

Name _____ Class _____

English 11-A*

Vocabulary Unit 2

ebullient (ee BULL yent)

eccentric (ick SIN trick)

eclectic (ee KLECK tic)

edify (ED dif fye)

efface (ee FACE)

fabrication (fab brick KAY shun)

facetious (fa SEE shus)

facile (FAS sil)

faction (FAK shun)

farfical (FAR sick kul)

garrulous (GARE u less)

genre (zjan ruh)

genteel (gin TEEL)

gesticulate (jes TICK yoo late)

glut (glut)

hackneyed (hack NEED)

hapless (HAP less)

harbinger (HAR bin jer)

hedonism (HE don is um)

hegemony (HEDGE uh moan ee)

	to enlighten; to instruct, especially in moral or religious matters	
	to make gestures, especially when speaking	
	to erase; to rub away the features of	
	unlucky	
	not conventional; a little kooky; irregular	
	overused; trite; stale	
	fluent; skillful in a superficial way	
	absurd; ludicrous	
	talkative; chatty	
	choosing the best from many sources; drawn from many sources	
	Humorous; not serious; clumsily humorous	
	boiling; bubbling with excitement; exuberant	
	refined; polite; aristocratic; affecting	
	a lie; something made up	
	a forerunner; a signal of something else	
	a group, usually a small part of a larger group, united around some cause	
	a surplus; an overabundance	
	a type or category, especially of art or writing	
	the pursuit of pleasure as a way of life	
	leadership, especially of one nation over another	

1. Alex led a(n) _____ existence that made all of his friends' lives seem fortunate by comparison.
2. Harry _____ wildly on the other side of the theater in an attempt to get our attention.
3. Gillette is gregarious and _____; he loves to hang out with his gang and gab.
4. To say that a writer's style is _____ is to say that it is skillful, yet it could be better if the writer exerted himself more.
5. The serious play quickly turned _____ when the leading man's belt broke and his pants fell to his ankles.
6. The roaring crowd in a full stadium before the World Series might be said to be _____ in celebrating the big game.
7. The teacher's goal was to _____ her students, not to force a handful of facts down their throats.
8. Warm weather is usually the _____ of spring.
9. America's nuclear _____ has been challenged and perhaps usurped by the development of nuclear weapons in other countries.
10. Fred's political views are _____. He believes that we should have kings instead of presidents and that the government should raise money by holding bake sales.
11. The vandals _____ the delicate carving by rubbing it with sandpaper.
12. My story about being the Prince of Wales was a(n) _____.
13. The novel is one _____. Poetry is another.
14. The international oil shortage turned into an international _____ with surprising speed.
15. "As cold as ice" is a(n) _____ expression.
16. A _____ practices _____ twenty-four hours a day. (two forms of the same word)
17. David was sent to the principal's office for making a(n) _____ remark about the intelligence of the French teacher. She didn't find it funny at all.
18. The faculty was relatively happy, but there was a(n) _____ that called for radical changes to every policy.
19. The _____ menu offered foods from many different countries.
20. The ladies at the ball were too _____ to accept our invitation to the wrestling match.