Lesson 12: Options Directions: Choose Three Activities to Complete

1. **Riddle Me This**
   Riddles—Create a riddle for 5 vocabulary word -

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 clue!

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 | __________/10 |
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Test __________/100

**Total Points:** __________/130

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

Comments

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Read the following passage, taking note of the **boldface** words and their contexts. These words are among those you will be studying in Unit 12. As you complete the exercises in this Unit, it may help to refer to the way the words are used below.

**Vampires We Have Known**

<Humorous Essay>

To the extent that that vampires make appearances in television dramas nowadays, and in movies and novels, too, we can say that we’re all quite familiar with these creatures. That’s an *indisputable* fact, is it not? And there’s nothing *ambiguous* about the claim that there have been reports of vampires for hundreds of years already. The traditional legends of these ominous creatures seem to have *thrived* originally in eastern Europe. One early case stretches back to the year 1672 in old Croatia. There, a legend sprang up around a man named Jure Grando. He had died and been buried and some twenty years later was reportedly back on his feet. It is not precisely clear by what *incredible* logic the locals derived this knowledge. But it is rather clear that they were convinced that Jure Grando had emerged from the ground as something called a vampire. By secret, *stealthy* tactics and *maneuvers*, the now vampiric Grando was determined to drink the blood of good civilians. He especially liked to trouble his former wife, the poor living widow, Mrs. Grando.

Do you *balk* at believing these strange tales from another age? How can we *confer* now and discuss the case of Jure Grando? Most of the evidence, if there was any, is lost to history. The *scant* traces that remain of any Grando, or of any facts, or of any vampires, show us next to nothing.

Equally well-founded reports of vampires spread through Europe in the century after this episode. By what *earmarks* does one know a vampire?
There are many similarities in vampire tales from around the globe. From Russia to France, valiant witnesses leapt forward to relate bold tales about these frigid monsters. (Though in France, one wit was heard complaining that the businessmen were the real bloodsuckers.) African tradition informs us of the dread asanbosam. It also thirsts for blood. The thing has hooks for feet and hangs upside-down. The Chinese once feared the jiang shi, which hops along and sucks the life energy out of its victims. The draugs in Scandinavia lingered about graves. They protect buried treasure and drink the blood of trespassers. If their appetite was strong, draugs would eat their victims too. The Bulgarian krvopijacs have only one nostril apiece. They can be sabotaged if wild roses are laid around their graves—that will stop them!

We needn’t dip far back to old tales in the Western Hemisphere to uncover eyewitness accounts of bloodsucking creatures. In Mexico, Chile, Nicaragua, and Puerto Rico, and by now in other places, there have been thousands of reports in recent decades about the bloodsucking creature called the chupacabra. It has a taste especially for goats. Needless to say, intensive investigations have ensued. And piercing, strident calls for action have been voiced in this country by chupacabra believers. They feel an urgent need to find out what is happening to the goats. The results, you ask? Alas, most chupacabras appear to be coyotes with mange.

The fascination with vampire stories will persist, just like our love of other fantasies. To enjoy a fantasy is one thing, and to enjoy a harmless fright is fine. But to believe that every shadow is like a thing alive—that is another thing, entirely.
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. abduct
   (ab dakt′)
   (v.) to kidnap, carry off by force
   Some people with vivid imaginations fear that hostile aliens will come to Earth to ________________________ humans.
   SYNONYMS: seize, snatch

2. ambiguous
   (am big′ yū as)
   (adj.) not clear; having two or more possible meanings
   The purpose of a test is not to confuse students with ________________________ questions, but to determine whether they have learned the material.
   SYNONYMS: uncertain, unclear, equivocal
   ANTONYMS: obvious, plain, clear, unequivocal

3. balk
   (bök)
   (v.) to stop short and refuse to go on; to refuse abruptly; to prevent from happening; (n.) (in baseball) an illegal motion made by a pitcher
   My horse ________________________ when I urged it to go up the steep mountain slope.
   The opposing team scored an additional run because of the pitcher's ________________________
   SYNONYMS: (v.) hesitate, block

4. compact
   (v., adj., kam pakt′; n., käm′ pakt)
   (adj.) closely and firmly packed together; small; (v.) to squeeze together; (n.) an agreement between parties; a small case containing a mirror and face powder; a small car
   Computers are much more ________________________ now than they were a generation ago.
   Workers at the town dump were asked to ________________________ the trash to save space.
   SYNONYMS: (adj.) dense; (v.) compress
   ANTONYMS: (adj.) enormous, humongous, bulky

5. confer
   (kan fər′)
   (v.) to consult, talk over, exchange opinions; to present as a gift, favor, or honor
   The committee will ________________________ before taking any action on the proposed new contract.
   SYNONYMS: deliberate, award, bestow
   ANTONYMS: withdraw, take away, withhold, deny
6. earmark
   (ɪrmɑːrk) (v.) to set aside for a special purpose; to mark an animal’s ear for identification; (n.) an identifying mark or feature
   Let’s _______________________ the money we received for the new building fund.
   SYNONYMS: (v.) reserve; (n.) trait, attribute

7. frigid
   (friːd) (adj.) extremely cold; lacking in warmth or feeling
   Antarctica has a very _____________________ climate.
   SYNONYMS: freezing, unresponsive
   ANTONYMS: hot, balmy, torrid, warm, friendly

8. implement
   (ɪmˈplɛmənt) (n.) an instrument, tool; (v.) to put into effect
   The harrow is a farm _____________________ that is used to pulverize and smooth soil.
   The highway patrol will _____________________ the new speed limit as of July 1 of this year.
   SYNONYMS: (n.) device, utensil; (v.) fulfill, accomplish, achieve, apply, carry out

9. incalculable
   (ɪn kælˈkjuːleɪt) (adj.) too great to be counted; unpredictable, uncertain
   Concerned scientists worry that global warming may cause _____________________ damage to our environment.
   SYNONYMS: countless, measureless
   ANTONYMS: measurable, countable, predictable

10. indisputable
    (ɪn dɪsˈpjuːtəbəl) (adj.) beyond question or argument, definitely true
    With such _____________________ evidence, Judge Lee must rule to drop all charges against my client.
    SYNONYMS: irrefutable, undeniable, incontestable
    ANTONYMS: questionable, debatable, arguable

11. intensive
    (ɪnˈtɛnsɪv) (adj.) thorough, deep; showing great effort; concentrated
    It took _____________________ physical therapy for the injured athlete to regain her strength and speed.
    SYNONYMS: thoroughgoing, heightened, exhaustive
    ANTONYMS: relaxed, easygoing, laid-back

12. maneuver
    (meɪˈnjuːvər) (n.) a planned movement; a skillful plan; a scheme; (v.) to perform or carry out such a planned movement
    The troops carried out a night _____________________ as part of the training mission.
    It takes a steady hand to _____________________ the high-speed power drill.
    SYNONYMS: (n.) move, tactic; (v.) guide, manipulate
13. **sabotage**  
(sab’ ə tāzh)  
(n.) an action taken to destroy something or to prevent it from working properly; (v.) to take such destructive action  

Foreign embassies worry about ________________________  
Protesters decided to ________________________ the factory.  

**SYNONYMS:** (v.) vandalize, cripple, subvert, destroy

14. **scant**  
(skant)  
(adj.) not enough; barely enough; marked by a small or insufficient amount  

Somehow, we made the ________________________ supply of food stretch for nearly a week.  

**SYNONYMS:** inadequate, meager, skimpy, bare  
**ANTONYMS:** abundant, plentiful, profuse, excessive

15. **stealthy**  
(stel’ thē)  
(adj.) done in a way so as not to be seen or observed; sneaky, underhanded  

The nervous robber took ________________________ glances at the cash register.  

**SYNONYMS:** sly, furtive; **ANTONYMS:** open, direct, aboveboard

16. **strapping**  
(strap’ in)  
(adj.) tall, strong, and healthy  

That ________________________ young man is a good wrestler.  

**SYNONYMS:** sturdy, husky, brawny, athletic, hefty  
**ANTONYMS:** weak, frail, fragile, puny

17. **strident**  
(strid’ ənt)  
(adj.) harsh, shrill; unpleasant sounding  

Her ________________________ laughter showed harsh ridicule.  

**SYNONYMS:** piercing, grating  
**ANTONYMS:** mellow, soothing, musical, honeyed

18. **thrive**  
(thrīv)  
(v.) to grow vigorously; to grow in wealth and possessions  

Angie hopes that her business will ________________________ in today’s Internet culture.  

**SYNONYMS:** flourish, blossom, prosper; **ANTONYMS:** wither, fail

19. **titanic**  
(tī tan’ ik)  
(adj.) of enormous size, strength, power, or scope  

The movie plot explores the ________________________ struggle between the forces of good and evil.  

**SYNONYMS:** gigantic, huge; **ANTONYMS:** tiny, miniature, diminutive

20. **valiant**  
(val’ ənt)  
(adj.) possessing or acting with bravery or boldness  

Sir Galahad was a ________________________ knight of King Arthur’s Round Table.  

**SYNONYMS:** brave, bold, gallant, heroic  
**ANTONYMS:** timid, cowardly, fainthearted, “chicken”
Choosing the Right Word

Select the boldface word that better completes each sentence. You might refer to the passage on pages 146-147 to see how most of these words are used in context.

1. Of all the evergreens that tower in America’s forests, none can surpass the height and girth of the (titanic, indisputable) California redwoods.

2. Truthfulness and sincerity are the (earmarks, compacts) of an honest person.

3. The brave defenders of the fort waged a (scant, valiant) battle against the enemy’s troops.

4. Why is that big, (strapping, incalculable) fellow in the advertisement always kicking sand into the face of the 98-pound weakling?

5. When he says that his analysis of the problem is (valiant, indisputable), all he means is that he’s not willing to listen to anyone else’s ideas.

6. The first Pilgrim settlers signed an agreement called the "Mayflower (Compact, Maneuver)."

7. What do you think the United States should do when its representatives are (sabotaged, abducted) and held for ransom?

8. "It’s an (indisputable, ambiguous) fact that the finest guitar players in rock music were from the 1970s," Brandon said.

9. Creeping (stealthily, ambiguously) through the underbrush, the enemy came within a few yards of the stockade before the guards saw them.

10. Although our club is run more or less democratically, we don’t have the time to (confer, abduct) about every minor detail.

11. As election day gets closer, the tone of the candidates’ political oratory becomes more and more (titanic, strident).

12. Aunt Lorna (conferred, balked) when the waiter at the seafood restaurant told her that the dinner special—the “catch of the day”—was $41.00.

13. When we made our appeal for funds, their response was so (incalculable, frigid) that we realized we would have to find other ways of raising money.

14. The future is indeed (incalculable, strapping), but we must face it with faith and confidence.

15. We have worked out a good plan on paper; now we must decide how we are going to (implement, balk) it.
16. The extra money being raised by the band booster club has been *(earmarked, maneuvered)* to fund future band trips.

17. Because her condition was so poor after the operation, she was placed in the hospital’s *(stealthy, intensive)* care unit.

18. The Labrador retriever received a medal from the fire department for its *(valiant, compact)* act of saving a drowning man.

19. After straining and sweating in the hot sun for an hour, we realized that we had pushed the stalled car only a(n) *(scant, intensive)* quarter mile.

20. Since *presently* means both "right now" and "in the future," any statement containing it must be considered *(strident, ambiguous)*.

21. I don’t think democracy can *(balk, thrive)* in an atmosphere of racial and religious hatred.

22. In her floor exercise, the champion gymnast performed some of the most amazing *(earmarks, maneuvers)* I have ever seen.

23. When their pitcher committed the *(balk, earmark)*, the umpire advanced our runner from first to second base.

24. When a conquering army overruns a country, the only way the people may have to strike back is by acts of *(ambiguity, sabotage)*.

25. Whenever I go out to eat, I *(thrive, sabotage)* my diet by ordering dessert.

**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. may use that *gadget* to move the baggage

2. *resist* because of fear

3. lending us *limitless* support

4. its *pocket-size* motor

5. the *inarguable* star of the team

6. a most *standoffish* welcome

7. the king who has been *taken hostage*

8. to interpret that *vague* remark

9. as they put forth an *immense* effort

10. a *hearty* young athlete
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. drives an oversized car
2. worries about minor details
3. met the delicate daughter of the earl
4. decided to abandon the plan
5. expected to release the hostages

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. The millionaire has hired special guards to make sure that his valuable, prize-winning show dog, Lucy, will not be _______________________

2. Even mighty warships were endangered by the ________________________ waves that loomed like mountains above them.

3. In Shakespeare's words, "Cowards die many times before their deaths; the ________________________ never taste of death but once."

4. At first the zebras did not notice the ________________________ movements of the lions inching their way closer to the herd.

5. The new recruits were rudely awakened from their peaceful sleep by the ________________________ voice of the sergeant barking commands.

6. I was amazed to see how skillfully Felicia ________________________ that huge car through the heavy downtown traffic.

7. No doubt our antipollution program will be expensive, but the cost of doing nothing would be simply ________________________

8. When the winds begin to turn ________________________ in November, our thoughts turn to our warm and sunny island off the coast of Florida.

9. Because I'm afraid of heights, I usually ________________________ at the idea of sitting in the first row of the topmost balcony in a theater.

10. Since the time we have to prepare for the final exams is exceedingly ________________________, we had better make the best of every hour.
11. Each year a portion of the school budget is ________________ for the purchase of new books for the library.

12. As the day of the big game approached, our practice sessions became more and more ________________.

13. I prefer the ________________ edition of the dictionary because it is so much lighter and less bulky than the unabridged version.

14. In your training to become a dental assistant, you will become familiar with many of the ________________ that dentists use.

15. The breakdown of all these machines at the same time cannot simply be a coincidence; we suspect deliberate ________________.

16. Why must you always be so ________________ when I want you to give me a straight yes-or-no answer?

17. The president will ________________ well-deserved honors on the retiring ambassador.

18. When our team saw their ________________ 200-pound defensive linemen, we realized that we would have a hard time running against them.

19. For a person who loves to argue as much as Gene does, there is nothing that is really ________________.

20. The cactus is an example of a plant having natural adaptations that enable it to ________________ even in a very dry climate.

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**Writing: Words in Action**

1. Look back at “Vampires We Have Known” (pages 146–147). Imagine you are a reporter. Rumors are spreading about a vampire-like creature attacking animals in your community. Alleviate your community’s fears by writing an article that summarizes the history of vampires. Convince readers that there are no vampires. Use at least two details from the passage and three Unit words.

2. What is your opinion about the existence of monsters? Why do you think some people create stories about them? Why do some others believe in them? Write a brief essay, supporting your views with specific examples, observations, the reading (refer to pages 146–147), or personal experience. Write at least three paragraphs, and use three or more words from this Unit.
The following excerpts are from Tales of Terror and Mystery by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. 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. The eyes glimmered like two disks of phosphorus in the darkness. They appalled and yet fascinated me. I could not take my own eyes from them. Nature plays strange tricks with us at such moments of **intensity**, and those glimmering lights waxed and waned with a steady rise and fall. ("The Brazilian Cat")

   **Intensity** refers to
   a. meekness                          c. fear
   b. ignorance                        d. concentration

2. Nothing could be more hearty than his manner, and he set me at my ease in an instant. But it needed all his cordiality to atone for the **frigidity** and even rudeness of his wife, a tall, haggard woman, who came forward at his summons. ("The Brazilian Cat")

   People who convey **frigidity** are
   a. aloof                           c. dull
   b. keen                           d. shy

3. The court next morning was crammed to overflowing, and a murmur of excitement passed over it when Mr. Humphrey was observed to enter in a state of emotion, which even his trained nerves could not conceal, and to **confer** with the opposing counsel. ("The Black Doctor")

   To **confer** with someone is to
   a. babbled                         c. lie
   b. discuss                        d. inspire

4. In the silence of the night I could distinctly hear that someone was coming down the corridor. It was a **stealthy** step, faint and intermittent, as of a man who paused cautiously after every stride. ("The Beetle-Hunter")

   Someone trying to be **stealthy** is NOT
   a. prepared                        c. obvious
   b. crafty                         d. secretive

5. At the time when I was able to fulfill my **compact** I was living in a cottage at Fontainebleau, and as the evening trains were inconvenient, he asked me to spend the night in his house. ("The Leather Funnel")

   A person fulfilling a **compact** is honoring a(n)
   a. colleague                      c. country
   b. host                           d. agreement