

Lesson 12

Sentence Completion



abridged	alacrity	antipathy	augment
bombastic	decry	eclectic	enhance
euphonious	fervid	impecunious	ingratiate

1. _____ The students approached the task of solving the problem with _____; they were anxious to solve it promptly.
2. The _____ sounds of the symphony were quite pleasing; the harmonious tones produced a most soothing effect.
3. Because she needed more money, the woman tried to _____ her income by getting a second job.
4. His room was filled with _____ antiques that he had gathered from numerous places around the world.
5. The man's _____ speech did not impress me; I prefer someone more reserved and humble than he seemed to be with all his pompousness.
6. The prodigal child spent all his inheritance money, leaving him totally _____.
7. He tried to _____ himself with the girl's parents by always being polite; he was sure he could make them like him.
8. The _____ version of the novel was not as thorough as the longer version; it left out the entire episode of the war.
9. The preacher began to _____ the emphasis that the younger generation has put on drugs; his strong expression of disapproval could not go unheard by his congregation.
10. The young woman tried to _____ her appearance with beautiful clothes and heavy make-up.
11. We heard the _____ cries of the evangelist; with his impassioned words, he denounced the many sins of the world.
12. Policemen generally have an _____ for crime and criminals; if they did not dislike these things so much, they would not have gone into the profession of law enforcement.

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luxuriant	paltry	pedantry	placid	preclude
promontory	raze	secular	static	tact
torpid	vindicated	vindictive		

13. The rain forest's _____ green growth is made possible by its climate and rainfall.
14. Her inner peace and serenity were obvious from the _____ expression on her face.
15. The disenchanted priest left his religious calling for the _____ world and soon became a policeman.
16. Life in this small town is _____, having changed very little in twenty years.
17. Though he was cleared of all charges, the stranger's spiteful, _____ accusers vowed to get revenge against the recently _____ man.
18. His _____ movements were the first indication that he was getting sick; because he is usually so active and full of vitality, we knew that something was wrong when he slowed down so much.
19. It was unusual that he did so well on the test; however, we couldn't _____ the possibility that he did, in fact, study this time.
20. The lighthouse sat on the _____ overlooking the sea, casting its beams of light on the dark waters far below.
21. Because the people were afraid the invading army would completely _____ their village in its wake of destruction, they tried to bury some valuables for protection.
22. The man's _____ made others despise him for showing off; everyone knew he was smart, and his flaunting his intelligence and knowledge was disgusting.
23. The man made only a _____ attempt at doing the job; what he accomplished was worthless and practically insignificant.
24. The man handled the situation with such _____ that I could not help but be impressed; his diplomacy in such a delicate situation is to be admired.