used as a courteous, welcoming snack, often with alligator peppers.

5. Alligator pepper: A small brown fruit of an African shrub, whose hot seeds are like black pepper; also called offe. The seeds may be ground and blended with kola nut in the ritual welcome of visitors.

6. Chalk: A material that represents peace. The Umuofians use chalk to signify personal honors and status by marking the floor and the toe or face, according to the level of honorific title they have taken. For example, Okoye marks his toe to indicate his first title.

7. Ekwe: A drum.

8. Udu: A clay pot.

9. Ogene: A gong.

10. Idemili title: This title, named after the river god Idemili, is the third-level title of honor in Umuofia.

11. Ogbuefi: A person with a high title, as in Ogbuefi Ezeugo (the orator) and Ogbuefi Udo (the man whose wife was killed in Mbaino).

12. Ezeugo: The name for a person of high religious significance, such as an Ibo priest.

13. Obi: A hut within a compound.

14. Ani: The earth goddess who owns all land.

15. Chi: A significant cultural concept and belief meaning one’s personal deity; also one’s destiny or fate.

16. Nna-ayi: Translated as our father; a greeting of respect.

17. Coco-yam: The edible, spherical-shaped tuber of the taro plant grown in the tropics and eaten like potatoes or ground into flour, cooked to a paste, or fermented for beer. Here, the round coco-yam (a woman’s crop) is a different tuber than the elongated-shaped yam (a man’s crop).

18. Cassava: Any of several plants (genus Manihot and especially M. esculenta) of the spurge family grown in the tropics for their fleshy, edible rootsticks that produce a nutritious starch. Here, the plant also provides valuable leaves for livestock feed as well as tubers, which are prepared like coco-yams.

19. Osugo: The name means a low-ranked person.

20. Amadiora: The god of thunder and lightning.

21. Calabash: The dried, hollow shell of a gourd, used as a bowl, cup, and so on.

22. Yam foo-foo: Pounded and mashed yam pulp.

23. Cam wood: A dye from a West African redwood tree that is used by women to redden their skins before decorating themselves with other patterns for special occasions.

24. Ozo: A class of men holding an ozo title; it also refers to the ritual which accompanies the granting of a title to a person.