

## Vocabulary List 8

synonyms: smother, stifle, neutralize, negate  
antonyms: arouse, excite, inspire, stimulate

1. animosity (n) strong dislike; bitter hostility  
synonyms: enmity, rancor, antipathy  
antonyms: affection, fondness, rapport, amity
2. apprehensive (adj) fearful or anxious, especially about the future  
synonyms: worried, nervous, fretful, jittery  
antonyms: unworried, assured, confident, certain
3. condolence (n) an expression of sympathy  
synonym: commiseration, solace, sympathy
4. decrepit (adj) old and feeble; worn-out, ruined  
synonyms: infirm, broken-down, rickety  
antonyms: vigorous, robust, sturdy
5. ingenuous (adj) innocent, simple; frank, sincere  
synonyms: naïve, artless, guileless, candid  
antonyms: artful crafty, worldly, sophisticated
6. obsolete (adj) out-of-date, no longer in use  
synonyms: outmoded, passe, old hat  
antonyms: current, up-to-date, brand-new
7. parsimonious (adj) stingy, miserly; meager, poor, small  
synonyms: frugal, penny-pinching, cheap  
antonyms: generous, open-handed
8. quandary (n) a state of perplexity or doubt  
synonyms: confusion, dilemma, predicament
9. recalcitrant (adj) stubbornly disobedient, resisting authority  
synonyms: unruly, obstinate, contrary, ornery  
antonyms: obedient, docile, compliant
10. reprisal (n) an injury done in return for injury; an act of retaliation  
synonyms: retaliation, revenge
11. revel (v) to take great pleasure in  
(n) a wild celebration  
synonyms: (v) relish, savor, bask in, carouse  
antonym: (v) abhor, loathe
12. stultify (v) to make ineffective or useless, cripple; to have a dulling effect on

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**Choosing the Right Word - Select the boldface word that best completes each sentence.**

1. The woman looked (**parsimonious, apprehensive**) when her guide announced that the group was going whitewater rafting in the afternoon.
2. Although our society must punish criminals, I don't think we should do so simply as a (**reprisal, quandary**) for the wrongs they have committed.
3. I must give you the sad news that correct spelling and good grammar are not, and never will be, (**obsolete, decrepit**).
4. Can you be so (**apprehensive, ingenuous**) that you don't realize she is paying us all those phony compliments to get something out of us?
5. The handful of (**parsimonious, recalcitrant**) students who refuse to obey study hall regulations are violating the rights of the majority.
6. The address was so dull and long-winded that it seemed to (**revel, stultify**) rather than inspire the audience.
7. Yes, there is some (**animosity, quandary**) between different racial and ethnic groups, but it can be overcome by education and experience.
8. He is so absorbed in himself that he has become (**parsimonious, obsolete**) in the normal expression of human sympathy and affection.
9. So we are faced with that old (**quandary, reprisal**) -- an income that simply can't be stretched to cover the things we simply must have.
10. When my friends appeared with an MP3 player and a docking station with amazing sound, I realized that our crash study session might become an all-day (**reprisal, revel**).
11. I think we should offer congratulations rather than (**revels, condolences**) for the disappearance of that battered old car.
12. Our Constitution is more than 200 years old; but far from being (**recalcitrant, decrepit**), it is still a vital, dynamic, and highly practical plan of government. \_

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

1. From all his growling and snapping, you would think our beagle felt a personal \_\_\_\_\_ toward every other dog on the block.
2. So there I was, having accepted invitations to two different parties on the same evening. What a \_\_\_\_\_ to be in!
3. Although I was unable to visit my old friend's widow in person, I offered my \_\_\_\_\_ in a heartfelt letter.
4. In totalitarian regimes, censorship and violence are often employed to suppress criticism and \_\_\_\_\_ dissent.
5. Technology changes so rapidly that a particular computer may be state-of-the-art one day and \_\_\_\_\_ the next.
6. Throughout the hot, dusty journey, we \_\_\_\_\_ in the thought that soon we would be swimming in the cool lake.
7. I think that the phrase "on its last legs" is an apt description of that \_\_\_\_\_ old house down the block.
8. Struggling to overcome her \_\_\_\_\_ inclinations, she finally reached into her pocket and handed me one thin dime!
9. I trust you will never have the experience of trying to cross the desert with a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ mule that wants to remain where it is.
10. In spite of all the elaborate safety precautions, I couldn't help feeling a little \_\_\_\_\_ as I set out for my first skydiving lesson.
11. If we increase our tariff rates on the goods of other countries, we can be sure that they will raise their own rates in \_\_\_\_\_.
12. Now that I am a senior, it is hard to believe that I was ever as innocent and \_\_\_\_\_ as the members of the new freshman class.

**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. cruel acts of **retribution** \_\_\_\_\_

2. sent a sincere message of **empathy** \_\_\_\_\_
3. babysitting a **cantankerous** child \_\_\_\_\_
4. rejected the author's **antiquated** theories \_\_\_\_\_
5. an old house with a **dilapidated** porch \_\_\_\_\_

**Antonyms** – Choose the word from this unit that is most nearly opposite in meaning as the **boldface** word or expression in the phrase. Write the word on the line. Use a dictionary if necessary.

6. an **energetic** contender \_\_\_\_\_
  7. a thoroughly **cooperative** individual \_\_\_\_\_
  8. **callousness** in response to your loss \_\_\_\_\_
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**Vocabulary in Context** – The following excerpts are from *The Three Musketeers* by Alexandre Dumas. 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. "On guard, then!" cried Athos.  
Immediately eight swords glittered in the rays of the setting sun, and the combat began with an **animosity** very natural between men twice enemies.

*A fight provoked by **animosity** is rooted in*

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| a. kindness    | c. hostility |
| b. familiarity | d. respect   |

2. "As to the other, he knows me, he fears me, and knows what he has to expect of me if ever I escape from his hands. It is useless, then, to attempt anything with him. But Felton--that's another thing. He is a young, **ingenuous**, pure man who seems virtuous; him there are means of destroying."

*Someone who is **ingenuous** is NOT*

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| a. devious | c. honorable |
| b. naïve   | d. trusting  |

3. "There only remains, then, the question of the five shillings to be settled. You think me rather **parsimonious**, don't you? That's because I don't care to leave you the means of corrupting your jailers."

*Someone who is **parsimonious** is*

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| a. wicked   | c. thrifty  |
| b. wasteful | d. arrogant |

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**WRITING- “An investment in knowledge pays the best interest.”-  
-Benjamin Franklin**

**Do you agree with Franklin’s statement? Use four or more**

**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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