

Vocab Q4

English 11

1. Eradicate

to get rid of as if by tearing it up by the roots; abolish

Radcliffe did her best to eradicate the radishes from her farm.

2. Quell

to put down forcibly; suppress

Nell quelled the fight over the quiche by throwing it out the window—she had long given up on reasoning with her sisters.

3. Raze

*to level to the ground;
demolish*

It is difficult to raze a city building without demolishing other structures around it.

4. Squelch

*to crush as if by
trampling; squash*

Sam wanted to keep
squash as pets, but
Quentin squelched the
idea.

5. Supplant

*to usurp the place of,
especially through
intrigue or underhanded
tactics*

The ants prepared to supplant the roaches as the dominant insect in the kitchen; their plan was to take the roaches by surprise and drive them out.

6. Reticent

*Inclined to keep silent;
reserved*

Rosanna's reticent behavior caused the interviewer to think her incapable of conversing with other students.

7. Stymie

to thwart or stump

Stan was stymied by the Sudoku puzzle; he just couldn't solve it.

8. Potentate

One who has the power and position to rule over others; monarch

Queen Victoria took over as the potentate of England at the young age of 18; she remained the reigning monarch for 63 years, the longest reign of any of her predecessors.

9. Advocate

Publicly recommend or support

Adam advocated a longer spring break.

10. Explicit

Stated clearly and in detail, leaving no room for confusion or doubt

Eric's parents explicitly told them not to be late for curfew.

11. Divulge

To make known private or sensitive information

Dianne divulged her embarrassing mistake to her friend.

12. Malapropism

The mistaken use of a word in place of a similar-sounding one, often with unintentionally amusing effect

EX: A rolling stone carries no moths. (moss)

13. Cavalier

Showing a lack of proper concern

The teacher was frustrated by Catherine's cavalier attitude for her grade.

14. Enmity

The state or feeling of being actively opposed or hostile to someone or something

The enmity between the opposing teams was obvious.

15. Nostalgia

a sentimental longing or wistful affection for the past, typically for a period or place with happy personal associations

After opening the Playdough, Noah was overcome by nostalgia for his younger days.

16. Complacent

showing smug or uncritical satisfaction with oneself or one's achievements

Cody became complacent about his grade, leading him to come to class unprepared for his final.

17. Auspicious

*Auguring favorable
circumstances and good
luck*

It was not the most
auspicious moment to
hold an election.

18. Bellicose

Having or showing a ready disposition to fight

A group of bellicose patriots eagerly lined the battlefield.

19. Circumnavigate

*travel around, either by
plane or ship*

Buddy aspired to be the first dog to circumnavigate the globe.

20. Deciduous

Shedding foliage at the end of the growing season

The deciduous tree quickly became a burden to the groundskeepers.

21. Scant

*Barely sufficient or
adequate; excessively
frugal*

The police found scant
evidence of fraud.

22. Epiphany

A moment of sudden revelation or insight

With a sudden epiphany, Johnny realized he should turn in his homework.

23. Facetious

Treating serious issues with deliberately inappropriate humor; flippant

Waldo realized too late that his facetious answer would not help him on his History exam.

24. Homogeneous

of the same kind; alike

Timbermen prefer to deal with homogeneous woods.