

Name _____ Class _____

English 11-A*
Vocabulary Unit 1

abash (uh BASH)	cacophony (kuh KOF uh nee)
abate (uh BATE)	cadence (KADE uns)
abdicate (AB duh KATE)	cajole (kuh JOHL)
aberration (AB uh RAY shun)	callow (KAL oh)
abhor (ab HAWR)	candor (KAN dur)
banal (BANE ul)	daunt (dawnt)
bane (bane)	dearth (durth)
bastion (BAS chun)	debacle (di BAC kul)
beget (be GET)	debauchery (di BAW chuh ree)
belabor (be LAY bur)	debilitate (di BIL a TATE)

n.	Something not typical; a deviation from the standard	
n.	harsh-sounding mixture of words, voice, or sounds	
n.	wild living; excessive temperance	
v.	to make ashamed; to embarrass	
n.	rhythm; the rise and fall of sounds	
v.	to make fearful; to intimidate	
adj.	immature	
adj.	unoriginal; ordinary	
v.	to go over repeatedly or to an absurd extent	
n.	lack; scarcity	
n.	poison; torment; cause of harm	
v.	to subside; to reduce	
n.	Stronghold; fortress; fortified place	
n.	truthfulness; sincere honesty	
v.	to step down from a position of power or responsibility	
v.	to give birth; to create; to lead to; to cause	
n.	violent breakdown; sudden overthrow	
v.	to weaken; to cripple	
v.	to hate very much; to detest	
v.	to persuade someone to do something he or she does not want to do	

1. My best friend exhibited _____ when he told me that, for many years now, he has believed me to be a jerk.
2. The football player's career was ended by a(n) _____ injury to his knee.
3. Meredith felt _____ by her inability to remember her lines in the school chorus.
4. I _____ raw chicken livers.
5. The robbers terrorized the village for several weeks, and then escaped to their _____ high in the treacherous mountains.
6. For more than an hour, the boring speaker _____ his point about the challenge of foreign competition.
7. A high school orchestra that had never rehearsed together might very well produce a(n) _____.
8. _____ can be expensive; fortunately for William, his wallet matched his appetite for extravagant pleasures. He died a poor, albeit happy, man.
9. Tom's bad behavior was a(n) _____.
10. The size of the players on the visiting team was _____. The players on the home team began to perspire nervously.
11. Bad weather _____ when good weather begins to return.
12. A political debate would become a(n) _____ if the candidates began screaming and throwing dinner rolls at each other.
13. We wished the tone of Irwin's words would have a more pleasing _____, but he spoke in a dull monotone.
14. The dinner conversation was so _____ that Amanda fell asleep in her dessert dish.
15. There is no _____ of comedy at a convention of clowns.
16. Some people can _____ their duties and responsibilities at work by pretending to be sick.
17. To say that someone is the _____ of our existence is to say that that person poisons our enjoyment of life.
18. To be _____ is to be youthfully naïve, inexperienced, and unsophisticated.
19. Those who lie should be creative and have good memories, since one lie often _____ another lie.
20. I didn't want to give the speech, but Joel _____ me into doing it by telling me what a good speaker I am.