

ACADEMIC VOCABULARY - Unit 1 Study Guide & Review – 8th Grade

Word Bank:

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| 1. Adage | 5. Collaborate | 9. Excerpt | 13. Laggard | 17. Rubble |
| 2. Bonanza | 6. Decree | 10. Grope | 14. Plaudits | 18. Servile |
| 3. Churlish | 7. Discordant | 11. Hover | 15. Preclude | 19. Vigil |
| 4. Citadel | 8. Evolve | 12. Jostle | 16. Revert | 20. wrangle |

COMPLETING THE SENTENCE: From the words in this unit, choose the one that best completes each of the following sentences. Write the word in the space provided.

1. The swiftest members of the herd escaped the trappers' nets, but the _____ were caught.
2. Your silly pride about doing everything on your own _____ your getting the help you need so badly.
3. On the ground, teams of paramedics administered first aid to the victims of the accident, while police helicopters _____ overhead.
4. They had such a long _____ over the use of the bicycle that their mother finally wouldn't allow either of them to use it.
5. As we discussed our coming vacation, we gradually _____ a plan for a bicycle trip through New England.
6. With tireless devotion, the ailing child's parents kept an anxious _____ at her bedside.
7. Let me read aloud a few _____ from the newspaper review of the new movie.
8. The cafeteria line was so crowded that I was _____ past the desserts before I could take one.
9. During his eleven years of "personal rule," King Charles I of England bypassed Parliament and ruled the country by royal _____.
10. For two nights, he did his homework faithfully; then he _____ to his usual lazy ways.
11. After the walls of their city fell to the enemy, the inhabitants withdrew to the _____ and continued the struggle from there.
12. When the lights suddenly went out, I _____ my way into the kitchen to find a candle and matches.
13. Our teacher gave the two of us permission to _____ on our reports because we were investigating related problems.
14. The Emancipation Proclamation of 1863 was the first step in releasing African Americans from the _____ bonds.
15. Suddenly the _____ voices of two people engaged in a quarrel burst upon my ears and jarred me out of my daydream.
16. What is the exact wording of the _____ about early birds and worm-catching?
17. If you will only show a little patience, that business investment may grow into a(n) _____ for you.
18. A word of praise from the coach meant more to me than all the loud but thoughtless _____ of the crowd.
19. Before the new housing project could be built, it was necessary to tear down the old houses and remove the _____.
20. You hurt her feelings when you reacted to her comments in such a(n) _____ way, especially since you asked for her advice.

ANTONYMS: Choose the word from this unit that is **most nearly the opposite** in meaning as the **boldface** word or expression in the given phrase. Write the word on the line provided.

1. Surprised by the **harmonious** ending of the piece _____
2. Usually **agreed** about the way to proceed _____
3. No accustomed to such **courteous** service _____
4. Known for being **early birds** _____
5. Did not expect such **disapproval** from the audience _____

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 given phrase. Write the word on the line provided.

6. As the ad campaign slowly **unfolded** _____
7. Tried to **prevent** further objections to the bill _____
8. An inspiring **maxim** to live by _____
9. **Pushed** the table so hard that it tipped over _____
10. **Fumble** for an answer to the question _____
11. Represented quite a **windfall** for the company _____
12. Crushed beneath many tons of **debris** _____
13. Plan to **team up** to write an original skit _____
14. Annoyed by all that **fawning** attention _____
15. The Roman siege of the **stronghold** at Masada _____
16. An **extract** from the poet's best-known work _____
17. **Go back** to an earlier stage of development _____
18. **Lingered** around the 100-degree mark for days _____
19. According to a papal **proclamation** _____
20. Kept a **watch** at their father's coffin _____

CHOOSING THE RIGHT WORD: Circle the word within the parentheses that more satisfactorily completes each of the following sentences.

1. All those who (decreed, collaborated) with the enemy in the hope of gaining special favors will be punished severely.
2. The assembly speaker may have been boring, but that was no excuse for the students (laggard, churlish) behavior toward him.
3. I have always regarded our colleges and universities as (citadels, plaudits) of learning and bastions against ignorance and superstition.
4. The fact that he was found guilty of a felony many years ago doesn't (preclude, evolve) his running for mayor.
5. When I fumbled the ball on the three-yard line, the (plaudits, excerpts) of the crowd suddenly turned into jeers and catcalls.
6. I refuse to accept the excuse that the pressures of a new job caused you to (revert, grope) to your old habit of cigarette smoking.
7. After the operation, we sat in the hospital lounge, keeping a nightlong (bonanza, vigil) until we heard from the doctor.
8. For weeks an anxious world (wrangled, hovered) between war and peace as diplomats desperately struggled to resolve the crisis.
9. Every time he quotes an old (vigil, adage) he looses as though he has just had a brilliant new idea.
10. She raised so many objections to attending the dance that it was obvious she was (groping, precluding) for an excuse not to go.
11. A president needs people who will tell him frankly what they really think, rather than just offer (servile, discordant) approval of everything he does.
12. There are times when we all need to be (jostled, reverted) away from old, familiar ideas that may no longer be as true as they once seemed.
13. The principal was quick to approve new programs for our club but (servile, laggard) in providing financial support for them.
14. The little club that they set up to talk over community problems (evolved, jostled) over the years into a national political organization.
15. The "broken-down old furniture" that the woman left to her children turned out to be a (bonanza, rubble) of valuable antiques.
16. The committee found it impossible to reach any agreement on the matter because the views of its members were so (churlish, discordant).
17. After I had broken curfew for the third time in one week, my angry parents (decreed, precluded) that I was grounded for the rest of the term.
18. As we searched through the (rubble, citadel) after the earthquake, it was heartbreaking to find such articles as a teakettle and a child's doll.
19. From the hundreds of newspaper items, the lawyer carefully (excerpted, collaborated) three short paragraphs that supported his case.
20. Under the Articles of Confederation, the thirteen states (hovered, wrangled) so much that the nation seemed to be in danger of breaking up.