

Engel v. Vitale / Vocabulary ••/••—Answer Key

Using context clues in the reading, define the following terms. Additional sources such as dictionaries may be used if needed.

1. **Establishment Clause**

- a. Definition: the part of the First Amendment that protects Americans from government-sponsored religion: “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion.”
- b. Use in a sentence:

2. **Free Exercise Clause**

- a. Definition: the part of the First Amendment that protects the right to freely exercise one’s religion: “Congress shall make no law ... prohibiting the free exercise” of religion.
- b. Use in a sentence:

3. **non-denominational**

- a. Definition: not connected with any particular religious group; not connected with any particular branch of Christianity.
- b. Use in a sentence:

4. **recitation**

- a. Definition: an act of reciting or repeating something from memory.
- b. Use in a sentence:

5. **violated**

- a. Definition: to have infringed on a right or broken a law or rule.
- b. Use in a sentence:

6. **voluntary**

- a. Definition: done of one’s own accord or by free choice; not mandatory.
- b. Use in a sentence:

7. **writ of certiorari** (••)

- a. Definition: an order issued from a superior court calling up the record of a proceeding in a lower court for review, most commonly when the losing party in the lower court wants to challenge the decision.
- b. Use in a sentence: