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- 1) Prison camps in Siberia were scattered about like hundreds of little islands. Solzhenitsyn call it *The Gulag* _____
- 2} Jacques Offenbach's *Orpheus in the Underworld* was a _____ opera based on the Greek myth of Orpheus. Instead of a love story, Orpheus and Eurydice hated each other!
- 3} General Patton's Third Army had a magnificent _____.
- 4} Here bedroom was _____ decorated with old Barbie decor.
- 5} Having a switchblade knife is strictly _____ in California.
- 6} An icy wind blew the outhouse door open when Farmer Tice was doing his business. He thought a _____ was haunting him.
- 7} Farmer Tice was such a lousy painter that after he painted his barn, an art dealer saw it and thought it was a brilliant _____ of modern art.
- 8} Ancient Greeks built huge _____ as strongholds against invaders.
- 9} When Farmer Tice tells a story, he captures the _____ of hillbilly life.
- 10} Farmer Tice will never meet his _____. There isn't anyone else like him in the entire world. When God made him, He broke the mold!
- 11} Farmer Tice got a great feeling of _____ when he saw a policeman writing out a speeding ticket for Farmer Tune.
- 12} Farmer Tice was delighted when his beat-up, old tractor finally went _____ until his wife told him he'd have to plow the field on foot.

Farmer Tice's Vocabulary Puzzle
College Level Words #5
More fun than a barrel of hillbillies !!!
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1. **esprit de corps** \ ess-PREE duh KAWR \ A feeling of pride, fellowship, and common loyalty shared by the members of a particular group or team.
The grueling weeks of basic training built a powerful sense of esprit de corps among the new recruits.
2. **poltergeist** \ POHL-ter-gyst \ A ghost or spirit supposed to manifest its presence by making noises and noisily moving or throwing objects.
The family joked that a mischievous poltergeist was responsible for the keys constantly vanishing from the kitchen counter.
3. **kitsch** \ kich \ Art, objects, or design considered to be in poor taste because of excessive garishness or sentimentality, but sometimes appreciated in an ironic way.
The roadside diner was filled with vintage kitsch, from neon flamingos to velvet paintings of Elvis.
4. **doppelgänger** (standard spelling of doppelanger) \ DOP-uhl-gang-er \ An apparition or double of a living person; a look-alike. I ran into someone at the airport who looked so exactly like my brother it felt like I was staring at his doppelgänger.
5. **kaput** \ kuh-POOT \ Broken, ruined, dead, or no longer functioning.
After making a strange grinding noise, my old lawnmower went completely kaput.
6. **verboden** (standard spelling of verbotten) \ fer-BOH-tuhn \ Forbidden, strictly prohibited, especially by an authority. *My doctor said that prescribing Seconal is verboten, because it's a dangerous narcotic.*
7. **zeitgeist** \ STITE-guyst \ The defining spirit or mood of a particular period of history as shown by the ideas and beliefs of the time. *The novel perfectly captured the anxious, tech-obsessed zeitgeist of the early 2020s.* The word means *spirit of the era* or *the vibe of the times*.
8. **schadenfreude** (standard spelling of schadenfreud) \ SHAH-duhn-froy-duh \ Pleasure derived by someone from another person's misfortune. *He felt a quiet wave of schadenfreude when the arrogant coworker who always took credit for his work missed the deadline.*
9. **citadel** \ SIT-uh-duhl \ A fortress, typically on a high ground, protecting or dominating a city.
The ancient stone citadel loomed over the harbor, guarding the city against historical invasions.
10. **burlesque** \ ber-LESK \ An absurd or comically exaggerated imitation of something, especially in a literary or dramatic work; a parody. (Also refers to a variety show characterized by broad humor and striptease).
The playwright's latest comedy was a witty burlesque of classic Victorian melodrama.
11. **pastiche** \ pass-TEESH \ An artistic work in a style that imitates that of another work, artist, or period.
The film's soundtrack is a brilliant pastiche of 1980s synth-pop and classical orchestral music.
12. **archipelago** \ aar-kuh-PEH-luh-gow \ A group or chain of islands clustered together in a large body of water. *They spent their summer vacation sailing through the stunning Greek archipelago.*

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