

# Vocabulary Builder 21

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

1. **anecdote** (n.) a short account of an incident in someone's life
2. **docile** (adj.) easily taught, led, or managed; obedient
3. **grimy** (adj.) very dirty, covered with dirt or soot
4. **consolidate** (v.) to combine, unite; to make solid or firm
5. **substantial** (adj.) large, important; major, significant; prosperous; not imaginary, material
6. **entreat** (v.) to beg, implore, ask earnestly
7. **maul** (v.) to beat or knock about, handle roughly; to mangle; (n.) a heavy hammer
8. **uncertainty** (n.) doubt, the state of being unsure
9. **dominate** (v.) to rule over by strength or power, control; to tower over, command due to height
10. **rural** (adj.) relating to farm areas and life in the country
11. **iota** (n.) a very small part or quantity
12. **counterfeit** (n.) an imitation designed to deceive; (adj.) not genuine, fake; (v.) to make an illegal copy
13. **fallible** (adj.) capable of being wrong, mistaken, or inaccurate
14. **tactful** (adj.) skilled in handling difficult situations or people, polite
15. **potential** (adj.) possible, able to happen; (n.) something that can develop or become a reality
16. **fugitive** (n.) one who flees or runs away; (adj.) fleeting, lasting a very short time; wandering; difficult to grasp
17. **tamper** (v.) to interfere with; to meddle rashly or foolishly with; to handle in a secret and improper way
18. **radiant** (adj.) shining, bright; giving forth light or energy
19. **fickle** (adj.) liable to change very rapidly, erratic; marked by a lack of constancy or steadiness, inconsistent
20. **ultimate** (adj.) last, final; most important or extreme; eventual; basic, fundamental

**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. d a. MOL b. MEUL c. MAULL d. MAUL  
(v.) to beat or knock about, handle roughly; to mangle; (n.) a heavy hammer
22. a a. DOMINATE b. DOMINEAT c. DOMINAT d. DOMINATEE  
(v.) to rule over by strength or power, control; to tower over, command due to height
23. d a. GRRIMY b. GRIMEE c. GRIMI d. GRIMY  
(adj.) very dirty, covered with dirt or soot
24. a a. TAMPER b. TAMPPER c. TAMPIR d. TAMPR  
(v.) to interfere with; to meddle rashly or foolishly with; to handle in a secret and improper way
25. b a. ULTIMAT b. ULTIMATE c. UKTIMATE d. ULTIMEAT  
(adj.) last, final; most important or extreme; eventual; basic, fundamental
26. a a. COUNTERFEIT b. COUNTERFEET c. KOUNTERFEIT d. CONTERFEIT  
(n.) an imitation designed to deceive; (adj.) not genuine, fake; (v.) to make an illegal copy
27. d a. SUBSTANTIEL b. SUBSTANTILE c. SUBSTANCIAL d. SUBSTANTIAL  
(adj.) large, important; major, significant; prosperous; not imaginary, material
28. b a. RURALL b. RURAL c. RUREL d. RURLE  
(adj.) relating to farm areas and life in the country
29. a a. RADIANT b. RADIANTE c. RADIANNT d. RADIENT  
(adj.) shining, bright; giving forth light or energy
30. c a. UNCERTAINTY b. UNCERTANTY c. UNCERTAINTY d. UNCERTAINTE  
(n.) doubt, the state of being unsure
31. b a. TACCTFUL b. TACTFUL c. TACHFUL d. TACTFULL  
(adj.) skilled in handling difficult situations or people, polite
32. c a. FIZKLE b. FICKEL c. FICKLE d. FIKKLE  
(adj.) liable to change very rapidly, erratic; marked by a lack of constancy or steadiness, inconsistent
33. d a. POTENTIEL b. POTENTIALE c. POTENCIAL d. POTENTIAL  
(adj.) possible, able to happen; (n.) something that can develop or become a reality
34. b a. CONSOLIDAT b. CONSOLIDATE c. KONSOLIDATE d. CONSOLIZATE  
(v.) to combine, unite; to make solid or firm
35. c a. ANCDOT b. ANECDOTEE c. ANECDOTE d. ANECDOTY  
(n.) a short account of an incident in someone's life

36. d a. FUGITIV b. FUGITIVO c. FUGETIVE d. FUGITIVE  
(n.) one who flees or runs away; (adj.) fleeting, lasting a very short time; wandering; difficult to grasp
37. a a. IOTA b. IOTE c. IOTAE d. IYTA  
(n.) a very small part or quantity
38. b a. INTREAT b. ENTREAT c. ENTREATE d. ENTRAIT  
(v.) to beg, implore, ask earnestly
39. d a. FALIBLE b. FELLIBLE c. FALLLIBLE d. FALLIBLE  
(adj.) capable of being wrong, mistaken, or inaccurate
40. a a. DOCILE b. DOTILE c. DICILE d. DOSILE  
(adj.) easily taught, led, or managed; obedient



18. The windows had become so \_\_\_\_\_ and spotted that it took me some time to get them clean.
19. We discovered that there was not an \_\_\_\_\_ of truth in the rumors that they had spread so eagerly.
20. The new book of presidential \_\_\_\_\_s contains many amusing stories involving our Chief Executives, both past and present.

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

42. d Evidence showed that the lawyer had tried to \_\_\_\_\_ with the witnesses by offering them bribes to changer their testimony.  
a. radiant b. anecdote c. fugitive d. tamper e. fallible
43. e I know from personal experience how much harm smoking can do, and I \_\_\_\_\_ you not to get started on that miserable habit.  
a. uncertainty b. counterfeit c. docile d. potential e. entreat
44. b The mayor has no chance for reelection unless she can \_\_\_\_\_ the different groups and forces supporting her.  
a. tamper b. consolidate c. ultimate d. maul e. grimy
45. a The only certain thing in life is that almost everything is an \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. uncertainty b. consolidate c. fickle d. substantial e. dominate
46. e In modern hospitals, everything possible is done to prevent and control mistakes resulting from the fact that humans are \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. tactful b. iota c. rural d. entreat e. fallible
47. d How can we properly direct the \_\_\_\_\_ for good and evil in each of us into useful channels?  
a. radiant b. maul c. ultimate d. potential e. tamper
48. c Rarely in our history has a single man so \_\_\_\_\_d the federal government as Franklin D. Roosevelt did during his four terms.  
a. fickle b. anecdote c. dominate d. docile e. entreat
49. c Imagine someone as changeable as George having the nerve to say that I'm \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. consolidate b. grimy c. fickle d. substantial e. iota
50. a Larry got good grades on the midterm tests, but he is headed for trouble because he hasn't done an \_\_\_\_\_ of work since then.  
a. iota b. dominate c. uncertainty d. tactful e. potential
51. c I suspended that his expression of happiness was \_\_\_\_\_ and that he was really jealous of our success.  
a. fugitive b. fallible c. counterfeit d. rural e. fallible
52. a As soon as 300-pound Horace settled down in that delicate little chair, we realized he should have something more \_\_\_\_\_ to sit on.  
a. substantial b. tamper c. iota d. anecdote e. ultimate
53. d The \_\_\_\_\_ population of the United States is growing smaller, but the people living on farms are as important as ever to the nation.  
a. counterfeit b. tactful c. radiant d. rural e. maul
54. d The young man who seemed so quiet and \_\_\_\_\_ turned out to be very well informed and to have strong opinions of his own.  
a. dominate b. grimy c. entreat d. docile e. consolidate

55. b It wasn't very \_\_\_\_\_ of you to tell her that she seemed to have gained weight.  
a. uncertainty b. tactful c. potential d. fugitive e. fickle
56. c There, in the very heart of the noisy and \_\_\_\_\_ city was a truly beautiful little park with green lawns, flowers, and a fountain.  
a. docile b. uncertainty c. grimy d. ultimate e. substantial
57. b Throughout the course of its history, the United States has opened its gates to \_\_\_\_\_s from tyranny in other lands.  
a. iota b. fugitive c. dominate d. fallible e. rural
58. e If you want to see the \_\_\_\_\_ in shoe styles, ask Beth to show you the new sandals she bought for the spring dance.  
a. anecdote b. counterfeit c. entreat d. docile e. ultimate
59. c I found his \_\_\_\_\_s amusing, but I fail to see what they had to do with the central idea of his talk.  
a. fugitive b. tamper c. anecdote d. fickle e. maul
60. a One of our best hopes of solving the energy problem lies in making direct use of \_\_\_\_\_ energy from the sun.  
a. radiant b. consolidate c. potential d. tactful e. grimy
61. d Although the ideals of my youth have been \_\_\_\_\_ed by hard experience, they have not been totally destroyed.  
a. counterfeit b. uncertainty c. entreat d. maul e. radiant

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

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

consolidate  
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