

Vocabulary II

- 1. appease**
(ə pēz')
- (v.) to make calm, soothe; to relieve, satisfy; to yield to
A snack of fresh fruit should _____ your hunger until mealtime.
SYNONYMS: pacify, mollify, placate, propitiate
ANTONYMS: enrage, provoke, irritate
- 2. belated**
(bi lā' tid)
- (adj.) late, tardy
The _____ arrival of the party's guest of honor put the hosts in an awkward position.
SYNONYMS: delayed, behindhand
ANTONYMS: early, ahead of time
- 3. calamitous**
(kə lam' it əs)
- (adj.) causing great misfortune
In 1906, a _____ earthquake and fire leveled much of the city of San Francisco.
SYNONYMS: disastrous, catastrophic, ruinous, fatal
ANTONYMS: fortunate, beneficial, salutary
- 4. cite**
(sīt)
- (v.) to quote; to mention; to summon to appear in court; to commend, recommend
Be sure to _____ your sources when you write a research paper.
SYNONYMS: refer to, enumerate, subpoena
ANTONYMS: ignore, disregard
- 5. conventional**
(kən ven' shə nəl)
- (adj.) in line with accepted ideas or standards; trite
Many people have rather _____ taste in clothing.
SYNONYMS: ordinary, commonplace, orthodox
ANTONYMS: outlandish, bizarre, unorthodox
- 6. decoy**
(v, dī koi'; n, dē' koi)
- (v.) to lure into a trap; (n.) a person or thing used to lure into a trap
The Pied Piper _____ all the children away from the town of Hamelin by playing his flute.
Painted wooden _____ are prized by collectors of folk art as well as by hunters.
SYNONYMS: (v.) entice, entrap; (n.) lure, bait
- 7. delve**
(delv)
- (v.) to dig; to search deeply and thoroughly into
Scholars continue to _____ into all aspects of America's Civil War.
SYNONYMS: probe, investigate
- 8. ensue**
(en sū')
- (v.) to follow in order, come immediately after and as a result
When an airplane crashes, both investigations and lawsuits can be expected to _____.
SYNONYM: result
ANTONYMS: precede, come before
- 9. gallantry**
(gal' ən trē)
- (n.) heroic courage; respect and courtesy; an act or statement marked by a high level of courtesy
The Medal of Honor is awarded by Congress to those who perform acts of "conspicuous _____" in combat.
SYNONYMS: bravery, chivalrousness, valor, daring
ANTONYMS: cowardice, boorishness
- 10. impart**
(im pārt')
- (v.) to make known, tell; to give, pass something on
All over the world, elders _____ the traditions of their culture to the younger generation.
SYNONYMS: transmit, bestow, grant
ANTONYMS: withhold, keep back, conceal
- 11. judicious**
(jū dish' əs)
- (adj.) using or showing good judgment, wise, sensible
Cautious and _____ people consider all their options before making important decisions.
SYNONYMS: thoughtful, prudent, shrewd, astute
ANTONYMS: foolish, thoughtless, ill-considered
- 12. mediate**
(v, mē' dē āt; adj., mē' dē ət)
- (v.) to bring about an agreement between persons or groups, act as a go-between; (adj.) occupying a middle position; indirect, acting through an intermediary
A neutral third party often _____ contract talks between labor and management.
The name of the _____ star in Orion's Belt is Alnilam.
SYNONYMS: (v.) settle, arbitrate, umpire, referee
- 13. milieu**
(mēl yū')
- (n.) the setting, surroundings, environment
An authentic _____ is an essential ingredient in a good historical novel.
- 14. outlandish**
(aūt land' ish)
- (adj.) strange, freakish, weird, foreign-looking; out-of-the-way, geographically remote; exceeding reasonable limits
Imaginative and _____ outfits are popular attire at a costume party.
SYNONYMS: peculiar, bizarre, odd, unorthodox, unconventional
ANTONYMS: conventional, orthodox, staid, sober
- 15. overbearing**
(ō vər bār' in)
- (adj.) domineering, haughty, bullying; overpowering, predominant
An _____ person has a strong need to be in charge all the time.
SYNONYMS: high-handed, overriding
ANTONYMS: meek, unassuming, self-effacing
- 16. pert**
(pərt)
- (adj.) high-spirited; lively; bold, saucy; jaunty
Most adults are willing to tolerate a certain amount of _____ behavior in children.
SYNONYMS: vivacious, impudent, fresh
ANTONYMS: sullen, gloomy, morose, peevish
- 17. quirk**
(kwɜrk)
- (n.) a peculiar way of acting; a sudden twist or turn
A writer may be famous for creating characters who are full of interesting _____.
SYNONYMS: peculiarity, oddity, eccentricity
- 18. regale**
(ri gāl')
- (v.) to feast, entertain agreeably
Most people are eager to _____ their friends with accounts of their vacation adventures.
SYNONYMS: amuse, divert
- 19. shiftless**
(shift' ləs)
- (adj.) lazy, lacking in ambition and energy; inefficient
How can anyone lead a _____ life when there are so many interesting things to learn and to see?
SYNONYMS: careless, sloppy, lackadaisical
ANTONYMS: energetic, hardworking, ambitious
- 20. taint**
(tānt)
- (n.) a stain or spot; a mark of corruption or dishonor; (v.) to stain or contaminate
The _____ of bribery or other corrupt practices can put an end to the career of a public official.
When toxic chemicals _____ lakes and rivers, many fish and other animals die.
SYNONYMS: (n.) blot; (v.) soil, tarnish, pollute
ANTONYMS: (v.) purify, decontaminate, cleanse