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Lesson 15: Options Directions: Packet and ONE other activity (Do not have to complete the writing part)

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. _____ 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

******YOU MUST USE THE SYNONYM AND ANTONYM SECTION FROM YOUR PACKET WHEN YOU DO ANY OF THE ACTIVITIES!!!**

Activities must reflect the meanings of the words, based on the context of this section. ****

beacon	(<i>n.</i>) a light or other signal that warns and guides; a lighthouse; anything that guides or inspires
berserk	(<i>adj., adv.</i>) violently and destructively enraged
celestial	(<i>adj.</i>) having to do with the sky or heavens; heavenly; yielding great bliss or happiness
chasten	(<i>v.</i>) to punish (in order to bring about improvement in behavior, attitude, etc.); to restrain, moderate
confiscate	(<i>v.</i>) to seize by authority; to take and keep
data	(<i>pl. n.</i>) information; facts, figures, statistics
detract	(<i>v.</i>) to take away from; reduce in value or reputation
encounter	(<i>n.</i>) a meeting (especially one that is unplanned); a meeting of enemies, battle; (<i>v.</i>) to meet or come upon
epic	(<i>n.</i>) a long narrative poem (or other literary composition) about the deeds of heroes; an event or movement of great sweep; (<i>adj.</i>) on a grand scale, vast, titanic
pantomime	(<i>n.</i>) a play or story performed without words by actors using only gestures; (<i>v.</i>) to express without words, using only gestures
pessimist	(<i>n.</i>) one who believes or expects the worst; prophet of doom
precaution	(<i>n.</i>) care taken beforehand; a step or action taken to prevent something from happening
prosecute	(<i>v.</i>) to bring before a court of law for trial; to carry out
puncture	(<i>n.</i>) a small hole made by a sharp object; (<i>v.</i>) to make a small hole with a sharp object
retaliate	(<i>v.</i>) to get revenge; to strike back for an injury
sham	(<i>adj.</i>) fake, not genuine; (<i>n.</i>) something false pretending to be genuine; a pretender; a decorated pillow covering; (<i>v.</i>) to pretend
uncouth	(<i>adj.</i>) unrefined, crude; awkward or clumsy
underscore	(<i>v.</i>) to draw a line under; to put special emphasis on; (<i>n.</i>) a line drawn under something
wholesome	(<i>adj.</i>) healthy; morally and socially sound and good; helping to bring about or preserve good health
wistful	(<i>adj.</i>) full of melancholy yearning or longing, sad, pensive

UNIT 15

Read the following passage, taking note of the **boldface** words and their contexts. These words are among those you will be studying in Unit 15. As you complete the exercises in this Unit, it may help to refer to the way the words are used below.

Running With the Big Dogs

<Magazine Article>

Throughout history, humans have depended on working guard dogs to protect and herd their animal flocks. For centuries, these dogs have served as **beacons** of protection. A well-trained guard dog is probably the most sensible **precaution** a shepherd or rancher can take to protect his herds against dangerous **encounters** with wolves or bears. The size, strength, and speed of three breeds shed some light on their ability to **retaliate** fiercely against attackers.

First is the Great Pyrenees. This truly massive breed takes its name from the Pyrenees—mountains located between France and Spain. Comparative **data** show that this is one of the largest of the flock guardians. A Great Pyrenees may stand as high as 32 inches and weigh up to 130 pounds. The medium-long, snow-white coat is sometimes shaded with gray or tan. The Great Pyrenees's coat blends in with a flock of sheep or goats and functions as a **sham**. Would-be attackers often do not suspect that the large white shape among the herd animals is really a protector of **epic** courage and strength. A Pyrenees will stop at nothing to **chasten**, or even kill, any invader threatening his flock.

It does not **detract** from the Pyrenees's awesome reputation to note that it is easily trained and especially patient with children. This makes the Pyrenees a **wholesome** household pet. The breed combines safety, affection, and beauty.

Like the Great Pyrenees, the Komondor sheepdog of Hungary enjoys the benefit of camouflage. A Komondor's white coat is doubly protective because it is corded from head to tail. The breed's tangled and



Great Pyrenees guard sheep and goats.

woolly coat perfectly enables it to **prosecute** its mission of guarding a flock. Potential predators do not suspect the strength that lurks beneath those ropy cords. In addition, the Komondor's seemingly **uncouth** jacket guards it against the fangs and claws of **berserk** enemies. Finally, a Komondor's coat superbly insulates it against harsh weather.

A Komondor is only slightly smaller than a Great Pyrenees. Males stand up to 28 inches high and may weigh 100 pounds or more. With a large head and a long, agile stride, the Komondor is truly a majestic animal.

28 inches tall



The Komondor dog and a Leicester sheep



Farther east in Europe, the Turkish Kangal Dog offers a third canine example of outstanding strength and courage. Largely unknown outside Turkey, the Kangal is prized in its homeland as a national treasure. The photograph below **underscores** several typical characteristics of the breed. Like a Pyrenees and a Komondor, a Kangal blends in with the herd. This dog is short-coated and almost always exhibits a black mask and ears. The legs are large-boned and well-muscled, and the tail is curled. The breed's homeland is the rugged steppe, or prairie, of east-central Turkey. Unlike the Great Pyrenees and the Komondor, coated in **celestial** white, the

Kangal usually sports a gray or tan-colored coat. The very appearance of a Kangal projects authority. Any illusions that attackers of the herd may harbor will surely be **punctured** if a Kangal is on duty.

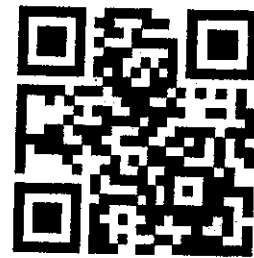
Readers can find out more about each of these breeds. Nationally recognized breed associations are located throughout the country.

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The Turkish Kangal Dog guarding goats

Audio



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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. beacon**
(bē' kən)

(*n.*) a light or other signal that warns and guides; a lighthouse; anything that guides or inspires

Sailors returning to port on a dark night search for the glow of a familiar _____.

SYNONYMS: beam, flare
- 2. berserk**
(bər sər'k')

(*adj., adv.*) violently and destructively enraged

A _____ man terrified the crowd of subway riders.

The wounded lion went _____ in his cage.

SYNONYMS: (*adj.*) mad, deranged
ANTONYMS: (*adj.*) sane, rational
- 3. celestial**
(sə les' chəl)

(*adj.*) having to do with the sky or heavens; heavenly; yielding great bliss or happiness

The sun is the brightest _____ body in our solar system.

SYNONYMS: ethereal, stellar, blissful
ANTONYMS: earthly, terrestrial, infernal
- 4. chasten**
(chā' sən)

(*v.*) to punish (in order to bring about improvement in behavior, attitude, etc.); to restrain, moderate

Dad knows how to _____ the stubborn child with a firm but soothing voice.

SYNONYMS: discipline, temper
ANTONYMS: praise, commend, reward
- 5. confiscate**
(kän' fə skāt)

(*v.*) to seize by authority; to take and keep

The police will _____ that car.

SYNONYMS: commandeer, expropriate
ANTONYMS: return, reinstate
- 6. data**
(dā' tə)

(*pl. n.*) information; facts, figures, statistics

For math class, we collected _____ on the Internet sites students visited during the past week.
- 7. detract**
(di trakt')

(*v.*) to take away from; reduce in value or reputation

Nothing can _____ from your beauty!

SYNONYMS: subtract from, lower
ANTONYMS: increase, heighten, enhance

8. encounter
(en kaun' tar)

(*n.*) a meeting (especially one that is unplanned); a meeting of enemies, battle; (*v.*) to meet or come upon

Remember our _____ with that skunk?

We might _____ other curious animals.

SYNONYMS: (*n.*) confrontation; (*v.*) happen upon

ANTONYMS: (*v.*) avoid, sidestep

9. epic
(ep' ik)

(*n.*) a long narrative poem (or other literary composition) about the deeds of heroes; an event or movement of great sweep; (*adj.*) on a grand scale, vast, titanic

Beowulf, the English _____, was written around the year 700.

It describes _____ struggles between the forces of good and evil.

SYNONYMS: (*n.*) saga, chronicle

10. pantomime
(pan' tə mīm)

(*n.*) a play or story performed without words by actors using only gestures; (*v.*) to express in this way

The performer included a short _____.

We _____ when we're unable to speak.

SYNONYMS: (*n.*) mime show, dumb show

11. pessimist
(pes' ə mist)

(*n.*) one who believes or expects the worst; prophet of doom

A _____ sees a glass as half empty.

SYNONYM: killjoy; ANTONYMS: optimist, Pollyanna

12. precaution
(pri kō' shən)

(*n.*) care taken beforehand; a step or action taken to prevent something from happening

I advise you to take every _____ necessary to prevent a household fire.

SYNONYMS: foresight, prudence, safeguard

ANTONYMS: recklessness, heedlessness

13. prosecute
(präs' ə kyüt)

(*v.*) to bring before a court of law for trial; to carry out

She was told she would not be _____ if she restored the money.

SYNONYMS: put on trial, pursue; ANTONYMS: defend, abandon

14. puncture
(pəŋk' chər)

(*n.*) a small hole made by a sharp object; (*v.*) to make such a hole, pierce

The _____ caused the balloon to explode.

I tried not to wince as the hypodermic needle

_____ my skin.

SYNONYM: (*n.*) perforation

15. retaliate
(ri tal' ē āt)

(v.) to get revenge; to strike back for an injury

I would _____ for that cheap insult, but I fear it may only make matters worse.

SYNONYMS: pay back, get even with

ANTONYMS: pardon, forgive, turn the other cheek

16. sham
(sham)

(adj.) fake, not genuine; (n.) something false pretending to be genuine; a pretender; a decorated pillow covering;
(v.) to pretend

The play includes a _____ fight scene.

Her claim that she's a princess is a _____.

Don't _____ an illness in order to miss a day of school.

SYNONYMS: (adj.) phony, counterfeit; (n.) fraud

ANTONYMS: (adj.) authentic, bona fide

17. uncouth
(ən kūth')

(adj.) unrefined, crude; awkward or clumsy

Although the quality of his work was good, his _____ attitude cost him the job.

SYNONYMS: boorish, graceless

ANTONYMS: refined, polished, graceful, genteel

18. underscore
(ən' dər skôr)

(v.) to draw a line under; to put special emphasis on; (n.) a line drawn under something

The dire situation in the hospital's emergency room _____ the importance of having enough doctors and nurses available.

The word with the _____ is in Spanish.

SYNONYMS: (v.) underline, stress, accent

ANTONYMS: (v.) downplay, de-emphasize, soft-pedal

19. wholesome
(hōl' səm)

(adj.) healthy; morally and socially sound and good; helping to bring about or preserve good health

He always eats _____ foods.

SYNONYMS: nourishing, beneficial

ANTONYMS: harmful, unhealthy, baneful

20. wistful
(wist' fəl)

(adj.) full of melancholy yearning or longing, sad, pensive

Her _____ look made me sad.

ANTONYMS: happy, contented, satisfied

Choosing the Right Word

Select the **boldface** word that better completes each sentence. You might refer to the passage on pages 184–185 to see how most of these words are used in context.

1. Laura Ingalls Wilder wrote a series of children's books that describe the (**celestial, epic**) story of Western migration.
2. Is it right to (**retaliate, confiscate**) against an evil act by performing evil acts of one's own?
3. The youth center was a (**precaution, beacon**) to young people seeking help and guidance.
4. My first (**encounter, data**) with the new neighbors was amicable, and I believed we were all going to become good friends.
5. As I watched through the soundproof hospital window, the skaters on the pond seemed to be carrying out a colorful (**pantomime, epic**).
6. The news that I had been dropped from the football squad (**detracted, punctured**) my dream of becoming a great gridiron hero.
7. Parents who fail to (**chasten, detract**) their children for rude, impolite behavior may regret their lenient attitude later.
8. My grandmother becomes (**wistful, detracted**) when she recalls her childhood in the Swiss Alps.
9. Marie is not really pretty, but her sparkling personality and (**berserk, wholesome**) charm make her very attractive.
10. She had such a (**celestial, sham**) expression on her face that I thought she'd seen a vision of heaven.
11. I, for one, was extremely offended by the teen's (**underscored, uncouth**) behavior and foul language.
12. Many a perfectly healthy employee has been known to (**retaliate, sham**) illness to avoid going to work.
13. It does not (**prosecute, detract**) in the least from his reputation as a great player to say that all the team members deserve equal credit.
14. For some strange reason, the photocopier suddenly went (**berserk, wistful**) and started spewing vast quantities of paper all over the floor.
15. Although I do not get seasick, I am going to take some anti-motion sickness medication just as a (**precaution, puncture**).



Laura Ingalls Wilder's "Little House" books are beloved by several generations of readers.

16. The report that he sent to the president of the company (**underscored, retaliated**) the need for better planning and more careful use of funds.
17. I knew that it would be difficult to raise funds for the recycling program, but I never expected to (**chasten, encounter**) so many tough problems.
18. During the long years of defeat, Lincoln searched for a general who would (**prosecute, underscore**) the war fearlessly until the Union was saved.
19. The trouble with being a(n) (**underscore, pessimist**) is that you are so taken up with what is going wrong that you are unaware of what is going right.
20. Before we can plan properly for the upcoming school year, we must have accurate (**beacons, data**) on the results of last year's programs.
21. If you try to smuggle goods into this country without paying the customs duties, the inspectors may (**puncture, confiscate**) the goods and fine you.
22. Our driving instructor has emphasized that the use of seat belts is not a "silly" (**encounter, precaution**) but a surefire way of saving lives.
23. The child gazed (**wistfully, wholesomely**) at the shiny toys in the store window.
24. Her writing style is a little (**pessimistic, uncouth**), but what it lacks in polish and refinement is more than made up for by its wonderful humor.
25. When I want a(n) (**epic, wholesome**) snack, I eat a handful of almonds.

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. such a **naysayer** _____
2. a crowd that is **out of control** _____
3. should **emphasize** its safety features _____
4. crowds enjoying the **charade** _____
5. sure to certify the **numbers** _____
6. a convincing, yet **made-up** excuse _____
7. a small **pinprick** in the leather _____
8. with a strong desire to **avenge** _____
9. staring with such **heartbreaking** eyes _____
10. might **impound** our property _____

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. anticipated your **sensible** behavior
2. to convey ideas through **talking**
3. the greeter's **cheerful** demeanor
4. **idealists** who always share their views
5. forced to **restore** the leather case

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. Little did I realize when I _____ that old man on a lonely beach that this chance meeting would change my life.
2. In the old days, whippings and other forms of physical punishment were used to _____ student misbehavior, even in college.
3. In polite society, it is considered _____ to balance peas on your knife at the dinner table.
4. Before we use the blowtorch in our industrial arts class, we are required to take the _____ of wearing goggles.
5. The workbook directions instruct the user to _____ the subject of each sentence in red and the predicate in blue.
6. My definition of a(n) _____ is someone who worries about the hole in the doughnut and forgets about the cake surrounding it.
7. Over the years, a great many ships have been saved from destruction by that tall _____ standing on the rocky coast.
8. Though many people doubted that the new program would do any real good, I thought it was a very _____ development.
9. Now that we have gathered a vast number of _____, it is up to us to draw some useful conclusions from all this information.
10. When she said she would "turn the other cheek," she simply meant that she would not _____ for the injury done to her.

11. So there I was with a(n) _____ in one of my rear tires, on a lonely road, on a dark night, and during a violent rainstorm!
12. The police have done their job in arresting the suspect; now it is up to the district attorney to _____ him and prove his guilt.
13. Late that afternoon, one of the inmates went _____ and totally wrecked the infirmary.
14. With a(n) _____ expression on his face, the prisoner looked through his cell window at the patch of sky that meant freedom to him.
15. Although he could speak no English, he made us understand by the use of _____ that he was extremely thirsty.
16. Isn't it remarkable that a(n) _____ poem such as *The Iliad*, written almost 3,000 years ago, still has interest for readers today?
17. Nothing can _____ from the fact that he stood by us in our hour of greatest need.
18. After the war, all the property that had been _____ by the government was turned back to its former owners.
19. In ancient times, people gazed at the sky and studied the planets and other _____ bodies to predict the future.
20. Freedom of speech is a(n) _____ and a mockery if it does not apply to people whose opinions are very unpopular.

Writing: Words in Action

1. Look back at "Running with the Big Dogs" (pages 184–185). Suppose that you are a herder who must choose one of the three dog breeds discussed in the essay—Great Pyrenees, the Komondor, or the Kangal—to protect your herd. You must convince your family that your choice is correct. Write a letter to your family in which you support your choice of herding dog using at least two details from the passage and three Unit words.
2. Dogs have held important jobs over the years. They herd and protect farm animals; they help guide the blind; they serve in the military and assist fire fighters and police officers; and they rescue people after disasters. Write a brief essay about how dogs help humans. Include specific examples, observations, studies, the reading (refer to pages 184–185), or personal experience. Write at least three paragraphs, and use three or more words from this Unit.

Vocabulary in Context

Literary Text

The following excerpts are from "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" by Washington Irving. 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. Such was one of the favorite haunts of the Headless Horseman, and the place where he was most frequently **encountered**.

Whenever someone is **encountered**, he or she is

- a. surprised c. come upon
b. inspired d. taken down

2. What fearful shapes and shadows beset his path, amidst the dim and ghastly glare of a snowy night! With what **wistful** look did he eye every trembling ray of light streaming across the waste fields from some distant window!

A **wistful** look is one that is

- a. satisfied c. ashamed
b. brooding d. mischievous

3. How often did he shrink with curdling awe at the sound of his own steps on the frosty crust beneath his feet; and dread to look over his shoulder, lest he should behold some **uncouth** being tramping close behind him!

Something that is **uncouth** is NOT

- a. coarse c. courageous
b. clumsy d. cultured

4. All this he called "doing his duty by their parents"; and he never inflicted a **chastisement** without following it by the assurance, so consolatory to the smarting urchin, that "he would remember it and thank him for it the longest day he had to live."

A **chastisement** is a(n)

- a. suspicion c. affection
b. punishment d. weakness

5. Could that girl have been playing off any of her coquettish tricks? Was her encouragement of the poor pedagogue all a mere **sham** to secure her conquest of his rival?

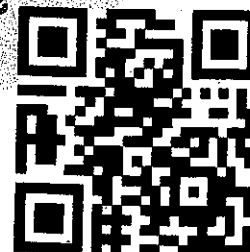
A **sham** is

- a. deception c. lesson
b. collection d. fashion



Schoolteacher Ichabod Crane being pursued by the Headless Horseman in an illustration by Frances Brundage.

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