

## Vocabulary List 10

- acquiesce** (v) to accept without protest; to agree or submit  
*synonyms:* comply with, accede, consent, yield  
*antonyms:* resist, protest
- allure** (v) to entice, tempt; to be attractive to;  
(n) a strong attraction; the power to attract, charm  
*synonyms:* (v) tantalize; (n) temptation, enticement  
*antonyms:* (v) repel, turn off; (n) repellent
- askew** (adj, adv) twisted to one side, crooked; disapprovingly  
*synonyms:* awry, lopsided  
*antonyms:* straight, symmetrical
- contentious** (adj) quarrelsome, inclined to argue  
*synonyms:* argumentative, combative  
*antonyms:* agreeable, amiable
- covet** (v) to desire something belonging to another  
*synonyms:* crave, yearn for, hunger for  
*antonyms:* despise, scorn
- respite** (n) a period of relief or rest  
*synonyms:* intermission, lull
- retribution** (n) a repayment; a deserved punishment  
*synonym:* recompense

**Completing the Sentence:** Choose the word from the unit that best completes each sentence. Write the word in the space provided.

Words will be used more than once.

- Those who \_\_\_\_\_ the good fortune of others are likely to be unhappy with their own lot in life.
- Management is not likely to \_\_\_\_\_ to union demands for raises because the company's profits have recently been on the decline.
- The members of the online discussion group were annoyed by the newcomer's \_\_\_\_\_ and rude remarks.
- In most ancient societies \_\_\_\_\_ was swiftly visited on those who broke their promises.
- A vacation provides a \_\_\_\_\_ from the worries and responsibilities of everyday life.

- Some people cannot refrain from straightening lampshades that are a little \_\_\_\_\_.
- Dreams of stardom \_\_\_\_\_ many gifted young performers from all over the country to the bright lights of Broadway.
- It isn't likely that the school administration will \_\_\_\_\_ to your recommendation of do away with all examinations and grades.
- You certainly have a right to your opinions, but you have become so \_\_\_\_\_ that you immediately challenge opinions expressed by anyone else.
- Retailers who seek to \_\_\_\_\_ unwary consumers with false claims should feel the full penalties of the law.
- Now that the football season has ended, don't you think our school's athletes deserve a brief \_\_\_\_\_ before beginning basketball practice?
- For the innumerable crimes and cruelties he had committed, the tyrant had good reason to fear \_\_\_\_\_.
- I confess I suffered a twinge of envy when I learned that my rival had won the prize I had \_\_\_\_\_ so dearly.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ of get-rich-quick schemes may lead people down the road to financial ruin.
- All our plans for a picnic on the beach went suddenly \_\_\_\_\_ when it began to rain very heavily.

**Synonyms:** Choose the word from the unit that is the same or most nearly the same in meaning as the **bold** word in the phrase. Write the word on the line provided.

- payback** for a life of crime \_\_\_\_\_
- looking **unkempt** and confused \_\_\_\_\_
- a welcome and refreshing **lull** in activity \_\_\_\_\_
- yield** to the pressure to run for office \_\_\_\_\_
- when the prisoner became **combative** \_\_\_\_\_
- the **temptation** to eat two desserts \_\_\_\_\_

**Antonyms:** Choose the word from the unit that is the same or most nearly the opposite in meaning as the **bold** word in the phrase. Write the word on the line provided.

- an **orderly** arrangements of knickknacks \_\_\_\_\_

**Original Sentences:** Select five words from the unit and compose an original sentence with each one. Be sure the context you provide indicates your complete understanding of the word.

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**Writing:** Spanish philosopher George Santayana once said that people who forget the past repeat mistakes they made in the past. Do you agree or disagree that it is important to remember the past, including horrific events such as the persecution of the Jews by the Nazis? Write a short essay explaining your position. Use your own personal knowledge and current events to support your assessment. Write at least three paragraphs, and correctly use three or more words from the unit.