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- 1} Fishing & napping is Farmer Tice's _____ against high anxiety and the stresses of life.
- 2} Nvidia started out as a tiny 3D graphics company but ultimately became _____ in the AI industry, worth over \$5 trillion.
- 3} Farmer Tice did his best to _____ Judge Krudd to send him to jail for a month, because it was the harvest season.
- 4} *The Old Bach* hated the institution of marriage so much that even the sight of a wedding chapel was his _____.
- 5} Honeybunch was sweet & loving in the beginning, but immediately after marrying Farmer Tice, she became mean & _____.
- 6} Farmer Tune had a _____ smile on his face while playing checkers with Farmer Tice. He thought he was winning, but then Farmer Tice got a lucky break.
- 7} Blackie the blacksmith got his name, because he worked with _____ coal.
- 8} Farmer Tice lacked a _____ attitude and couldn't even sell fish to a seal.
- 9} Farmer Tice's excuses for getting out of doing chores were _____.
- 10} There's always a _____ of pleasant noise coming from the orchestra at the beginning of a concert while the musicians are practicing & tuning up their instruments.
- 11} Farmer Tice was _____ & inexperienced when he first became a farmer and ultimately proved to be completely inept as time went on.
- 12} Literally the entire town of Hokum gave Farmer Tice & Honeybunch a huge reception the day they were _____, because they considered that occasion to be like Halley's Comet; something that happens only once in a century.

Farmer Tice's Vocabulary Puzzle
College Level Words #10

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1. **bête noire** (n) bet-NWAR A person or thing that one particularly dislikes or dreads; a pet peeve or sworn enemy. *Loud cellphone conversations in quiet cafés are her ultimate bête noire.*
2. **betroth** (v) To promise to marry or give in marriage; to engage someone to be married. *The king betrothed his daughter to the prince of the neighboring kingdom to secure a political alliance.*
3. **bilious** (adj) Relating to bile or bad digestion; also irritable, bad-tempered, or spiteful. *His bilious rant about the new office policy left everyone feeling uncomfortable.*
4. **bituminous** (adj) Containing or resembling bitumen (a tar-like substance); often used to describe a type of soft coal. *The region was known for its vast deposits of bituminous coal used in steel production.*
5. **bounteous** (adj) Generously given or giving; plentiful, abundant. *The bounteous harvest this year allowed the farmers to donate surplus crops to local shelters.*
6. **bulwark** (n) A defensive wall or rampart; anything that acts as a strong protection or safeguard. *Free speech remains a vital bulwark against government overreach.*
7. **bumptious** (adj) bun-chew-us Offensively self-assertive or pushy; arrogant and presumptuous. *His bumptious attitude during the interview made the hiring committee question his teamwork skills.*
8. **brobdingnagian** (adj) brob-ding-NAG-ee-uhn Enormous, gigantic (from the land of giants in Gulliver's Travels). *The brobdingnagian skyscrapers of the city dwarfed the historic buildings around them.*
9. **cacophony** (n) A harsh, discordant mixture of sounds; noise that is unpleasant to the ear. *The cacophony of car horns and construction work outside made it impossible to concentrate.*
10. **cajole** (v) To persuade someone to do something by coaxing or flattery. *She managed to cajole her reluctant brother into joining the family vacation.*
11. **callow** (adj) Inexperienced and immature; youthful and naïve. *The callow intern still had much to learn about navigating corporate politics.*
12. **capricious** (adj) Given to sudden and unaccountable changes of mood or behavior; unpredictable, impulsive, or fickle. *Her capricious decisions made it very difficult for the team to plan ahead, as she would change her mind without warning.*

ANSWERS TO FARMER TICE COLLEGE VOCABULARY #10

1. bulwark

2. brobdingnagian

3. cajole

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11. callow

12. betroth