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- 1) Quantum physics is too _____ for him to understand.
- 2) Honeybunch tried to force Farmer Tice to live an _____ lifestyle, but he couldn't give up hog jowls, fatback, & possum.
- 3) To be a good salesman, you must have good _____ in order to convince the buyer he or she is getting the deal of a lifetime.
- 4) Losing to Farmer Tice was total _____ for Farmer Tune, because Farmer Tice was the lousiest checker player in all of Hokum.
- 5) When Farmer Tice married Honeybunch, he was forced to _____ his position as the head of Tice Acres and let her run the farm her way.
- 6) Hokum decided to _____ that vagrancy law, because the Hokum city jail was plumb full of bums, and Sheriff Bobbo got sick & tired of waiting on them. "This ain't no 5 star hotel for bums. This here is a jail!"
- 7) The Reverend Muler tried his best to _____ Farmer Tice's mind from temptation, but the urge to sleep & fish was too overwhelming for Farmer Tice.
- 8) Plowing the north field turned out to be another one of Farmer Tice's many _____ missions in the quest of doing farm work.
- 9) Farmer Tice snuck out the back door wearing all of the _____ of a fisherman. That's when Honeybunch yelled, "Jinx! You get back in here & put on your workin' duds! Who is you tryin't ta fool?"
- 10) Farmer Tice had absolutely no _____ for making money in farming.
- 11) As a farmer, Farmer Tice was an _____ failure, but in getting out of work, he was amazingly skillful at it.
- 12) When Honeybunch discovered that Farmer Tice had pilfered all of the money in her cookie jar, she let him have it with an _____ tirade.

Farmer Tice's Vocabulary Puzzle
College Level Words #6
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1. **abasement** (noun)Definition: The act of humiliating, degrading, or lowering someone's status, dignity, or character.Example: *Kneeling before his captors was the ultimate abasement for the proud warrior.*
2. **abject** (adjective)Definition: Brought low in condition, spirit, or state; completely miserable, degrading, or hopeless.Example: The families lived in abject poverty, struggling daily just to find clean drinking water. *Jack was an abject failure at everything he did.*
3. **abnegate** (verb)Definition: To deny oneself a right or pleasure; to formally renounce or surrender power.Example: *A true leader must sometimes abnegate personal ambition for the safety of the public.*
4. **abortive** (adjective)Definition: Failing to succeed or produce the intended result; premature and unsuccessful.Example: Their abortive attempt to scale the mountain peak was cut short by a sudden blizzard. *The space launch ended up an abortive mission.*
5. **abrogate** (verb)Definition: To formally or officially repeal, abolish, or annul a law, right, or formal agreement.Example: The trade bloc voted to abrogate the treaty after years of persistent border disputes.
6. **abstemious** (adjective)Definition: Marked by restraint and moderation, especially when eating food or drinking alcohol.Example: *The monk led an abstemious lifestyle, consuming only simple broth, bread, and water. Try to be more abstemious in the consumption of meat.*
7. **absterge** (verb)Definition: To wipe clean, purge, or thoroughly sanitize a wound, surface, or object.Example: The paramedic used a sterile solution to absterge the scrapings before wrapping the arm. *Absterge those evil thoughts from your mind.*
8. **abstruse** (adjective)Definition: Extremely difficult to understand, penetrate, or comprehend; obscure and highly intellectual.Example: *The scholarly paper on theoretical math was far too abstruse for a casual reader.*
9. **acumen** (noun)Definition: Keeness of depth, perception, and discrimination; remarkable quickness and sharpness of judgment.Example: His business acumen allowed him to spot profitable investment trends long before his competitors. *Jake had no acumen for quarterbacking.*
10. **accoutrements** (noun)Definition: Additional items of dress or equipment, pack gear, or accessories carried for a specific activity.Example: The knight's heavy armor, shield, sword, and other accoutrements weighed over sixty pounds. *His costume came with the accoutrements of a Jedi.*
11. **acrimonious** (adjective)Definition: Bitter, stinging, or deeply resentful in speech, nature, debate, or behavior.Example: The long divorce proceedings became increasingly acrimonious as both parties refused to compromise. *Judge Krudd gave Farmer Tice an acrimonious lecture.*
12. **alacrity** (noun)Definition: Prompt, brisk, and cheerful readiness or eagerness to take action.Example: She handled the urgent task with alacrity, finishing the report hours ahead of the deadline. *General Patton loved war, and led his men off to battle with amazing alacrite.*

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