

Vocabulary List #13

1. **antipathy** (n) a strong dislike, hostile feeling
synonym: hostility, enmity, aversion, bad blood
antonym: attraction, appeal, allure, sympathy
2. **decorum** (n) proper behavior, good taste; orderliness
synonym: seemliness, good form, propriety antonym:
impropriety, bad form, bad taste
3. **duress** (n) compulsion by threat; forcible confinement
synonym: intimidation, coercion
antonym: persuasion, coaxing
4. **exuberant** (adj) high-spirited, enthusiastic, unrestrained
synonym: lively, ebullient, irrepressible, lavish
antonym: depressed, despondent, sulky, restrained
5. **imbibe** (v) to drink; to take in, absorb
synonym: swallow, gulp, quaff, digest
antonym: eject, emit, expel, discharge
6. **infinitesimal** (adj) so small as to be almost immeasurable
synonym: tiny, minuscule
antonym: vast, immense, huge, infinite
7. **innocuous** (adj) harmless, inoffensive; insignificant
synonym: feeble, impotent, unobjectionable
antonym: harmful, dangerous, pernicious, toxic
8. **prohess** (n) distinguished bravery; superior skill or ability
synonym: valor, courage, heroism, mastery, proficiency
antonym: dissimilarity, contrast, total lack
9. **sedate** (adj) quiet, settled, sober
synonym: unruffled, composed,
antonym: loud, brash, flashy, flamboyant, garish
10. **stipulate** (v) to arrange specifically; to require as a condition of agreement
synonym: specify, contract, provide for

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

1. My study of astronomy gave me a sense of the importance of (**infinitesimal, exuberant**) human beings and our tiny planet in a boundless universe.
 2. They were so (**exuberant, innocuous**) in their praise that I soon began to suspect either their judgment or their sincerity.
 3. Without actually understanding much of what the speaker was saying, the audience seemed to (**imbibe, stipulate**) her optimism and vigor.
 4. What good does it do to (**stipulate, sedate**) all those rules if there is no way of enforcing them?
 5. The authorities suspected that the hostage's statement was made not voluntarily but under (**decorum, duress**).
 6. You are in deep trouble if you combine a strong taste for high living with an equally strong (**antipathy, prowess**) for hard work.
 7. Unable to roar and intimidate those around him, the Cowardly Lion hoped the Great Wizard could help him exhibit his (**prohess, infinitesimal**) as king of the the beasts.
 8. Her sense of (**antipathy, decorum**) is so strict that she often makes other people feel stiff and uncomfortable.
 9. The tough leadership we need in this new century will not come from uncertain and (**exuberant, innocuous**) personalities.
 10. A person's modest and (**sedate, exuberant**) appearance may mask an iron determination and a sharp temper.
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Completing the Sentence - Choose the word that best completes each sentence by writing it in the space provided.

1. Centuries old ethnic _____ have more than once led to bloody conflict in the Balkans.
2. How quickly their _____ holiday mood became quiet and sober when they had to return to work on Monday morning!
3. During the long summer afternoons, we used to sit on the shaded veranda, _____ iced drinks and talking about life.
4. If only he could match his _____ on the playing field with a high level of excellence in the classroom!
5. The “monster” that frightened you so much during the hike last week was just a(n) _____ water snake.
6. I enjoy his jokes, but he ought to bear in mind that there are certain standards of _____ to be observed at the graduation ceremony.
7. If the contract is framed by a good lawyer, it will _____ exactly when, where, and how payment is to be made.
8. I was amazed to see how a few years had transformed an unruly and mischievous child into a well-bred, _____ young adult.
9. American law prohibits police from arresting and holding suspects in any type of _____ without formally charging them.
10. He has his shortcomings, but compared with his great services to his community and nation, they seem all but _____.

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.

1. **assimilate** the wisdom of a lifetime _____
2. **spell out** the duties to be performed _____
3. extorted evidence under **pressure** _____

4. a deep **aversion** to hard work _____
5. a **harmless** remark _____
6. a **minuscule** amount of dirt _____
7. **valor** in the face of danger _____
8. a **cool and collected** demeanor _____
9. an **irrepressible** spirit _____
10. conduct oneself in **good form** _____

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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