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- 1) Farmer Tice's usual _____ manner completely disappeared as soon as Honeybunch yelled, "Jinx! The barn's on fire!"
- 2} Farmer Tune thought of himself as a brilliant _____ with his charming anecdotes, but he nothing but a big bore.
- 3} Jim Fisk was an _____ who got rich off of the Civil War with his crooked financial schemes. He even pretended to be a colonel in order to impress everybody.
- 4} After guzzling down a case of Farmer Tice Root Beer, Honeybunch had to _____ when Farmer Tice handed her another bottle.
- 5} After drinking 3 bottles of prune juice, Farmer Tice spent the rest of the day doing _____ to the outhouse.
- 6} Jethro Bodine inherited millions of dollars from his Uncle Jed but remained a hillbilly _____ for the rest of his life.
- 7} Honeybunch asked Farmer Tice several _____ questions in her first love letter to him, like "How much money ya make?" and "How big's yer farm?"
- 8} Farmer Tice's lawyer told the judge that he's just a bit _____ when it comes to farming, and the judge replied, "He's a lazy bum! That's what he is!!!"
- 9} After Farmer Tice's wife caught him pilfering money from the cookie jar, she was mad as a hornet, and Farmer Tune had to serve as a _____ to bring them back together again.
- 10} The Bible commands children to fulfill _____ duties to their parents.
- 11} President Trump & Chairman Xi had a _____ after the big, official meeting.
- 12} Farmer Tice's _____ humor was derived from sheer stupidity.

Farmer Tice's Vocabulary Puzzle

College Level Words 3

More fun than a barrel of hillbillies!!!

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Word Definition & Examples

1. **demur** v.: To raise doubts or show reluctance; to object to a proposal or suggestion. To demur means to politely refuse or hesitate to do something. *When the waiter offered her a third slice of chocolate cake, she chose to demur.*
2. **insouciant** adj {in-SOO-see-unt} Showing a casual lack of concern; lighthearted, carefree, and unbothered. *She maintained an insouciant attitude during the corporate restructuring, confident that her specialized skills made her irreplaceable. He show his insouciance by telling the judge "I don't care."* **insouciance** n, **insouciantly** adv
3. **arriviste** n. {ah-ree-VEEST} A person who has recently acquired wealth or social status but is viewed as ruthlessly ambitious, pushy, or untrustworthy.
Example: "He was an arriviste who dumped his old friends the moment he became rich." _
4. **parvenu** n. PAR-VA-NU: A person from a humble background who has rapidly gained wealth or a higher social position, but has not yet acquired the manners or prestige associated with it. *After winning the multi-million dollar lottery, the parvenu drew judgmental looks from his neighbors by parking a fleet of neon sports cars on his lawn.*
5. **raconteur** n. RACK-ON-TOUR A person who excels at telling anecdotes and stories in a highly skillful, amusing, and engaging manner. *Charles Laughton was a brilliant raconteur who was never boring.*
6. **sortie** v. SORTEE An attack made by troops coming out from a besieged position; or more broadly, a short operational flight by a military aircraft or a brief excursion away from home. _A brief excursion or short trip outside your normal routine. *The fighter pilots executed a midnight sortie to neutralize the enemy radar installation before returning safely to the aircraft carrier. I spent the rest of the day making sorties from one store to another.*
7. **gauche** adj. GOSH Lacking ease or grace; socially awkward, tactless, or crude. *It was incredibly gauche of him to loudly ask the host how much the wedding catering cost during the middle of the dinner reception. .*
8. **sangfroid** n. sahn-FWAH The ability to stay calm, cool, and composed under extreme stress, danger, or difficult circumstances. *Jerry West was called "Mr. Clutch", because he showed incredible sangfroid in shooting the winning basket seconds before the final buzzer. The abolitionist John Brown faced his execution with unusual sangfroid.*
9. **filial** adj. FILL-ee-ul Filial is an adjective that describes the relationship, duty, or love that a child has for their parent. *Out of a sense of filial devotion, she moved back to her hometown to personally care for her aging parents.*
10. **droll** adj Curious or unusual in a way that provokes dry, understated amusement or witty humor. *The professor was known for his droll commentary, often delivering hilarious observations about historical events with a completely straight face. drolly* adv. *He looked drolly at his lazy students and told them to take the rest of the afternoon off so they could relax & unwind.*
11. **tête-à-tête** TEHT-ah-TEHT Definition: A private, intimate conversation between two people. Example: The two world leaders stepped away from the chaotic summit floor for a brief tête-à-tête to resolve the border dispute privately.
12. **liaison** LEE A SION Definition: A liaison is a person who acts as a bridge to help two different groups communicate and work together smoothly.
Example: She was hired to act as the primary liaison between the corporate legal department and the international engineering teams. She acted as the liaison between the parents and the school principal.

Answers: Farmer Tice's Vocabulary Puzzle -- COLLEGE LEVEL WORDS 3

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