

Vocabulary List #2

1. **ADJOURN** (v) to stop proceedings temporarily; to move to another place.

The judge _____ the hearing until ten o'clock the following morning.

SYNONYMS: postpone, suspend, discontinue

ANTONYMS: open, call to order.

2. **ALIEN** (n) a citizen of another country; (adj) foreign, strange

An _____ from outer space have been extremely popular for decades.

An _____ species of plant or animal can upset the balance of an ecosystem.

SYNONYM: (ADJ) exotic, unfamiliar

ANTONYMS: (ADJ) native, endemic, familiar

3. **COMELY** (adj) having a pleasing appearance

The proud parents and their _____ children posed for a family portrait.

SYNONYMS: good-looking, attractive, bonny

ANTONYMS: plain, homely, ugly, repulsive

4. **COMPENSATE** (v) to make up for; to repay for services

The manufacturer was ordered to _____ customers injured by the defective product.

SYNONYMS: pay back, reimburse, recompense

ANTONYMS: fail to reward, stiff

5. **DISSOLUTE** (adj) loose in morals or behavior

The mad Roman emperor Caligula led an extravagant and _____ life.

SYNONYMS: dissipated, debauched, immoral, corrupt

ANTONYMS: virtuous, chaste, moral, seemly, proper

6. **ERRATIC** (adj) not regular or consistent; different from what is ordinarily expected; undependable

Students who have an _____ attendance record may find themselves disciplined by the principal

SYNONYMS: irregular, inconsistent, unpredictable

ANTONYMS: steady, consistent, dependable

7. **EXPULSION** (n) the process of driving or forcing out

The story of the _____ of Adam and Eve from the Garden of Eden is told in Genesis.

SYNONYMS: ejection, ouster, eviction

ANTONYMS: admittance, admission

8. **FEINT** (n) a deliberately deceptive movement; a pretense; (v) to make a deceptive movement; to make a pretense of

The chess master's opening _____ gave her an immediate advantage.

His uncanny ability to _____ and counterpunch made the champ unbeatable.

SYNONYMS: (n) trick, ruse, subterfuge, dodge, bluff

9. **FODDER** (n) food for horses or cattle; raw material for a designated purpose

Every experience in life is _____ for a novelist's imagination.

SYNONYMS: feed, provender

10. **FORTIFY** (v) to strengthen, build up

The soldiers _____ the garrison against the expected attack.

SYNONYMS: reinforce, shore up

ANTONYMS: weaken, undermine, sap, impair

11. **ILLEGIBLE** (adj) difficult or impossible to read

The effects of air pollution have rendered the inscriptions on many old gravestones _____ .

SYNONYMS: unreadable, indecipherable, scribbled

ANTONYMS: readable, decipherable, distinct, clear

12. **JEER** (v) to make fun of rudely or unkindly; (n) a rude remark of derision

To _____ at someone with a disability is absolutely inexcusable.

SYNONYM: (v) laugh at, mock, taunt

ANTONYMS: (n) applause, plaudits, accolades

13. **LUCRATIVE** (adj) bringing in money; profitable

Many people find that they can turn a favorite hobby into a highly _____ business.

SYNONYMS: gainful, moneymaking

ANTONYMS: unprofitable, losing, in the red.

14. **MEDIOCRE** (adj) average, ordinary, undistinguished

The team's number-one draft pick turned out to be a rather _____ player, not a star who could lead them to the championship.

SYNONYMS: run-of-the-mill,

ANTONYMS: exceptional, outstanding, distinguished

15. **PROLIFERATE** (v) to reproduce, increase, or spread rapidly

Because malignant cells _____ early detection of cancer is absolutely crucial to successful treatment.

SYNONYMS: multiply, mushroom, burgeon

ANTONYMS: decrease, diminish, dwindle, slack off

16. **SUBJUGATE** (v) to conquer by force, bring under complete control

"We must act quickly," the general said, "in order to _____ the rebel forces."

SYNONYMS: subdue, vanquish, master

ANTONYMS: be conquered, submit, surrender

17. **SULLY** (adj) to soil, stain, tarnish, defile, besmirch

The Watergate scandal _____ the image of politicians in the minds of many voters.

SYNONYMS: pollute, taint, smear

ANTONYMS: cleanse, purify, decontaminate

18. **TANTALIZE** (v) to tease, torment by teasing

When I am on a diet, the treats in bakery windows seem to have been put there to _____ me.

SYNONYMS: tempt, lead on, make one's mouth water

ANTONYMS: satisfy, fulfill, gratify

19. **TERSE** (adj) brief and to the point

The manuscript for my short story was returned to me with a _____ letter of rejection.

SYNONYMS: concise, succinct, crisp, short and sweet

ANTONYMS: verbose, wordy, diffuse, prolix

20. **UNFLINCHING** (adj) firm, showing no signs of fear, not drawing back

Everyone admires the _____ courage with which firefighters and other rescue workers carry out their dangerous jobs.

SYNONYMS: resolute, steadfast, unwavering

ANTONYMS: irresolute, wavering, vacillating