

**Words to Own****from The Autobiography  
Benjamin Franklin**

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**Context and Definition**

Your Words to Own are listed below. Using context clues, determine which Word to Own best completes each sentence and write the word in the blank provided. On the line following each sentence, write a definition of the word.

**assert**  
**arbitrary****indiscreet**  
**abate****itinerant**  
**arduous****rectitude**  
**facilitate****subsequent**  
**eradicate**

**EXAMPLE:** Dr. Brown, an \_\_\_\_\_ erudite \_\_\_\_\_ physician who was knowledgeable about many matters, became Franklin's lifelong friend. \_\_\_\_\_ learned or scholarly \_\_\_\_\_

1. Who knows what \_\_\_\_\_ words passed between Franklin and his brother?  
Franklin may have said something careless. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Franklin's father could have done something to simplify his son's search for a job, but he decided not to \_\_\_\_\_ this quest. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Franklin's journey to Philadelphia was long and \_\_\_\_\_, but these difficulties taught him a lot about himself. \_\_\_\_\_
4. As he traveled about, Franklin tried to be correct in his manners. The \_\_\_\_\_ of his behavior made a positive impression on the people he met. \_\_\_\_\_
5. With the few pennies he had, Franklin bought some rolls. They seemed to \_\_\_\_\_ his hunger, for he gave two of them away. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Franklin seems to disapprove of \_\_\_\_\_ actions. Rather than following his whims, he tries to think before acting. \_\_\_\_\_
7. Franklin believed that it was possible to eliminate nonproductive ways of thinking and behaving. To help \_\_\_\_\_ undesirable behavior, he made a "little book" to track the development of his virtues. \_\_\_\_\_
8. Franklin declared that his "little book" made him more virtuous. To \_\_\_\_\_ this was to claim that he was the master of his own fate. \_\_\_\_\_
9. Franklin called Dr. Brown \_\_\_\_\_, because the physician had traveled widely and had lived in many places. \_\_\_\_\_
10. Following the fight with his brother, Franklin tried to make his way on his own. These \_\_\_\_\_ efforts were largely successful. \_\_\_\_\_