Definitions
### Things Fall Apart

#### Definitions

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<td>adherent</td>
<td>a follower of something such as a leader, party, philosophy, or profession</td>
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<td>He is an adherent of the Democratic party.</td>
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<td>appease</td>
<td>to pacify, to be conciliatory in a manner that sacrifices principles</td>
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<td>conciliate, mollify, placate, propitiate</td>
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<td>The woman tried to appease her husband when he became so angry.</td>
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<td>approbation</td>
<td>official approval, praise, commendation</td>
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<td>arduous</td>
<td>very difficult to accomplish or to achieve, very demanding (task)</td>
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<td>atone</td>
<td>to make amends</td>
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<td>excessive boldness, rashness, daring</td>
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<td>kindness, generosity, charity</td>
<td>Antonym &gt;&gt; antagonism; avarice; malevolence</td>
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<td>irreverent, profane</td>
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<td>a serious event causing distress or misfortune</td>
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<td>callow</td>
<td>immature, inexperienced</td>
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<td>Rash and hasty decisions are the mark of impetuous, callow youth.</td>
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<td>changing suddenly, fickle</td>
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<td>pertaining to a group or community</td>
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<td>scorn, extreme dislike or disdain</td>
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<td>despicableness, pitiableness, scurriness</td>
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<td>The man treated the gossiping woman with contempt; talking about other people was beneath his dignity.</td>
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<td>ample</td>
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<td>I always take copious notes in my history class.</td>
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<td>He was very deft in handling the questions from the reporter.</td>
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<td>degeneration</td>
<td>a state of decline</td>
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<td>decadence, decline</td>
<td>Antonym &gt;&gt; progress</td>
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<td>The priest was called after the degeneration of the man's condition.</td>
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<td>scoffing at, mockery, ridicule</td>
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<td>The boy received much derision for his plaid gym shorts.</td>
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<td>to violate the sanctity of something, to profane, to adulterate</td>
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<td>Antonym &gt;&gt; to consecrate; to laud; to praise</td>
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<td>The hoodlums desecrated the cemetery by painting on the tombstones.</td>
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<td>desolate</td>
<td>deserted, without inhabitants, barren</td>
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<td>Some of the western states have large areas that are desolate.</td>
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<td>despairing</td>
<td>hopeless, despondent, discouraged</td>
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<td>Antonym &gt;&gt; hopeful</td>
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<td>The woman's despairing tears touched the hearts of many.</td>
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<td>discern</td>
<td>to differentiate between two or more things</td>
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<td>Antonym &gt;&gt; to ignore; to be oblivious; to</td>
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<td>Because of the fog, I was barely able to discern the landing strip.</td>
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<td>discord</td>
<td>lack of agreement, tension, strife</td>
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<td>contention, dissension, variance</td>
<td>Antonym &gt;&gt; harmony; agreement</td>
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<td>There is a lot of discord in the nation over the issue of abortion.</td>
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<td>dispatch</td>
<td>to send away with promptness or speed; speed, quickness</td>
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<td>haste, expediency</td>
<td>Antonym &gt;&gt; to delay; slowness, inefficiency</td>
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<td>The officer dispatched his troops to the scene of conflict.</td>
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<td>enthralling</td>
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<td>Antonym &gt;&gt; boring</td>
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<td>Because the book was so enthralling, I stayed awake all night reading it.</td>
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<td>understood only by a small group or a select few</td>
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26. **exacting**
   - Demanding, requiring great care
   - **Synonyms**: burdensome, onerous, oppressive
   - **Antonym**: indulgent
   - Concerning the form of the outline, the teacher was very exacting.
   - **Derivatives**: exact, exactable, exactly, exactness

27. **expedient**
   - Appropriate for a purpose but not necessarily moral, right, or just
   - **Synonyms**: artifice, ruse, stratagem, trick, wile
   - **Antonym**: disadvantageous
   - In trying to increase political support, the candidate found it expedient to change his stand on taxation.
   - **Derivatives**: expedite, expediency, expediency, expedient, expedientist, expediently

28. **feint**
   - False appearance, a fake punch to occupy defenses allowing a real blow
   - **Synonyms**: forger, fake, imposture, sham, simulation
   - **Antonym**: real
   - Fooled by his opponent's feint, the boxer dropped his guard and was knocked down.
   - **Derivatives**: feign, feigned, feigning, feignedly, feigner

29. **ferment**
   - State of agitation, commotion
   - **Synonyms**: disturbance, excitement, commotion
   - **Antonym**: peace; calm
   - During the Civil War, much of the country was in a state of ferment.
   - **Derivatives**: fermentability, fermentable, fermental, fermentation, fermentative, fermenter

30. **ferocity**
   - Savagery
   - **Synonyms**: savagery, savagery, savagery
   - **Antonym**: mildness
   - A tiger is an animal that has ferocity.
   - **Derivatives**: ferocious, ferociously, ferociousness

31. **flourish**
   - To thrive, to grow well
   - **Synonyms**: grow, prosper, thrive
   - **Antonym**: to wither
   - The company flourished after a new board of directors took control.
   - **Derivatives**: flourisher, flourishing, flourishingly, flourishy

32. **fugitive**
   - A person who is elusive or hard to find, wandering
   - **Synonyms**: elusive, transient, transitory
   - **Antonym**: firmly established
   - The criminal became a fugitive who spent his life running from the law.
   - **Derivatives**: fugitate, fugitation, fugitives, fugitively, fugitiveness, fugitivity

33. **grievous**
   - Characterized by severe suffering or sorrow, serious or grave
   - **Synonyms**: grievous, grievously, grievously
   - **Antonym**: minor
   - You made a grievous error when you spoke to your parents in such a horrible fashion.
   - **Derivatives**: grievously, grievousness

34. **harbingers**
   - Things that precede and forecast
   - **Synonyms**: forerunners, heralds, precursors
   - **Antonym**: none
   - Thick fur on a wooly worm is a harbinger of a cold winter.
   - **Derivatives**: harbinger

35. **idolatry**
   - Worship of idols, excessive devotion
   - **Synonyms**: idolatry, idolatrous, idolatrously, idolatrousness, idolater
   - **Antonym**: irreverence; indifference
   - The idolatry of rock stars by some teenagers can be dangerous.
   - **Derivatives**: idolatrous, idolatrise, idolatrously, idolatrousness, idolater

36. **imperious**
   - Extremely overbearing
   - **Synonyms**: domineering, imperative, masterful, preemptory
   - **Antonym**: meek
   - The imperious behavior of the dictator led to his overthrow.
   - **Derivatives**: imperously, imperiousness

37. **improvidence**
   - Not providing for the future, not thrifty
   - **Synonyms**: improvidence, improvidently, improvidently
   - **Antonym**: foresight
   - The improvidence of immediately spending one's paycheck could be costly in an emergency.
   - **Derivatives**: improvident, improvidently, improvidently

38. **impudent**
   - Disrespectful, characterized by improper bold behavior
   - **Synonyms**: impudent, impudently, impudently, impudently, impudently, impudically
   - **Antonym**: respectful
   - The student's impudent act of using profanity toward Mrs. Dove caused him to be expelled.
   - **Derivatives**: impudence, impudency, impudently, impudently, impudicism

39. **incipient**
   - Beginning to come into being, the early stage of something
   - **Synonyms**: incipient, incipience, incipient
   - **Antonym**: waning
   - He is not able to recognize his own incipient drug problem.
   - **Derivatives**: incipiative, incipiency, incipience, incipiently
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<th>abundant in growth, very fertile</th>
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<th>ill will or evil intentions</th>
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<th>pas uh FIS tik</th>
<th>opposed to war or use of force</th>
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<td>martial</td>
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<td>The man refused to fight because of his pacifistic beliefs.</td>
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<th>pur PECH oo ate</th>
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<th>feathers of a bird</th>
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<td>The plumage of the peacock is beautiful.</td>
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<th>piercing, incisive, and keen</th>
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<td>dull</td>
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<td>The man's poignant words struck the very heart of the matter.</td>
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<td>holy</td>
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<td>dangerous place</td>
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<td>rend</td>
<td>to tear violently, to split</td>
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<td>resest</td>
<td>ability to return to a former state</td>
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<td>characterized by a decided purpose</td>
<td>staunch, steadfast, determined, resolved, faithful, firm</td>
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<td>to honor, to regard with respect</td>
<td>adore, venerate, worship</td>
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<td>resonous</td>
<td>resonant, producing a full and rich sound</td>
<td>suh NOR us, SAN uh</td>
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<td>succulent</td>
<td>very juicy</td>
<td>SUK yuh lunt</td>
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<td>superflous</td>
<td>beyond what is needed or required, an overflow</td>
<td>soo PUR floo us</td>
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<td>not fully worked out, provisional, uncertain</td>
<td>TEN tuh tiv</td>
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<td>vibrant</td>
<td>full of life</td>
<td>VIE brunt</td>
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<td>vivid</td>
<td>bright, distinct, and clear</td>
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<td>volatile</td>
<td>ability to use words easily, fluent and glib</td>
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<td>wily</td>
<td>cunning, crafty</td>
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<td>woe</td>
<td>great sorrow, grief, or misfortune</td>
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<td>zeal</td>
<td>enthusiasm, fervor</td>
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He tried to rend the flag as a protest against the war.

There is a need for more resilient bumpers on cars that can withstand minor accidents.

The business was run by a resolute man who set his mind on a goal and followed through with it.

Nearly all Catholics revere the Pope.

Orson Wells was known for his sonorous voice.

An orange is an example of a succulent fruit.

The meeting lasted so long because of many superfluous comments by some of the speakers.

We have a tentative arms-control agreement, but we hope to have a signed agreement by the end of the year.

She was a vibrant young woman before she went into a coma.

I have vivid memories of my trip to Europe.

A disc jockey needs to be a voluble speaker.

"Wily as a fox" is an expression that means a person is very crafty at some activity.

The woe she suffered at his death continued through months of depression.

To the delight of his students, he brought great zeal to the teaching profession.
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<th>zealot</th>
<th>ZEL ot</th>
<th>one who embraces a cause and supports it with vigor</th>
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<td>Antonym &gt;&gt;</td>
<td>one without enthusiasm or passion</td>
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<td>The man was known as a religious zealot, as he never stopped trying to convert others to his beliefs.</td>
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Things Fall Apart

by Chinua Achebe
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| 2. appease | 19. desolate | 36. imperious | 53. refuge |
| 3. approbation | 20. despair | 37. improvident | 54. rent |
| 4. arduous | 21. discern | 38. impudent | 55. resilient |
| 5. atonement | 22. discordant | 39. incipient | 56. resolute |
| 6. audacity | 23. dispatched | 40. kindle | 57. revered |
| 7. benevolent | 24. enthralled | 41. luxuriant | 58. sonorous |
| 8. blaspheme | 25. esoteric | 42. malevolence | 59. succulent |
| 9. calamity | 26. exacting | 43. malicious | 60. superfluous |
| 10. callow | 27. expedient | 44. mirth | 61. tentative |
| 11. capricious | 28. feign | 45. ominous | 62. vibrant |
| 12. communal | 29. fermenting | 46. pacified | 63. vividly |
| 13. contemptible | 30. ferociously | 47. perpetual | 64. voluble |
| 14. copiously | 31. flourish | 48. plaintive | 65. wily |
| 15. deft | 32. fugitives | 49. plumage | 66. woeful |
| 16. degenerate | 33. grievously | 50. poignant | 67. zeal |
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**Vocabulary Test 1**

**Directions:** Match the word in the left column with the correct definition in the right column.

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<td>a. immature; inexperienced</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>appease</td>
<td>b. very difficult to accomplish; demanding</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>approbation</td>
<td>c. a serious event causing distress or misfortune</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>arduous</td>
<td>d. to pacify; to be conciliatory and sacrifice principles</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>atone</td>
<td>e. irreverent; profane</td>
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<td>6</td>
<td>audacity</td>
<td>f. official approval; praise; commendation</td>
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<td>7</td>
<td>benevolence</td>
<td>g. kindness; generosity; charity</td>
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<td>8</td>
<td>blasphemous</td>
<td>h. a follower of something such as a philosophy</td>
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<td>9</td>
<td>calamity</td>
<td>i. excessive boldness; rashness; daring</td>
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<td>10</td>
<td>callow</td>
<td>j. to make amends</td>
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<td>a. scoffing at; mockery; ridicule</td>
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<td>12</td>
<td>communal</td>
<td>b. to violate the sanctity of something; to profane</td>
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<td>13</td>
<td>contempt</td>
<td>c. changing suddenly; fickle</td>
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<td>copious</td>
<td>d. a state of decline</td>
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<td>deft</td>
<td>e. pertaining to a group or community</td>
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<td>16</td>
<td>degeneration</td>
<td>f. skillful; adroit</td>
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<td>17</td>
<td>derision</td>
<td>g. deserted; without inhabitants</td>
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<td>18</td>
<td>desecrate</td>
<td>h. scorn; extreme dislike or disdain</td>
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<td>19</td>
<td>desolate</td>
<td>i. abundant</td>
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<td>20</td>
<td>despairing</td>
<td>j. hopeless; feeling futility</td>
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### Exercise C

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<td>discern</td>
<td>a. demanding; requiring great care</td>
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<td>discord</td>
<td>b. appropriate for a purpose but not necessarily right</td>
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<td>23</td>
<td>dispatch</td>
<td>c. a false appearance</td>
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<td>entralling</td>
<td>d. lack of agreement; tension; strife</td>
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<td>25</td>
<td>esoteric</td>
<td>e. state of agitation; commotion</td>
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<td>exacting</td>
<td>f. savagery</td>
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<td>expedient</td>
<td>g. to differentiate between two or more things</td>
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<td>feint</td>
<td>h. to send away with promptness or speed</td>
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<td>29</td>
<td>ferment</td>
<td>i. understood only by a small group or a select few</td>
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<td>ferocity</td>
<td>j. captivating; spellbinding</td>
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Directions: Choose the letter of the definition that **best** fits the meaning of the word in **bold** type.

1. to have a business **flourish**
   a. go bankrupt  b. begin  c. thrive  d. incorporate

2. a pursue a **fugitive**
   a. fleeting idea  b. intricate debate  c. elusive person  d. career

3. a **grievous** occasion
   a. festive  b. serious or grave  c. mysterious  d. formal

4. **harbingers** of the future
   a. predictors  b. influences  c. recorders  d. planners

5. the practice of **idolatry**
   a. exercising  b. intense studying  c. toymaking  d. worshipping idols

6. an **imperious** ruler
   a. unfair  b. elected  c. extremely overbearing  d. uneducated

7. the result of one's **improvidence**
   a. ignorance  b. conceit  c. not providing for the future  d. poverty

8. an **impudent** child
   a. disrespectful  b. wealthy  c. evil  d. sick

9. an **incipient** problem
   a. mishandled  b. beginning  c. easily solved  d. popular

10. to **kindle** a riot
    a. try to stop  b. stir up  c. analyze  d. report to the press

11. a **luxuriant** setting
    a. depressing  b. studious  c. impoverished  d. fertile and lavish

12. to be a victim of **malevolence**
    a. foul-play  b. evil intentions  c. deceit  d. unreturned love

13. a **malicious** remark
    a. religious  b. intellectual  c. hateful  d. simple

14. to feel **mirth**
    a. anger  b. merriment  c. annoyance  d. love

15. an **ominous** sign
    a. misunderstood  b. warning  c. threatening  d. bold

16. a **pacifistic** group
    a. opposed to war  b. communal  c. water sports  d. angry

17. to **perpetuate** a situation
    a. understand  b. ignore  c. suffer from  d. prolong

18. a **plaintive** remark
    a. simple  b. planned  c. mournful  d. sarcastic

19. the **plumage** of a bird
    a. beak  b. feathers  c. feet  d. eyes

20. a **poignant** letter
    a. piercing  b. love  c. hateful  d. threatening
Directions: Select the word that best completes the following sentences.

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1. The rebellious group of made _______________________ plans to __________________ the flag by __________________ it in two; but because their ideas were not fully worked out, they were not able to show such contempt for the flag by tearing it.

2. The luxurious party had __________________ guests who consumed _________________ drinks that were powerful enough to intoxicate them and _________________ fruits that dripped with juice; it was no wonder the guests were so full of life.

3. The __________________ embraced his cause with such _________________ that followers of his found it easy to honor and _________________ him for his enthusiasm and fervor.

4. The men of the village were __________________ about their decision to provide a place of __________________ for the victims of the war; they were steadfast in their decision to provide shelter and protection for these people.

5. I still have __________________ memories of the __________________ woman; I can see her clearly and distinctly in my mind, and I can hear her fluent and glib speech that flowed so easily.

6. The __________________ bells of the church produced a resonant, full, and rich sound; but it was one of __________________ , full of grief and sorrow because it announced the death of our friend.

7. The fisherman never could catch the _________________ fish; the thing was so crafty and cunning, it had evaded the hook for ten years.

8. Your essay is marred by all these __________________________ comments; since they are not really needed, you should eliminate them.

9. Some trees remain standing after severe storms because they are so __________________; they bend with the wind, but are able to return to their former state.
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Answer Key

Vocabulary Test 1

1. h  2. d  3. f  4. b  5. j  6. i  7. g
8. e  9. c 10. a 11. c 12. e 13. h 14. i
15. f 16. d 17. a 18. b 19. g 20. j 21. g
22. d 23. h 24. j 25. i 26. a 27. b 28. c
29. e 30. f

Vocabulary Test 2

1. c  2. c  3. b  4. a  5. d  6. c  7. c
15. c 16. a 17. d 18. c 19. b 20. a

Vocabulary Test 3

1. tentative, profane, rending
2. vibrant, potent, succulent
3. zealot, zeal, revere
4. resolute, refuge
5. vivid, voluble
6. sonorous, woe
7. wily
8. superfluous
9. vibrant

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