

Vocabulary; Unit #3

Directions:

1. 1) Select any 15 words from the list above. You will then complete 15 vocabulary pictures. Include the following items in each box:
 - a. a sentence using the word; the sentence must be creative and include clues in context to help illustrate the word's meaning
 - b. **underline** the word in each sentence
 - c. color the picture
 - d. write your complete heading in any box
 - e. each picture must have a minimum of three elements
 2. Write a story using all 20 vocabulary words. The story must make sense, and the vocabulary words must be used in the right part of speech. Type this story and either *highlight or underline each vocabulary word.* **Due; 12/07**
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Unit 3 Vocab

1. Articulate: (v.) to pronounce distinctly; to express well in words; to connect by a joint or joints; (adj.) expressed clearly and forcefully; jointed.

Few people can _____ their emotions during times of stress.

The most _____ student in the class was chosen to mediate the debate.

Synonyms: (v.) pronounce, elucidate; (adj.) eloquent

Antonyms: (v.) mumble, slur; (adj.) tongue-tied, halting

2. Cavort (v.): To romp or prance around exuberantly; to make merry

The actors in the musical _____ on stage.

Synonym: gambol

3. Credence (n.) belief, mental acceptance

The government and the public failed to give _____ to the reports of an impending water shortage.

Synonyms: credit, trust, confidence

Antonyms: disbelief, skepticism, incredulity

4. Decry (v.): to condemn, express strong disapproval; to officially depreciate

Every arm of government and every educational institution should _____ bigotry in all its forms.

Synonyms: denounce, censure, devalue

Antonyms: tout, commend, extol, laud, praise

5. Dissemble (v.): to disguise or conceal, deliberately give a false impression

The young man was unable to _____ his feelings and admitted to having committed the crime.

Synonyms: dissimulate, mask, feign

6. Distraught (adj.): very much agitated or upset as a result of emotion or mental conflict

The workforce became _____ in the wake of the 1929 stock market crash.

Synonyms: frantic, distracted
Antonyms: calm, composed, collected

7. Eulogy (n.): a formal statement of commendation; high praise

The best friend and longtime law partner of the deceased delivered the _____ at the funeral.

Synonyms: panegyric, encomium, tribute, testimonial
Antonyms: philippic, diatribe, invective

8. Evince (v.): to display clearly, to make evident, to provoke

The crowd did not _____ any signs of panic but moved in an orderly fashion to the nearest exits.

Synonyms: exhibit, manifest, occasion

9. Exhume (v.): to remove from a grave; to bring to light

Suspecting foul play, the coroner issued an order to _____ the body immediately.

Synonyms: disinter, unearth, uncover
Antonyms: bury, inter

10. Feckless (adj.): lacking in spirit and strength; ineffective, weak; irresponsible, unreliable

Although a _____ youth, he eventually matured into a hard-working and responsible citizen.

Synonyms: feeble, helpless, incompetent, ineffectual
Antonyms: competent, capable, effective

11. Murky (adj.): dark and gloomy, obscure; lacking in clarity and precision

Many visitors have claimed to see a mysterious creature in the _____ waters of Loch Ness in Scotland.

Synonyms: dim, cloudy, unclear
Antonyms: clear, transparent, lucid, limpid

12. Nefarious (adj.): wicked, depraved, devoid of moral standards

Brutus and Cassius hatched a _____ plot to assassinate Julius Caesar on the steps of the Roman Senate.

Synonyms: iniquitous, reprehensible
Antonyms: virtuous, honorable, praiseworthy, meritorious

13. Piquant (adj.): stimulating to the taste or mind; spicy, pungent; appealingly provocative

The chef was an expert in making those _____ dishes that are characteristic of South Indian cooking.

Synonyms: tangy, zestful
Antonyms: bland, insipid, tasteless, mild

14. Primordial (adj.): developed or created at the very beginning; fundamental, basic

The _____ stages of most civilizations are founded on common needs met by common goals.

Synonyms: original, primeval, primal

15. Propinquity (n.): nearness in place or time; kinship

The _____ of the two cities has created a greater metropolitan area that in effect is one city.

Synonyms: proximity, similarity

Antonyms: remoteness, distance

16. Unwonted (adj.): not usual or expected; not in character

The listless student answered with _____ spirit when the subject of military tactics was raised.

Synonyms: unusual, uncommon, unexpected, atypical

Antonyms: usual, customary, typical

17. Utopian (adj.): founded upon or involving a visionary view of an ideal world; impractical

A number of American religious groups like the Shakers have built separate communities based on _____ schemes.

Synonyms: idealistic

Antonyms: realistic, pragmatic

18. Verbiage (n.): language that is too wordy or inflated in proportion to the sense or content

The contract was full of meaningless _____ that seemed designed to confuse the lay person.

19. Verdant (adj.): green in tint color; immature in experience or judgment

The tourists on safari traveled over the _____ grasslands of Kenya in search of native wildlife.

Synonyms: artless, naïve

Antonyms: scorched, sere, barren, arid

20. Viscous (adj.): having a gelatinous or gluey quality, lacking in easy movement or fluidity

The varnish left a _____ residue on the wood that was hard to remove.

Synonyms: gummy, sticky, thick

Antonyms: runny, watery, aqueous