

Vocabulary 8 Practice Quiz

1. hasty and inattentive
2. scarcity; shortage
3. to make feeble; weaken
4. honor; great respect
5. reduce in importance
6. manner; behavior
7. having hidden meaning
8. portray; describe in words
9. Decay; decline
10. Public condemnation

- A. Cryptic
- B. Cursory
- C. Dearth
- D. Debilitate
- E. Decadence
- F. Deference
- G. Deflate
- H. Delineate
- I. Demeanor
- J. Denunciation

11. Seeing that the rookie player was swollen with feelings of self-importance, the veteran players decided to play a prank on him to ---- his high opinion of himself.
12. Joel's bitter ---- of his former employer for their poor treatment of company employees made the front page of the newspaper.
13. FBI agents asked the university symbolism expert to try to decode the ---- message left by the kidnappers.
14. Sal's angry ----- changed when he read the note of apology, and he became much calmer.
15. There is a ---- of strong writers, readers, and thinkers among college graduates in the US, so companies are increasingly looking to foreign students as prospective employees.
16. It requires more than a ----- reading for me to comprehend modern poetry.
17. Twain used Huck's adventures along the Mississippi to focus attention on the moral ---- of society, which he felt was in decline.
18. The virus ---- the quarterback so much that he was unable to play in the big game.
19. In ---- to the well-respected novelist, the critics refrained from attacking his new book, though they all agreed it was not an especially well-written story.
20. The announcer tried to ---- the amazing play for listeners, but his description could not adequately describe it.

1B; 2C; 3D; 4F; 5G; 6I; 7A; 8H; 9E; 10J; 11G; 12J; 13A; 14I; 15C; 16B; 18D; 19F; 20H