

# Vocabulary Builder 20

*Listed below are the keywords included in this episode.*

1. **buffoon** (n.) a clown; a coarse, stupid person
2. **malignant** (adj.) deadly, extremely harmful, evil; spiteful, malicious
3. **wayward** (adj.) disobedient, willful; unpredictable, capricious
4. **hostile** (adj.) unfriendly; unfavorable; warlike, aggressive
5. **spirited** (adj.) full of life and vigor; courageous
6. **inflict** (v.) to give or cause something unpleasant, impose
7. **bewilder** (v.) to puzzle completely, confuse
8. **alliance** (n.) a joining together for some common purpose
9. **mortify** (v.) to hurt someone's feelings deeply; to cause embarrassment or humiliation; to subdue or discipline by self-denial or suffering
10. **orthodox** (adj.) in agreement with established or generally accepted beliefs or ways of doing things
11. **void** (adj.) completely empty; having no legal force or effect; (n.) empty or unfilled space; (v.) to cancel or nullify
12. **procure** (v.) to obtain through special effort; to bring about
13. **virtual** (adj.) having a certain force or effect in fact but not in name; so close as to be equivalent to the real thing
14. **dishearten** (v.) to discourage; cause to lose courage or hope
15. **inflammable** (adj.) easily set on fire; easily angered or aroused
16. **wince** (v.) to draw back suddenly, as though in pain or fear; (n.) the act of drawing back in this way
17. **scurry** (v.) to run quickly, scamper, hurry
18. **sodden** (adj.) soaked with liquid or moisture; expressionless, dull; spiritless, listless
19. **fruitless** (adj.) not producing the desired results, unsuccessful
20. **controversial** (adj.) arousing argument, dispute, or disagreement

**For each question below a number of similar words appear, but only one is spelled correctly and matches the clue that is provided. Write the letter of the correctly spelled word in the space by the question number.**

21. c a. DISHEARTN b. DISHEARTAN c. DISHEARTEN d. DICHEARTEN  
(v.) to discourage; cause to lose courage or hope
22. a a. WAYWARD b. WAeward c. WHAYWHARD d. WAYGARD  
(adj.) disobedient, willful; unpredictable, capricious
23. c a. MORTIFEE b. MORTIFI c. MORTIFY d. MERTIFY  
(v.) to hurt someone's feelings deeply; to cause embarrassment or humiliation; to subdue or discipline by self-denial or suffering
24. a a. VOID b. VOED c. VOIY d. VUID  
(adj.) completely empty; having no legal force or effect; (n.) empty or unfilled space; (v.) to cancel or nullify
25. d a. VIRTAUL b. VIRTUEL c. VIRTULE d. VIRTUAL  
(adj.) having a certain force or effect in fact but not in name; so close as to be equivalent to the real thing
26. b a. ALLIANNCE b. ALLIANCE c. ALLIANCCE d. ALLIENCE  
(n.) a joining together for some common purpose
27. b a. SODDIN b. SODDEN c. SODEN d. SODDEZ  
(adj.) soaked with liquid or moisture; expressionless, dull; spiritless, listless
28. b a. BUFOON b. BUFFOON c. BUFFOWN d. BUFFOEN  
(n.) a clown; a coarse, stupid person
29. c a. MALIGNANTE b. MELIGNANT c. MALIGNANT d. MALINANT  
(adj.) deadly, extremely harmful, evil; spiteful, malicious
30. a a. CONTROVERSIAL b. CONTROVERSIALE c. CONTROVERSILE  
d. KONTROVERSIAL  
(adj.) arousing argument, dispute, or disagreement
31. d a. SPIRITEDE b. SPIRITD c. SPERITED d. SPIRITED  
(adj.) full of life and vigor; courageous
32. d a. HOSTIL b. HOSNILE c. HOSTIEL d. HOSTILE  
(adj.) unfriendly; unfavorable; warlike, aggressive
33. b a. SCURNY b. SCURRY c. SCURY d. SURRY  
(v.) to run quickly, scamper, hurry
34. b a. PRUCURE b. PROCURE c. PROCUR d. PROCEUR  
(v.) to obtain through special effort; to bring about

35. b a. INFLIKT b. INFLICT c. INLLICT d. ENFLICT  
(v.) to give or cause something unpleasant, impose
36. b a. ONTHODOX b. ORTHODOX c. ERTHODOX d. ARTHADAX  
(adj.) in agreement with established or generally accepted beliefs or ways of doing things
37. a a. INFLAMMABLE b. INFLAMMABLEE c. INFLAMABLE d. INFLLAMMABLE  
(adj.) easily set on fire; easily angered or aroused
38. a a. WINCE b. WINSE c. WANCE d. WHINCE  
(v.) to draw back suddenly, as though in pain or fear; (n.) the act of drawing back in this way
39. c a. BEWILDERE b. BEWILDIR c. BEWILDER d. BEWIDER  
(v.) to puzzle completely, confuse
40. d a. FRUITLESSS b. FRUITLES c. FRUITLESSE d. FRUITLESS  
(adj.) not producing the desired results, unsuccessful

41. **Using the Across and Down clues, write the correct words in the numbered grid below.**

**ACROSS**

1. The court of many a medieval king or prince was enlivened by the pranks and antics of jesters and other \_\_\_\_\_s.
2. In 1949, the United States formed an \_\_\_\_\_ with eleven other nations, organized into the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.
3. I was thoroughly \_\_\_\_\_(ed) when I suddenly stumbled and spilled punch all over the host's tuxedo.
6. Even though I'm an adult, I still \_\_\_\_\_ in discomfort at the thought of a trip to the dentist.
7. Refusing to be \_\_\_\_\_ed by her early failures to find a summer job, Lucy made up her mind to try again.
9. Despite the fact that she has no official title of any kind, she has become the \_\_\_\_\_ director of the company.

**DOWN**

1. The directions he gave us for driving to the beach were so complicated that I was completely \_\_\_\_\_ed by them.
4. Some parts of the President's proposal were agreeable to everyone; others proved highly \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Before we set out on the camping trip, I was given sole responsibility for \_\_\_\_\_(ing) all the necessary equipment and supplies.
6. Their behavior is so \_\_\_\_\_ and unpredictable that I never know what they are going to do next.
8. Since the gas did not burn when we brought a flame to it, the experiment showed that carbon dioxide is not \_\_\_\_\_.
9. When the Supreme Court finds a law unconstitutional, that law is said to be null and \_\_\_\_\_.

11. We \_\_\_\_\_ed such heavy casualties on the enemy that they were forced to break off the engagement and retreat.
  13. Though the gallant defenders of the fort were hopelessly outnumbered, they put up a truly \_\_\_\_\_ fight.
  14. The frozen wastes of the Arctic may seem \_\_\_\_\_ to human life, but in fact thousands of people are able to survive there.
  15. If it is allowed to spread unchecked, the poison of racial prejudice will have a decidedly \_\_\_\_\_ effect on our community.
  16. After four days of steady rainfall, the \_\_\_\_\_ ground actually gurgled as we trudged wearily over it.
10. Even though you like to do things in your own way, I suggest that you first learn the \_\_\_\_\_ method of batting.
  12. Would it be a bad pun if I were to say that our attempts to set up an apple orchard have proved to be \_\_\_\_\_?
  13. When the naughty children heard their mother's footsteps approaching, they quickly \_\_\_\_\_(ed) back to bed.

**Choose the best option the completes the sentences below:**

42. e \_\_\_\_\_ gossip has unjustly damaged their reputation.  
a. inflict b. fruitless c. hostile d. orthodox e. malignant
43. c Being scolded for my shortcomings in front of the entire basketball squad was a truly \_\_\_\_\_ing experience for me.  
a. procure b. virtual c. mortify d. dishearten e. buffoon
44. e Instead of being so \_\_\_\_\_, why don't you try to show some friendliness to those newcomers?  
a. sodden b. scurry c. alliance d. spirited e. hostile
45. b A severe cold spell in December \_\_\_\_\_ed heavy losses on the Florida citrus crop.  
a. mortify b. inflict c. controversial d. wince e. wayward
46. e Our supervisor gives the impression of being an easygoing man, but we have learned that he has a very \_\_\_\_\_ temper.  
a. void b. procure c. bewilder d. malignant e. inflammable
47. e The scrappy coach's \_\_\_\_\_ pep talk lifted the team out of its "losing-season blues" almost overnight.  
a. void b. inflammable c. hostile d. mortify e. spirited
48. d Though her views about the role of women in society are far from \_\_\_\_\_, even conservatives and traditionalists listen to them.  
a. fruitless b. spirited c. inflict d. orthodox e. malignant
49. c We are going to form a broad \_\_\_\_\_ among all the groups that are working to improve life in our community.  
a. buffoon b. scurry c. alliance d. orthodox e. virtual
50. d I still \_\_\_\_\_ when I think of the two bad errors that cost us the championship game.  
a. sodden b. controversial c. wayward d. wince e. dishearten
51. a When his army seemed \_\_\_\_\_ly defeated by the British, George Washington crossed the Delaware and won a major victory.  
a. virtual b. mortify c. procure d. bewilder e. inflammable
52. d In high school, students \_\_\_\_\_ training in basic skills that they will need to qualify for good jobs in later life.  
a. sodden b. fruitless c. controversial d. procure e. virtual
53. e "It's hard not to be a little \_\_\_\_\_ed when your favorite team is in the cellar two weeks before the playoffs," I replied.  
a. alliance b. spirited c. wince d. inflict e. dishearten
54. d "Whenever you find \_\_\_\_\_ children," the speaker said, "you also find ineffective parents."  
a. void b. buffoon c. bewilder d. wayward e. malignant
55. c All our efforts to control pollution will be \_\_\_\_\_ unless we work out a careful, detailed plan in advance.  
a. wayward b. orthodox c. fruitless d. hostile e. scurry

56. c I could see from the \_\_\_\_\_ed expression on the child's face that he was quite lost.  
a. sodden b. controversial c. bewilder d. mortify e. spirited
57. b On the hottest night of the entire summer, the sheets on my bed became so \_\_\_\_\_ with perspiration that I had to change them.  
a. dishearten b. sodden c. orthodox d. inflammable e. procure
58. a Walking through the meadow at night, we could hear mice and other small animals \_\_\_\_\_ing about in the grass.  
a. scurry b. alliance c. wince d. hostile e. malignant
59. d \_\_\_\_\_ political figures are likely to have as many critics as they have supporters.  
a. fruitless b. scurry c. inflict d. controversial e. virtual
60. b I can understand that you want to be witty and amusing but take care not to give everyone the impression that you're a mere \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. wayward b. buffoon c. alliance d. void e. malignant
61. c Because I no longer go to high school, my student bus pass has been \_\_\_\_\_ed.  
a. scurry b. inflict c. void d. controversial e. wayward

62. Find the hidden words. The words have been placed horizontally, vertically, or diagonally. When you locate a word, draw a circle around it.

I	N	S	O	D	R	P	Z	R	Z	K	E	S	L	M	O	D	B	G	C
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E	P	T	W	U	H	R	N	Z	E	V	N	L	N	R	B	V	D	H	A
R	X	O	G	J	A	A	N	N	K	E	I	X	E	V	R	V	A	K	C
U	F	R	Y	W	N	S	O	I	K	I	W	N	T	C	Q	E	V	S	D
C	A	U	Y	G	V	Q	R	R	T	H	K	O	R	T	H	O	D	O	X
O	Z	A	I	J	E	O	E	Y	Z	S	F	Q	A	E	E	L	J	M	K
R	W	L	X	L	T	S	D	L	I	P	R	E	E	N	G	S	H	X	I
P	A	O	V	M	U	U	L	A	N	I	U	L	H	W	A	J	S	J	X
M	H	Y	O	J	J	T	I	I	F	R	I	B	S	M	J	W	X	L	S
M	F	T	I	D	J	C	W	S	L	I	T	A	I	Y	E	N	O	C	C
S	A	Q	D	C	D	E	E	R	I	T	L	M	D	U	D	U	T	Z	O
E	C	C	Y	B	J	Y	B	E	C	E	E	M	A	W	W	J	M	P	B
C	G	U	B	Q	M	X	H	V	T	D	S	A	M	O	R	T	I	F	Y
N	L	N	R	W	J	E	O	O	W	I	S	L	T	S	O	D	D	E	N
A	R	I	E	R	B	U	S	R	B	U	F	F	O	O	N	Q	Z	N	Q
I	Q	E	H	S	Y	A	T	T	E	Q	S	N	S	Q	K	O	V	B	N
L	I	G	J	F	D	F	I	N	X	C	T	I	Q	G	R	S	U	P	V
L	Q	O	P	L	L	F	L	O	V	I	R	T	U	A	L	E	L	J	G
A	Q	M	F	Y	E	V	E	C	G	Q	T	N	H	T	K	L	S	C	O

buffoon  
sodden  
alliance  
hostile

wince  
inflammable  
inflict  
controversial

void  
procure  
malignant  
bewilder

fruitless  
wayward  
dishearten  
spirited

orthodox  
mortify  
scurry  
virtual