

En 102--Vocabulary Exercise Set 5

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. (15 points)

43. **abdicate** _____
 - Netherlands' Queen Beatrix will **abdicate** her throne to make way for [her] eldest son.
 - The latest health problem triggered speculation the king might **abdicate** in favor of his...
44. **anachronism** _____
 - The "Government Motors" label that detractors of General Motors have affixed to the automaker since the 2009 federal bailout has come a little closer to becoming an **anachronism**.
 - It was a great **anachronism**. "I presented something that was a vision from the past to the future, from..."
45. **cauterize** _____
 - ...when an electrophysiologist goes in to do catheter ablation of atrial fibrillation they **cauterize** the tissue around the pulmonary veins in the heart.
 - Laser treatment uses a laser, which is a source of very intense light that can be very precisely aimed and focused, and it's used like a cautery to **cauterize** tissues inside the eye.
46. **cull** _____
 - Sweden has suspended a controversial wolf **cull** after a legal challenge by animal rights activists.
 - Feds outsource data **cull** for State Department terrorism report; complicating trend analysis
47. **dissolutions** _____
 - Salary cuts, layoffs, and pension fund **dissolutions** have generated much ill will and resentment.
 - Blindfolded protestors shout anti-government slogans during a demonstration in central Sofia, Friday, Nov. 1, 2013, demanding the **dissolution** of Parliament and calling for new elections.
48. **egregious** _____
 - Every year since 2010, the Oklahoma Republican has issued his blistering report highlighting the 100 most **egregious** abuses of taxpayer dollars.
 - In the most **egregious** case, a fumbled drug investigation resulted in the death of an informant
49. **euphonious** _____
 - ...ten Microsoft names that could have been a lot better, together with some semi-constructive advice on monikers that would have been more **euphonious** and more accurate.
 - "...American seems **euphonious** and iconic. 'Dear JetBlue' doesn't work as well."
50. **flounder** _____
 - Stock markets **flounder** on concerns over Chinese growth, US earnings...
 - Asian stock markets **flounder** on China slowdown jitters; Nikkei slips as yen rises...
51. **galvanize** _____
 - New president of NBA Players Union to help **galvanize** the group and get starting players interested...
 - It is feared that new Portuguese austerity measures announced in recent days may **galvanize** opposition of belt-tightening into an explosion of anger like that seen in some other European countries.
52. **invective** _____
 - Throughout, Karzai has kept up a steady stream of **invective** in public remarks...
 - A feathered foul-mouth has landed a Rhode Island woman in court after allegedly spewing **invective** at her ex-husband and his girlfriend.
53. **layette** _____
 - I'm sure our friends and family thought I had lost my marbles, as I painted walls in pastel colors and bought a precious baby **layette**...
 - ...the friend had already painted the nursery, assembled a **layette**, and dreamed the dreams of all happy first-time mothers.
54. **quiescent** _____
 - Unemployment is low, personal incomes are growing, core inflation is fairly **quiescent**, and consumer interest rates are still reasonable by historical standards.
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55. **repose** _____
 - ...paid their respects to Frank Buckles, the last American World War I veteran, who lay in **repose** today.
 - President Cristina Fernandez knew nothing about the accident because she was in strict **repose** [following surgery]...
56. **slovenly** _____
 - Americans are...slightly more **slovenly** than they were in 1996.
 - Shrek, Dreamworks' animated feature about a **slovenly** monster with a heart of gold, is on pace to out-gross The Lion King...

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