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- 1} When *The Weasel* told his Uncle Jinx that a bad _____ caused his computer to crash, Farmer Tice blamed his corn crop!
- 2} When Farmer Tice was in the Army, he was so slow & incompetent that he became known as the _____ of the platoon.
- 3} Before putting the pottery into a _____ coat it with glaze.
- 4} Rotted possum caused a _____ odor came from the refrigerator.
- 5} Newton's apple is an example of _____ energy.
- 6} The judge's sentence of 30 days on his own farm with his wife acting as warden came across as a death _____ to Farmer Tice.
- 7} The eye doctor put too many drops in Farmer Tice's eyes which made his vision _____ for hours.
- 8} Farmer Tice was a very humble man without a _____ attitude.
- 9} When Farmer Tice told everyone he was visited by aliens from outer space, everybody thought his stories were _____ & not to be believed.
- 10} The lodge brothers gathered for a _____ where they talked about their wives.
- 11} Last week Honeybunch bought lots of _____, such as a Niagara Falls pillow, on the Home Shopping Network with her disability money.
- 12} Farmer Tice has no choice but to _____ to his wife when she bosses him around, because she's a lot bigger than he is.
- 13} The _____ of many 3rd world countries is horrendous and makes life for poor people much worse than usual.
- 14} Farmer Tune made sure his barn was painted & the fences repaired which gave his farm look well _____, especiallyt when compared to Tice Acres.

Farmer Tice's Vocabulary Puzzle
College Level Words #26

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FARMER TICE COLLEGE WORDS #26

apocryphal (adj) Of doubtful authenticity or origin, though widely circulated as true. *The story of the politician's early life turned out to be apocryphal.*

putrid (adj) Decaying or rotting and emitting a fetid smell; foul or morally corrupt. *A putrid odor rose from the stagnant pond after weeks of hot weather. The North Korean leader's putrid morals are detested by all freedom loving people.*

kaleidoscopic (adj) Having a constantly changing sequence of colors, patterns, or elements. *The autumn foliage provided a kaleidoscopic display along the highway.*

kernel (n) The central, most essential part of an idea, concept, or system; the inner grain of a seed. *Strip away the technical jargon, and you find the kernel of truth in his argument.* Computing: The central core component of an operating system (OS) that maintains full control over system resources and acts as the bridge between software applications and physical hardware. The kernel is the power behind the operating system, like a motor is to a car.

kinetic (adj) Relating to or produced by motion; dynamic and active. *The room was filled with the kinetic energy of a fast-paced debate.* The release of potential energy results in kinetic energy.

kitsch (n) Art, objects, or design considered to be in poor taste due to excessive garishness or sentimentality. *The seaside souvenir shop was packed with mid-century plastic kitsch.*

knell (n. can also function as v) The sound of a bell rung solemnly for a death or funeral; an omen signaling the failure or end of something. *The sudden collapse in demand sounded the death knell for the legacy product line.*

kempt (adj) Neatly kept, tidy, and well-groomed. *His kempt hair and tailored suit gave him a sharp, professional appearance.*

kleptocracy (n) A government or society ruled by corrupt leaders who use political power to steal national wealth. *Years of unchecked political corruption turned the regime into a notorious kleptocracy.*

kowtow v (can also function as n) To act in an excessively subservient or obsequious manner; to kneel and touch the forehead to the ground in homage. *The director refused to kowtow to committee pressure regarding the final edits.*

kiln (n) A thermally insulated chamber or oven used for hardening, drying, or firing materials like clay and glass. *The potter carefully loaded the dried clay bowls into the electric kiln for bisque firing.*

kaffeeklatsch (n) An informal social gathering for coffee, pastries, and casual conversation or gossip. *Neighboring residents gathered for their morning kaffeeklatsch on the patio.*

supercilious (adj) Behaving or looking as though one thinks one is superior to others; arrogant or haughty. *The critic offered a supercilious smirk before delivering his harsh evaluation.*

laggard n (can also function as adj) A person or entity that makes slow progress or falls behind others. *The company invested heavily in modern automation to avoid becoming an industry laggard.*

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