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draconian nemesis spartan platonic thespian juggernaut maudlin hector(ed)(ing)

- 1) .Nvidia is the _____ of AI. It will soon become a formidable \$10 trillion company.
- 2) Parents are warned against _____ players on the other team.
- 3} Calvin Coolidge was our most _____ president, which is why he got the nickname "Silent Cal".
- 4} Honeybunch lured Farmer Tice into marriage under the _____ that she was a queen, when she was really a roller derby queen.
- 5} Farmer Tice Root Beer was 25% alcohol and _____ a lot trouble at the Founder's Day banquet.
- 6} The entire church congregation roared with laughter when Farmer Tice told the Reverend Muler that Honeybunch is making him live a _____ life.
- 7} When Farmer Tice told the court he was nothing but a hard-working farmer, the judge laughed and told him to stop being _____.
- 8} Farmer Tice put on a good act, but the judge didn't buy it and told him to save his _____ monkeyshines for the Hokum Amphitheater.
- 9} Farmer Deed was Farmer Tice's main _____. Honeybunch was always saying, "Why can't you make money like Farmer Deed?" and "Why ain't you smart like he is?"
- 10} Farmer Deed was Honeybunch's _____ friend.
- 11} Baked possum, sow bell, & collard greens was _____ for Farmer Tice.
- 12} Judge Krudd handed down _____ sentences for moon-shining.
- 13} The Hokum Lonely Hearts Club consisted of about 10 _____ old widows.
- 14} Farmer Tice was always coming up with some wild _____ for getting out of doing chores around the farm, but Honeybunch never fell for any of them.
- 15} Judge Krudd gave Farmer Tice a stiff sentence _____ on all of the complaints from Honeybunch that he had to sit and listen to.

Farmer Tice's Vocabulary Puzzle
College Level Words 2
More fun than a barrel of hillbillies!!!
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Word Definition Example

precipitate n, v. adj. To cause something to happen suddenly; to hasten. His reckless remark precipitated an argument.

pretext n. A false reason given to hide the real reason for an action. She used a headache as a pretext for leaving early.

laconic adj Using very few words; concise to the point of seeming abrupt. His laconic reply was simply, "No."

predicate(d) v (Grammar) To be based on. "He received the maximum prison sentence predicated on the fact that he's a career criminal with several prior convictions.

pretentious adj. Trying to appear more important, intelligent, or cultured than one really is.
The critic found the movie pretentious and boring.

tantalize v. To tease or torment by showing something desirable but keeping it out of reach.
The smell of fresh cookies tantalized the hungry children.

pretense n. A false claim or appearance; an attempt to make something seem true when it is not.
He abandoned all pretense of being interested in the meeting.

draconian adj. Excessively harsh or severe. The school imposed draconian penalties for minor offenses.

nemesis n NEM AH SIS A longtime rival, enemy, or source of downfall. The champion finally defeated his nemesis. *Aaron Burr & Alexander Hamilton were arch **nemeses** of one another.* **nemeses** = plural

spartan n. adj. Simple, austere, and lacking luxury. The cabin's spartan furnishings included only a bed and a table.

platonic adj. PLA TON IC Purely friendly and not romantic. Their relationship remained strictly platonic.

thespian n. THEZ PEE N An actor or actress. The young thespian starred in several school plays.

juggernaut n. A powerful force or institution that is difficult to stop. The company became a juggernaut in the technology industry.

maudlin adj. Excessively sentimental or emotional, often in a self-pitying way. The movie became maudlin during its final scenes.

hector v. To bully, intimidate, or harass someone with persistent criticism. The coach hectored the players after the loss.

Quick Memory Aids

laconic = "lacks words." **draconian** = brutal, severe **juggernaut** = unstoppable force.

maudlin = Overly sentimental. **platonic** = Friendship w/out romance. **hector** = nag or bully

nemesis = arch-enemy or downfall **spartan** = no luxuries **pretense** = false claim

tantalize = pizza when you're on a diet **pretentious** = false superiority **predicated** = based on

laconic = few words, to the point, witty **pretext** = false reason, deceptive, leading someone on

precipitate = **Precipitated** means that something was caused to happen suddenly or sooner than expected.

Example: (verb) "The sudden stock market crash could precipitate a massive corporate layoffs cycle." Chemistry

usage: To cause a substance to deposit in solid form from a liquid solution.

(adj) "Don't make a **precipitate** decision to quit your job before finding a new one."

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Answers: Farmer Tice's Vocabulary Puzzle -- COLLEGE LEVEL WORDS 2

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