

VOCABULARY WORDS

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- 1. available (adj.) ready for use, at hand
 - Bean spouts and bean curd are _____ in the Chinese Market on Main Street.
 - Synonyms: obtainable, on hand
 - Antonyms: unobtainable
- 2. cater (v.) to satisfy the needs of, try to make things easy and pleasant; to supply food and service
 - Our grandmother cared for the twins all summer, but she refused to _____ their every whim.
 - Synonyms: pamper, indulge, gratify, provide
 - Antonyms: frustrate, deny, refuse
- 3. customary (adj.) usual, expected, routine
 - The _____ tip given to a waiter for service is 20 percent of the bill.
 - Synonyms: regular, normal, traditional
 - Antonyms: frustrate, deny, refuse

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- ◎ 4. dissuade (v.) to persuade not to do something.
 - Despite offering big raises and bonuses, the boss was unable to _____ workers from quitting.
 - Synonyms: discourage, talk out of
 - Antonyms: persuade, talk into
- ◎ 5. entrepreneur (n.) a person who starts up and takes on the risk of a business
 - In the first year of business, an _____ often assumes losses for the sake of future profits.
 - Synonyms: businessperson, impresario

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- ◉ 6. firebrand (n.) a piece of burning wood; a troublemaker; an extremely energetic or emotional person
 - A rash young _____, the new editor of the newspaper strove to expose corruption in the mayor's office.
 - Synonyms: hothead, agitator, rabble-rouser
 - Antonyms: peacemaker, pacifier, conciliator
- ◉ 7. hazard (n.) risk, peril; (v.) to expose to danger or harm; to gamble
 - Snow tires can help eliminate the _____ of driving on icy roads.
 - When asked to predict when the long drought would end, the meteorologist would not _____ a guess
 - Synonyms: (n.) danger; (v.) venture

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- ◉ 8. homicide (n.) the killing of one person by another
 - It did not take the jury very long to find the drifter guilty of _____.
 - Synonyms: manslaughter, murder
- ◉ 9. Indifference (n.) a lack of interest or concern
 - The outcome of the rugby match between the two teams is a matter of complete _____ to me.
 - Synonyms: apathy, unconcern
 - Antonyms: interest, concern, enthusiasm

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- 10. indignant (adj.) filled with resentment or anger over something unjust, unworthy, or mean.
 - Angered by the editorial in the newspaper, my mother wrote an _____ letter to the editor
 - Synonyms: offended, resentful, outraged, exasperated
 - Antonyms: pleased, delighted, overjoyed, elated
- 11. indispensable (adj.) absolutely necessary, not to be neglected
 - Oxygen is a gas that is _____ to life process.
 - Synonyms: essential, crucial, vital
 - Antonyms: pleased, delighted, overjoyed, elated
- 12. lubricate (v.) to apply oil or grease; to make smooth, slippery, or easier to use
 - The workers had to _____ the equipment regularly so that production would not suffer.
 - Synonyms: oil, grease

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- 13. mutual (adj.) shared, felt, or shown equally by two or more
 - During the course of the summer, the adoring couple formed a _____ admiration society.
 - Synonyms: two-sided, joint, shared, reciprocal
 - Antonyms: one sided, unilateral
- 14. pelt (v.) to throw a stream of things; to strike successviely; to hurry
 - The children resisted the urge to _____ the cars with snowballs
 - Synonyms: bombard, shower, pepper
- 15. plague (n.) an easily spread disease causing a large number of deaths; a widespred evil; (v.) to annoy or bother
 - In the 14th century, a _____ spread by infected rats wiped out about one fourth of the population of Europe
 - Mosquitoes will _____ the campers if they forget to wear inset repellent on the hike.
 - Synonyms: (n.) epidemic, pestilence; (v.) pester, vex
 - Antonyms (n.) boon, blessing

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- 16. poised (adj. part.) balanced, suspended; calm, controlled; ready for action
 - The captain and other member of the crew were _____ for take off.
 - Synonyms: collected, self-confident, ready
 - Antonyms: nervous, tense
- 17. regime (n.) a government in power; a form or system of rule or management; a period rule.
 - The present _____ in that country came to power through democratic elections.
 - Synonyms: administration, rule
- 18. retard (v.) to make slow, delay, hold back
 - Nothing will _____ economic progress more than a new tax on imports.
 - Synonyms: slow down, restrain, impede
 - Antonyms: hasten, speed up

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- ◉ 19. transparent (adj.) allowing light to pass through; easily recognized or understood, easily seen through or detected
 - The students could see the other class through the _____ glass door.
 - Synonyms: clear, translucent, obvious
 - Antonyms: frosted, sooty, smoky, unclear, indistinct
- ◉ 20. Unscathed (adj.) wholly unharmed, not injured
 - Remarkably, the captain and the entire crew emerged from the wreck _____
 - Synonyms: unhurt, sound, intact, unimpaired
 - Antonyms: injured, damaged, harmed, hurt