

Vocabulary Exercise 7

Use the context of the following sentences to determine the meanings of the given words. Next to each word, put what you think the meaning might be. Then do the matching section to match up the words with their definitions.

43. **abdicate** _____
- In 1918, German Emperor Wilhelm II was forced to abdicate his throne and flee to the Netherlands.
 - It's a shame for a father to abdicate his responsibility to his children by abandoning them.
44. **anachronism** _____
- Phonograph records are an anachronism today; in modern times, people use CDs or i-pods instead.
 - The airplane that was accidentally filmed in the Revolutionary War movie was an obvious anachronism.
45. **cauterize** _____
- When the confederate soldier's leg was amputated, the surgeon cauterized the stump to stop its bleeding.
 - Repeated sin cauterizes a person's conscience.
46. **cull** _____
- South Korean researchers cloned a human embryo and then culled master stem cells from it.
 - Ranchers were forced to cull their herds when the drought caused a lack of feed for the cattle.
47. **dissolution** _____
- The dissolution of the USSR in the early 1990s caused the creation of new independent nations.
 - The directors and shareholders initiated the dissolution of the company before it went bankrupt.
48. **egregious** _____
- Sentence fragments are egregious writing errors because they break a reader's thought flow and often cause confusion.
 - It would be an egregious mistake to leave valid contact information off of your resumé.
49. **euphonious** _____
- Martin Luther King's euphonious language appealed to his audience; his skillful use of words—including alliteration, assonance, and parallelism—had a pleasing sound to their ears.
 - The children's choral number was a euphonious expression of joy; they had practiced so well that the resulting music was quite pleasing to hear.
50. **flounder** _____
- Surprised by the new evidence, the once-arrogant lawyer began to flounder as he tried to put forward his arguments.
 - The floundering stock market just reveals the worry and uncertainty caused by the economic downturn.
51. **galvanize** _____
- As election day drew near, there was a push to galvanize voters to get them out to the polls.
 - The church membership has the potential to pull off a big day, but it will take leadership to organize and galvanize the members to put in extra time and effort.
52. **invective** _____
- During the Reformation, strong invective against the Roman Catholic Church was heard across England.
 - I have no desire to open a dialogue with someone who only talks in invectives and cursing.

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- a. to burn or sear; to make insensitive
- b. An error in chronology; a person or thing out of place
- c. to break apart or dissolve; the resultant state
- d. obvious bad quality or taste; extraordinary; extreme
- e. to disown; to formally give up or cast off
- f. pleasing in sound
- g. to gather or select the best parts from
- h. To stimulate; to arouse to action
- i. violent accusation; abusive, insulting language
- j. struggle to move or obtain footing