

Name _____ Class _____

English 11-A*

Vocabulary Unit 7

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| absolve (ab ZOHLV) | caricature (KAR uh kuh chur) |
| abstinent (AB stuh nunt) | castigate (KAS tuh GATE) |
| abstruse (ab STROOS) | catalyst (KAT uh list) |
| abysmal (uh BIZ mul) | categorical (KAT uh GAWR I kul) |
| accolade (AK uh LADE) | catharsis (kuh THAR sis) |
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| belligerent (buh LIJ u runt) | dogmatic (dawg MAT ik) |
| bemused (bi MYOOZD) | domestic (duh MES tik) |
| benefactor (BEN uh FAK tur) | dormant (DAWR munt) |
| benevolent (buh nev uh lunt) | dubious (DOO be us) |
| benign (bi NYNE) | duplicity (doo PLIS i tee) |

	The act of being two-faced; deception	
	A portrait or description that is purposely distorted or exaggerated	
	Full of doubt; uncertain	
	One who provides help, especially in the form of a gift or donation	
	Voluntarily not doing something, especially something pleasant that is bad for you	
	Hard to understand	
	In chemistry, something that changes the rate of a chemical reaction without itself being changed; anyone or anything that makes something happen without being directly involved in it	
	Combative; quarrelsome	
	Gentle; not harmful; kind; mild	
	Generous; kind; doing good deeds	
	An award; an honor	
	Confused; bewildered	
	Purification that brings emotional relief or renewal	
	To criticize severely; to chastise	
	Extremely hopeless or wretched; bottomless	
	Unconditional; absolute	
	To forgive or free from blame; to free from sin	
	Inactive; as though asleep; asleep	
	Having to do with the household or family; not foreign	
	Arrogantly assertive of unproven ideas; stubbornly claiming that something is beyond dispute	

1. Beulah used to be an overeater, but now she's _____. From time to time she misses the food, but she knows she made the healthy choice.
2. If your next-door neighbor rewrites his life insurance policy so that you will receive all of his millions when he dies, he becomes your _____.
3. To someone with psychological problems, talking to a psychologist can lead to a(n) _____.
4. Jim's mother-in-law _____ him for forgetting to pick her up at the airport.
5. The two stood _____ in the middle of the parking lot at Disneyland, trying to remember where they had parked their car.
6. Betty has a(n) _____ personality; she is not at all unpleasant to be with.
7. The volcano erupted violently and then fell _____ for several hundred years.
8. We were _____ about the team's chance of success, and they lost the game.
9. Tom's admission of guilt _____ Shawn, who had originally been accused of stealing cookies from the cookie jar.
10. The first break-dancing troupe to perform in Carnegie Hall, the Teflon Toughs, received the _____ of the critics as well as those of the fans.
11. I _____ refuse to do anything whatsoever at any time, in any place, with anyone.
12. A(n) _____ uses exaggeration to bring out the hidden character of its subject.
13. Al was so _____ that the convention had the feel of a boxing match.
14. Nuclear physics is a subject that is too _____ for most people.
15. California's debt crisis is _____; there seemed to be no possible solution to it.
16. Filling our shoeboxes and bringing canned food is a(n) _____ act.
17. The tragic hijacking provided the _____ for Congress's new antiterrorist legislation.
18. A home that enjoys _____ tranquility is a happy home.
19. Liars engage in _____ all the time; they say one thing and do another.
20. Marty is _____ on the subject of the creation of the world; he sneers at anyone whose views are not identical to his.