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Florida State Standards

Grade 5

ELA.5.V.1.1

Use grade-level academic vocabulary appropriately in speaking and writing.

ELA.5.V.1.2

Apply knowledge of Greek and Latin roots and affixes,

ELA.5.V.1.3

Use context clues, figurative language, word relationships,

Grade 6

ELA.6.V.1.1

Integrate academic vocabulary appropriate to grade level in speaking and writing.

ELA.6.V.1.2

Apply knowledge of Greek and Latin roots and affixes to determine meanings of words and phrases in grade-level content.

ELA.6.V.1.3

Apply knowledge of context clues, figurative language,

Grade 7

ELA.7.V.1.1

Integrate academic vocabulary appropriate to grade level in speaking and writing.

ELA.7.V.1.2

Apply knowledge of Greek and Latin roots and affixes to determine meanings of words and phrases in grade-level content.

ELA.7.V.1.3

Apply knowledge of context clues, figurative language,

The Hole

Pineland- (noun) land naturally dominated by pine forests.

The dog, a high-strung beagle named Penelope, ran off through the pinelands to an area the man had never hunted before. Pg. 9

Slough- (noun) a place of deep mud or mire.

As he trudged through the murky water in a shallow slough, he caught sight of her trail in the mud. Pg. 9

Hardwood hammock- (noun) a habitat that is found on higher dry elevations, consisting of tall broad leaved trees that create a cool shady canopy.

Her paw prints led him to a hardwood hammock. Pg. 10

Cracker House- (noun) a small cabin usually built in a rural area by an often poor, self-sufficient, independent native or resident of Georgia and Florida. The residents were known as "Crackers" due to the sound made by the braided cowhide whips they used to drive their cattle.

There, in the middle of the clearing stood a small derelict Cracker house. Pg. 10

Hearth- (noun) a brick, stone, or concrete area in front of a fireplace.

Across from the hearth at the far right corner was a door leading to a smaller room; that was the entirety of the small structure. Pg. 11

Kindling- (noun) easily combustible material for starting a fire.

He made a fire using wood he scrounged from outside and used some of the newspaper as kindling. Pg. 12

Hard tack- (noun) a saltless hard biscuit, bread, or cracker.

While they ate their supper of squirrel and hard tack, the hunter noticed something peculiar about the dog. Pg. 13

Tallow- (noun) the white nearly tasteless solid rendered fat of an animal used chiefly in soap, candles, and lubricants.

After dinner the hunter made a crude grease lamp from an old jar and tallow he rendered from the squirrel. Pg. 13

Rendered- (verb) to melt down. To convert into industrial fats and oils.

After dinner the hunter made a crude grease lamp from an old jar and tallow he rendered from the squirrel. Pg. 13

Hastening- (verb) to move or act quickly.

He raced back to look through it and saw two dark figures hastening through the woods barely lit by moonlight. Pg. 18

The Hole

Select the letter of the best answer.

1. What is a "pineland"?
 - A) A land filled with water
 - B) A land dominated by pine forests
 - C) A land covered in snow
 - D) A land with tall buildings
2. What is a "slough"?
 - A) A place with tall grass
 - B) A place of deep mud or mire
 - C) A dry, rocky area
 - D) A clear, sandy beach
3. What is a "hardwood hammock"?
 - A) A type of chair made from hardwood
 - B) A habitat with tall, broad-leaved trees
 - C) A treehouse built on high ground
 - D) A type of bird found in pine forests
4. What is a "Cracker house"?
 - A) A small cabin built in a rural area
 - B) A place where crackers are made
 - C) A large mansion in the city
 - D) A storage shed for farming tools
5. What is a "hearth"?
 - A) A type of tree
 - B) A brick, stone, or concrete area in front of a fireplace
 - C) A type of flower
 - D) A rug placed under a table
6. What is "kindling"?
 - A) A type of bird's nest
 - B) Easily combustible material for starting a fire
 - C) A tool for chopping wood
 - D) A pot used for cooking
7. What is "hard tack"?
 - A) A type of fishing bait
 - B) A saltless hard biscuit, bread, or cracker
 - C) A wooden tool for farming
 - D) A type of leather used in shoes

8. What is "tallow"?
- A) A type of flower
 - B) The white, solid fat from an animal used in soap and candles
 - C) A type of tree sap
 - D) A soft, fluffy material used in pillows
9. What does "rendered" mean?
- A) To paint a picture
 - B) To melt down fat into usable oil
 - C) To sing a song
 - D) To carve a piece of wood
10. What does "hastening" mean?
- A) To move or act quickly
 - B) To fall asleep
 - C) To take a long time
 - D) To eat slowly

Answer Key

- 1. *B) A land dominated by pine forests*
- 2. *B) A place of deep mud or mire*
- 3. *B) A habitat with tall, broad-leaved trees*
- 4. *A) A small cabin built in a rural area*
- 5. *B) A brick, stone, or concrete area in front of a fireplace*
- 6. *B) Easily combustible material for starting a fire*
- 7. *B) A saltless hard biscuit, bread, or cracker*
- 8. *B) The white, solid fat from an animal used in soap and candles*
- 9. *B) To melt down fat into usable oil*
- 10. *A) To move or act quickly*

Scritchity Scratch

Confections- (noun) a fancy dish or sweet.

*It hunts little children
and swallows them whole,
like bite-sized confections
that feed its dark soul. Pg. 26*

Lair-(noun) to spread by scattering.

*Surely its home
is a lair somewhere deep,
that's earthy and cold
where the tree roots sleep. Pg 26*

Strewn-(noun) to spread by scattering.

*Strewn with bones
across a damp ground,
of all the poor souls
that will never be found. Pg 27*

Solicitation- (verb) to approach with a request or plea.

*It waits for its name
to arrive on the wind,
a doomed solicitation,
you cannot rescind. Pg 27*

Rescind- (verb) take back, cancel.

*It waits for its name
to arrive on the wind,
a doomed solicitation,
you cannot rescind. Pg 27*

Scritchity Scratch

Select the letter of the best answer.

1. What is the best synonym for "confections" as used in the following sentence?

"It hunts little children and swallows them whole, like bite-sized confections that feed its dark soul."

- A) Salads
- B) Sweets
- C) Soups
- D) Breads

2. What does the word "lair" refer to in the following sentence?

"Surely its home is a lair somewhere deep, that's earthy and cold where the tree roots sleep."

- A) A castle
- B) A warm bed
- C) A hidden den
- D) A tall tree

3. Which word best describes the meaning of "strewn" in the following sentence?

"Strewn with bones across a damp ground, of all the poor souls that will never be found."

- A) Collected
- B) Piled
- C) Scattered
- D) Buried

4. What does the word "solicitation" most likely mean in this sentence?

"It waits for its name to arrive on the wind, a doomed solicitation, you cannot rescind."

- A) A type of greeting
- B) A demand
- C) A request
- D) An answer

5. What is the meaning of the word "rescind" in the context of the sentence below?

"It waits for its name to arrive on the wind, a doomed solicitation, you cannot rescind."

- A) Return
- B) Enforce
- C) Continue
- D) Cancel

Answer Key

- 1. *B) Sweets*
- 2. *C) A hidden den*
- 3. *C) Scattered*
- 4. *C) A request*
- 5. *D) Cancel*

Harvester

Craggy- (adjective) rough, rugged.

The land there was craggy and densely overgrown. Pg. 34

Saunter- (adjective) to walk about in an idle or leisurely manner.

She called a third time, and this time Pumpkin sauntered from around a potted plant on the back porch. Pg. 37

Parka- (noun) a usually lined fabric outerwear pullover or jacket.

Cora pulled on the parka and scurried out the door and down the street. Pg. 37

Foreboding- (noun) an omen, prediction, or presentiment especially of coming evil.

The woods seemed unfamiliar and foreboding. Pg. 39

Incongruity- (noun) inconsistent within itself.

It was Charlotte's face and voice, but Cora could feel an incongruity. Pg. 41

Imperceptible- (adjective) extremely slight, gradual, or subtle.

There was a slight and almost imperceptible echo to her voice. Pg. 42

Grotesque- (adjective) odd or unnatural in shape, appearance, or character; fantastically ugly or absurd; bizarre.

Where its own face should be there was a grotesque collection of faces. Charlotte, Abigail, and the three other missing children's faces were somehow monstrously grafted to the creature's head. Pg. 45

Grafted- (verb) to transplant (a portion of living tissue, as of skin or bone).

Where its own face should be there was a grotesque collection of faces. Charlotte, Abigail, and the three other missing children's faces were somehow monstrously grafted to the creature's head. Pg. 45

Select the letter of the best answer.

1. Which of the following best describes the meaning of "craggy"?
 - a) Smooth and flat
 - b) Soft and gentle
 - c) Rough and rugged
 - d) Wet and muddy
2. What does it mean to "saunter"?
 - a) To walk quickly
 - b) To walk in a lazy, relaxed manner
 - c) To run fast
 - d) To jump around
3. Which of the following is a "parka"?
 - a) A type of shoe
 - b) A lined fabric outerwear or jacket
 - c) A kind of hat
 - d) A pair of gloves
4. What does the word "foreboding" mean?
 - a) A sense of joy and happiness
 - b) A prediction of good fortune
 - c) A feeling of something bad or evil coming
 - d) A type of plant
5. Which of the following best explains "incongruity"?
 - a) Something that matches perfectly
 - b) Consistent with everything around
 - c) Something that is inconsistent or out of place
 - d) A harmonious combination
6. What does "imperceptible" mean?
 - a) Extremely loud and noticeable
 - b) Very easy to see
 - c) Extremely slight or subtle
 - d) Big and obvious
7. Which word best matches the meaning of "grotesque"?
 - a) Beautiful
 - b) Odd and ugly
 - c) Ordinary
 - d) Cute and tiny

8. What does "grafted" refer to?
- a) Painting on a wall
 - b) Transplanting a portion of living tissue
 - c) Building a house
 - d) Writing a letter

Answer Key

- 1. *c) Rough and rugged*
- 2. *b) To walk in a lazy, relaxed manner*
- 3. *b) A lined fabric outerwear or jacket*
- 4. *c) A feeling of something bad or evil coming*
- 5. *c) Something that is inconsistent or out of place*
- 6. *c) Extremely slight or subtle*
- 7. *b) Odd and ugly*
- 8. *b) Transplanting a portion of living tissue*

Horde Sweet Horde

Concussed- (adjective) suffering the effects of a hard blow to the head.

He was also slightly concussed. Pg. 50

Solitude- (noun) the quality or state of being alone or remote from society.

Henry, who imagined the solitude of having an empty parcel of land next to him, overlooked the waist high weeds, litter, and debris from the demolition. Pg. 51

Recoil- (verb) to shrink back physically or emotionally.

Henry recoiled in disgust. Pg. 54

Ascertain- (verb) to find out or learn with certainty.

He had only ever looked at the lot from his side of the wooden fence, but now that he was standing in the lot he was able to truly ascertain just how much junk, garbage, and overgrowth there was. Pg. 54

Mesmerize- (verb) hypnotize, fascinate the senses, spellbind.

He watched it, mesmerized for a moment or two. Pg. 56

Primitive- (adjective) natural, instinctual, from the gut.

A primitive feeling of disgust made his skin crawl. Pg. 56

Undertow- (noun) an underlying current, force, or tendency that is in opposition to what is apparent.

He knew it must be a roach, but the undertow of sleep was pulling him down quickly. Pg. 58

Pockmark- (noun) a mark, pit, or depressed scar caused by smallpox or acne.

He thought of the peach and the many pockmarks in its flesh. Pg. 61

Frenzied- (adverb) feeling or showing great excitement.

All he could hear was frenzied scratching. Pg. 62

Horde Sweet Horde

Select the letter of the best answer.

1. What does it mean if someone is described as being "concussed"?
 - a) They are very sleepy.
 - b) They have suffered a hard blow to the head.
 - c) They are feeling sad.
 - d) They are running fast.
2. What is the best definition of "solitude"?
 - a) Being in a noisy place.
 - b) The state of being alone or away from society.
 - c) Being in a large group of people.
 - d) Feeling happy and content.
3. If someone "recoils," what are they doing?
 - a) Moving closer to something they like.
 - b) Shrinking back physically or emotionally.
 - c) Running away quickly.
 - d) Smiling with joy.
4. What does it mean to "ascertain" something?
 - a) To guess what might happen next.
 - b) To find out or learn with certainty.
 - c) To ignore important details.
 - d) To imagine something different.
5. If something "mesmerizes" you, what does it do?
 - a) Confuses you completely.
 - b) Hypnotizes or fascinates you.
 - c) Makes you angry.
 - d) Causes you to forget everything else.
6. What does the word "primitive" describe?
 - a) A complicated and sophisticated feeling.
 - b) Something modern and new.
 - c) A natural, instinctual feeling.
 - d) A very old and ancient object.
7. What is an "undertow"?
 - a) A strong wave in the ocean.
 - b) An underlying force that opposes what is apparent.
 - c) A feeling of great excitement.
 - d) A physical illness that makes you weak.

8. What is a "pockmark"?
- a) A large, deep cut.
 - b) A mark or scar caused by smallpox or acne.
 - c) A bruise from a fall.
 - d) A birthmark on the skin.
9. How would you describe something that is done "frenzied"?
- a) In a calm and relaxed manner.
 - b) With great excitement or intensity.
 - c) Slowly and carefully.
 - d) Without paying attention.

Answer Key

- 1. *b) They have suffered a hard blow to the head.*
- 2. *b) The state of being alone or away from society.*
- 3. *b) Shrinking back physically or emotionally.*
- 4. *b) To find out or learn with certainty.*
- 5. *b) Hypnotizes or fascinates you.*
- 6. *c) A natural, instinctual feeling.*
- 7. *b) An underlying force that opposes what is apparent.*
- 8. *b) A mark or scar caused by smallpox or acne.*
- 9. *b) With great excitement or intensity.*

Beneath the Ceiba

Elephantine- (adjective) having enormous size or strength.

He continued his approach without hesitation when beneath the shade and tucked inside the folds of the elephantine trunk a figure stepped forward. Pg. 70

Loamy- (adjective) soil consisting of a mixture of varying proportions of clay, silt, and sand.

A loamy stench mingled with the sickly sweetness of rot. Pg. 75

Grimace- (noun) a facial expression usually of disgust, disapproval, or pain.

He realized the permanent grimace of her mouth remained so because it was stitched in place by the undertaker. Pg. 75

Orb- (noun) a spherical body, eye.

She placed the glistening red-tailed orb into one of the eyeholes in her face as he quietly sobbed. Pg. 76

Marquetry- (noun) decorative work in which elaborate patterns are formed by the insertion of pieces of material (such as wood, shell, or ivory) into a wood veneer that is then applied to a surface (as of a piece of furniture).

She pulled out a marquetry box from one of the shelves, tucked it under her arm then made her way down a long hallway. Pg. 78

Desiccated- (verb) preserved by drying.

She pinned the desiccated relic of what was once a yellow rose to the shoulder of her moldy dress. Pg. 79

Quaint- (adjective) pleasingly or strikingly old-fashioned.

He found himself at the front gate of the same quaint house with the gingerbread trim. Pg. 80

Luminous- (adjective) shining.

The young woman had dark luminous eyes and her smile suggested she was having the time of her life. Pg. 83

Beneath the Ceiba

Select the letter of the best answer.

1. What does the word "elephantine" mean as used in the sentence?
 - a) Small and delicate
 - b) Enormous in size or strength
 - c) Extremely fast
 - d) Light and airy
2. Which of the following best describes "loamy" soil?
 - a) Rocky and dry
 - b) A mixture of clay, silt, and sand
 - c) Sandy and loose
 - d) Completely made of clay
3. A "grimace" is a facial expression that usually shows:
 - a) Joy and happiness
 - b) Disgust, disapproval, or pain
 - c) Surprise and shock
 - d) Contentment and peace
4. What is an "orb" as mentioned in the sentence?
 - a) A flat surface
 - b) A spherical body or eye
 - c) A sharp object
 - d) A soft cushion
5. What is "marquetry" in the context of the sentence?
 - a) A type of painting
 - b) Decorative work with inlaid pieces of material
 - c) A form of sculpture
 - d) A kind of pottery
6. If something is "desiccated," it has been:
 - a) Frozen
 - b) Preserved by drying
 - c) Burned
 - d) Submerged in water
7. The word "quaint" describes something that is:
 - a) Modern and new
 - b) Boring and dull
 - c) Strikingly old-fashioned
 - d) Plain and ordinary

8. "Luminous" eyes are:
- a) Dull and lifeless
 - b) Shining and bright
 - c) Small and beady
 - d) Red and swollen

Answer Key

- 1. *b) Enormous in size or strength*
- 2. *b) A mixture of clay, silt, and sand*
- 3. *b) Disgust, disapproval, or pain*
- 4. *b) A spherical body or eye*
- 5. *b) Decorative work with inlaid pieces of material*
- 6. *b) Preserved by drying*
- 7. *c) Strikingly old-fashioned*
- 8. *b) Shining and bright*

Wetwood

Confiscated- (verb) to seize by or as if by authority.

He kept it hidden from his parents, who would have confiscated it at once. Pg. 86

Bicker- (verb) to engage in a petty argument.

His mother and father would bicker about who's fault it was that he even had a knife and then they would take it from him. Pg. 89

Blemish- (noun) a noticeable imperfection.

She saw a bright red blemish. Pg. 94

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Wetwood

Select the letter of the best answer.

1. What does "confiscated" mean?
 - a) To give something back
 - b) To hide something
 - c) To seize something by authority
 - d) To destroy something
2. What does it mean to "bicker"?
 - a) To laugh together
 - b) To have a petty argument
 - c) To agree on something
 - d) To keep a secret
3. What is a "blemish"?
 - a) A perfect feature
 - b) A small decoration
 - c) A noticeable imperfection
 - d) A type of fabric

Answer Key

1. *c) To seize something by authority*
2. *b) To have a petty argument*
3. *c) A noticeable imperfection*

Pumpkin Guts

Cobbled- (verb) to make or put together roughly or hastily.

What I'm sharing with you now is a timeline, cobbled together, of the events that happened from start to finish as told to me from the folks that were there at each scene as well as what I saw with my own eyes. Pg. 106

Unceremoniously- (adverb) to add decorative touches.

The first was after the annual Harvest Festival when the town unceremoniously chucked hundreds of pumpkins used to decorate the main streets, government buildings, and shops not to mention all the porches garnished with the orange gourds. Pg. 108

Garnish- (verb) to add decorative touches.

The first was after the annual Harvest Festival when the town unceremoniously chucked hundreds of pumpkins used to decorate the main streets, government buildings, and shops not to mention all the porches garnished with the orange gourds. Pg. 108

Insidious- (adjective) developing gradually as to be well established before becoming apparent

It was out in #12 that the insidious fermentation began. Pg. 109

Fermentation- (noun) the chemical breakdown of a substance by bacteria, yeasts, or other microorganisms.

It was out in #12 that the insidious fermentation began. Pg. 109

Primordial- (adjective) existing in or persisting from the beginning.

At some point, no one knows when or how, the contents of Pond #12 combined to create a kind of foul primordial sludge. Pg. 109

Putrefaction- (noun) the rotting of organic matter.

Seasons of putrefaction, chemical off-gassing, mold, and weathering had spontaneously begot an insatiably ravenous creature. Pg. 109

Spontaneously- (adjective) produced without being planted or without human labor.

Seasons of putrefaction, chemical off-gassing, mold, and weathering had spontaneously begot an insatiably ravenous creature. Pg. 109

Begot- (verb) to produce especially as an effect or outgrowth.

Seasons of putrefaction, chemical off-gassing, mold, and weathering had spontaneously begot an insatiably ravenous creature. Pg. 109

Insatiably- (adjective) incapable of being satisfied.

Seasons of putrefaction, chemical off-gassing, mold, and weathering had spontaneously begot an insatiably ravenous creature. Pg. 109

Ravenous- (adjective) very eager or greedy for food, satisfaction, or gratification.

Seasons of putrefaction, chemical off-gassing, mold, and weathering had spontaneously begot an insatiably ravenous creature. Pg. 109

Entrails- (noun) internal parts, guts.

When Elwood arrived he traced the long streak of pumpkin entrails and muck leading from Wade's house straight to Pond #12. Pg. 110

Unwittingly- (adjective) not intended.

Mrs. Peacock had unwittingly set the fox to sleep right inside the chicken coop. Vern shot me a wicked toothless grin as his finger almost completely disappeared up one nostril. Pg. 116

Amorphous- (adjective) having no definite form.

The amorphous blob remained upright despite giving no indication of any skeletal framework. Pg. 121

Transfixed- (verb) to hold motionless by or as if by piercing.

Everyone stood transfixed by the unfathomable spectacle before them, including Mayor Gilbert and Lavinia who still held that booger up high on the end of her finger. Pg. 121

Unfathomable - (adjective) impossible to comprehend.

Everyone stood transfixed by the unfathomable spectacle before them, including Mayor Gilbert and Lavinia who still held that booger up high on the end of her finger. Pg. 121

Spectacle- (noun) having no definite form.

Everyone stood transfixed by the unfathomable spectacle before them, including Mayor Gilbert and Lavinia who still held that booger up high on the end of her finger. Pg. 121

Incredulous- (adjective) unwilling to admit or accept what is offered as true.

Incredulous, everyone stood frozen with their mouths open. Pg. 122

Gaudy- (adjective) tastelessly ornamented.

A glint of tinsel or the buckle from an old Santa suit jumbled together with shards of pumpkin shells and Lavinia's gaudy mangled hat. Pg 125

Permeated- (verb) to diffuse through or penetrate something.

The men held their breath at the tangy smell of rotting vegetables and stomach bile that permeated the air. Pg 129

Cavernous- (adjective) similar to a cave or cavern in size, shape, or feel.

It's cavernous mouth landed short of the stand and instead slammed hard onto the pavement leaving a large splotch of orange goop. Pg 130

Pumpkin Guts

Select the letter of the best answer.

1. What does it mean to "cobble" something together?
 - a) To carefully organize something
 - b) To make or put something together roughly or hastily
 - c) To destroy something completely
 - d) To polish and shine something
2. How did the town dispose of the pumpkins after the Harvest Festival?
 - a) Unceremoniously
 - b) Carefully
 - c) Festively
 - d) Quietly
3. What does it mean to "garnish" something?
 - a) To remove parts of something
 - b) To add decorative touches
 - c) To build something new
 - d) To mix different items together
4. What kind of process does "insidious" describe?
 - a) A quick and obvious process
 - b) A process that develops gradually and is hard to detect
 - c) A harmless and simple process
 - d) An exciting and fun process
5. What is "fermentation"?
 - a) The chemical breakdown of a substance by microorganisms
 - b) The process of freezing something
 - c) The removal of impurities from a substance
 - d) The heating of a liquid
6. What does "primordial" refer to?
 - a) Something new and innovative
 - b) Something that exists from the beginning
 - c) Something related to the future
 - d) Something that is difficult to understand

7. What is "putrefaction"?
- a) The drying of organic matter
 - b) The growth of plants
 - c) The rotting of organic matter
 - d) The freezing of water
8. How does something happen "spontaneously"?
- a) With careful planning
 - b) Without being planted or without human intervention
 - c) After a long process
 - d) Through external pressure
9. What does it mean to "beget" something?
- a) To destroy something
 - b) To produce or create something
 - c) To avoid something
 - d) To discover something
10. What does "insatiably" describe?
- a) Something that is easily satisfied
 - b) Something that cannot be satisfied
 - c) Something that is dangerous
 - d) Something that is harmless
11. What does "ravenous" mean?
- a) Very eager or greedy for food or satisfaction
 - b) Extremely cautious
 - c) Very tired and sleepy
 - d) Completely uninterested
12. What are "entrails"?
- a) Internal parts or guts
 - b) Decorative ornaments
 - c) Pieces of metal
 - d) Shards of glass
13. How does someone act when they do something "unwittingly"?
- a) With full awareness
 - b) Without intending to
 - c) With careful planning
 - d) With malicious intent

14. What does "amorphous" mean?
- a) Having a definite shape
 - b) Having no definite form
 - c) Being extremely fragile
 - d) Being very colorful
15. What does it mean to be "transfixed"?
- a) To be completely uninterested
 - b) To be held motionless by something
 - c) To be scared and run away
 - d) To be confused and puzzled
16. What does "unfathomable" mean?
- a) Easy to understand
 - b) Impossible to comprehend
 - c) Likely to happen
 - d) Fun and entertaining
17. What is a "spectacle"?
- a) An ordinary event
 - b) A visually striking display or scene
 - c) A quiet and peaceful moment
 - d) A hidden object
18. What does "incredulous" mean?
- a) Easily fooled
 - b) Willing to believe anything
 - c) Unwilling to believe something
 - d) Fully convinced
19. What does "gaudy" describe?
- a) Something tastefully decorated
 - b) Something tastelessly ornamented
 - c) Something very expensive
 - d) Something very plain
20. What does it mean when something "permeates" the air?
- a) It stays in one place
 - b) It diffuses or spreads through the air
 - c) It disappears quickly
 - d) It changes color

21. What does "cavernous" describe?
- a) Something tiny and compact
 - b) Something large and similar to a cave
 - c) Something fragile and delicate
 - d) Something brightly lit

Answer Key

- 1. *b)*
- 2. *a)*
- 3. *b)*
- 4. *b)*
- 5. *a)*
- 6. *b)*
- 7. *c)*
- 8. *b)*
- 9. *b)*
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