

## Emergency Closure- English III

### Home Instruction Packet for English III

Mrs. Mooney

In this packet you will find all of the materials and assessments you need to complete assignments over the course of our school closure. All work should be emailed back to me completed thoroughly no later than 12:00 PM on the day the work was assigned. For those of you without any internet access, I will collect this work upon our return to school. All work will be graded and counted towards your marking period grade. For those of you who do have internet access at home, the assignments will be posted on the school web site.

Here is the schedule of due dates for each assignment:

Lesson 1 will be due on Monday by midnight the week it is assigned.

Lesson 2 will be due on Wednesday by midnight the week it is assigned.

Lesson 3 will be due on Friday by midnight the week it is assigned.

I am available to support you during the hours 7:50am-2:50 pm to answer any of your questions. I will be responding to your emails within the hour.

You contact me at [KMooney@rpsd.org](mailto:KMooney@rpsd.org)

Week 4

Lesson 1

Complete Unit 5A vocabulary (only the numbers which are circled): Choosing the right word, synonyms, antonyms

Lesson 2

Finish Unit 5A vocabulary (only the numbers which are circled): Completing the Sentence, Vocab in Context

Lesson 3- Put vocabulary words 5A into sentences with either semicolons or colons (You may mix and match).

## Definitions

Note the spelling, pronunciation, part(s) of speech, and definition(s) of each of the following words. Then write the word in the blank spaces in the illustrative sentence(s) following. Finally, study the lists of synonyms and antonyms.

**1. amnesty**  
*(am' nă stē)*

(n.) a general pardon for an offense against a government; in general, any act of forgiveness or absolution

Many political prisoners were freed under the \_\_\_\_\_ granted by the new regime.

SYNONYM: reprieve

**2. autonomy**  
*(ô tän' ə mē)*

(n.) self-government, political control

After the colonies gained \_\_\_\_\_ from England, many Americans still clung to English traditions.

SYNONYM: home rule; ANTONYMS: dependence, subjection

**3. axiomatic**  
*(äk sē' ə mat' ik)*

(adj.) self-evident, expressing a universally accepted principle

One should not accept the idea that the camera never lies as an \_\_\_\_\_ truth.

SYNONYM: taken for granted; ANTONYMS: questionable, dubious

**4. blazon**  
*(blāz' ən)*

(v.) to adorn or embellish; to display conspicuously; to publish or proclaim widely

They will \_\_\_\_\_ the results of the election across the Internet and every television set in the land.

SYNONYMS: broadcast, trumpet; ANTONYMS: hide, conceal, bury

**5. caveat**  
*(kav' ē at)*

(n.) a warning or caution to prevent misunderstanding or discourage behavior

The well-known Latin phrase "\_\_\_\_\_ empor" means, "Let the buyer beware."

SYNONYMS: admonition, word to the wise

**6. equitable**  
*(ek' wē tə bəl)*

(adj.) fair, just, embodying principles of justice

He did more work, so a sixty-forty split of the profits seemed an \_\_\_\_\_ arrangement.

SYNONYMS: right, reasonable, evenhanded

ANTONYMS: unjust, unfair, one-sided, disproportionate

**7. extricate**  
*(ek' strā kāt)*

(v.) to free from entanglements or difficulties; to remove with effort

The ring must have slid off my finger as I was trying to \_\_\_\_\_ the fish from the net.

SYNONYMS: disentangle, extract; ANTONYMS: enmesh, entangle

**8. filch**  
*(fīch)*

(v.) to steal, especially in a sneaky way and in petty amounts

If you \_\_\_\_\_ pennies from the cash drawer, you will be tempted to steal larger amounts one day.

SYNONYMS: pilfer, purloin, swipe

**9. flout**  
*(flōōt)*

(v.) to mock, treat with contempt

She chose to ignore my advice, not because she wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ my beliefs, but because she had strong opinions of her own.

SYNONYMS: sneer at, snicker at, scorn; ANTONYMS: obey, honor

**10. fractious**  
*(frak' shəs)*

(adj.) tending to be troublesome; unruly, quarrelsome, contrary; unpredictable

It seems as if even the smoothest-running organizations contain one or two \_\_\_\_\_ elements.

SYNONYMS: refractory, recalcitrant, preevish  
ANTONYMS: docile, tractable, cooperative

**11. precept**  
*(prē' sept)*

(n.) a rule of conduct or action

Many philosophies follow the \_\_\_\_\_ that it is important to treat others as you would like to be treated.

SYNONYMS: principle, maxim

**12. salutary**  
*(sal' yə ter ē)*

(adj.) beneficial, helpful; healthful, wholesome

The cute new puppy had a \_\_\_\_\_ effect on her health.

SYNONYMS: salubrious, curative  
ANTONYMS: detrimental, deleterious

**13. scathing**  
*(skā' thīng)*

(adj.) bitterly severe, withering; causing great harm

Sometimes a reasoned discussion does more to change people's minds than a \_\_\_\_\_ attack.

SYNONYMS: searing, harsh, savage; ANTONYMS: bland, mild

**14. scourge**  
*(skōrj)*

(v.) to whip, punish severely; (n.) a cause of affliction or suffering; a source of severe punishment or criticism

Jonathan Swift used wit to \_\_\_\_\_ the British government for its cruel treatment of Ireland.

Competing teams consider my daughter the \_\_\_\_\_ of the soccer field.

SYNONYMS: (v.) flog, beat; (n.) bane, plague, pestilence  
ANTONYMS: (n.) godsend, boon, blessing

**15. sepulchral**  
(sə'pəl'krəl)

(adj.) funereal; typical of the tomb; extremely gloomy or dismal

In a severe and \_\_\_\_\_ tone of voice, my sister announced that we were out of cookies.

SYNONYMS: lugubrious, mortuary

**16. soporific**  
(säp'ərif'ik)

(adj.) tending to cause sleep, relating to sleepiness or lethargy;  
(n.) something that induces sleep

He claimed that the musical was \_\_\_\_\_ and that he had slept through the entire second act.

Shakespeare's Juliet drinks a \_\_\_\_\_ so as to appear to be dead—a trick she is soon to regret.

SYNONYMS: (n.) narcotic, anesthetic

ANTONYMS: (adj.) stimulating; (n.) stimulant, stimulus

**17. straitlaced**  
(strāt' läst)

(adj.) extremely strict in regard to moral standards and conduct; prudish; puritanical

Travelers may find people overseas \_\_\_\_\_ in some ways but surprisingly free in others.

SYNONYMS: highly conventional, overly strict, stuffy

ANTONYMS: lax, loose, indulgent, permissive, dissolute

**18. transient**  
(tran' shənt)

(adj.) lasting only a short time, fleeting; (n.) one who stays only a short time

His bad mood was \_\_\_\_\_, and by the time he'd finished his breakfast, he was smiling.

Many farm hands lived the lives of \_\_\_\_\_ during the Great Depression.

SYNONYMS: (adj.) impermanent, ephemeral, evanescent

ANTONYMS: (adj.) permanent, imperishable, immortal

**19. unwieldy**  
(ən'wēld'ē)

(adj.) not easily carried, handled, or managed because of size or complexity

We loaded the truck with the chairs and the coffee table, but the grand piano was too \_\_\_\_\_.

SYNONYMS: bulky, clumsy, impractical

ANTONYMS: manageable, easy to handle

**20. vapid**  
(vap' id)

(adj.) dull, uninteresting, tiresome; lacking in sharpness, flavor, liveliness, or force

While critics called the movie \_\_\_\_\_, I thought the performers were very compelling.

SYNONYMS: lifeless, colorless; ANTONYMS: zesty, spicy, colorful

## Choosing the Right Word

Select the **boldface** word that better completes each sentence. You might refer to the selection on pages 60–61 to see how most of these words are used in context.

- I now know that *Gulliver's Travels*, far from being a "children's book," is a work of mature and (**scathing**, **vapid**) satire.
- The verbal sparring that took place between the two head coaches was (**blazoned**, **extricated**) across headlines nationwide.
- You may regard her ideas as (**salutary**, **straitlaced**), but I think that they reflect good thinking and sound values.
- The rules of the club proved so (**unwieldy**, **equitable**) that it was all but impossible to carry on business.
- How easy it is for a nation to become trapped in an inflationary price rise; how difficult to (**blazon**, **extricate**) itself from the upward spiral!
- I didn't expect the play to be particularly stimulating, but I certainly never anticipated its overwhelmingly (**equitable**, **soporific**) power.
- Instead of brooding about past wrongs, I suggest that you declare a personal (**amnesty**, **caveat**) and start thinking about the future.
- We had many talented players, but the (**fractious**, **scathing**) behavior of a few individuals impaired our team spirit and led to a losing season.
- Arriving at (**fractious**, **equitable**) arrangements in human affairs often requires sound judgment, as well as good intentions.
- Young people, tired of being controlled by parents, teachers, and others, often have a strong impulse to gain (**amnesty**, **autonomy**).
- Appointed by the Governor to be Commissioner of Investigations, she soon became the (**scourge**, **autonomy**) of dishonest and incompetent officials.
- Some sadly misguided individuals seem to go through life trying to (**filch**, **blazon**) petty advantages from everyone they encounter.
- Try placing sachets of (**axiomatic**, **soporific**) herbs, such as lemon balm and lavender, inside your pillow if you suffer from insomnia.
- The (**precept**, **scourge**) of plagiarism is on the rise in many schools as students cut and paste from essays they download from the Internet.
- I intend to be guided by the simple (**scourges**, **precepts**) that have proven their value over long periods of human experience.



Jonathan Swift, who wrote *Gulliver's Travels* and *A Modest Proposal*, was a master of satire.

16. Unabridged dictionaries often alert the reader to common mistakes in the use of a word by including brief (**caveats, scourges**).
17. The newly elected judge ruled his courtroom with a king's (**amnesty, autonomy**), and no one dared to act in an unruly fashion.
18. Isn't it strange that the basic ideas that some economists regard as (**sepulchral, axiomatic**) are rejected by others as absolutely false?
19. Today our intricate network of mass communications can (**blazon, flout**) news of national importance across the country in a matter of minutes.
20. The ghost of Hamlet's father whispered in (**sepulchral, salutary**) tones the story of his tragic death.
21. Few things are more (**salutary, unwieldy**) for a young person than an occasional painful reminder that life is not a bowl of cherries.
22. In spite of the tremendous sales of that novel, I found it to be mediocre and (**salutary, vapid**) in every respect.
23. The popular self-help book teaches that material things are (**transient, fractious**), while moral values are eternal.
24. Young people who consider themselves nonconformists often go to extremes in their determination to (**blazon, flout**) the conventions.
25. Officials who took bribes were indicted with no hope of an (**amnesty, autonomy**).

## Synonyms

Choose the word from this unit that is the same or most nearly the same in meaning as the **boldface** word or expression in the phrase. Write that word on the line. Use a dictionary if necessary.

1. guided by stern **rules**
2. a **doyleful** atmosphere during the service
3. eager to **scoff at** the unknown
4. **forewarning** regarding possible difficulties
5. too **cumbersome** to carry home
6. an **acquittal** for the former rebels
7. an **insipid** little five-note tune
8. **disengage** the cat from the tree
9. to **pocket** some coins from petty cash
10. an argumentative, **obstinate** congress

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## Antonyms

Choose the word from this unit that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the **boldface** word or expression in the phrase. Write that word on the line. Use a dictionary if necessary.

1. remaining **agreeable** under pressure
2. a water hose that is **controllable**
3. serving a **life sentence** in prison
4. medicine that acted as an **energizer**
5. attending a **lively** festival

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## Completing the Sentence

From the words in this unit, choose the one that best completes each of the following sentences. Write the word in the space provided.

1. tried to warn them of the dangers involved in such an undertaking, but all my \_\_\_\_\_ and admonitions fell on deaf ears.
2. His fame as a football star proved to be \_\_\_\_\_, and he found himself just another young man looking for a job.
3. Even the most talented actors could not breathe life and credibility into the \_\_\_\_\_ lines of that silly play.
4. The carton was not heavy, but it was so \_\_\_\_\_ that it took four of us to carry it to the shed.
5. Failures are always unpleasant, but if you learn from them, they may have a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ effect on your future career.
6. The fighter planes of World War II sometimes had the pictures of famous movie stars, like Betty Grable, \_\_\_\_\_ on the fuselage.
7. My teacher's criticism of my term paper was so \_\_\_\_\_ that after reading it, I felt thoroughly crushed.
8. It became clear that the squad of police would be unable to control the small but \_\_\_\_\_ crowd of angry protesters.
9. Any unit of government—national or local—that \_\_\_\_\_ sound economic principles is headed for disaster.
10. The \_\_\_\_\_ effect of his droning lectures surpasses that of any sleeping pill now in use.

11. She has made so many contradictory promises to so many people that I don't see how she can \_\_\_\_\_ herself from the situation.
12. Her approach to the problem seems to have been guided by the time-honored \_\_\_\_\_ that "force is the remedy for nothing."
13. It is \_\_\_\_\_ that democracy, more than any other form of government, calls for the active participation of all the people in public affairs.
14. Since the close of World War II, almost one hundred former colonies have gained full \_\_\_\_\_ and joined the family of nations.
15. Shivers went up and down our spines as, in a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ voice, the teacher spoke to us of ghosts, vampires, and the "living dead."
16. The decision was a disappointment to me, but after thinking it over, I had to agree that it was \_\_\_\_\_.
17. Who would have thought that the new treasurer could sink so low as to \_\_\_\_\_ money from the club's petty cash fund?
18. The new government, seeking to restore normal conditions, declared a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ for all political prisoners.
19. The standards of behavior generally accepted in Victorian times would probably be rejected today as excessively \_\_\_\_\_.
20. It was Lincoln who said, "Fondly do we hope, fervently do we pray, that this mighty \_\_\_\_\_ of war may speedily pass away."

### Writing: Words in Action

1. Look back at "Lending a Hand to End Poverty" (pages 60–61). Think about how poverty affects your own community. What solution would you propose to help alleviate poverty in your area? Write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper, describing the problem and offering a solution. Use at least two details from the passage and three unit words.

2. *"The greatest good you can do for another is not just to share your riches but to reveal to him his own."*—attributed to Benjamin Disraeli

Today, various individuals and organizations make small loans, or microloans, to people around the world, enabling them to better their lives by creating or maintaining their own businesses. How does the concept of the "microloan" relate to the quotation above? Do you agree that small loans can encourage people to become more self-sufficient, or do you think such loans can make people more dependent? In a brief essay, support your opinion using specific examples, observations, and the reading (pages 60–61). Write at least three paragraphs, and use three or more words from this unit.

### Vocabulary in Context

#### Literary Text

The following excerpts are from *The Spy* by James Fenimore Cooper. Some of the words you have studied in this unit appear in **boldface** type. Complete each statement below the excerpt by circling the letter of the correct answer.

1. In person, the peddler was a man above the middle height, spare, but full of bone and muscle. At first sight, his strength seemed unequal to manage the **unwieldy** burden of his pack; yet he threw it on and off with great dexterity, and with as much apparent ease as if it had been filled with feathers.

A backpack that is **unwieldy** is NOT

- a. burdensome
- b. heavy
- c. manageable
- d. awkward

2. It would have been a business of no small difficulty for any tribunal then existing in the new states to have enforced a restitution of the money; for it was shortly after most **equitably** distributed, by the hands of Sergeant Hollister, among a troop of horse.

If money is **equitably** distributed, it is done so

- a. fairly
- b. quietly
- c. quickly
- d. slowly

3. ...Miss Peyton...had not thought it necessary to **blazon** the intended nuptials of her niece to the neighborhood, had even time been allowed; she thought, therefore, that she was now communicating a profound secret . . .

To **blazon** a wedding announcement is to

- a. praise it
- b. denounce it
- c. conceal it
- d. publicize it

4. He bent his body down, as if in pain, his fingers worked while the hands hung lifeless by his side, and there was an expression in his countenance that seemed to announce a writhing of the soul; but it was not unresisted, and it was **transient**.

An expression that is **transient** is

- a. enduring
- b. temporary
- c. pleasant
- d. hollow

5. The English continued their retreat the moment they were **extricated** from their assailants; and Dunwoodie, who was severely, but not dangerously wounded, recalled his men from further attempts, which must be fruitless.

Troops that are **extricated** from the enemy have

- a. prevailed
- b. paused
- c. drawn back
- d. moved forward



James Fenimore Cooper wrote about colonial America.

**Interactive Quiz**

Snap the code, or go to [vocabularyworkshop.com](http://vocabularyworkshop.com)