

Vocabulary Unit 1
Practice Sheet

adulterate
ambidextrous
augment

bereft
deploy
dour

fortitude
gape
gibe

guise
insidious
intimation

opulent
pliable
reiterate

Part I: Completing the Sentence

Directions: Write the word that best completes each of the following sentences using the words from Unit 1.

1. What a tragedy that in the twilight of her life the unfortunate woman should be _____ of all her loved ones!
2. An experienced baseball manager _____ his outfielders according to the strengths and weaknesses of the opposing batters.
3. The _____ expression on the jurors' faces as they grimly filed back into the courtroom did not bode well for the defendant.
4. Many ballplayers can bat from either side of the plate, but they cannot throw well with each hand unless they are _____.
5. At the risk of being boring, let me _____ my warning against careless driving.
6. As the magician's assistant seemed to vanish into thin air, the entire audience _____ in amazement.
7. How can you tell whether the chopped-meat patty you ate for lunch had been _____ with artificial coloring and other foreign substances?

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8. America's earliest settlers faced the hardships of life on the frontier with faith and _____.
9. The company commander called his troops together and asked for more volunteers to _____ the strength of the raiding party.
10. In Shakespeare's famous tragedy *Othello*, Iago comes to Othello in the _____ of a friend but proves to be a deadly enemy.
11. Why should I be the object of all those _____ just because I'm wearing a three piece suit on campus?
12. To this day, historians are still debating whether or not Aaron Burr was guilty of a(n) _____ plot to break up the United States.
13. Her unchanging facial features and controlled voice as she received the news gave no _____ of her true feelings.
14. Perhaps I would be bored with the _____ lifestyle of a millionaire, but I'm willing to try it.
15. The twigs that were to be woven into the basket were soaked in water to make them more _____.

Part II: Synonyms

Directions: Choose the word from Unit 1 that is the same or most nearly the same in meaning as the **boldface** word or expression below.

16. **Deprived** of the companionship of a beloved pet _____
17. The **stern** faces of the ancestral portraits _____
18. **Stared** at the huge jaws of the crocodile _____
19. gave no **indication** of being nervous _____
20. **rehash** the same old theories _____
21. an **underhanded** attack on my good name _____
22. the **supple** limbs of a dancer _____
23. **Station** the remaining guards at the exits _____
24. Appeared in the **costume** of a cowboy _____
25. **Polluted** the water with toxic chemicals _____
26. Need to **increase** the computer's memory _____
27. attended a **lavish** holiday banquet _____
28. **Jeer** at the mistakes of the rookies _____

Part III: Antonyms: Choose the word from Unit 1 that is most nearly the opposite in meaning as the **boldface** word or expression below.

29. Displayed **timidity** under fire _____
30. Surprisingly **maladroit** handling of the ball _____

Part IV: Choosing the Right Word

Directions: Circle the word that best completes the sentence.

31. Do you believe that the curriculum has been (deployed, adulterated) by the inclusion of courses on aspects of popular culture?
32. What they call their "(insidious, pliable) outlook on life" seems to be simply a lack of any firm moral standards.
33. Let us not forget that the early fighters for women's rights were greeted with the (gibes, guises) of the unthinking mob.
34. How annoying to hear the same silly advertising slogans (intimations, reiterated) endlessly on television.
35. Though all hope of victory had faded, the remaining troops continued to resist the enemy with a (bereft, dour) tenacity.
36. The speaker (deployed, adulterated) all the facts and figures at her command to buttress her argument.
37. Do you expect me to listen to a lot of tired old ideas dressed up in the (fortitude, guise) or brilliant new insights?
38. A sort of heaviness in the air and an eerie silence were the first real (reiterations, intimations) of the approaching cyclone.
39. The young prince, who much preferred blue jeans, had to dress in the (bereft, opulent) robes designed for the coronation.