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Wordpieces 3.3 Practice [8<sup>th</sup>]

I. **Complete the sentence in a way that shows you understand the meaning of the italicized vocabulary word. You must use at least five words to complete the sentence.**

1. Natalie's voice was so *mellifluous* that callers to her store often
2. In order to *leaven* the mood at the sad gathering, Ally
3. The pain in my shoulder was *alleviated* by
4. Although minutes seemed to *elapse* before the door opened, in reality
5. The *levity* in Sam's voice tone made it clear that he felt
6. The complete *collapse* of the country's government was brought about by
7. Nancy made a *concession* to Andy at the spelling bee when she
8. After the clouds *receded*, the weather
9. Collin and Rebecca did not buy a house in the *affluent* section of town because
10. When *superfluous* words are omitted from a piece of writing
11. Following his recovery, the ill patient had a brief *relapse* caused by
12. My uncle would never *cede* the property to his neighbor because

II. **Fill in the blank with the best word from the choices below. Not all words will be used.**

*relapse*                      *leaven*                      *cede*                      *concession*                      *affluent*

13. One major \_\_\_\_\_ that Dan made to his mother was promising to come right home after school.
14. Fred gave up smoking two years ago, but had a[n] \_\_\_\_\_ and started again.
15. In order to be good sports, our team had to \_\_\_\_\_ the trophy to the other school.
16. The beautiful beach houses on the waterfront are owned by the most \_\_\_\_\_ people at the shore.

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*relapse*                      *leaven*                      *levity*                      *recede*                      *alleviate*

17. The minister frowned at the \_\_\_\_\_ in his congregation, and he warned the people to be more serious.
  18. A clown was brought in to \_\_\_\_\_ the atmosphere of the gloomy theater.
  19. My father's hairline has begun to \_\_\_\_\_ and nothing he can do will correct it.
  20. To \_\_\_\_\_ his sister's burden, Jason helped her with the yard work.
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*mellifluous*    *superfluous*    *elapsed*    *collapse*    *receded*

21. The filing cabinet was stuffed with \_\_\_\_\_ papers that hadn't been needed in years.
22. In \_\_\_\_\_ tones, Melvin recited the poems he had written for his English class.
23. Virginia's emotional \_\_\_\_\_ forced her to take a long vacation in the tropics.
24. Many years had \_\_\_\_\_ since the soldiers had seen one another.

**III. Read the following selection and define the italicized words, using your knowledge of roots and context clues. If you cannot figure out the meaning of the words on your own, look them up in a dictionary.**

By choosing not to run for a third term, President George Washington set a *precedent* for all future holders of the office. This example lasted for over a hundred years, until Franklin Delano Roosevelt became the first and only president to *exceed* an eight-year term. Ironically, after the four-term death-shortened presidency of FDR, Congress passed an amendment that restricted presidents to only two four-year terms in office. Congress cited Washington as a motivating reason behind the choice of eight years.

precedent:

exceed:

**IV. For each of the following roots, provide an additional word that contains the root and define the word. If a word has been provided, just give the definition.**

<i>Root</i>	<i>Word</i>	<i>Definition</i>
flu	fluent	
lev	levy	
laps	secede	
ced		