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excoriated exculpated execrate exhort expatiate expurgate extirpate exude

- 1} The Reverend Muler told his congregation to \_\_\_\_\_ evil.
- 2} Angels are surrounded by an \_\_\_\_\_ aura.
- 3} The popularity of Farmer Tice Root Beer was \_\_\_\_\_.  
It lasted until Sheriff Bobbo threw everyone in jail on a DIH {Drunk In Hokum}. The company went out of business liquidy split.
- 4} An infected would may \_\_\_\_\_ yellow puss.
- 5} From atop the \_\_\_\_\_ one can see nearly all of Possum Valley as well as the unimportant farming hamlet of Hokum.
- 6} Honeybunch wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ all of the gossiping that's been going on until she realized how entertaining it was.
- 7} Farmer Tice will \_\_\_\_\_ anything having to do with hard work.
- 8} We've got to \_\_\_\_\_ the mayor's speech for offensive language.
- 9} Farmer Tice didn't say another word to the angry judge out of fear that he might \_\_\_\_\_ the situation and end up having to pay punitive damages.
- 10} Don't encourage Mayor Krotch to \_\_\_\_\_ on what he's going to do to clean up the town. He's long-winded enough.
- 11} Honeybunch \_\_\_\_\_ Farmer Tice for letting yet another harvest go to waste. She ripped him to shreads.
- 12} Farmer Tice wanted to be \_\_\_\_\_ for lack of evidence.
- 13} Farmer Tice's big hopes & dreams became \_\_\_\_\_ as he got older.
- 14} Time travel is a very \_\_\_\_\_ subject that deals with quantum physics.
- 15} Farmer Tice did his best to \_\_\_\_\_ Judge Krudd into giving him 60 days in the Hokum City Jail, but the judge wouldn't go for it and gave him 60 days at hard labor on his own farm instead.

**Farmer Tice's Vocabulary Puzzle  
College Level Words #18**

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1. **escarpment** (n) A long, steep slope or cliff separating two relatively level areas. *The hikers stood atop the escarpment and admired the valley below.*
2. **eschew** (v) To deliberately avoid or shun. *He chose to eschew social media and focus on his studies.*
3. **esoteric** (adj) Intended for or understood by only a small group with specialized knowledge. *Quantum physics can seem esoteric to non-scientific people.*
4. **ethereal** (adj) {think of the gas ether} Extremely delicate, light, or heavenly; seeming not of this world. *The singer's ethereal voice captivated the audience.*
5. **evanescent** (adj) Fleeting; fading or disappearing gradually. *The rainbow was an evanescent beauty that eventually vanished. The voices of the singers became evanescent as their boat drifted out to sea.*
6. **ephemeral** (adj) Very similar to evanescent, but quicker. *Photography is ephemeral in that if you miss taking the picture, the moment is gone for good.*
7. **exacerbate** (v) To make a problem, condition, or situation worse. *His rude remarks only exacerbated the conflict.*
8. **excoriate(d)** (v) To criticize severely; literally, to strip or wear away skin. *The reviewer excoriated the film for its poor script.*
9. **exculpate** (v) To clear from blame or guilt. *The new evidence helped exculpate the suspect.*
10. **execrate** (v) To pour out intense, emotional hatred and moral disgust toward something. It carries an almost visceral, venomous tone. *The citizens execrated the corrupt official.*
11. **exhort** (v) To strongly encourage or urge someone to do something. *The coach exhorted the team to keep fighting until the end.*
12. **expatiate** (v) To speak or write at length and in detail. *The professor expatiated on the causes of the war.*
13. **expurgate** (v) To remove objectionable or offensive material from a text. *The publisher expurgated the novel for younger readers.*
14. **extirpate** (v) To root out, destroy, or eliminate completely. *We need to extirpate corruption in government.*
15. **exude** (v) To emit, discharge, or display abundantly. *She exuded confidence during the interview.* To ooze, discharge, or sweat out a substance slowly and steadily. *A small amount of toothpaste exuded from the tube.*

**Escarpment:** Steep cliff face **Eschew:** Deliberately avoid it **Esoteric:** Known by few **Ethereal:** Light and airy  
**Evanescent:** Vanishing like vapor **Ephemeral:** Very short lived **Exacerbate:** Make things worse  
**Excoriated:** Scolded severely **Exculpated:** Cleared of blame **Execrate:** Detest or curse **Exhort:** Strongly urge on  
**Expatiate:** Speak at length **Expurgate:** Purge objectionable parts **Extirpate:** Totally root out **Exude:** Ooze or radiate

## **ANSWERS TO FARMER TICE COLLEGE VOCAB #18**

1. eschew

2. ethereal

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