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- 1} Much of Farmer Tice's work might someday be done by an _____, and he can hardly wait for that day to come.
- 2} The marching was funded through the _____ of The Hokum Teetotalers Society.
- 3} Farmer Tice didn't mind the _____ conditions that came with sleeping in the barn as long as he could get out of doing chores.
- 4} Farmer Tice _____ figured out clever ways of pilfering his wife's cookie jar, sneaking out to go fishing, & getting out of work.
- 5} The Reverend Mulers *You'll be damned!* sermons took on an _____ that often frightened members of his congregation.
- 6} Dairy farms must maintain _____ conditions to keep the milk free from harmful bacteria.
- 7} To make money with stocks, you must stay _____ with the latest news of the market, as well as political events and the economy.
- 8} After drinking a six-pack of Farmer Tice Root Beer, everything in the room looked _____, and Farmer Tice felt happy and dizzy.
- 9} Honeybunch's stern "pep talk" was austere and did nothing to _____ Farmer Tice's anxiety of having to give a speech before the committee.
- 10} Even though he got caught red-handed with his hand in the cookie jar, Farmer Tice continue to _____ that he had no intentions of stealing any money.
- 11} Farmer Tune was a master at _____ the junk he buys from old man Bunch.
- 12} The instructions were _____ to include the newest model.

Farmer Tice's Vocabulary Puzzle
College Level Words #8

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1. **apt / aptly** Part of Speech: Adjective (apt) / Adverb (aptly) Definition: Extremely appropriate, suitable, or fitting for the circumstances. (Can also mean having a natural tendency or being quick to learn). Example: *"The band's name was an apt description of their chaotic style." / "She aptly summarized the complex issue in just a few sentences."*

2. **append** Part of Speech: Verb Definition: To add something as an attachment, supplement, or afterthought to the end of a document or speech. Example: *"The lawyer decided to append a list of conditions to the final contract."*

3. **automaton** Part of Speech: Noun Definition: A moving mechanical device made in imitation of a human being; a robot. Figuratively, it refers to a person who acts mechanically without a soul or thoughts. Example: *"After working sixteen hours straight, he felt like a mere automaton repeating the same motions."*

4. **aver** Part of Speech: Verb Definition: To state, assert, or declare something firmly and positively as a fact. Example: *"Despite the intense questioning, the witness continued to aver that she was telling the absolute truth."*

5. **auspices** Part of Speech: Noun (plural) Definition: With the help, support, guidance, or endorsement of a specific person or organization (usually used in the phrase "under the auspices of"). Example: *"The Covid research project was funded and conducted under the auspices of the World Health Organization."*

6. **assuage**

Part of Speech: Verb Definition: To make an unpleasant or painful feeling less intense; to satisfy or appease an appetite or desire. Example: *"A warm cup of tea helped to assuage his anxiety before the big presentation."*

7. **austere** Part of Speech: Adjective Definition: Severe, strict, or uncompromising in manner or attitude; having no comforts or luxuries (bare, simple, or plain). Example: *"The monk lived a quiet, austere life in a small concrete cell with only a bed and a desk."*

8. **au courant** oh-koo-RAHN Part of Speech: Adjective Definition: Well-informed, up-to-date, or fully aware of the latest news, trends, or developments. Example: *"As a tech journalist, she makes sure to stay au courant with the newest smartphone advancements."*

9. **arbitrage** Part of Speech: Noun (can also be used as a verb) Definition: The simultaneous buying and selling of the same asset or commodity in different markets to take advantage of differing prices and make a profit. Example: *"By buying the stock cheap in London and selling it instantly for more in New York, the trader made a fortune through arbitrage."*

10. **aseptic** Part of Speech: Adjective Definition: Free from contamination caused by harmful bacteria, viruses, or other microorganisms; surgically sterile. Example: *"Surgeons must work in an aseptic environment to prevent infections during surgery."*

11. **askew** Part of Speech: Adjective or Adverb Definition: Not straight, level, or aligned; crooked or to one side. Example: *"The gust of wind blew his hat askew and left the framed pictures on the wall tilting sideways."*

12. **asperity** Part of Speech: Noun

Definition: Harshness, sharpness, or severity of tone, temper, or manner; it can also refer to a rough edge or surface irregularity. Example: *"The manager's voice took on a sudden asperity when she realized the deadlines had been missed."*

ANSWERS TO FARMER TICE COLLEGE WORDS #8

1. automaton
2. auspices
3. austere
4. aptly
5. asperity
6. aseptic
7. au courant
8. askewed
9. assuage
10. aver
11. arbitraging
12. appended