

Unit 5 Vocabulary

Directions: Fill in the blank with the best word from the word bank.

Word Bank	astronomical	celestial
exhume	humility	inter
nebulous	nimbus	stellar
subterranean	terrestrial	

- 1) A(n) _____ of mosquitoes seemed to surround my head every time I went outside.
- 2) Anthony's _____ accomplishments as a woodworker are reflected in his numerous awards.
- 3) On some _____ transit systems, passengers do not see daylight for up to an hour.
- 4) The _____ splendor of the Northern Lights has amazed stargazers for centuries.
- 5) As I read more, my _____ understanding of photosynthesis became clear and sharp.
- 6) Though the commentators found the tennis player somewhat lacking in _____, they had to agree with him that he was the best player in history.
- 7) The farmers who found the strange object believed that it was not _____ in origin, but had fallen from the sky.
- 8) The children wished to _____ the gerbil that had died.
- 9) The cost of vegetables at the neighborhood store is high, but not _____.
- 10) The journalists wondered whether she should _____ the long-dead controversy simply for the sake of a story.

Directions: Choose the set of words that best completes the sentence.

- 11) The _____ that Howard showed when talking about his academic work gave no hint of his _____ performance in school.
 - a) humility - stellar
 - b) nimbus - astronomical
 - c) nebula - subterranean
 - d) nimbus - terrestrial

- 12) In order to _____ the buried city, archaeologist first had to map a series of _____ water tunnels that wove in and our of the area.
- a) inter - astronomical
 - b) exhume - subterranean
 - c) exhume -stellar
 - d) inter - celestial
- 13) When a member of the royalty died, he or she was _____ in a grand tomb, and _____ conditions- alignment of the sun, moon, stars, and planets- were recorded in the book of the priests.
- a) stellar - terrestrial
 - b) exhumed - stellar
 - c) nimbus - celestial
 - d) interred - celestial
- 14) Even people who have seen the strange, rare creature can give only _____ descriptions of its size and speed; all that we know for sure is that is is _____ in habitat.
- a) astronomical - stellar
 - b) celestial - astronomical
 - c) nebulous - astronomical
 - d) nebulous - terrestrial
- 15) On the night when the holy man appeared on television, his head bathed in a(n) _____ of light, ratings for the network were _____.
- a) nebula- terrestrial
 - b) celestial - astronomical
 - c) nimbus - astronomical
 - d) nebula - subterranean

Directions: Match the word to its definition.

- 16) _____ nebulous
17) _____ nimbus
18) _____ humility
19) _____ astronomical
20) _____ exhume
21) _____ stellar
22) _____ inter
23) _____ subterranean
24) _____ celestial
25) _____ terrestrial
- a) enormous; immense
b) earthly; of or from land
c) beneath the ground
d) a cloud
e) to put into the ground; to bury
f) to remove from the ground; dig up
g) not definite; vague
h) excellent; outstanding
i) having to do with the sky or heavens
j) lack of pride; modesty