

8th Grade Vocab Unit 4

1. **annul** (v.) to reduce to nothing; to make ineffective or inoperative; to declare legally invalid or void.

Synonyms: cancel, abolish

Antonyms: validate, authorize

2. **blasé** (adj.) indifferent, bored as a result of having enjoyed many pleasures; apathetic

Antonyms: enthusiastic, passionate

3. **bolster** (v.) to support, give a boost to; (n.) a long pillow or cushion; a supporting post

Synonyms: (v.) reinforce, buttress

Antonyms: (v.) undermine, weaken

4. **deplore** (v.) to feel or express regret or disapproval

Synonyms: lament, bewail

Antonyms: approve, commend

5. **frivolous** (adj.) of little importance, not worthy of serious attention; not meant seriously

Synonyms: silly, foolish, petty

Antonyms: serious, important

6. muster (v.) to bring together for service or battle; to gather or summon; to amount to, comprise, include; (n.) a list of military personnel; a gathering, accumulation

Synonyms: (v.) mobilize, marshal; (n.) roster, inventory

Antonyms: (v.) disband, dismiss

7. nonentity (n.) a person or thing of no importance

Synonyms: nobody

Antonyms: celebrity

8. obsess (v.) to trouble, haunt, or fill the mind

Synonyms: preoccupy

9. ornate (adj.) elaborately decorated; showily splendid

Synonyms: fancy, flashy

Antonyms: plain, stark

10. oust (v.) to remove, drive out of a position or place

Synonyms: expel, eject

Antonyms: admit, welcome

11. peruse (v.) to read thoroughly and carefully

Synonyms: study, pore over, scrutinize

12. porous (adj.) full of tiny holes; able to be penetrated by air or water

Synonyms: leaky, permeable

Antonyms: airtight, impermeable

13. promontory (n.) a high point of land extending into water

Synonyms: cliff, outcrop, jetty

14. prone (adj.) lying face down; inclined, likely

Synonyms: prostrate, liable

Antonyms: standing upright, unlikely

15. qualm (n.) a pang of conscience, uneasiness, misgiving, or doubt; a feeling of faintness or nausea

Synonyms: regret, second thought, scruple

16. recourse (n.) a person or thing turned to for help or advice; the act of seeking help or protection

Synonyms: redress, remedy

17. residue (n.) a remainder, that which remains when a part has been used up or removed

Synonyms: remnant, remains, leavings

18. solicitous (adj.) showing concern or care; fearful or anxious about someone or something

Synonyms: concerned

Antonyms: unconcerned, indifferent, apathetic

19. staid (adj.) serious and dignified; quiet or subdued in character or conduct

Synonyms: sedate, sober, prim

Antonyms: gaudy, jaunty, unconventional

20. sustain (v.) to support, nourish, keep up; to suffer, undergo; to bear up under, withstand; to affirm the validity of

Synonyms: foster, uphold