

## UNIT 1 Vocabulary Packet

1. **Adulterate** (v.) to corrupt, make worse by the addition of something of lesser value

(əˈdɛltəˌrāt)

Hospitals take strict precautions to assure that nothing \_\_\_\_\_ the blood supply.

**Synonyms:** contaminate, pollute, sully

**Antonyms:** purify, purge, expurgate

2. **ambidextrous:** (adj.) able to use both hands equally well; very skillful; deceitful, hypocritical

(ambēˈdɛkst(ə)rəs)

Occasionally a teacher will come across a child who displays \_\_\_\_\_ abilities when taught to write.

**Synonyms:** versatile, facile

**Antonyms:** clumsy, all thumbs, maladroit

3. **augment**

(ɒgˈmɛnt)

(v.) to make larger; increase

Many couples have to \_\_\_\_\_ their incomes in order to pay for the mortgage on a new home.

**Synonyms:** enlarge, supplement, amplify

**Antonyms:** decrease, diminish

4. **bereft**

(bəˈrɛft)

(adj.) deprived of; made unhappy through a loss

Individuals who live to be very old may eventually find themselves completely \_\_\_\_\_ of friends and family.

**Synonyms:** bereaved

**Antonyms:** replete, well provided

5. **deploy**

(dəˈplɔɪ)

(v.) to position or arrange; to utilize; to form up

A bugle call is a signal used to \_\_\_\_\_ troops for inspection, parade, or battle.

**Synonyms:** station, organize

6. **dour**

(dou(ə)r)

(adj.) stern, unyielding, gloomy, ill-humored

Dickens's Mr. Gradgrind in the novel *Hard Times* is an example of a character with a \_\_\_\_\_ and sullen disposition.

**Synonyms:** harsh, bleak, forbidding, saturnine

**Antonyms:** cheery, inviting, genial

7. **fortitude**

(ˈfɔrdəˌt(y)ʊd)

(n.) courage in facing difficulties

The residents of the Mississippi delta showed remarkable \_\_\_\_\_ during and after the flood that destroyed their homes.

**Synonyms:** resolve, steadfastness, mettle

**Antonyms:** fearfulness, timidity, faintheartedness

8. **gape**  
(gāp)  
(v.) to stare with an open mouth; to open wide  
First-time visitors to Niagara Falls can be expected to \_\_\_\_\_ at the spectacular sights nature has provided for them.  
**Synonyms:** gawk, ogle
9. **gibe**  
(jīb)  
(v.) to utter taunting words; (n.) an expression of scorn  
The recruits rushed into battle so that no one could \_\_\_\_\_ at them for cowardice.  
Voters may reject a candidate who resorts to personal \_\_\_\_\_ instead of discussing the issues.  
**Synonyms:** (v.) ridicule, mock, deride, jeer  
**Antonyms:** (n.) compliment, praise
10. **guise**  
(gīz)  
(n.) an external appearance, cover, mask  
The thieves gained entry to the home by presenting themselves in the \_\_\_\_\_ of police officers  
**Synonyms:** costume, semblance, pretense
11. **insidious**  
(in ˈsɪdēəs)  
(adj.) intended to deceive or entrap; sly, treacherous  
The investigators uncovered an \_\_\_\_\_ scheme to rob people of their life savings.  
**Synonyms:** cunning, underhanded, perfidious  
**Antonyms:** frank, ingenuous, aboveboard
12. **intimation:**  
(in(t)ə ˈmāSH(ə)n)  
(n.) a hint, indirect suggestion  
They were too proud to give any \_\_\_\_\_ of their financial difficulties.  
**Synonyms:** clue, indication, inkling
13. **opulent**  
(ˈäpyələnt)  
(adj.) wealthy, luxurious; ample; grandiose  
The tour guide showed us the \_\_\_\_\_ living quarters of the royal family.  
**Synonyms:** rick, lavish, plentiful, abundant  
**Antonyms:** poverty-stricken, wretched, destitute
14. **pliable**  
(ˈplīəb(ə)l)  
(adj.) easily bent, flexible; easily influenced  
Spools of \_\_\_\_\_ copper wire are standard equipment for many kinds of maintenance workers, including electricians.  
**Synonyms:** supple, adaptable, resilient

**Antonyms:** rigid, inflexible, recalcitrant

15. **reiterate**  
(rēˈɪdəˌrāt)

(v.) to say again, repeat

Effective speakers often \_\_\_\_\_ an important idea for emphasis.

**Synonyms:** restate, rehash, recapitulate

16. **stolid**  
(ˈstäləd)

(adj.) not easily moved mentally or emotionally; dull, unresponsive

\_\_\_\_\_ people can generally be expected to take most things in stride.

**Synonyms:** impassive, phlegmatic

**Antonyms:** emotional, oversensitive, high-strung

17. **tentative**  
(ˈten(t)ədɪv)

(adj.) experimental in nature; uncertain, hesitant

negotiators have come up with a \_\_\_\_\_ agreement that will keep both sides at the bargaining table past the strike deadline.

**Synonyms:** provisional, inconclusive

**Antonyms:** definite, conclusive, confirmed

18. **unkempt**  
(ənˈkem(p)t)

(adj.) not combed; untidy; not properly maintained; unpolished, rude

According to my parents, the latest fashions make me and my friends look \_\_\_\_\_.

**Synonyms:** sloppy, disheveled, disordered, rough

**Antonyms:** well-groomed, tidy, neat, natty

19. **verbatim**  
(vərˈbādəm)

(adj., adv) word for word; exactly as written or spoken

Newspapers often publish the \_\_\_\_\_ text of an important political speech.

At the swearing-in ceremony, the Chief Justice reads each line of the Oath of Office, and the new President repeats it.

**Synonyms:** (adj.) exact; (adv.) precisely

**Antonyms:** adj.) paraphrased

20. **warily**  
(ˈwerəlē)

(adv.) cautiously, with great care

The hikers made their way \_\_\_\_\_ up the steep and rocky trail.

**Synonyms:** carefully, prudently, gingerly

**Antonyms:** recklessly, heedlessly, incautiously

**Completing the Sentence.** Please fill in the blanks with the words that best complete each sentence.

1. What a tragedy that in the twilight of her life the unfortunate woman should be \_\_\_\_\_  
all her loved ones!
2. We learned that beneath his \_\_\_\_\_ exterior there was a sensitive, highly subtle,  
and perceptive mind.
3. Having learned to respect the power in his opponent's fists, the boxer moved \_\_\_\_\_  
around the center of the ring.
4. Her unchanging facial features and controlled voice as she received the news gave no  
\_\_\_\_\_ of her true feelings.
5. An experienced baseball manager \_\_\_\_\_ his outfielders according to the  
strengths and weaknesses of opposing batters.
6. At the risk of being boring, let me \_\_\_\_\_ my warning against careless driving.
7. To this day, historians are still debating whether or not Aaron Burr was guilty of a(n)  
\_\_\_\_\_ plot to break up the United States.
8. Since I need the speaker's exact words for my report, I have asked the stenographer to take down the  
speech \_\_\_\_\_.
9. The \_\_\_\_\_ expressions on the juror's faces as they grimly filed back into the  
courtroom did not bode well for the defendant.
10. Many ballplayers can bat for either side of the plate, but they cannot throw well with each hand unless  
they are \_\_\_\_\_.
11. Why would someone who is usually so neat and tidy appear in public in such a(n) \_\_\_\_\_  
state?
12. As the magician's assistant seemed to vanish into thin air, the entire audience  
\_\_\_\_\_ in amazement.
13. Perhaps I would be bored with the \_\_\_\_\_ lifestyle of a millionaire, but I'm willing to  
try it.
14. How can you tell whether the chopped-meat patty you ate for lunch had been \_\_\_\_\_  
with artificial coloring and other foreign substances?
15. America's earliest settlers faced the hardships of life on the frontier with faith and  
\_\_\_\_\_.
16. The company commander called his troops together and asked for more volunteers to  
\_\_\_\_\_ the strength of the raiding party.
17. The twigs that were to be woven into the basket were soaked in water to make them  
\_\_\_\_\_.

18. In Shakespeare's famous tragedy *Othello*, Iago comes to Othello in the \_\_\_\_\_ of a friend but proves to be a deadly enemy.
19. Why should I be the object of all those \_\_\_\_\_ just because I'm wearing a three-piece suit on campus?
20. Since his acceptance of the invitation was only \_\_\_\_\_, the hostess may be one man short at the dinner party.

**Synonyms:** Choose the word from the packet that means the **same as**, the boldface word in the given phrase.

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| 1. <b>deprived</b> of the companionship of a beloved pet | _____ |
| 2. the <b>stern</b> faces of the ancestral portraits     | _____ |
| 3. <b>stared</b> at the huge jaws of the crocodile       | _____ |
| 4. gave no <b>indication</b> of being nervous            | _____ |
| 5. <b>rehash</b> the same old theories                   | _____ |
| 6. <b>station</b> the remaining guards at the exits      | _____ |
| 7. appeared in the <b>costume</b> of a cowboy            | _____ |
| 8. <b>polluted</b> the water with toxic chemicals        | _____ |
| 9. need to <b>increase</b> the computer's memory         | _____ |
| 10. an <b>underhanded</b> attack on my good name         | _____ |
| 11. the <b>supple</b> limbs of a dancer                  | _____ |
| 12. <b>jeer</b> at the mistakes of the rookies           | _____ |
| 13. proceeded <b>carefully</b> in unknown waters         | _____ |
| 14. a group of tired and <b>untidy</b> travelers         | _____ |
| 15. attended a <b>lavish</b> holiday banquet             | _____ |

**Antonyms.** Choose the word from this packet that means the **opposite** of the boldface word or phrase given.

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| 16. a person with a <b>high-strung</b> temperament     | _____ |
| 17. displayed <b>timidity</b> under fire               | _____ |
| 18. a <b>paraphrased</b> version of the announcement   | _____ |
| 19. surprisingly <b>maladroit</b> handling of the ball | _____ |
| 20. a <b>definite</b> date for the party               | _____ |

**Choosing the Right Word:** Circle the correct boldface word that correctly completes each sentence.

1. Do you believe that the curriculum has been (**deployed, adulterated**) by the inclusion of courses on aspects of popular culture?
2. Because the situation is changing so rapidly, any plans we make to deal with the emergency can be no more than (**verbatim, tentative**).
3. What they call their “(**insidious, pliable**) outlook on life” seems to be simply a lack of any firm moral standards.
4. Recruits who complain of the cold should try to show a little more intestinal (**fortitude, intimation**) in facing the elements.
5. Let us not forget that the early fighters for women’s rights were greeted with the (**gibes, guises**) of the unthinking mob.
6. In this scene of wild jubilation, my (**stolid, tentative**) roommate continued to eat his peanut butter sandwich as though nothing had happened.
7. Have you heard the joke about the (**ambidextrous, opulent**) loafer who was equally adept at not working with either hand?
8. Though all hope of victory had faded, the remaining troops continued to resist the enemy with a (**bereft, dour**) tenacity.
9. How annoying to hear the same silly advertising slogans (**gaped, reiterated**) endlessly on the television!
10. Because of my inexperience, I did not recognize at first his (**insidious, ambidextrous**) attempts to undermine my employer’s confidence in me.
11. The young prince, who much preferred blue jeans, had to dress in the (**stolid, opulent**) robes designed for the coronation.
12. The ticking grew louder as the bomb squad (**warily, plially**) opened the package found on the grounds of the governor’s residence.
13. The speaker (**deployed, adulterated**) all the facts and figures at her command to buttress her argument.
14. I must have been (**bereft, pliable**) of my senses when I bought that old car!
15. There we were at the very edge of the cliff, with our front wheels about to plunge into a (**gaping, intimating**) ravine!

16. I soon found out that my supposed friend had taken it upon himself to repeat (**unkempt, verbatim**) every word I said about Aaron's party.
17. A sort of heaviness in the air and an eerie silence were the first real (**reiterations, intimations**) of the approaching cyclone.
18. By studying the reactions of simpler life forms, researchers have greatly (**adulterated, augmented**) our knowledge of human behavior.
19. One of the chief reasons for your dateless weekends is undoubtedly your (**opulent, unkempt**) appearance.
20. Do you expect me to listen to a lot of tired old ideas dressed up in the (**fortitude, guise**) of brilliant new insights?