

VOCABULARY POWER

WITH

CONNOTATIVE

PRECISION

~ FEATURING ~

PRE-READING PREDICTION GRAPHICS

&

ORIGINAL CLOZE NARRATIVES

~ TEXTBOOK SAMPLE ~

TEXTBOOK EDITION

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PRECISION UNIT-1

There are many ways to learn new high-level vocabulary terms. But, the most effective and useful means by far involves grasping the connotations of the words and not merely their general denotations. What words imply is just as substantial as what the general meanings state. These subtle implications are oftentimes more indicative of intended messages than any other single factor. To be able to send and perceive implicit messages is the hallmark of true intellectual prowess. This is *unit one of ten* total units that feature connotative vocabulary study! The Pre-Test and Post-Test cover all ten units!

Name _____ Date _____ Pd. _____

Pre-Test

Please circle or underline the answer that *best* answers each question.

1. Which of the following terms suggests old age and respect?
 - a. archaic
 - b. immature
 - c. venerable
 - d. ancient

2. Which of the following terms suggests shrewdness and skill?
 - a. scheming
 - b. disingenuous
 - c. superannuated
 - d. cunning

3. Which of the following terms suggests the most desirable high point?
 - a. crest
 - b. fortuitous
 - c. coterie
 - d. apex

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-- GUIDE --

UNIT I

Study Note

To prepare for the review exercises that follow this unit, carefully read the guiding denotation at the top of each page. Then, repeat-read each synonymous entry, noting the stated subtleties in each definition and the implied subtleties in each illustrated sentence. Review the Pre-Reading Prediction Graphic and infer story details (both plot and theme related). Determine how each graphic element lends to the story. After completing the review exercises at the end of this unit, repeat-read and re-tell (orally or in written format) the completed narrative. During your re-telling, attempt to use as many of your target vocabulary terms as possible. Following these simple directions will make this a perfect exercise for in-class study or as an independent development assignment!

VOCABULARY WORDS MEANING OLD

A. **Venerable** (adj) **implies advanced age, respect, and accomplishment.**

1. **Venerable:** Because of his many years of experience and service, the *venerable* professor was greatly respected by his peers.

B. **Superannuated** (adj) **implies the onset of old age and a condition of uselessness.**

2. **Superannuated:** Employees over sixty were labeled *superannuated*; thus, they were forced into retirement.

C. **Ancient** (adj) **implies extreme old age coupled with historical significance.**

3. **Ancient:** “These *ancient* Babylonian artifacts,” said the archeologist, “date back to 1000 B.C.”

D. **Antiquated** (adj) **implies being out of date and inadequate compared to modern devices.**

4. **Antiquated:** “This CD player is so *antiquated*,” cried Sue; “you can’t even burn copies with it!”

E. **Archaic** (adj) **implies having been replaced by something modern.**

5. **Archaic:** “The word, betimes, is *archaic*,” instructed Mr. Webster; “it hasn’t been used in more than five centuries.”

VOCABULARY WORDS MEANING YOUNG

A. **Aborning** (adj) implies that something is in the process of being born or coming into being.

1. **Aborning:** “No,” Principal Jones exclaimed; “our *aborning* intellectuals are not yet ready for public competitions!”

B. **Callow** (adj) implies being under-developed.

2. **Callow:** Dr. Lopez, our school’s science teacher, explained, “Callow eaglets are featherless, having no means of warmth beyond what a parent may offer.”

C. **Adolescent** (adj) implies mid or incomplete development.

3. **Adolescent:** “Peer pressure,” said Mrs. Chang, “seems to affect *adolescent* teens more than older teens.”

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REVIEW

UNIT I

MAKE PRE-READING PREDICTIONS!
USE GRAPHICS TO INFER
PLOT & THEMATIC DETAILS!

CONNOTATIVE VOCABULARY -1

A RESEARCH-BASED VOCABULARY PROGRAM THAT WORKS!

TRAP DOORS & RESTING PLACES



YEARS CAN BRING WISDOM AND EVERY OTHER AILMENT OF MIND AND HEART!



READ TO REMEMBER!



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Fill in each blank with the connotatively precise term.

Trap Doors and Resting Places

Doctor Felder was an (old) _____ archeologist, highly respected by all in his field, especially the (young) _____ who had no hands-on experience with field treasures. Deep down, the doctor felt that his young protégés were actually too (young) _____ to be of any real value to him. “Their flight feathers haven’t grown in, yet!” he grumbled. But, he knew he would become (weak) _____ very quickly, as the desert heat would drain his energy. Plus, their (faithfulness) _____ to him was nothing shy of patriotic. He was their hero and their father away from home. For them, working with him was the (top) _____ of their boldest dreams. Virtually every one of them showed unfailing (faithfulness) _____ to him.

By and by, Felder led his followers into the lower chambers of a small pyramid. He was very (honest) _____ with them about what they’d see. He didn’t believe in being (tricky) _____. His (honest) _____ heart was driven only by what was right in his own eyes. One of his followers, Jeffery Peterson, was (tricky) _____ in his own way,

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Doctor Felder was a venerable archeologist, highly respected by all in his field, especially the novices who had no hands-on experience with field treasures. Deep down, the doctor felt that his young protégés were actually too callow to be of any real value to him. “Their flight feathers haven’t grown in, yet!” he grumbled. But, he knew he would become enervated very quickly, as the desert would drain his energy. Plus, their allegiance to him was nothing shy of patriotic. He was their hero and their father away from home. For them, working with him was the summit of their boldest dreams. Virtually every one of them showed unfailing devotion to him.

By and by, Felder led his followers into the lower chambers of a small pyramid. He was very candid with them about what they’d see. He didn’t believe in being disingenuous. His conscientious heart was driven only by what was right in his own eyes. One of his followers, Jeffery Peterson, was cunning in his own way,

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ANSWER KEY FOR PRE-TEST

1. Venerable
2. Cunning
3. Apex
4. Cataclysm
5. Heuristic
6. Aleatory
7. Eradicate
8. Chaos
9. Catachrestic
10. Colossus
11. Dispensation
12. Dauntlessness

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- 4. Which of the following terms suggests that a disaster was the result of a flood?**
- a. extinction**
 - b. bedlam**
 - c. cataclysm**
 - d. oceanic**
- 5. Which of the following terms suggests that an example includes the desire to change?**
- a. illustration**
 - b. heuristic**
 - c. delineate**
 - d. quintessence**
- 6. Which of the following terms suggests that a man is depending on luck to bring about his desires?**
- a. covetousness**
 - b. fatefulness**
 - c. aleatory**
 - d. happenstance**
- 7. Which of the following terms suggests that something is being dug out by the root?**
- a. extricate**
 - b. ligation**
 - c. eradicate**
 - d. ruminant**

- 8. Which of the following terms suggests formlessness?**
- a. defunct**
 - b. chaos**
 - c. epitome**
 - d. assemblage**
- 9. Which of the following terms suggests that one is using the wrong word for the intended message?**
- a. ambiguous**
 - b. lexicography**
 - c. catachrestic**
 - d. syllogism**
- 10. Which of the following terms suggests that a giant is a statue?**
- a. colossus**
 - b. empire**
 - c. leviathan**
 - d. cacology**
- 11. Which of the following terms suggests that a time period is associated with biblical history?**
- a. epoch**
 - b. chronometry**
 - c. era**
 - d. dispensation**

12. Which of the following terms suggests that courage can't be tamed?

- a. sauciness**
- b. hackneyed**
- c. dauntlessness**
- d. circumlocution**

13. Which of the following terms suggests that a person has a spirit that causes them to be willing to sacrifice?

- a. idolatry**
- b. magnanimous**
- c. intrepidity**
- d. sprite**

14. Which of the following terms suggests that people are happy because they're carefree?

- a. profusion**
- b. jest**
- c. blithe**
- d. burdensome**

15. Which of the following terms suggests that glare is in the form of a flashing light?

- a. coruscant**
- b. ebony**
- c. beaming**
- d. scintillating**

- 16. Which of the following suggests that a person is greedy for gain?**
- a. gaunt**
 - b. audacious**
 - c. schismatic**
 - d. cupidity**
- 17. Which of the following terms suggests that one is about to explode in anguish?**
- a. fulmination**
 - b. dynamic**
 - c. effrontery**
 - d. melancholy**
- 18. Which of the following terms suggests that a person's opinion is swinging in extremes?**
- a. befuddlement**
 - b. vacillations**
 - c. oscillations**
 - d. bewilderment**
- 19. Which of the following terms suggests that something was sharpened with a stone?**
- a. whet**
 - b. hone**
 - c. quarried**
 - d. japped**

- 20. Which of the following terms suggests that a leader is at the top of a hierarchical order?**
- a. potentate**
 - b. supervisor**
 - c. paramount**
 - d. sovereign**
- 21. Which of the following terms suggests that heat is the result of a cure or remedy?**
- a. synergy**
 - b. calefacient**
 - c. medicinal**
 - d. stultifying**
- 22. Which of the following terms suggests that one's laziness results from sleepiness?**
- a. torpor**
 - b. somnolence**
 - c. innervated**
 - d. lackadaisical**
- 23. Which of the following terms suggests that a person is bending his knees and bowing?**
- a. kowtow**
 - b. prostration**
 - c. genuflection**
 - d. subjugating**

24. Which of the following terms suggests that one's feet have been set free?

- a. entrapment**
- b. expedite**
- c. exonerated**
- d. disencumbered**

25. Which of the following terms suggests that a person has an innately weak spirit?

- a. putrefaction**
- b. pusillanimous**
- c. poltroon**
- d. sodality**

26. Which of the following terms suggests that a feeling of impending disaster is being anticipated?

- a. skepticism**
- b. qualm**
- c. marplot**
- d. *cataclysm***

27. Which of the following terms suggests that a person has the authority to give an order?

- a. fiat**
- b. venerable**
- c. highfaluting**
- d. panegyric**

- 28. Which of the following terms suggests a force that can't be overcome?**
- a. impregnable**
 - b. insurmountable**
 - c. insuperable**
 - d. complicity**
- 29. Which of the following terms suggests that one's logic is not taking into account all of the facts?**
- a. sophistry**
 - b. syllogism**
 - c. confederacy**
 - d. adventitiously**
- 30. Which of the following terms suggests that a person steals because of a sickness?**
- a. piratical**
 - b. kleptomaniac**
 - c. intrepidity**
 - d. profusion**
- 31. Which of the following terms suggests that pieces of evidence have been thrown together in order to reach a conclusion?**
- a. conjecture**
 - b. supposition**
 - c. indolent**
 - d. surfeit**

32. Which of the following terms suggests that a reaction is motivated by revenge?

- a. equivocal**
- b. reprisal**
- c. reciprocation**
- d. serendipity**

33. Which of the following terms suggests that a group is a brotherhood or a sisterhood?

- a. coterie**
- b. confederacy**
- c. sodality**
- d. fortuitous**

34. Which of the following terms suggests that a wise saying verifies personal sentiments?

- a. proverb**
- b. aphorism**
- c. maxim**
- d. adage**

35. Which of the following terms suggests that praise is being offered in a public format?

- a. accommodation**
- b. panegyric**
- c. somnolence**
- d. indecorous**

36. Which of the following terms suggests that a reduction process is being done gradually?

- a. wane**
- b. ebb**
- c. descend**
- d. abate**

37. Which of the following terms suggests that one is faithful to a benevolent overlord?

- a. fidelity**
- b. persiflage**
- c. fealty**
- d. devotion**

38. Which of the following terms suggests that a statement is being made solemnly but not under oath?

- a. vow**
- b. affirm**
- c. contrive**
- d. scarification**

39. Which of the following terms suggests that an agent is being employed to block a violent action?

- a. obtund**
- b. avert**
- c. limn**
- d. obscure**

- 40. Which of the following terms suggests that something is being taken and set aside for security purposes?**
- a. appropriated**
 - b. sequestered**
 - c. confiscated**
 - d. exonerated**
- 41. Which of the following terms suggests that a trick is the product of military leadership?**
- a. chicanery**
 - b. subterfuge**
 - c. encomium**
 - d. stratagem**
- 42. Which of the following terms suggests that a request is in the form of a prayer?**
- a. supplication**
 - b. entreat**
 - c. interrogate**
 - d. deliberate**
- 43. Which of the following terms suggests that someone's opinion is being blocked?**
- a. occlusion**
 - b. obtrusion**
 - c. defunct**
 - d. eviscerate**

44. Which of the following terms suggests that someone's gut is being removed?

- a. extirpate**
- b. eliminate**
- c. eviscerate**
- d. scarification**

45. Which of the following terms suggests that something no longer functions as it once did?

- a. extinct**
- b. torrefaction**
- c. defunct**
- d. absolve**

46. Which of the following terms suggests that one is acting without considering mercy?

- a. paroxysm**
- b. inclement**
- c. aboriginal**
- d. philanthropic**

47. Which of the following terms suggests that one has a general love for all of mankind?

- a. beneficent**
- b. philanthropic**
- c. vehement**
- d. cupidity**

48. Which of the following terms suggests that a condition of constant poverty exists?

- a. impecunious**
- b. avaricious**
- c. emancipate**
- d. incondite**

49. Which of the following terms suggests that something is being set aside for spiritual service?

- a. piety**
- b. consecrate**
- c. hallow**
- d. quintessence**

50. Which of the following terms suggests that something is being done before it is ready to be done?

- a. improvise**
- b. impromptu**
- c. scathe**
- d. muster**

ANSWER KEY

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POST TEST KEY

1. VENERABLE
2. CUNNING
3. APEX
4. CATAclysm
5. HEURISTIC

6. ALEATORY
7. ERADICATE

