

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

English 11-A\*

Vocabulary Unit 8

effusion (eh FYOO zhun)	egalitarian (EE GAL IT TAIR ee un)
egocentric (EE goh SEN trick)	egregious (EE gree jus)
elicit (EE LIS it)	fastidious (fa STID ee us)
fatalist (FATE uh list)	fatuous (FACH oo us)
fauna (FAW nuh)	fecund (EE kund)
grandiloquent (gran DIL uh kwunt)	grandiose (GRAN dee ohs)
gratuitous (gruh TOO it us)	gravity (GRAV it tee)
gregarious (gri GAIR ee us)	heresy (HAIR ehs see)
hermetic (hur MET ik)	heyday (HAY DAY)
hiatus (hye AY tus)	hierarchy (HYE uh RAHR kee)

	An organization based on rank or degree; pecking order	
	Any belief that is strongly opposed to established beliefs	
	Absurdly exaggerated	
	Sociable; enjoying the company of others	
	Fertile; productive	
	Meticulous; demanding; finicky	
	A pouring forth	
	Extremely bad; flagrant	
	Foolish; silly; idiotic	
	Seriousness	
	Impervious to external influence; airtight	
	Selfish; believing that one is the center of everything	
	Believing in the social an economic equality of all people	
	To bring out; to call forth	
	Someone who believes that future events are already determined and that humans are powerless to change them	
	Animals	
	Given freely; unjustified; unprovoked; uncalled for	
	Golden age; prime	
	A break or interruption, often from work	
	Pompous; using a lot of big, fancy words in an attempt to sound impressive	

1. When the child was rescued from the well, there was an intense \_\_\_\_\_ of emotion from the crowd that had gathered around the hole.

2. Lou was so \_\_\_\_\_ that he could never give anyone else credit for doing anything.
3. Mrs. Brown was a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ housekeeper; she cleaned up our crumbs almost before they hit the floor.
4. We saw little evidence of \_\_\_\_\_ on our walk through the woods. We did, however, see plenty of flora, or plants.
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ rabbit gave birth to hundreds and hundreds of little rabbits.
6. The president's speech was \_\_\_\_\_ rather than eloquent; he really had nothing to say.
7. Their attack against us was \_\_\_\_\_; we had never done anything to offend them.
8. Galileo was tried for the \_\_\_\_\_ of suggesting that the sun did not revolve around the earth.
9. George was very low in the State Department \_\_\_\_\_. In fact, his phone number was not even listed there.
10. People often lost interest in \_\_\_\_\_ measures when such measures interfere with their own interests.
11. The interviewer skillfully \_\_\_\_\_ our true feelings by asking us questions that got to the heart of the matter.
12. The old man was a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ about his illness, believing that there was no sense in worrying about something over which he had no control.
13. Pauline is so pretty that her suitors are often driven to \_\_\_\_\_ acts of devotion.
14. The poisonous substance was sealed \_\_\_\_\_ inside a glass cylinder.
15. In his \_\_\_\_\_, Vernon was a world-class athlete.
16. The scientist's \_\_\_\_\_ plan was to build a huge shopping center on the surface of the moon.
17. Steve's manners were \_\_\_\_\_; he ate his mashed potatoes with his fingers and slurped the peas right off of his plate.
18. Spencer looked forward to spring break as a welcome \_\_\_\_\_ from the rigors of campus parties.
19. The anchorman's nervous giggling was entirely inappropriate, given the \_\_\_\_\_ of the situation.
20. Dirk was too \_\_\_\_\_ to enjoy the fifty years he spent in solitary confinement.