

Unit 8 Vocabulary

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

Word Bank	enumerated	idiom
idiosyncrasy	innumerable	insular
insulate	nonplussed	plurality
single	singular	surplus

- 1) Our manager did not _____ just one of us out for criticism; he expressed displeasure with the whole department.
- 2) Due to his rather _____ upbringing, John had tasted few foods besides those cooked by his family.
- 3) Jeremy often tried to _____ his nervous coworker from the chaos raging in the office.
- 4) One _____ of Rebecca's was her tendency to nap standing up.
- 5) Ana's _____ knack for remembering phone numbers led the rest of us to seek her help many times.
- 6) Though _____ spectators used to crowd Times Square on New Year's Eve, this year it was unusually empty.
- 7) A(n) _____ of wheat on the international market was the result of an excellent growing season.
- 8) Mr. Hooper was amazed when a(n) _____ of his students chose to skip recess for a science presentation.
- 9) My teacher _____ at least ten reasons why she refused to pass me for the year.
- 10) Olivia confessed that she was _____ by my sudden change of mood.
- 11) When Joyce used a(n) _____ unfamiliar to her listeners, she was forced to stop and explain.

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

- 12) Members of the small, _____ community were _____ when they discovered that a huge city would soon be built on the borders of their town.
 - a) innumerable - insular
 - b) singular - innumerable
 - c) insular - nonplussed
 - d) innumerable - nonplussed

- 13) While some consider Fred's ability to calculate huge sums in his head a(n) _____ talent, others think that it is an irritating _____.
- a) singular - idiosyncrasy
 - b) innumerable - surplus
 - c) insular - idiom
 - d) nonplussed - plurality
- 14) The employee did not _____ out anyone as the main cause of his resignation, but he did _____ reasons why he found the workplace unpleasant.
- a) insulate - singular
 - b) single - enumerate
 - c) enumerate - insulate
 - d) single - insulate
- 15) A(n) _____ of fruit in the storehouse on Monday can mean _____ flies and other pests on Tuesday.
- a) idiosyncrasy- insular
 - b) idiom - singular
 - c) plurality - nonplussed
 - d) surplus - innumerable
- 16) Even if a(n) _____ of parents were very careful about what their children watch on television, it is unlikely that the kids would be _____ from all of its negative material.
- a) plurality - insulated
 - b) idiom - singled
 - c) idiosyncrasy - enumerated
 - d) surplus - enumerated

Directions: Match the word to its definition.

- 17) _____ innumerable
18) _____ plurality
19) _____ surplus
20) _____ single
21) _____ insulate
22) _____ singular
23) _____ idiom
24) _____ idiosyncrasy
25) _____ insular
26) _____ nonplussed
27) _____ enumerate
- a) so plentiful as to be uncountable
b) baffled; confused
c) to list separately; to count off
d) separated from others; unique
e) greater part; majority
f) speech or phrase specific to a particular language or group of people
g) a peculiar quality; a quirk
h) amount beyond what is necessary
i) to isolate; to chose
j) limited to knowledge or perspective
k) to protect form outside influences