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dishabile(d) dissipate(d) diurnal divest(ed) docent(s) dole doleful dour dulcet

- 1} Honeybunch bore a _____ look on her face as she got out of bed and faced the pitiful new day.
- 2} Farmer Tice got out of bed at noon looking _____, as though he had spent the night in a foxhole during a war.
- 3} Farmer Tice oversleeps & wastes the _____ hours of the day.
- 4} Farmer Tice neglected to keep the nuts & bolts in _____ packages and ended up with a big mess on his hands.
- 5} Honeybunch was a woman of rugged _____ that was seldom lighted by a smile.
- 6} The Hokum Zoo hasn't any _____ to show you around.
- 7} Honeybunch's anger eventually _____ after she discovered the missing money she thought Farmer Tice had "borrowed".
- 8} Farmer Tice had a _____ look on his face when he learned that Miller's Pond was plum dry of fish.
- 9} When it comes to chores, Farmer Tice is either _____ or missing in action.
- 10} The lodge brothers were _____ about the upcoming convention. If their wives were to find out about it, the boars would never be able to go.
- 11} The Reverend Muler held _____ for those who napped in church, especially during one of his sermons.
- 12} Farmer Tice's ergophobia was contagious & soon _____ among all of the other lodge brothers of the Royal Order of Friend Swine.
- 13} Having to spend 30 days in the Hokum jail was an easy way for Farmer Tice to acquire all of the time he needed for naps while being _____ of all of this chores.
- 14} Farmer Tice dozed off to the _____ chirping of crickets.

**Farmer Tice's Vocabulary Puzzle
College Level Words #15**

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1. **countenance** n, (v, n) (n) Facial expression; approval or support. v. To approve, *tolerate*, or support. n. *Her cheerful countenance brightened the room.* v. *The principal would not countenance cheating on exams.* {countenance = tolerate}

2. **discountenance** (v, n) v. To disapprove of; to discourage. n. A look of disapproval. (v) *The coach discountenanced unsportsmanlike conduct.* n. *His discountenance was obvious when he heard the excuse.* (v) *After seeing the bad report card, his father looked at him with discountenance.*

3. **discrete** (adj. adv) Separate and distinct; not connected. *The report divided the data into several discrete categories.* (adj) *The different teams were arranged in a discrete order. They were counted discretely; not in any particular order.* (adv).

4. **disseminate** (v) To spread or distribute widely. *Scientists worked to disseminate their findings to the public.* (v) *Vicious lies and half-truths about the president disseminated throughout social media.*

5. **discreet** means careful, cautious, or guarded in one's speech or actions, especially in order to maintain privacy, avoid causing embarrassment, or keep a secret. (Note: While it sounds exactly like **discrete**, it has a completely different meaning.). *When coming to the interview, please be discreet.* (i.e., Be low-keyed, don't chat with the employees, be private). **discretion** (n), **discreetly** (adj), *In avoiding the media, President Trump met discreetly with Prime Minister Netanyahu of Israel.*

6. **dilatory** (adj) Tending to delay; slow or procrastinating. His dilatory tactics postponed the vote for weeks. **dilatorily** (adv) *The fitness company moved dilatorily, taking over week to process my replacement order.*

7. **dishabille(d)** n, adj n. (pronounced *disabee & disabeed*) A state of being partly dressed or untidy. adj. Casually or carelessly dressed. (n) *She answered the door in a state of dishabille.* (adj) *The guest appeared rather dishabilled, wearing slippers and a robe.*

8. **dissipate(d)** v, adj v. To scatter, disperse, or waste. adj. (dated) Overindulgent; self-indulgent. (v) *Within a hour at the casino, the money he brought with him had dissipated* (adj) *The novel portrays a dissipated aristocrat who squandered his fortune.* (v) *The fog will dissipate as the day wears on.* (v) *My taxman advised me to dissipate my earnings into various charities and retirement accounts.* (v) *Having fought in the trenches for 2 solid weeks, the soldiers looked dissipated.*

9. **diurnal** (adj) Active during the day; occurring every day. *Humans are generally diurnal, unlike owls.*

10. **divest** (v) To rid oneself of; to deprive; to sell off assets. *The company decided to divest several unprofitable divisions.* (v) *After being convicted of a felony, he was divested of his 2nd Amendment rights. After being bitten by a dog as a child, he found it hard to divest himself of the fear of dogs.*

11. **docent** (n) A guide or lecturer at a museum, gallery, or zoo. *The museum docent explained the history of the paintings.*

12. **dole** (n,v) n. A charitable distribution or share. v. To distribute sparingly. (n) *The villagers depended on the king's dole during the famine.* (v) *She doled out candy one piece at a time.* (n) Sad, mournful, or sorrowful. *The puppy gave a doleful look when it was left alone.*

13. **dour** (adj) **dour** rhymes with *sour* & describes someone or something that is relentlessly severe, stern, gloomy, or humorless in appearance, manner, or disposition. It can describe a person's facial expression, their general personality, or even a bleak, forbidding place or situation. It implies an unyielding, unsmiling stubbornness. (adj) *The stock market crash left investors with a dour look on their faces.*

14. **dulcet** (adj) **dulcet** means sweet, soothing, and melodious. It is almost exclusively used to describe sounds, voices, or music that are exceptionally pleasant, gentle, and agreeable to the ear. Occasionally, it is used ironically to describe a sound that is actually harsh or unwelcome (e.g., *the dulcet tones of my alarm clock*). *Lennon & McCartney wrote several dulcet love songs.*

Countenance = face or approval. **Discountenance** = disapprove. **Discrete** = separate (discrete items). **Disseminate** = spread.

Dilatory = delaying. **Dishabille** = untidily dressed. **Dissipate** = scatter away. **Diurnal** = daytime. **Divest** = get rid of.

Docent = museum guide. **Dole** = hand out sparingly. **Doleful** = sorrowful. **Dour** = grim. **Dulcet** = sweet-sounding. **Discreet** = cautious

ANSWERS TO FARMER TICE'S COLLEGE VOCABUARY #15

1. dour
2. dishabilled
3. diurnal
4. discrete
5. countenance
6. docents
7. dissipated
8. doleful
9. dilatory
10. discreet
11. discountenance
12. disseminated
13. divested
14. dulcet