

En 102--Vocabulary Exercise Set 4

Use the context of the following sentences to determine the meanings of the given words. Next to each word, write in cursive what you think the meaning might be. For this part of the homework, don't look the word up in the dictionary. (12 points)

28. **amiable** _____
 - Janet's new boss, having a good-natured, **amiable** personality, was easy to get along with.
 - The comedian's routine was an **amiable** mix of slapstick and humorous discourse.
29. **belated** _____
 - The **belated** birthday card arrived two weeks after my birthday.
 - The student's **belated** efforts to do assignments were not enough to bring up his failing grade.
30. **contrive** _____
 - Although the boy knew the truth, he **contrived** lies and excuses to cover up his involvement.
 - The bus worker **contrived** ways to boost his number of riders on his bus for the spring campaign.
31. **distress** _____
 - Being caught in an undertow and dragged out to the sea, the swimmer called in **distress** to the lifeguard.
 - Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or **distress**, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? – Romans 8:35
32. **famish** _____
 - Not having eaten all day, we were **famished** when we arrived at the cabin; we scoured the kitchen for anything edible.
 - **Famished** and weary from a long day in the field, Esau foolishly sold his birthright for a bowl of soup.
33. **incumbent** _____
 - It is **incumbent** upon a soldier to perform his duty when he is called upon to serve.
 - If a person accepts the position of a Sunday school teacher, it is **incumbent** upon him to prepare for his class and pray for his students.
34. **lavish** _____
 - The hotel was **lavishly** furnished with expensive rugs, furniture, artwork, and linens.
 - The investor paid for his **lavish** lifestyle with the millions he made on the stock market.
35. **negligence** _____
 - The careless mother's **negligence** almost cost her son his life when he wandered into busy the street.
 - **Negligent** electrical work may have caused of the young Marine's accidental electrocution.
36. **notional** _____
 - We don't have a firm figure for the cost of the project; the numbers offered up so far are just **notional**.
 - The mayor had a **notional** rather than actual timeline for the new library's completion.
37. **perplex** _____
 - Hal's timing **perplexes** me; I can't figure out why he wants to go to Alaska in December instead of June.
 - The question seemed to **perplex** them, so I gave them a hint.
38. **plaintive** _____
 - The **plaintive** poem resonated with her sorrowful spirit.
 - The lone violinist played a **plaintive** melody as guests entered the chapel for the funeral service.
39. **predecessor** _____
 - My **predecessor** left me all of his files and notes before he left, so I was able to continue his job without a rocky transition.
 - Although Dr. Oxford's second book is shorter than his first; it seems to ramble more than its **predecessor**.
40. **relish** _____
 - Knowing my daughter will soon graduate and move out, I **relish** the time we can spend together.
 - Gregory is such a natural actor that he **relishes** any opportunity to perform before an audience.
41. **reluctance** _____
 - Although Jenny asked him for advice, Sam was **reluctant** to give her his opinion.
 - Many people have a **reluctance** to speak in front of an audience.
42. **solicitous** _____
 - The distraught mother made **solicitous** inquiries about her missing soldier son.
 - Doctors are human beings, not gods, and they should be humble and **solicitous**, not arrogant or haughty.

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