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**Week of 9/23/19 – 9/27/19**

**1. Banter** – (v.) to exchange playful remarks, tease; (n.) talk that is playful and teasing.

Examples: 1) There is nothing my friends and I enjoy more than to

(v.) **banter** good-naturedly for hours.

2) Casual (n.) **bantering** helps to pass the time during a

long journey.

**Synonyms:** (n.) joking, raillery

**Antonyms:** (n.) serious talk

**2. Bountiful** – (adj.) giving freely, generous; plentiful, given abundantly

Example: On Thanksgiving Day, people all over America celebrate the

(adj.) **bountiful** gifts of nature.

**Synonyms**: liberal, abundant, copious

**Antonyms:** scarce, scanty, in short supply

**3. Frugal** – (adj.) economical, avoiding waste and luxury; scanty, poor, meager

Example: At home, we usually prepare (adj.) **frugal** but nourishing and delicious

meals.

**Synonyms:** thrifty, skimpy

**Antonyms:** wasteful, improvident, lavish, extravagant

**4. Gingerly** – (adj., adv.) with extreme care or caution.

Examples: 1) Difficult and demanding customers should be handled in a (adj.)

**gingerly** and courteous manner.

2) Pedestrians made their way (adv.) **gingerly** along the slippery,

snow-covered streets.

**Synonyms:** (adv.) cautiously, warily, circumspectly

**Antonyms:** (adv.) firmly, confidently, aggressively

**5. Incognito** – (adj., adv.) in a disguised state, under an assumed name or identity; (n.) the state of being disguised; a person in disguise.

Examples: 1) Just before the battle of Agincourt, Shakespeare’s King Henry V

prowls through his camp (adv.) **incognito.**

2) In a way, makeup artists are practitioners of the fine art of (n)

**incognito.**

**Antonym**: (adj.) undisguised

**6. Legendary** – (adj.) described in well-known stories; existing in old stories (legends) rather than in real life.

Example: Ajax was one of the (adj.) **legendary** Greek heroes who fought

before the walls of Troy.

**Synonyms**: mythical, fabulous, famous, celebrated

**7. Minimize** – (v.) cripple, disable, injure, mar, disfigure, mutilate

Example: Whenever you are in a car, you should wear your seatbelt to (v.)

**minimize** the risk of injury in an accident.

**Synonyms**: belittle, downplay, underrate

**Antonyms**: magnify, enlarge, exaggerate

**8. Oblique** – (adj.) slanting or sloping; not straightforward or direct

Example: The boxer’s (adj.) **oblique** blow left his opponent unscathed.

**Synonyms**: diagonal, indirect

**Antonyms**: direct, straight to the point

**9. Venerate** – (v.) to regard with reverence, look up to with great respect

Example: In a number of religions, it is customary for people to (v.) **venerate**

saints and martyrs to the faith.

**Synonyms:** worship, revere, idolize

**Antonyms**: despise, detest, ridicule, deride

**10. Wanton** – (adj.) reckless, heartless, unjustifiable; loose in morals; (n.) a spoiled, pampered person; one with low morals

Examples: 1) The gas chambers at Auschwitz are a grim testimony to the

(adj.) **wanton** cruelty of the Nazis.

2) The main character in the popular mini-series was a charming

but heartless (n.) **wanton**.

**Synonyms:** (adj.) rash, malicious, spiteful, unprovoked

**Antonyms:** (adj.) justified, morally strict, responsible

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**Completing the Sentence**

Directions: From the words in this unit, choose the one that best complete each of the following sentences. Write the word in the space provided.

1. Instead of walking straight from the farmhouse to the road, we set off in a(n) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_oblique\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ direction across the field.

2. We should be willing to share our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ food supplies with less fortunate people in other parts of the world.

3. The vandals broke windows, overturned desks, and left the school a scene of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ destruction.

4. Although she tried to cover it up with lively \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, I could see that her feelings had been deeply hurt.

5. Since I was afraid of banging my bare feet against the furniture, I walked through the darkened room very \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

6. Although his income was small, his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ living habits enabled him to save a large sum of money over the years.

7. The film star traveled \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in order to avoid the attentions of her adoring fans.

8. As Americans, we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the great ideals of human freedom expressed in the Bill of Rights.

9. While I do not wish to alarm you, I will not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the danger if you refuse to have the children vaccinated.

10. Davy Crockett was a real person, but so many tall stories have been told about him that he has become a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ figure.

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**Synonyms & Antonyms**

**Synonyms**

Directions: Choose the word from the unit that is **THE SAME or MOST NEARLY THE SAME** in meaning as the **BOLDFACED** word in the sentence. Write the vocabulary word on the line provided.

1. the child prodigy’s **celebrated** talent \_\_\_\_\_\_legendary\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. **joked** with my teammates after the game \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3. **underrated** the importance of the discovery \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

4. **revere** the writings of Shakespeare \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

5. a need to remain **disguised** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

6. **malicious** damage to public property \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

7. an **indirect** reference to an embarrassing event \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

8. a **copious** praise for their work \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

9. walk **cautiously** across the wet floor \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

10. **thrifty** spenders save lots of money \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Antonyms**

Directions: Choose the word from the vocabulary unit that is **OPPOSITE or MOST NEARLY OPPOSITE** in meaning to the **BOLDFACED** word or expression in the given phrase. Write the vocabulary word on the line provided.

11. my dad and I had a **serious talk** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

12. the **uncelebrated** figure skater \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

13. stepped **confidently** into the mountain lake \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

14. my mistakes were **magnified** in the light \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

15. he is such a **responsible** employee \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

16. served the guests a **lavish** meal \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

17. take a **direct** route home \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

18. the **undisguised** criminal was caught \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

19. most people **detest** sardines \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

20. money is **in short supply** these days \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Vocabulary in Context**

Directions: Read the following passage, in which some vocabulary words appear in **boldfaced** type. Circle the letter of the item that is the same or almost the same in meaning as the **boldfaced** word.

**The Oldest Rookie**

In the 1930s and 1940s, the **legendary** Leroy “Satchel” Paige was one of the best pitchers in baseball. The astounding Alabama-born right-hander first gained national attention in the 1920s as one of the leading players in the Negro Leagues. Many factors contributed to Paige’s huge popularity with fans. He had a casual and humorous manner and often engaged in crowd-pleasing **banter**. He had an easy-to remember nickname, and his pitching style was unusual.

However, the primary reason for Paige’s fame was his **bountiful** athletic talent. Sportswriters recognized him as one of the finest pitchers in the history of the game. He had a blazing fastball, flawless control, and a **durable** arm that served him well for an amazing number of years. Joe DiMaggio said that Paige was “the best and fastest pitcher” he has ever faced.

In 1947, Jackie Robinson broke baseball’s color barrier. The following year, Satchel Paige took the mound for the Cleveland Indians, becoming the first African American pitcher in the American League. At age forty-two, he was also baseball’s oldest rookie.

Some critics tried to **minimize** the importance of Paige’s move to the American League. They accused Indians owner Bill Veeck of signing Paige for the publicity. Veeck replied that the right-hander was “the best available player” to help the team win the pennant.

In 1965, at the age of fifty-nine, Paige pitched for Kansas City, becoming the oldest player ever to take part in a major-league game. His last public appearance was for the Atlanta Braves in 1969. In 1971, Satchel Paige took his rightful place in baseball’s Hall of Fame. Fans and players alike **venerate** the memory of this great African American athlete.

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_ The meaning of **legendary** is 4. \_\_\_\_\_\_ The meaning of **durable** is
2. celebrated C. amateur A. fragile C. sturdy
3. cheerful D. unknown B. long D. muscular
4. \_\_\_\_\_\_ **Banter** most nearly means 5. \_\_\_\_\_\_ **Minimize** most nearly means
5. smiles C. arguments A. exaggerate C. legalize
6. joking D. skills B. belittle D. explain
7. \_\_\_\_\_\_ **Bountiful** is best defined as 6. \_\_\_\_\_\_ **Venerate** is best defined as
8. unusual C. scarce A. a look up to C. downplay
9. amazing D. abundant B. acknowledge D. discuss

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**Choosing the Right Word**

Directions: Circle the **boldfaced** word that more satisfactorily completes each of the following sentences.

1. We are grateful for the **(frugal, bountiful)** legacy that our great artists and composers have given us.
2. Why do you suppose someone whose face is known all over the world would want to travel **(obliquely, incognito)**?
3. I will try to **(minimize, banter)** the difficulties we face, but I am sure that we can overcome them by working together.
4. The **(legendary, wanton)** deeds of Sherlock Holmes are so well known that many people think he really lived.
5. We were shocked by their **(bountiful, wanton)** misuse of the money their parents had left them.
6. After living for so long on a **(frugal, durable)** diet, I was amazed when I saw the variety of rich dishes served at the banquet.
7. The mad Roman Emperor Caligula believed that he was a god and expected people to **(venerate, minimize)** him as such.
8. I didn’t want Charlotte to know that I was watching her, but occasionally I managed to steal a few **(oblique, legendary)** glances at her.
9. Instead of approaching him in that timid and **(frugal, gingerly)** manner, tell him frankly what is on your mind.
10. It was bad taste on your part to use that **(venerating, bantering)** tone when we were discussing such a sad event.