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 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 an 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
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 woolly coat perfectly enables it to **prosecute** its mission of guarding a flock. Potential predators do not suspect the strength that lurks beneath those ropey 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.
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 Pyranees 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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Definitions

1. beacon
   (bē' kan)
   (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
   (bär sèrk')
   (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
   ANTÓNÑÝMS: (adj.) sane, rational

3. celestial
   (sē le's chēl)
   (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
   ANTÓNÑÝMS: earthly, terrestrial, infernal

4. chasten
   (chā' san)
   (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
   ANTÓNÑÝMS: praise, commend, reward

5. confiscate
   (kän' fə skât)
   (v.) to seize by authority; to take and keep
   The police will ________________ that car.
   SYNONYMS: commandeer, expropriate
   ANTÓNÑÝMS: 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
   ANTÓNÑÝMS: increase, heighten, enhance
8. encounter
(en kaʊn' tər)
(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' ĭk)
(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' tæ mim)
(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 kɔ' 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' a kyt)
(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
(pørk' 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' é át)
   (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 küth'
   (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' dar 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
   (hôl' sâm)
   (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' fôl)
   (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 (**retaliating, 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 (**retaliated, 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**).
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.
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 curdliging 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 it 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