Unit 9 Vocabulary
February 8-12

1. abound (ə bau̇nd′) (v.) to be plentiful, be filled
   Lush fruit trees ______ abound _______ in the orchards of central California.
   SYNONYMS: burst with, overflow with, teem with
   ANTONYMS: lack, want

2. braggart (brag′ art) (n.) a boaster; (adj.) boastful in a loud, annoying way
   There seems to be a ______ braggart _______ in every family, who boasts about his or her achievements and worth.
   Greek mythology is filled with ______ braggart _______ gods and heroes who take great pride in their deeds and skills.
   SYNONYMS: (n.) bigmouth, blowhard

3. cache (kash) (n.) a hiding place; something hidden or stored
   We found a ______ cache _______ of canned food hidden under the stairs in the cellar.
   SYNONYMS: stockpile, hoard, store

4. clarification (klar ə fa ká′ shon) (n.) the act of making clear or understandable, an explanation
   Reporters asked for a ______ clarification _______ of the politician's statement so that they could accurately report her position.
   SYNONYM: elucidation

5. despondent (di spän′ dant) (adj.) sad, without hope, discouraged
   The doctor was ______ despondent _______ over the loss of his patient and dear friend.
   SYNONYMS: dejected, depressed, forlorn
   ANTONYMS: jubilant, elated

6. embezzle (em bez′ al) (v.) to steal property entrusted to one's care
   The senator's aide lost his job when he was caught trying to ______ embezzle _______ campaign funds.
   SYNONYMS: swindle, defraud

7. heartrending (hārt′ ren diŋ) (adj.) causing mental pain or grief
   The survivor told a ______ heartrending _______ story about the shipwreck and the days she spent alone on the island.
   SYNONYMS: moving, sad, heartrending, poignant
   ANTONYMS: amusing, funny, hilarious
8. leisurely
(lē'-zhar'lē)
(adj.) unhurried, taking plenty of time; (adv.) in an easygoing or unhurried way
   My parents enjoy taking a leisurely stroll through the park on a Sunday afternoon.
   We ate leisurely and spent hours talking about old times.
SYNONYMS: (adj.) slow, relaxed
ANTONYMS: (adj.) hasty, hurried, rushed, hectic

9. lethargic
(lē' thär' jik)
(adj.) unnaturally sleepy; dull, slow moving; indifferent
   The twins often become lethargic after eating a large meal at their grandmother's house.
SYNONYMS: lazy, sluggish, listless
ANTONYMS: wide-awake, alert, energetic, dynamic

10. malady
(mal' ad' ē)
(n.) a sickness, illness, disease, disorder
   Rheumatic fever, usually a childhood malady, can cause permanent damage to the heart.
SYNONYMS: ailment, affliction
ANTONYMS: health, well-being

11. mellow
(mel' ó)
(adj.) ripe, well-matured; soft, sweet, and rich; gentle, pleasant;
   (v.) to become gentle and sweet
   Hawaii is known for its mellow fruit, all of which is ripe and juicy.
   Mom continued to hope that her upstart brother would mellow with age and experience.
SYNONYMS: (adj.) dulce, creamy
ANTONYMS: (adj.) unripe, green, harsh, grating, strident

12. nomadic
(nō ma' dik)
(adj.) wandering, moving about from place to place
   Many groups in the desert live a nomadic life, traveling from place to place in search of water and grazing land.
SYNONYMS: roaming, vagrant, migratory, itinerant
ANTONYMS: stationary, settled, rooted, fixed

13. piecemeal
(pēs’ mēl)
(adj.) one piece at a time; (adv.) gradually
   The committee's piecemeal approach to the problem was taking more time and money than the school board could afford.
   Patchwork quilts are sewn piecemeal.
SYNONYM: (adv.) bit by bit
ANTONYM: (adv.) all at once
Choosing the Right Word

1. (Nomadic, Despondent) groups of horse breeders still wander the plains of Central Asia in search of pasturage for their herds.
2. As soon as I opened the book, I realized that I had stumbled on a rich (cache, braggart) of useful information for my report.
3. In the (heartrending, lethargic) conclusion of the film, the hero dies in the arms of his beloved friend.
4. Although she appeared calm and composed, her mind was in (turmoil, status).
5. As I was in no hurry to get where I was going, I decided to set a rather (random, leisurely) pace for myself.
6. The eternal (quest, seclusion) for youth and beauty explains the huge sales of cosmetics, to men as well as to women.
7. There is a great difference between being quietly confident of your own ability and being an obnoxious (nomad, braggart)
8. Our present policy appears to be so contradictory that I believe some (clarification, turmoil) of it is in order.
9. Over the years, I have learned one thing about rumors: Where the facts are few, fictions (abound, clarify)
10. My experience on my summer job has (reinforced, abounded) many of the lessons I learned in the classroom.
11. Only the fact that they cannot see the seriousness of the emergency can explain their (lethargic, nomadic) response to our appeal for help.
12. Why would a world-famous writer choose to live in the (quest, seclusion) of a country village far from the "madding crowd"?
13. At the time of our very public argument, I was angry, but over the years my emotions have (mellowed, reinforced).
14. I believe that education, understanding, and experience provide the only cure for the (malady, status) of prejudice.
15. Many doctors believe that when sick people become (heartrending, despondent) over their health, it is more difficult for them to recover.
16. After receiving his paper marked with a big red D in his teacher's handwriting, the student sulked (despondently, leisurely) for hours.
17. For weeks, a gang of muggers wandered the streets aimlessly, choosing their victims at (random, piecemeal) from those who happened by.
18. The least useful thing you could do at this moment is to deliver a long, loud (rant, turmoil) against your opponents.
19. People say that Brianna is a (mellow, status) person, but I've seen her lose her temper too often to believe them.
20. Though he (rants, embezzles) and raves about the problems of the world, he has little to offer in the way of solutions to them.
21. They drove (piecemeal, leisurely) through the countryside, taking time to view hills, woods, and meadows full of blooming wildflowers.
22. The president went on the air to inform the general public of the present (malady, status) of the negotiations with the enemy.
23. Instead of such (mellow, piecemeal) efforts to prevent air pollution, we need a unified campaign that will be continued for as long as necessary.
24. People who waste the natural resources of this country are in a sense (embezzling, reinforcing) the wealth of future generations.
25. We repaired the house (randomly, piecemeal), doing one small task after another.
### Synonyms

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1. was among the last **roving** groups in Lapland
2. achieved a well-regarded **situation** among her peers
3. a loud **harangue** that persuaded no one
4. legal terms that will need **explication**
5. attempted to **make off with** money from the fund
6. made an **arbitrary** search for the lost keys
7. was caught up in the **chaos** left by the storm
8. is just another conceited **showoff**
9. rehearsed the play **little by little**
10. suffers from a serious **indisposition**

### Antonyms

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Completing the Sentence

1. Apparently, the man could pay off his staggering gambling debts only by ______________ funds from the company that employed him.

2. Though Ponce de Leon's __________ for the Fountain of Youth proved futile, he did explore Florida and claim it as territory for the Spanish.

3. In order to prevent the bridge from collapsing, it has been necessary to ______________ its girders and foundations.

4. The lake so ______________ with trout and pickerel that even a person with my limited skill in fishing can catch them easily.

5. Most detectives solve crimes in a(n) __________ fashion, as clues come to light, rather than all at once.

6. The __________ of the French Revolution and the Napoleonic Era was succeeded by 100 years of relative peace and quiet in Europe.

7. Every once in a while, I like to take time out from my busy schedule to have a ______________ dinner with old friends.

8. The park is always full of soapbox orators ______________ about the inequality of government or society.

9. Arthritis is a(n) __________ that attacks many millions of people, especially in middle and old age.

10. After putting up all week with the noise and confusion of life in the big city, I enjoy the __________ of my mountain retreat on weekends.

11. Though I am always full of energy in the morning, I start to become a little __________ as the day wears on.

12. The tenor's voice was rich and ______________ but the baritone's sounded somewhat harsh and unpleasant.

13. Instead of trying to decide which applicants were best suited for the job, he selected two at ______________.

14. It's natural for you to feel a little __________ over not getting the job don't let that prevent you from applying for other positions.

15. At first, when I couldn't make out what she wanted me to do, I asked her for some ______________ of her instructions.

16. Yesterday, I read a truly ______________ account of the plight of millions of people suffering from the effects of a severe famine.

17. When I first entered this country, I was classified as a "resident alien," but my __________ has changed since then.

18. The two brothers are both fine athletes, but one is quiet and modest, while the other is an awful ______________

19. Many homeless people now lead essentially ______________ existences on the streets of our major cities.

20. During warm months, foxes bury many animals they have killed, with the result that they have ______________ to tide them over the winter.

Vocabulary in Context
1. An aged and falling apple-tree leans far over to one side, its wound dressed with a bandage of straw and of clayey loam. Nearly all the apple trees are falling with age . . . . The skeletons of dead trees abound in this orchard. Crows fly through their branches, and at the end of it is a wood full of violets.

Trees that abound are
a. widespread  c. tall
b. rare  d. valuable

2. Once as he sat with his knees pressed together, and his eyes almost closed, in a despondent attitude, his daughter ventured to say to him, "Father, are you as angry with him as ever?"

Someone who is despondent feels
a. sleepy  c. humble
b. enthusiastic  d. hopeless

3. All heads were raised: the sensation was indescribable; there was a momentary hesitation in the audience, the voice had been so heartrending: the man who stood there appeared so calm that they did not understand at first. They asked themselves whether he had indeed uttered that cry; they could not believe that that tranquil man had been the one to give that terrible outcry.

A heartrending voice is one that
a. frightens others  c. stirs deep emotions
b. depresses others  d. makes no impression

4. She did not know what name to give to what she now felt. Is anyone the less ill because one does not know the name of one’s malady

Another word for malady is
a. feeling  c. weakness
b. disease  d. grief

5. A little beyond the barricade, it seemed to him that he could make out something white in front of him. He approached, it took on a form. It was two white horses . . . . who had been straying at random all day from street to street, and had finally halted there.

An event that happens at random is NOT
a. timely  c. accidental
b. enjoyable  d. planned