VOCABULARY – 2nd NINE WEEKS

1. antiquated (AN tuh kwat id) - obsolete, out of fashion, no longer usable

Synonyms - antique, archaic, obsolete, venerable; Antonym - modern

Sentence - We cannot afford to have antiquated military forces.

Derivatives - antiquate, antiquating, antiquation, antiquatedness

2. arable (AIR uh bul) - fit for plowing, tillable

Synonyms - tillable; Antonym - untillable

Sentence - If a farmer does not use good conservation measures, the land will not stay arable.

Derivatives - arability

3. ascendancy (uh SIN dun see) - domination; growing power

Synonyms - *none*; Antonym - decline

Sentence - The United States would not patiently submit to the ascendancy of Hitler.

Derivatives - ascendance, ascend, ascendant, ascension, ascending, ascended

4. atrophy (AT row fee) - to waste away, to wither

Synonyms - *none*; Antonym - to thrive; to grow

Sentence - His hunger strike caused his body to atrophy.

Derivatives - atrophied, atrophying, atrophic

5. clandestine (klan DES tin) - secret

Synonyms - covert, furtive, stealthy, surreptitious, underhanded; Antonym - open; obvious

Sentence - The C.I.A. is involved in clandestine activities.

Derivatives - clandestinely, clandestineness

6. conciliate (kun SIL ee ate) - to reconcile, to pacify, to renew a friendship

Synonyms - appease, mollify, placate, propitiate; Antonym - to estrange

Sentence - My husband tried to conciliate me with a gift of roses.

Derivatives - conciliated, conciliating, conciliator, conciliatoriness, conciliatorily

7. cursory (KUR suh ree) - superficial, casual, hastily done

Synonyms - *none*; Antonym - meticulous

Sentence - He gave only cursory consideration to my suggestion.

Derivatives - cursorily, cursoriness

8. derision ( deh REH zhun) - scoffing at, mockery, ridicule

Synonyms - *none*; Antonym - applause

Sentence - The boy received much derision for his plaid gym shorts.

Derivatives - derisive, derisiveness, derisively, derisory

9. enmity (EN muh tee) - absolute hatred

Synonyms - animosity, animus, antagonism, antipathy, hostility, rancor; Antonym - love; admiration

Sentence - I have a lot of enmity for people who provide illegal drugs to children.

Derivatives - enmities

10. extricate (EK struh kate) - to free, to disentangle

Synonyms - disembarrass, disencumber; Antonym - to snare

Sentence - He could not extricate himself from the trap.

Derivatives - extrication, extricated, extricable

11. forbearance (fore BARE uns) - patience, lenience

Synonyms - *none*; Antonym - impatience

Sentence - Because he is so young, we must have forbearance in dealing with him.

Derivatives - forbear, forbearant, forbearer, forbearing, forbearingly, forbearingness, forbore

12. frivolous (FRIV uh lus) - lacking in seriousness or importance

Synonyms - *none*; Antonym - serious; sober

Sentence - A teacher should limit frivolous behavior in the classroom.

Derivatives - frivolity, frivolousness, frivolously

13. garrulous (GAR yuh lus) - talkative, rambling

Synonyms - voluble ; Antonym - taciturn

Sentence - He was so garrulous that he repeated everything many times.

Derivatives - garrulously, garrulousness, garrulity

14. impetuous ( im PECH oo us) - violent, hasty, rash, impulsive

Synonyms - *none*; Antonym - reserved

Sentence - His impetuous behavior caused him to make many mistakes.

Derivatives - impetuosity, impetuously, impetuousness, impetus

15. industrious (in DUS tree us) - skillfully busy or occupied

Synonyms - assiduous, diligent, sedulous; Antonym - slothful, indolent

Sentence - The industrious student will use time wisely.

Derivatives - industriously, industriousness, industry

16. infamous (IN fuh mus) - having a reputation of the worst kind, vicious, notoriously bad

Synonyms - disreputable, ignominious; Antonym - illustrious

Sentence - The Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor was an infamous act.

Derivatives - infamously, infamy, infamies

17. insolence (IN suh luns) - insulting or contemptuous behavior

Synonyms - arrogance, haughtiness, high-handedness, impertinence; Antonym - *none*

Sentence - His insolence and lack of respect for his mother are shocking.

Derivatives - insolent, insolently, insolency, insolentness

18. levity (LEV eh tee) - excessive frivolity, flippancy

Synonyms - *none*; Antonym - seriousness

Sentence - It was inappropriate for him to insert some levity into the funeral service.

Derivatives - levitate, levitation, levitated, levitational, levitative, levitating

19. oblivion (uh BLIV ee un) - state of being forgotten

Synonyms - *none*; Antonym - remembrance

Sentence - Until the singer's recent hit, his career had fallen into a state of oblivion.

Derivatives - oblivious, obliviously

20. paradoxical (pair uh DOKS uh kul) - something that appears false or contradictory but is actually correct

Synonyms - *none*; Antonym - *none*

Sentence - It is paradoxical that a man from the South, Lyndon Johnson, led the fight for the passage of a civil rights bill.

Derivatives - paradoxicality, paradoxicalness, paradoxology, paradoxality

21. perjury (PUR juh ree) - false testimony under oath

Synonyms - *none*; Antonym - truthful testimony

Sentence - He was charged with perjury for lying to the grand jury.

Derivatives - perjure, perjured, perjuring, perjurer, perjurious, perjuriously, perjuriousness, perjurous

22. rancor (RANG kur) - bitter deep-seated ill will, enmity

Synonyms - animosity, animus, antagonism, antipathy, hostility; Antonym - affection; kindness

Sentence - I was full of rancor when I learned that the men had killed my parents.

Derivatives - rancored, rancorous, rancorously

23. sycophant (SIK uh funt) - a self-serving flatterer, a brownnoser

Synonyms - leech, sponge, toady; Antonym - *none*

Sentence - A wise ruler will not pay attention to the many sycophants who will try to gain his attention.

Derivatives - sycophancy, sycophantic, sycophantical, sychophantically, sychophantize, sychophantish, sychophantishly

24. vacillating (VAS uh lay ting) - changing, fluctuating

Synonyms – *none*; Antonym - static; stable; not easily changed

Sentence - I have vacillating opinions concerning my future career.

Derivatives - vacillate, vacillatingly, vacillation, vacillatory, vacillator

25. vivid (VIV id) - bright, distinct, and clear

Synonyms - graphic; Antonym - lackluster

Sentence - I have vivid memories of my trip to Europe.

Derivatives - vividly, vividness, vividity, vivific, vivificate, vivification, vivifier, vivify