

**Vocabulary List 1**

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| <p>1. adulterate (v) to corrupt, make worse by the addition of something of lesser value<br/>synonyms: contaminate, pollute, sully<br/>antonyms: purify, purge, expurgate</p> <p>2. augment (v) to make larger, increase<br/>synonyms: supplement, amplify<br/>antonyms: decrease, diminish</p> <p>3. bereft (adj) deprived of; made unhappy through loss<br/>synonym: bereaved<br/>antonyms: replete, well provided</p> <p>4. dour (adj) stern, unyielding, gloomy, ill-humored<br/>synonyms: harsh, bleak, forbidding, saturnine<br/>antonyms: cheery, inviting, genial</p> <p>5. fortitude (n) courage in facing difficulties<br/>synonyms: resolve, steadfastness, mettle<br/>antonyms: fearfulness, faintheartedness</p> <p>6. intimation (n) a hint, indirect suggestion<br/>synonyms: clue, inkling</p> <p>7. opulent (adj) wealthy, luxurious; ample; grandiose<br/>synonyms: rich, plentiful, abundant<br/>antonyms: poverty-stricken, wretched, destitute</p> <p>8. pliable (adj) easily bent, flexible; easily influenced<br/>synonyms: adaptable, resilient<br/>antonyms: inflexible, recalcitrant</p> | <p>9. stolid (adj) not easily moved mentally or emotionally; dull, unresponsive<br/>synonyms: impassive, phlegmatic<br/>antonyms: emotional, oversensitive</p> <p>10. unkempt (adj) not combed; untidy; not properly maintained; unpolished, rude<br/>synonyms: sloppy, disordered, rough<br/>antonyms: well-groomed, tidy</p> <p>11. verbatim (adj/adv) word for word; exactly as written or spoken<br/>synonyms: (adj) exact; (adv) precisely<br/>antonym: (adj) paraphrased</p> <p>12. warily (adv) cautiously, with great care<br/>synonyms: prudently, gingerly<br/>antonyms: recklessly, heedlessly, incautiously</p> |
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- Choosing the Right Word** - Select the **boldface** word that best completes each sentence.
- I must have been (**bereft, pliable**) of my senses when I bought that old car!
  - I soon found out that my supposed friend had taken it upon himself to repeat (**verbatim, unkempt**) every word I said about Frieda's party.
  - The librarian hoped to (**adulterate, augment**) the rare book collection by purchasing a first edition of Walt Whitman's book of poetry, *Leaves of Grass*.

4. Do you believe that the curriculum has been (**pliable, adulterated**) by the inclusion of courses on aspects of popular culture?

5. A sort of heaviness in the air and an eerie silence were the first real (**intimations, fortitude**) of the approaching cyclone.

6. One of the chief reasons for your dateless weekends is undoubtedly your (**opulent, unkempt**) appearance.

7. Recruits who complain of the cold should try to show a little more (**fortitude, intimation**) in facing the elements.

8. The young prince, who much preferred blue jeans, had to dress in the (**stolid, opulent**) robes designed for the coronation.

9. The ticking grew louder as the bomb squad (**warily, opulently**) opened the package found on the grounds of the governor's residence.

10. In this scene of wild jubilation, my (**bereft, stolid**) roommate continued to eat his peanut butter sandwich as though nothing had happened.

11. To make beaded jewelry, it is essential that the materials you use to thread the beads be (**dour, pliable**) and easy to work with.

12. Though all hope of victory had faded, the remaining troops continued to resist the enemy with a (**dour, bereft**) tenacity.

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**Completing the Sentence** - Choose the word that best completes each sentence by writing it in the space provided.

1. Perhaps I would be bored with the \_\_\_\_\_ lifestyle of a millionaire, but I'm willing to try it.

2. How can you tell whether the chopped-meat patty you ate for lunch had been \_\_\_\_\_ with artificial coloring and other foreign substances?

3. Why would someone who is usually so neat and well-dressed appear in public in such a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ state?

4. America's earliest settlers faced the hardships of life on the frontier with faith and \_\_\_\_\_.

5. At the swearing in ceremony, the Chief Justice reads each line of the Oath of Office, and the new President repeats the oath \_\_\_\_\_.

6. The company commander called his troops together and asked for more volunteers to \_\_\_\_\_ the strength of the raiding party.

7. The twigs that were to be woven into the basket were soaked in water to make them more \_\_\_\_\_.

8. Having learned to respect the power in his opponent's fists, the boxer moved \_\_\_\_\_ around the center of the ring.

9. Her unchanging facial features and controlled voice as she received the news gave no \_\_\_\_\_ of her true feelings.

10. What a tragedy that in the twilight of her life the unfortunate woman should be \_\_\_\_\_ of all her loved ones!

11. The \_\_\_\_\_ expressions on the juror's faces as they grimly filed back into the courtroom did not bode well for the defendant.

12. We learned that beneath his \_\_\_\_\_ exterior there was a sensitive, highly subtle, and perceptive mind.

**WRITING-Think about how the experience of attending live theater is different from the experience of going to a movie theater. In writing, compare and contrast watching a play at a theater or playhouse to watching a film at a movie theater. Use four or more words from this unit.**

**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 the word on the line. Use a dictionary if necessary.

1. the **supple** limbs of a dancer  
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2. gave no **indication** of being nervous  
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3. attend a **lavish** holiday banquet  
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4. proceed **carefully** in unknown waters  
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5. need to **enlarge** the computer's memory  
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**Vocabulary in Context** – The following excerpts are from Charles Dickens's novel *A Tale of Two Cities*. 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 wretched wife of the innocent man thus doomed to die, fell under the sentence, as if she had been mortally stricken. But, she uttered no sound; and so strong was the voice within her, representing that it was she of all the world who must uphold him in his misery and not **augment** it, that it quickly raised her, even from that shock.

*Someone who does NOT augment misery tries to*

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| a. reduce it | c. intensify it |
| b. modify it | d. ignore it    |

2. Affected, and impressed with terror as they both were, by this spectacle of ruin, it was not a time to yield to such emotions. His lonely daughter, **bereft** of her final hope and reliance, appealed to them both too strongly.

*A person who is bereft of hope is one who has*

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| a. failed to act | c. moved forward |
| b. tried to help | d. given up      |

3. Next followed the thought that much of the future peace of mind enjoyable by the dear ones, depended on his quiet **fortitude**. So, by degrees he calmed into the better state, when he could raise his thoughts much higher, and draw comfort down.

*Fortitude means*

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| a. intelligence | c. determination |
| b. limitations  | d. defenses      |

4. The gentleman from Tellson's had nothing left for it but to empty his glass with an air of **stolid** desperation, settle his odd little flaxen wig at the ears, and follow the waiter to Miss Manette's apartment.

*A stolid act is one that is*

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| c. brave       | c. arrogant    |
| d. unemotional | d. exaggerated |

5. East, West, North, and South, through the woods, four heavy-treading, **unkempt** figures crushed the high grass and cracked the branches, striding on cautiously to come together in the courtyard.

*Someone who is unkempt is*

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| a. orderly | c. disheveled |
| b. loud    | d. malicious  |
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**Original Sentences** – Choose five words from this unit and create five original sentences that each contain a context clue revealing the meaning of the chosen word.

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