

Vocabulary 8_Fall

Student Name: _____

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1. Critics are calling the new comedy the most **hilarious** movie of the year. "It's a laugh riot!" they say. **hilarious** means:
A. long B. serious C. funny
2. Zach was **elated** with his birthday present. He danced all around the room. **elated** means:
A. jealous B. excited C. restless
3. Fire fighters have to be ready for an emergency **at the drop of a hat**. Just a few minutes can mean the difference between life and death. **at the drop of a hat** means:
A. dangerously B. confidently C. immediately
4. The mean gym teacher picks on the school bully in front of all the other kids. All the kids laugh. The bully gets a **taste of his own medicine**. **taste of his own medicine** means:
A. laughter is the best medicine B. feeling ill and needing medicine C. when your bad behavior is returned
5. Miguel turned in the first **draft** of his paper. It was rough, but had the general body of the text there. Here **draft** means:
A. early version B. top choice C. cool breeze
6. Sandy sometimes did not use good handwriting. Her teacher made her copy the spelling list **in duplicate** to get extra practice. Here **in duplicate** means:
A. photocopy a paper B. practice spelling words C. do something twice
7. The bananas were **certified** organic, according to their sticker label. **certified** means:
A. guaranteed B. produced C. healthy
8. Just like water on a fire, Adam's hopes for the touchdown were **extinguished** when he missed the pass. **extinguished** means:
A. erased B. scored C. soaked
9. Levi hands the cashier a twenty-dollar bill. She holds it up to the light to determine if it is real or **counterfeit**. **counterfeit** means:
A. ancient B. fake C. original
10. Callie wrote the **lyrics** to a new song, while her friend wrote the music. **lyrics** means:
A. notes B. volume C. words

11. Calum **grimaced** at the thought of having to go to the dentist. Last time he went he had to get a tooth pulled. **grimaced** means:
A. laughed B. frowned C. refused
12. Kylie's mother loses her job and cannot pay the rent. As a result, they move to a homeless shelter. Her mother tells Kylie that, "**drastic times call for drastic measures.**" This means they must:
A. forget about the past B. do whatever it takes C. work very hard
13. Whitney didn't understand what her friends were talking about. "I'm always **left in the dark** when I'm with you all," she said. **left in the dark** means:
A. uninformed B. unsophisticated C. misunderstood
14. The jury **acquitted** Mary on the vandalism charges. She was free to go. Here **acquitted** means:
A. proceeded B. released C. conducted
15. The ice climber had to brace herself so that she didn't fall into the **chasm**. **chasm** means:
A. ocean B. summit C. ravine
16. Susan and her dad drive across the state to visit family. They get a flat tire, get stuck in a traffic jam, and lose their way. When they finally arrive, Susan says, "Thank goodness that **ordeal** is over!" An **ordeal** is an _____ time.
A. frightening B. entertaining C. unpleasant
17. The girls decided to build a kite out of wire and plastic, since wire hangers and plastic bags are **a dime a dozen**. Here **a dime a dozen** means:
A. a dime buys 12 items B. cheap and easy to get C. a dozen dimes buys one
18. When Pedro runs for student council president, he stands outside the school's main doors passing out **leaflets** to all the students with his name and picture on them. "Vote for Pedro!" they read. **leaflets** are:
A. framed photographs B. parts of a green trees C. papers with messages
19. The criminal's jail sentence is over. He asks his family for forgiveness. He wants to **atone** for his wrong doings. Here **atone** means:
A. blame the jail B. excuse others C. make up for
20. The life jacket had excellent **buoyancy**. Craig knew he would be safe if he fell in the water. **buoyancy** means to:
A. swim B. propel C. float