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- 1} The people in Hokum are simple-minded country bumpkins. Those who live in the big city are _____.
- 2} This bottled water tastes a bit _____.
- 3} The boys at Swine Lodge got very _____ after Farmer Putz suggested that their wives come along with them to the convention.
- 4} Muhammad Ali's _____ before every fight was so comical that got him it earned him the nickname *The Greatest*.
- 5} Mayor Krotch loved giving _____ speeches on how his plan was going to end moonshining & corruption in Possum Valley.
- 6} Honeybunch's beautician, Pierre, was obsequious and used _____ in order to get her to spend more money.
- 7} If you wrong Farmer Tice's wife, she'll tell you off in no uncertain terms, & she'll be very _____ about it too.
- 8} Farmer Tice would live to _____ those parts of the Bible that refers to hard work, such as *Six days you shall labor & do all your work...*
- 9} The Reverend Muler ordered all of the lodge brothers to leave their crude, _____ behavior at the lodge, & not to bring it to church.
- 10} After adding a new kind of fertilizer, Farmer Tice's crops began _____.
- 11} You might find a farmer living a _____ lifestyle in France, but you'll never find one in Hokum.
- 12} Farmer Tice took a _____ attitude when it came to doing chores and other responsibilities and never had any problems sleeping at night.

Farmer Tice's Vocabulary Puzzle

College Level Words #25

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FARMER TICE COLLEGE WORDS #25

blandishment BLAN-dish-ment n. Flattery or praise used to persuade someone to do something. *The salesman used blandishments to convince me to buy the expensive car.* BLAND + ISH sweet talk or flattery used to get your way. Remember: "Blandishments = flattering bland talk."

blithe bli-th adj. Cheerful, carefree, and unconcerned; sometimes implying a lack of proper seriousness. *He walked into the dangerous situation with a blithe disregard for the consequences.* sounds like "light" carefree and lighthearted.

bohemian boh-HEE-mee-n (adj., n.) adj. Unconventional and free-spirited, especially in artistic or social matters. n. A person who lives an unconventional, artistic lifestyle. *The artist lived a bohemian life in a small apartment filled with paintings and antiques.* Think free-spirited artist. Remember: Bohemian = unconventional artist.

boisterous BOY-stir-ous adj. Noisy, energetic, and rowdy. *The boisterous crowd cheered loudly when the team scored.*

bombastic bom-BAS-tik adj. Using language that sounds impressive but is overly grand, exaggerated, or meaningless. *The politician's bombastic speech was full of grand promises but few practical ideas.* BOMB + ASTIC words that explode with exaggeration. Remember: Bombastic = big, inflated talk.

boorish BOOR-ish adj. Rude, crude, and lacking good manners. *His boorish behavior at the dinner table embarrassed everyone.* Remember: Boorish = bad manners.

bourgeois boor-ZHWAH adj., n. adj. Conventional, materialistic, or concerned with middle-class values and respectability. n. A member of the middle class, especially one regarded as conventional or materialistic. *He rejected the bourgeois lifestyle and preferred to live simply.* think middle-class, materialistic, conventional.

bowdlerize BOWD-ler-iz v. To remove or alter parts of a book, play, or other work considered offensive, vulgar, or inappropriate. *The publisher bowdlerized the novel by removing all of the controversial passages.* Remember: Bowdlerize = clean up/censor a book.

brackish BRACK-ish adj. Slightly salty, as water that contains a mixture of fresh and seawater; also unpleasant or distasteful in taste. *The river became brackish where it flowed into the ocean.* BRACK = bad-tasting water. Remember: Brackish = partly salty, unpleasant water.

braggadocio brag-a-DOH-see-oh n. Arrogant or boastful behavior; boastful talk. *His constant braggadocio about his wealth quickly annoyed his friends.* starts with BRAG. Remember: Braggadocio = bragging and boasting.

brazen BRAY-zen adj., v. adj. Shamelessly bold or audacious; showing no embarrassment. v. To face or endure something boldly. *The thief made a brazen attempt to steal the painting while the guards were watching.* shamelessly bold. Remember: Brazen = bold with no shame.

burgeon BUR-jan v. To grow or develop rapidly; to flourish. *The small town's population began to burgeon after the new factory opened.* sounds like "burst" growing rapidly. Remember: Burgeon = burst/grow quickly.

burgeoning (adj, v) *Companies making memory chips are burgeoning on success. His burgeoning investments are beginning to pay off.*

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