

English 11-A*

Vocabulary Unit 6

vacillate (VAS uh LATE)
 vapid (VAP id)
 vehement (VEE uh munt)
 venal (VEEN ul)
 venerate (VEN uh RATE)

wanton (WON tun)
 willful (WIL ful)
 wistful (WIST ful)
 zealous (ZEL us)
 abject (AB ject)

abnegate (AB nuh GATE)
 abortive (uh BAWR tiv)
 abridge (uh BRIJ)
 absolute (AB suh LOOT)
 beleaguer (be LEE gur)

belie (be LIE)
 belittle (bi LIT ul)
 capitalism (KAP I tuh LIZ um)
 capitulate (kuh PICH uh LATE)
 capricious (kuh PREE shus)

	To surrender; to give up or give in	
	Enthusiastically devoted to something; fervent	
	Malicious; unjustifiable; unprovoked; egregious	
	To revere; to treat as something holy	
	To surround; to besiege; to harass	
	Hopeless; extremely sad and servile; defeated	
	To make to seem little; to put someone down	
	Unpredictable; likely to change at any moment	
	Yearning; sadly longing	
	Unsuccessful	
	To give a false impression of; to contradict	
	To be indecisive; to waver	
	Deliberate; obstinate; insistent on having one's own way	
	To shorten; to condense	
	Intense; forceful; violent	
	To deny oneself things; to reject; to renounce	
	Free enterprise; an economic system	
	Capable of being bribed; willing to do anything for money; corrupt	
	Total; unlimited; perfect	
	Without liveliness; dull; spiritless	

1. The chairman's _____ comments made everyone feel small.
2. Death, for living things, is a(n) _____.

3. I urged him and urged him to take off his cap; when I threatened to call his parents, he _____.
4. We invited James to spend Thanksgiving with us, but he _____ for so long about whether he would be able to come that we finally became annoyed and disinvited him.
5. A person who is worthy of being _____ is said to be _____. (Use two forms of the same word.)
6. The dictator's followers were so _____ that if he had asked them all to jump off a cliff, most of them would have done so.
7. I felt _____ when I saw Herb's fancy new car. I wished that I had enough money to buy one for myself.
8. Terrorists commit _____ acts on a helpless populace to make their point.
9. The American economy is _____. If you wanted to start a company to sell signed photos of yourself, you could.
10. The mother insisted that the crime committed by her son had not been _____, but the jury apparently believed that he had known what he was doing.
11. Sam _____ desserts for one month after getting on the scale.
12. A(n) _____ is a condensed work. A(n) _____ dictionary is one that has been shortened to keep it from crushing desks and people's laps.
13. Mary and Elizabeth made a(n) _____ effort to bake a birthday cake; that is, their effort did not result in a birthday cake.
14. Melvin's smile _____ the grief he was feeling; despite his happy expression he was terribly sad inside.
15. The novelist's prose was so _____ that Mary couldn't get beyond the first page.
16. The _____ judge reversed his favorable ruling when the defendant refused to make good on his promised bribe.
17. No one could leave the _____ city; the attacking army had closed off all the exits.
18. Shaking his fist and stomping his foot, Gerry was _____ in his denial.
19. The weather is often said to be _____. One minute it's snowing, the next minute it's 120 degrees in the shade.
20. The _____ player sat on the bench feeling crushed and lost.