

Vocabulary Unit 3 - English 12

1. **Articulate:** (v.) to pronounce distinctly; to express well in words; to connect by a joint or joints; (adj.) expressed clearly and forcefully; able to employ language clearly and forcefully; jointed

Synonyms:

2. **Cavort:** (v.) to romp or prance around exuberantly; to make merry

Synonyms:

3. **Credence:** (n.) belief, mental acceptance, credit

Synonyms:

4. **Decry:** (v.) to condemn, express strong disapproval; to officially depreciate

Synonyms:

5. **Distraught:** (adj.) very much agitated or upset as a result of emotion or mental conflict

Synonyms:

6. **Evince:** (v.) to display clearly, to make evident, to provoke a particular emotion

Synonyms:

7. **Fleckless:** (adj.) lacking in spirit and strength; ineffective, weak; irresponsible, unreliable

Synonyms:

8. **Nefarious:** (adj.) wicked, depraved, devoid of moral standards

Synonyms:

9. **Utopian:** (adj.) founded upon or involving a visionary view of an ideal world; impractical

Synonyms:

10. **Verbiage:** (n.) language that is too wordy or inflated in proportion to the sense or content, wordiness; a manner of expression

Synonyms:

11. **Verdant:** (adj.) green in tint or color; immature in experience or judgment

Synonyms:

12. **Viscous:** (adj.) having a gelatinous or gluey quality, lacking in easy movement or fluidity

Synonyms:

Completing the Sentence

1. The assembly speaker couldn't be understood because he mumbled his words instead of _____ them clearly.
2. For as far as the eye could see, _____ fields of unripe corn swayed gently in the morning breeze.
3. An educated citizenry will not give _____ to wild charges of extremists seeking to undermine our political and economic system.
4. Sadly, the _____ schemes of high-minded idealists usually flounder on the rocks of practical realities.
5. Though diesel fuels are not as thick as motor oil, they are a good deal more _____ than regular gasoline.
6. When Bill was told that he had made the varsity wrestling team, he began to _____ around the gym like a young colt.
7. The crowd did not _____ any signs of panic but moved in an orderly fashion to the nearest exits.
8. The new chairman _____ what she called the "deplorable tendency of so many Americans to try to get something for nothing."
9. The book has an interesting plot, but the author has practically smothered it in endless (**verbiage, credence**).
10. The United States is cooperating with the other nations of the world in an effort to check the (**feckless, nefarious**) trade in narcotics.
11. (**Decried, Distraught**) with grief, they sat motionless for hours, staring blankly into space.
12. When life was easy he was all dash and confidence, but in times of trouble his essentially (**nefarious, feckless**) character came to the fore.

Write your own: Choose 10 of the 12 words and write an original sentence (of at least 10 words in length) for each. Create a drawing for each word as well for full credit.