1. _____ Riddle Me This
Riddles - Create a riddle for 5 vocabulary words -

2. _____ Silly Sentences
Write at least 10 sentences, with at least one of
this week's spelling words in each sentence.

3. _____ Story Words
Write a good story using at least 10 of your
spelling words.

4. _____ Caption Words
Cut out a picture from a newspaper or a magazine
and use spelling words to write a story about the
picture. (5 words)

5. _____ Design Trading Cards - This can
count as 2 activities
Create a set of trading cards for your vocabulary
words. Be sure to include a meaningful sentence
using each word. (definition, sentence, picture,
antonym, and synonym)

6. _____ Create a Crossword Puzzle
Using all of your vocabulary words, create a
crossword puzzle. Be creative in the clues that
you use. Do not always use the definition for the
cue!

7. _____ Cartoon Words
Create a comic strip with illustrations using at least
8 of your spelling words.

8. _____ Illustrate It!
Make a booklet of words and their meaning using
your own drawing

9. _____ Packet me! - Counts as two activities-- if
it is rushed and done in a day it will not count at
all! With the writing exercises

10. _____ PowToons - Be sure to include a meaningful
sentence using each word. (definition, sentence,
picture, antonym, and synonym)

This week I am working on activities: _____

Grading:
Pick one Option 1 _____ /10
Pick one Option 2 _____ /10
Pick one Option 3 _____ /10
Test _____ /100

Total Points: _____ /130

4= 110 - 130
3= 90 - 109
2= 50 - 90
1= 0-49

Comments
Read the following passage, taking note of the **boldface** words and their contexts. These words are among those you will be studying in Unit 11. As you complete the exercises in this Unit, it may help to refer to the way the words are used below.

Here I Am: Galápagos Log

<Log>

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**Wed., Apr. 12** After a delay at the airport, our research team arrived at the Galápagos. I often think that a good **alias** for these islands would be "reptile heaven." No land bridge ever linked the Galápagos with the coast of South America, over 600 miles away. As an unavoidable and **inevitable** consequence, reptiles **prevailed** over mammals in these spots of land straddling the equator. Only reptiles such as the giant tortoise and the land iguana possess the endurance to make long ocean crossings with no fresh water. The **dogged** persistence of these creatures made it possible for them to establish themselves here.

The name Galápagos refers to the islands' most prominent creatures. In old Spanish, galápago means "tortoise." Different giant tortoises have different shells. Some are dome-shaped, while others have an arched shell that looks like a saddle.

**Sat., Apr. 15** My third day of field work on San Cristóbal Island at the eastern edge of the Galápagos archipelago. In mid afternoon, I **amble** down the beach. My leisurely pace would leave most of the Galápagos giant tortoises **dumbfounded**. I calculated that the **burly** giants move at about 0.2 miles per hour. That's barely ten percent of the rate of a human walker!

It really is true that human nature is the same the world over. This morning I saw tour groups representing seven different nationalities. All were equally **awe** of the animals of the Galápagos.

**Thurs., Apr. 20** The population of saddlebacks on San Cristóbal has been estimated at 1,800. Long ago, there were tortoises at the southern end of the island. That population is now **extinct**. The **relic** of a specimen of this race poses a new question: Were these tortoises the same as...
today's animals, named Geochelone chathamensis, or were they a different subspecies of giant tortoise?

One of my goals is to measure the impact of predators on tortoise hatchlings. The first newborns emerged this week after six months of incubation. I cannot help admiring their determination and grit. Feral dogs and goats, as well as hawks, are their chief enemies. If youngsters survive, however, they will enjoy a life on an epic scale. When fully grown, the males will weigh up to 800 pounds and measure over six feet from end to end. Amazingly, the tortoises have the longest life span of any creature on Earth—an estimated 150 years. No wonder there are so many gaps in the scientific literature about these animals. It is understandable that scientists' reports might be distorted. No one scientist could ever observe the tortoises’ entire natural lifespan.

Wed., Apr. 26 Another goal of mine is to document dominance contests among adult saddlebacks. Last night I rummaged through my field notes from the last few weeks. Many of the dominance contests take place in plain view. As yet, I have witnessed only a few.

Fri., Apr. 28 Whatever the causes for their ingrained hostility, it is clear that superior height gives the winning tortoise its key advantage, as in the sparring contest I witnessed this morning. Saddlebacks can be especially aggressive toward one another. Is this because they have to skimp on sparse resources within their habitat, such as food, plants, water, and shade? Some more sleuthing during my next month here should answer these questions, as well as a few I haven't yet asked!
Definitions

Note the spelling, pronunciation, part(s) of speech, and definition(s) of each of the following words. Then write the appropriate form of the word in the blank spaces in the illustrative sentence(s) following. Finally, study the lists of synonyms and antonyms.

1. alias
   (ä’ lë as)
   (n.) an assumed name, especially as used to hide one’s identity
   (adv.) otherwise called
   "Mr. Plante" was just one _______________ used by
   the elusive spy.
   Superman, _______________ Clark Kent, began as
   comic book character created in 1938.
   SYNONYM: (n.) pseudonym
   ANTONYMS: (n.) real name, given name, legal name

2. amble
   (am’ bəl)
   (v.) to walk slowly, stroll; (n.) an easy pace; a leisurely walk
   It’s a lovely day to _______________ to work and
   enjoy the many sights and sounds along the way.
   When we woke to see the sun shining, we planned a long
   _______________ in the park.
   SYNONYMS: (v.) saunter; (n.) ramble
   ANTONYMS: (v., n.) gallop, dash, sprint, run, race, rush

3. burly
   (bər’ lë)
   (adj.) big and strong; muscular
   That guy is as _______________ as a lumberjack, so
   he would be the perfect one to help me move my furniture.
   SYNONYMS: strapping, hefty, beefy
   ANTONYMS: weak, puny, delicate, frail

4. distort
   (dis tōrt’)
   (v.) to give a false or misleading account of; to twist out of shape
   A magazine known to _______________ the facts
   would be an unreliable source of information.
   SYNONYMS: disfigure, misshape, falsify

5. dogged
   (dōg’ ād)
   (adj.) persistent, stubbornly determined, refusing to give up
   The troops fought with _______________ determination and courage.
   SYNONYM: untiring
   ANTONYMS: wishy-washy, falttering, irresolute

6. dumbfounded
   (dəm’ faʊnd ād)
   (adj.) so amazed that one is unable to speak, bewildered
   When the shocking news finally reached us, we were
   completely _______________.
   SYNONYMS: speechless, stunned, flabbergasted
   ANTONYMS: unsurprised, expectant
7. extinct  
(ek strīkt')  
(adj.) no longer in existence; no longer active; gone out of use  
The __________________ volcano is no longer a threat.  
SYNONYMS: died out, vanished  
ANTONYMS: still alive, surviving, extant

8. grit  
(grit)  
(n.) very fine sand or gravel; courage in the face of hardship or danger; (v.) to grind; to make a grating sound  
Cars stall if __________________ clogs a fuel line.  
It upsets me to see Dad get angry and  
______________________ his teeth.  
SYNONYMS: (n.) dirt, mettle  
ANTONYMS: (n.) timidity, cowardice, faintheartedness

9. inevitable  
(in ev' ə tā bəl)  
(adj.) sure to happen, unavoidable  
Is it __________________ that all comedies have happy endings?  
SYNONYMS: inescapable, fated  
ANTONYMS: avoidable, escapable, preventable

10. ingrained  
(in grənd')  
(adj.) fixed deeply and firmly; working into the grain or fiber; forming a part of the inmost being  
Biting my lower lip is an __________________ habit.  
SYNONYMS: deep-seated, entrenched, indelible  
ANTONYMS: superficial, shallow, skin-deep

11. meteoric  
(mē tē ˈör ɪk)  
(adj.) resembling a meteor in speed; having sudden and temporary brilliance similar to a meteor's  
The young actor's ________________ rise to fame became legendary.  
SYNONYMS: brilliant, blazing; ANTONYMS: slow, sluggish, gradual

12. parody  
(par′ a dē)  
(n.) a humorous or ridiculous imitation; (v.) to make fun of something by imitating it  
The audience roared with laughter at the comedy troupe's hilarious ________________  
The new film successfully __________________ political life in England.  
SYNONYMS: (n.) satire, travesty; (v.) lampoon, burlesque

13. prevail  
(pri vāl′)  
(v.) to triumph over; to succeed; to exist widely, be in general use; to get someone to do something by urging  
We hope to ________________ over all obstacles we may encounter on this project.  
SYNONYMS: win, rule, overcome, conquer  
ANTONYMS: be defeated, go under, succumb
14. relic (rel’ ık) (n.) an object from the past with historical value or interest; a trace of an outdated custom; remaining fragments, ruins

The old Model T in my grandfather’s barn is a

________________________ of the first American touring cars

SYNONYMS: (n.) artifact, historical object

15. rend (rend) (v.) to tear to pieces; split violently apart (past tense, rent)

The abominable tactics of this trial could

________________________ public confidence in the legal system.

SYNONYMS: cleft, splinter, tear asunder

16. replenish (ri plen’ ısh) (v.) to fill again, make good, replace

Airport crews work quickly to ________________________ a plane’s supply of food, water, and safety supplies.

SYNONYMS: restock, refresh, restore

ANTONYMS: empty, drain, sap

17. rummage (ram’ əj) (v.) to search through, investigate the contents of; (n.) an active search; a collection of odd items

It can be an adventure to ________________________ around our garage for remnants of our childhood.

She found an old saddle in the ________________________

SYNONYMS: (v.) delve into, sift through, poke around

18. skimp (skimp) (v.) to save, be thrifty; to be extremely sparing with; to give little attention or effort to

If you ________________________ on regular meals, you may be tempted to snack on too much junk food.

SYNONYMS: be stingy, scrimp, cut corners

ANTONYMS: be extravagant, splurge, lavish

19. sleuth (slūth) (n.) a detective

A skilled ________________________ can find hidden clues in unusual places.

SYNONYMS: investigator, gumshoe

20. vandalism (van’ dəl iz əm) (n.) deliberate and pointless destruction of public or private property

The city realizes that it needs to create tougher laws to discourage ________________________

SYNONYM: willful destruction
Choosing the Right Word

Select the **boldface** word that better completes each sentence. You might refer to the passage on pages 136–137 to see how most of these words are used in context.

1. The defenders of the Alamo put up a (**burly, dogged**) resistance against the enemy.

2. All I need is a meal, a hot shower, and a good night's sleep to (**replenish, rend**) my energies.

3. Isn't it foolish to think that just because of his (**meteoric, burly**) physique he has no interest in art or music?

4. No, I wasn't (**ingrained, dumbfounded**) to be chosen the most popular member of the class, but maybe I was just a little surprised!

5. Suddenly, the stillness of the early morning hours was (**rent, rumbled**) by a single shot!

6. To avoid a lot of unwanted attention, the famous rock star registered in the hotel under a(n) (**rummage, alias**).

7. There are several organizations whose goal is to protect endangered species, such as the giant panda, to keep them from becoming (**relics, extinct**).

8. The aging actor trying to play the part of a young man seemed no more than a (**sleuth, parody**) of the great performer he once was.

9. With all of his absences and goofing off in class, it was (**inevitable, meteoric**) that he would not pass the test.

10. Is there anything more romantic than a nighttime (**amble, vandalism**) upon the moonlit decks of a mighty ocean liner?

11. "I'll have two hot dogs with all the fixings," I said to the vendor, "and don't (**prevail, skimp**) on the mustard!"

12. Nikki (**distorted, rumbled**) the truth about her whereabouts in order to conceal her alliance with the defendant.

13. The prejudices of a bigot are sometimes so (**ingrained, burly**) that it is very difficult to get rid of them.

14. When I discovered the abandoned cave that was used for an enemy hideout during WWII, I was amazed with how many war (**aliases, relics**) still remained.

15. I hope to pick up some real bargains at the (**rummage, grit**) sale being held in our civic center.
16. I know that you don't like the idea of painting the house, but you'll just have to (replenish, grit) your teeth and do it.

17. Whether the window was broken accidentally or as an act of (parody, vandalism) the fact remains that it is broken and must be paid for.

18. After months of looking for employment, my sister, known for her (skimpy, dogged) persistence, finally obtained her dream job as a video game reviewer.

19. An art historian who is trying to verify the authenticity of a painting acts more like a (sleuth, relic) than a critic.

20. Although it is sometimes hard, we must have faith that in the long run justice and decency will (skimp, prevail).

21. It may be, as you say, that this volcano has been (extinct, dumbfounded) for many years, but isn't there some danger that it may come to life again?

22. Since it is possible for nations to settle their disagreements in a reasonable way, we refuse to believe that war is (inevitable, meteorić).

23. We scorn all those who would deliberately bend the truth and (distort, amble) history in order to suit the political needs of their day.

24. His (dogged, meteorić) success at such an early age left him unprepared to handle the disappointments and failures that came to him later in life.

25. Don't you find those TV shows that (parody, skimp) famous people hilarious?

**Synonyms**

Choose the word from this Unit that is the same or most nearly the same in meaning as the boldface word or expression in the phrase. Write that word on the line. Use a dictionary if necessary.

1. deep-rooted sense of right and wrong

2. ways to misrepresent the truth

3. tried to ridicule the governor

4. memoirs of her dazzling career

5. where science reigns over superstition

6. greedily dismember its prey

7. protected by a brawny bodyguard

8. refill the empty bird feeder

9. admiring the determination of hardy pioneers

10. ruined by malicious defacement
Antonyms

Choose the word from this Unit that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the **boldface** word or expression in the phrase. Write that word on the line. Use a dictionary if necessary.

1. hoping you will **glorify** our leader
2. after **depleting** the ice
3. **restoration** of an historic statue
4. reviewing a **lackluster** career
5. hoping to **unite** the quarrelsome couple

Completing the Sentence

From the words in this Unit, choose the one that best completes each of the following sentences. Write the correct word form in the space provided.

1. We saw a bolt of lightning ____________ a huge limb from the mighty oak tree.

2. After our furious gallop across the countryside, we allowed our tired horses to ____________ back to the stable.

3. The grime on the mechanic's hands was so deeply ____________ even a thorough scrubbing couldn't entirely remove it.

4. The old custom of celebrating the Fourth of July with a fireworks display still ____________ in many American towns.

5. Isn't it a shame that our School Board must spend thousands of dollars every year just to repair the damage caused by ____________?

6. The cruise ship stopped at the port both to give the passengers a chance to go ashore and to ____________ the water supply.

7. Isn't it fun on a rainy day to ____________ about in the attic and look for interesting odds and ends?

8. In the late 19th century, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle created one of the most famous ____________ in literature, Sherlock Holmes.

9. There is an old saying that nothing is really ____________ except death and taxes.

10. Whenever our team needs a few yards to make a first down, we call on our big, ____________ fullback to crash through the line.
11. We were nothing less than __________________ when we saw the immense damage that the hurricane had done in so brief a time.

12. Even though so many people were criticizing and ridiculing him, he had the _________________ to continue doing what he felt was right.

13. We greatly admired the _________________ determination and patience that the disabled veteran showed in learning to master a wheelchair.

14. Her ability to _________________ the words and gestures of prominent Americans makes her an excellent comic impressionist.

15. The old con artist had used so many _________________ over the course of his criminal career that he sometimes forgot his real name!

16. If you truly want to improve your math grades, you should not continue to _________________ so often on your homework.

17. The rock singer enjoyed a sudden _________________ rise in popularity, but his career faded just as quickly as it had blossomed.

18. As the buffalo began to decrease sharply in numbers, conservationists feared that the species might become totally _________________.

19. There are archeological sites in Greece that contain sacred _________________ that the ancients believed held supernatural powers.

20. Her face was so _________________ with pain and suffering that at first I did not recognize her.

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**Writing: Words in Action**

1. Look back at “Here I Am: Galápagos Log” (pages 136–137). Suppose that Samantha Rosen stern decides to choose one student to join her in the study of saddlebacks. You are on the short list of candidates. Write a letter to Ms. Rosen stern, convincing her that you are the best person to join her in San Cristóbal. Use at least two details from the passage and three Unit words.

2. If you could choose a place anywhere in the world to visit for scientific research, where would it be? Why? What discovery would you hope to make? In a brief essay, identify your choice and support it with specific examples, details from the reading (refer to pages 136–137), or personal experience. Write at least three paragraphs, and use three or more words from this Unit.
The following excerpts are from White Fang by Jack London. Some of the words you have studied in this Unit appear in **boldface** type. Complete each statement below the excerpt by circling the letter of the correct answer.

1. And here, in the Klondike, the leader was indeed the leader. The wisest as well as strongest dog was the leader, and the team obeyed him and feared him. That White Fang should quickly gain this post was **inevitable**.
   
   Something that is **inevitable** is NOT:
   
   a. avoidable  
   b. predictable  
   c. understandable  
   d. sensible

2. So near did the wolves approach, that the dogs became frantic with terror, and it was necessary to **replenish** the fire from time to time in order to keep the adventurous marauders at safer distance.
   
   To **replenish** a fire means to:
   
   a. stay near it  
   b. avoid it  
   c. let it die out  
   d. build it up

3. The she-wolf stood over against her cub, facing the men, with bristling hair, a snarl rumbling deep in her throat. Her face was **distorted** and malignant with menace, even the bridge of the nose wrinkling from tip to eyes, so prodigious was her snarl.
   
   Something that is **distorted** is:
   
   a. shaped  
   b. encouraged  
   c. twisted  
   d. confirmed

4. Kiche licked White Fang soothingly with her tongue, and tried to **prevail** upon him to remain with her. But his curiosity was rampant, and several minutes later he was venturing forth on a new quest.
   
   To **prevail** is to:
   
   a. prepare  
   b. urge  
   c. calm  
   d. force

5. Public-spirited citizens took down their rifles and went out after him. A pack of bloodhounds followed the way of his bleeding feet. And the **sleuth**-hounds of the law, the paid fighting animals of society, with telephone, and telegraph, and special train, clung to his trail night and day.
   
   A hound that is characterized as a **sleuth** is a(n)
   
   a. tracker  
   b. consumer  
   c. fighter  
   d. idler

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