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Vocabulary Quiz 5

Match the words to their definitions.

1. e auspicious a. harmful
2. d austere b. greed
3. b avarice c. feeling repelled; wanting to avoid
4. c averse d. stern; plain; without luxuries
5. a baleful e. taking place under promising conditions; likely to succeed

6. Write a sentence using the word *appease*.

The only way to appease the charging bull was to give it cheese

7. Write a sentence using the word *assail*.

Bob assailed Fred, but nobody knows why

8. Write a sentence using the word *antagonistic*.

The evil hotdog was very antagonistic towards the cheese burger

Complete the following analogies:

9. ANARCHY :: CALM
 - a. ARCAINE :: MYSTERIOUS
 - b. AMITY :: HATRED
 - c. ASTUTE :: SHREWD
10. AUGMENT :: INCREASE
 - a. ARBITRARY :: PLANNED
 - b. APEX :: LOW POINT
 - c. ASSUAGE :: RELIEVE
11. ASSAIL :: PRAISE
 - a. AMELIORATE :: WORSEN
 - b. ALIENATE :: PUSH AWAY
 - c. AFFIRM :: AGREE

Use the following words to answer the questions below:

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| a. analogous | b. anarchy | c. anathema | d. antagonistic |
| e. antithesis | f. apathy | g. apex | h. appease |
| i. arbitrary | j. arcane | k. archaic | l. arrogant |
| m. articulate | n. ascendancy | o. ascetic | p. asperity |
| q. assiduous | r. assail | s. assuage | t. astute |
| u. atrophy | v. audacious | w. augment | |

12. g Only half the climbing party made it to the ___ of the mountain.
13. h The other European nations tried to ___ Hitler by allowing him to reclaim territory lost during WWI, but in the end he was not pacified and attacked them anyways.
14. L I prefer nice, well-mannered baseball players on my fantasy team, but my brother has no problem selecting the _____ players for his team.
15. k She wanted a new car when she turned 16, but because their family budget was so tight, she received an _____ 1977 automobile that had no air-conditioning or power windows.
16. S Nothing can _____ her grief over the death of her beloved poodle.
17. n I bought the stock two years ago, when its corporation had the _____ of the marketplace; but now, it is in third-place and the stock has declined by 20%.
18. t A high IQ is not enough to make a person _____. It takes years of living experience to gain true wisdom.
19. o Compared to their luxurious home, ours is rather _____.
20. r The teacher _____-ed the boy in front of the class for his late book report.
21. F Most of the people who don't bother to vote do so because they feel nothing but _____ towards politics.
22. p I prefer the South because I cannot endure the _____ of the northern winters.
23. w He started the paper route to _____ the money he earned each week in allowance.
24. u The pinched nerve in his back caused his arm to _____ until it was too weak to lift his three year old.
25. m Some listeners who call in to the talk radio show are almost as _____ as the well-spoken radio host.
26. step ~~u~~ ? The caught Saddam Hussein by painstakingly and _____-ly piecing together the many random tips and hints collected from hundreds of sources, until they deduced his whereabouts.
27. Q ~~v~~ V They caught Saddam Hussein by painstakingly and _____-ly piecing together the many tips and hints about his whereabouts collected from hundreds of sources.
28. e Communism, which prevents private people from owning property, is the _____ free-market capitalism.