

Vocabulary 10

- 1. accord** (ə kɔrd')
(n.) agreement, harmony; (v.) to agree, be in harmony or bring into harmony; to grant, bestow on
The labor union reached an _____ with management before the midnight deadline.
The Nobel Committee _____ the Peace Prize to the Red Cross in 1917, 1944, and 1963.
SYNONYM: (n.) mutual understanding
ANTONYMS: (n.) disagreement, conflict, friction
- 2. barter** (bār' tər)
(n.) an exchange in trade; (v.) to exchange goods
By definition, _____ does not involve the exchange of money in any form.
According to the Bible, Esau _____ away his birthright for a hot meal.
SYNONYMS: (v.) trade, swap
ANTONYMS: (v.) sell, buy, purchase
- 3. curt** (kərt)
(adj.) short, rudely brief
Tour guides are trained to give complete and polite answers to questions, not _____ responses.
SYNONYMS: rude, brusque, terse, summary
ANTONYMS: civil, courteous, lengthy, detailed
- 4. devise** (di vīz')
(v.) to think out, plan, figure out, invent, create
The advertising agency _____ clever television commercials promoting the new car.
SYNONYMS: concoct, contrive, work out, design
- 5. dexterous** (dek' strəs)
(adj.) skillful in the use of hands or body; clever
The _____ movements of those master chefs we see on TV took years of practice to perfect.
SYNONYMS: agile, handy, deft
ANTONYMS: clumsy, awkward, ungainly
- 6. engross** (en grōs')
(v.) to occupy the complete attention, absorb fully
The exciting new film _____ every member of the audience.
SYNONYMS: immerse, preoccupy
ANTONYMS: bore, stultify, put to sleep
- 7. entail** (v., en tāl'; n., en' täl)
(v.) to put a burden on, impose, require, involve; to restrict ownership of property by limiting inheritance; (n.) such a restriction
Reaching your goals will _____ both hard work and sacrifice.
By tradition, an _____ requires that our family home must pass to the eldest child.
SYNONYM: (v.) necessitate
ANTONYMS: (v.) exclude, rule out, preclude
- 8. ferret** (fer' et)
(n.) a kind of weasel; (v.) to search or hunt out; to torment, badger
_____ were once used to chase rabbits and other pests from their burrows.
No matter how long it takes, we'll keep asking questions until we _____ out the true story.
SYNONYMS: (v.) track down, sniff out
- 9. habituate** (hə bich' ü ät)
(v.) to become used to; to cause to become used to
Rookies who quickly _____ themselves to discipline can make important contributions to a team.
SYNONYMS: acclimate, inure, get used to
ANTONYMS: deprogram, brainwash
- 10. impending** (im pen' dīn)
(adj., part.) about to happen, hanging over in a menacing way
If you have studied hard, you will have no reason to worry about your _____ final exams.
SYNONYMS: imminent, upcoming
ANTONYMS: distant, remote
- 11. personable** (pərs' nə bəl)
(adj.) pleasing in appearance or personality, attractive
A group of very _____ and enthusiastic teens volunteered to help senior citizens with daily chores.
SYNONYMS: charming, agreeable, likable
ANTONYMS: unpleasant, disagreeable, obnoxious
- 12. rue** (rü)
(v.) to regret, be sorry for; (n.) a feeling of regret
It is only natural to _____ mistakes and missed opportunities.
My heart was filled with _____ when I realized how thoughtlessly I had behaved.
SYNONYMS: (v.) lament, repent
ANTONYM: (v.) cherish
- 13. scoff** (skäf)
(v.) to make fun of; to show contempt for
People once _____ at the notion that the use of personal computers would become widespread.
SYNONYMS: ridicule, laugh at, jeer at
ANTONYMS: take seriously, admire, revere
- 14. transition** (tran zish' ən)
(n.) a change from one state or condition to another
Because of a change in leadership, the country is undergoing a period of political _____.
SYNONYMS: changeover, conversion, switch, passage
- 15. trepidation** (trep ə dā' shən)
(n.) fear, fright, trembling
Even veteran actors experience _____ just before they go on stage.
SYNONYMS: dread, anxiety, apprehension
ANTONYMS: confidence, self-assurance, poise
- 16. upbraid** (ap brād')
(v.) to blame, scold, find fault with
The police officer _____ the driver for blocking the crosswalk.
SYNONYMS: bawl out, reprimand
ANTONYMS: praise, pat on the back
- 17. veritable** (ver' ə tə bəl)
(adj.) actual, true, real
Those dusty old boxes in my grandparents' attic contained a _____ treasure trove of rare books and antiques.
ANTONYMS: false, specious
- 18. vex** (veks)
(v.) to annoy, anger, exasperate; to confuse, baffle
The annual task of filling out federal and state income tax returns _____ many people.
SYNONYMS: irritate, irk, puzzle, distress
ANTONYMS: please, delight, soothe, mollify
- 19. vitality** (vī tal' ə tē)
(n.) strength, energy, liveliness; the capacity to live and develop; the power to endure or survive
To win a marathon, a runner must have patience, speed, and exceptional _____.
SYNONYMS: vigor, stamina
ANTONYMS: lifelessness, torpor, lethargy
- 20. whimsical** (whim' zə kal)
(adj.) subject to odd ideas, notions, or fancies; playful; unpredictable
Rube Goldberg was famous for _____ drawings of wildly impractical contraptions.
SYNONYMS: odd, peculiar, quaint, fanciful
ANTONYMS: serious, sober, matter-of-fact, realistic