

Vocabulary Unit 2

Practice Sheet

tentative
verbatim
stolid

unkempt
warily
adroit

amicable
averse
belligerent

benevolent
cursory
duplicity

extol
feasible
grimace

Part I: Completing the Sentence

Directions: Write the word that best completes each of the following sentences using the words from Unit 2.

1. We learned that beneath his _____ exterior there was a sensitive, highly subtle, and perceptive mind.
2. Having learned to respect the powers in his opponent's fists, the boxer moved _____ around the center of the ring.
3. Since I need the speaker's exact words for my report, I have asked the stenographer to take down the speech _____.
4. Why would someone who is usually so neat and tidy appear in public in such a(n) _____ state?
5. Since his acceptance of the invitation was only _____, the hostess may be one man short at the dinner party.
6. Our physical education instructor _____ the virtues of regular exercise.
7. For centuries, Switzerland has avoided becoming a(n) _____ in the conflicts that have scarred the rest of Europe.

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8. A triple reverse looks mighty impressive on the chalkboard, but I doubt that the play will prove _____ on the football field.
9. A(n) _____ examination of my luggage was enough to show me that someone had been tampering with it.
10. If you are _____ to hard study and intensive reading, how do you expect to get through law school?
11. If, as you claim, you really like raw oysters, why do you make such an eloquent _____ every time you swallow one?
12. Although he shows no particular talent as a worker, he is exceptionally _____ at finding excuses for not doing his job.
13. Regarding Native Americans as "bloodthirsty savages," Europeans were rarely able to maintain _____ relations with them.
14. No one doubted the _____ intentions of the program for community involvement, but it was ruined by mismanagement.
15. Only when we learn that the embezzler had tried to cast suspicion on his innocent partner did we realize the extent of his _____.

Part II: Synonyms

Directions: Choose the word from Unit 2 that is the same or most nearly the same in meaning as the **boldface** word or expression below.

16. proceeded **carefully** in unknown waters _____
17. A shocking case of **fraud** _____
18. Respond with a **pugnacious** gesture _____
19. Not **practicable** during the winter months _____
20. Made a **quick** estimate of the crowd's size _____
21. A tendency to **glorify** the talents of our friends

22. A remarkably **congenial** group of people

Part III: Antonyms: Choose the word from Unit 2 that is most nearly the opposite in meaning as the **boldface** word or expression below.

23. A person with a **high-strung** temperament

24. A **paraphrased** version of the announcement

25. A **definite** date for a party _____
26. A **smile** in the face of danger _____
27. Was **favorably disposed** to borrowing money

28. A single **clumsy** stroke of the painter's brush

29. Had a **malevolent** influence on the society

Part IV: Choosing the Right Word

Directions: Circle the word that best completes the sentence.

30. Because the situation is changing so rapidly, any plans we make to deal with the emergency can be no more (verbatim, tentative).
31. In this scene of wild jubilation, my (stolid, tentative) roommate continued to eat his peanut butter sandwich as though nothing had happened.
32. The ticking grew louder as the bomb squad (warily, pliantly) opened the package found on the grounds of the governor's residence.
33. I soon found out that my supposed friend had taken it upon himself to repeat (unkempt, verbatim) every word I said about Frieda's party.
34. One of the chief reasons for your dateless weekends is undoubtedly your (opulent, unkempt) appearance.
35. On the morning of the picnic, the sky was gray and overcast, but suddenly the sun came out and smiled on us (benevolently, adroitly).
36. The lawyer's (adroit, belligerent) questioning slowly but surely revealed the weaknesses in his opponent's case.
37. Anyone who is (averse, cursory) to having a girls' hockey team in our school doesn't know what's been happening in recent years.
38. Do you think you are being fair in passing judgment on my poem after such a (cursory, benevolent) reading?
39. Some civil engineers believe that someday it may be (feasible, averse) to derive a large part of our energy directly from the sun.