

Voc Unit 7

1. **Adieu** (int.) "Farewell!"; (n) a farewell
As my friends boarded the airplane, I waved and shouted, " _____! Have a safe trip."
Syn. "So long", good-bye
Ant. Hello; a greeting
2. **Advent** (n) an arrival; a coming into place or view
The _____ of spring is particularly welcome after a long, harsh winter.
Syn. Approach
Ant. Departure, going away, exodus
3. **Apex** (n) the highest point, tip
If you want to reach the _____ of the Washington Monument, you can take the stairs or an elevator.
Syn. Peak, summit, acme, crowning point
Ant. Bottom, nadir
4. **Assimilate** (v) to absorb fully or make one's own; to adopt as one's own: to adapt fully
A well-read person _____ knowledge of a wide range of subjects.
Syn: digest, incorporate, blend in
5. **Bogus** (adj) false, counterfeit
Cashiers receive special training so that they will be able to identify _____ currency.
Syn: phony, fake, spurious
Ant. genuine, authentic
6. **Exorbitant** (adj) unreasonably high; excessive
Management rejected the union's demands for higher wages and better benefits as _____.
Syn: extreme, inordinate, overpriced
Ant: inexpensive, affordable, reasonable
7. **Interim** (n) the time between; (adj) temporary, coming between two points in time
In the _____ between landing and takeoff, the ground crew cleaned and refueled the plane.
He was chosen as an _____ principal until a new principal was found.
Syn. (n) interval, interlude; (adj) provisional, stopgap
8. **Inundate** (v) to flood, overflow; to overwhelm by numbers or size
Torrential rains and high tides _____ the streets of the picturesque seaside community.
Syn: submerge, deluge, swamp
9. **Malign** (v) to speak evil of, slander; (adj) evil
In every office, there are gossips who are only too willing to _____ their coworkers.
He revealed his _____ motives in his threats to harm the president.
Syn. (v) defame, vilify, badmouth; (adj) wicked
Ant. (v) praise, commend; (adj) kind, benevolent
10. **Meander** (v) to wander about, wind about; (n) a sharp turn or twist
When I travel, I like to _____ through unfamiliar towns and cities.
Syn. (v) ramble, roam, zigzag, twist

11. **Metropolis** (n) a large city; the chief city of an area
Archaeologists have learned much about the Mayans from the ruins of the _____ Palenque.
Syn: large urban center
Ant: hamlet, village
12. **Momentous** (adj) very important
A _____ decision by the Supreme Court in 1954 declared public school segregation unconstitutional.
Syn: consequential, weighty, portentous
Ant: inconsequential, trivial, slight, unimportant
13. **Obstreperous** (adj) noisy; unruly, disorderly
Our teacher will not tolerate _____ behavior in the classroom.
Syn: wild, rowdy, uncontrolled, riotous
Ant: quiet, well-behaved, docile, calm
14. **Pensive** (adj) thoughtful; melancholy
We admired the skill with which the artist captured the child's _____ expression.
Syn: dreamy, reflective, contemplative, wistful
15. **Perilous** (adj) dangerous
Episodes of old-time movie serials usually ended with the hero or heroine in _____ circumstances.
Syn: risky, chancy, hazardous, unsafe
Ant: safe, secure, harmless
16. **Shoddy** (adj) of poor quality; characterized by inferior workmanship
The designer watch I bought from a street vendor turned out to be a _____ knockoff.
Syn: flimsy, cheap, tacky, imitative
Ant: well-made, solid, durable, superior
17. **Sprightly** (adj) lively, full of life; spicy, flavorful
Though Grandmother is well into her eighties, she is still as _____ as a teenager.
Syn: frisky, peppy, spirited, animated, buoyant
Ant: sullen, spiritless, dull, morose, sluggish
18. **Surly** (adj) angry and bad-tempered; rude
Passengers stranded in an airport because their flight is canceled may become quite _____.
Syn: gruff, sullen, cranky, grouchy, hostile
Ant: polite, gracious, civil, friendly, genial
19. **Tirade** (n) a long, angry speech, usually very critical
The dictator's televised _____ against his opponents lasted for four hours.
Syn: harangue, diatribe, tongue-lashing
20. **Vagrant** (n) an idle wanderer, tramp; (adj) wandering aimlessly
During the Great Depression, many people lost everything and were forced to live as _____.
Advertisers continually vie with one another to capture the _____ attention of fickle consumers.
Syn: (n) drifter, vagabond, hobo, nomad
Ant: (n) stay-at-home, homebody, resident