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aspense / aspersions aspirant asseverate(d) axiomatic assiduous(ly)  
assonant avarice avid / avidity bacchanalia balustrade banal beguile(d)

- 1} Farmer Tune always charges Farmer Tice \$20 for doing simple favors out of sheer \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2} Everybody laughed at the jokes told by the Reverend Muler even though they were quite \_\_\_\_\_ with corny punchlines. Nobody had the temerity to tell him that his jokes were boring.
- 3} Because Farmer Tice Root Beer contained about 15% alcohol, the banquet at the Founder's Day turned into quite a \_\_\_\_\_, and Sheriff Bobbo had to come and break up the action.
- 4} Mayor Krotch won the election the old fashioned way; by casting \_\_\_\_\_ of corruption on anyone who ran against him.
- 5} In an anti-drinking speech to the Hokum Teetotalers, Mayor Krotch \_\_\_\_\_ that he would stop all of the moonshining & make Boorwitzer a dry county.
- 6} Farmer Tice & Honeybunch \_\_\_\_\_ each other into matrimony by lying to each other about wealth & status. Honeybunch said she was a queen, & indeed she was; *a roller derby queen!* Farmer Tice said he was a wealthy plantation owner with a yacht.
- 7} Farmer Tune had an \_\_\_\_\_ for making money, & he did so by cheating Farmer Tice any way he could.
- 8} Honeybunch leaned over the \_\_\_\_\_ at the theatre & nearly broke it.
- 9} The only things Farmer Tice did \_\_\_\_\_ was fishing & napping.
- 10} When Farmer Tice was a kid, he had a strong, \_\_\_\_\_ desire to become a wealthy plantation owner. Later in like he found out that he'd have to work like the devil to make it happen, so he decided to look for an easy way of making money.
- 11} Keep breaking the law & you'll eventually get caught. That's \_\_\_\_\_.
- 12} *Gladys gladly picked petunias from the pasture* contains \_\_\_\_\_ sounds.

**Farmer Tice's Vocabulary Puzzle**  
**College Level Words #9**

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1. **aspere** (v) / **aspersions** (n) To asperse means to attack or criticize someone's reputation or character, often falsely. Aspersions are the slanderous or damaging remarks themselves. "The politician tried to asperse his opponent by spreading rumors about his finances." "She cast aspersions on his integrity without any evidence."
2. **aspirant** (n, adj) A person who has ambitions to achieve a particular goal or position; someone who aspires to something. "She is a strong aspirant for the CEO position and has been working hard to prove herself." "Many young aspirants dream of becoming professional athletes." *He has a strong, aspirant will to achieve.*
3. **asseverate** (v) To declare or assert something solemnly and emphatically. "The witness asseverated that she had seen the defendant at the scene of the crime." "He asseverated his innocence despite the mounting evidence against him."
4. **axiomatic** (n) Something that is self-evident or universally accepted as true; taken for granted. "It is axiomatic that hard work leads to better results in most fields." "The principle of supply and demand is axiomatic in economics."
5. **assiduous** (adj) Showing great care, attention, and diligence; hardworking and persistent. "Her assiduous study habits resulted in top grades throughout college." "The detective was assiduous in gathering every possible piece of evidence." *assiduous reading.. assiduously: Larry Bird practice shooting baskets assiduously.*
6. **assonant** (n, adj) (Usually **assonance** (n)) The repetition of similar vowel sounds in nearby words, often used in poetry and literature for musical effect. "The phrase 'fleet feet sweep by sleeping geese' is full of assonant sounds." "The poet used assonant repetition of the long 'o' sound to create a haunting mood."
7. **avarice** (n) Extreme greed for wealth or material gain. "His avarice led him to betray his friends for a bigger share of the profits." "The story warns against the destructive power of avarice."
8. **avid** (adj)/ **avidity** (n): **avid** = having a strong enthusiasm or eagerness for something. **avidity** = the quality of being avid; keen desire or greed. "She is an avid reader who finishes several books every month." "His avidity for success drove him to work 80-hour weeks."
9. **bacchanalia** (n) A wild and drunken party or celebration (from the Roman festival of Bacchus, god of wine). Often used for any unrestrained, rowdy festivity. "The office holiday party turned into a full-blown bacchanalia after midnight." "Ancient Rome hosted elaborate bacchanalia filled with feasting and revelry."
10. **balustrade** (n) A railing supported by short pillars (balusters), often along a staircase, balcony, or terrace. "She leaned on the balustrade of the grand staircase, overlooking the ballroom." "The ornate stone balustrade added elegance to the historic mansion's terrace."
11. **banal** (adj) Lacking originality; commonplace, trite, or boring. "The movie's plot was so banal that I predicted every twist within the first ten minutes." "His speech was filled with banal clichés that failed to inspire the audience."
12. **beguile** (v) To charm or enchant someone in a deceptive way; to trick or entertain delightfully. "The salesman tried to beguile customers with his smooth talk and free gifts." "The beautiful music beguiled the audience into a state of peaceful reverie."

## **ANSWERS TO FARMER TICE COLLEGE VOCABULARY #9**

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5} asseverated

6} beguiled

7} avidity

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9} assiduously

10} aspirant