

Vocab List 15

Unit 5—Music, Movies, and Books; Vocabulary List 15

Your music

For some it may be...

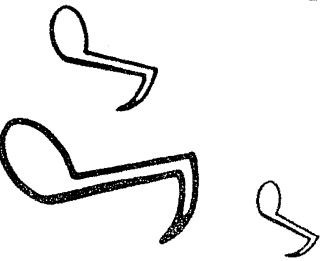
barrage (n) words, noise, and sounds at the same time
 interminable (adj) endless; tediously long; continuous
 irksome (adj) annoying; tedious; causing boredom
 prevalent (adj) pervasive; widespread; commonly occurring; dominant
 reverberate (v) echo; resound; vibrate; boom
 tumult (n) commotion; racket; noise and confusion of a crowd

So they may then...

allot (v) assign; allow; dispense; distribute
 alter (v) change partly but not completely; revise; modify
 beseech (v) ask earnestly for; beg; plead with; implore
 compel (v) force; require; limit choices
 confiscate (v) take possession of; appropriate; impound
 dissuade (v) discourage; advise against; urge not to
 monitor (v) watch; censor; oversee; guide
 ration (v) give out in restricted amounts
 restrict (v) limit; hamper; curtail; hold back

But for you it's...

crucial (adj) decisive; extremely important; essential; significant
 novel (adj) original; different; innovative; unconventional
 pinnacle (n) zenith; top; highest point of achievement
 pivotal (adj) the most important; critical; vital; crucial
 predominant (adj) major; supreme; important; influential
 prominent (adj) prestigious; eminent; outstanding; famous; easily seen
 renowned (adj) famous; celebrated; well-known; outstanding
 sublime (adj) marvelous; superb; great; awe-inspiring; splendid
 ultimate (adj) the greatest possible; supreme; final
 vital (adj) living; necessary to life; essential; important; lively; dynamic



List 15—Sentence Completion

Name _____
 Date _____
 Hr. _____

Complete each sentence with the correct word from the box below.

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| barrage | compelled | monitor | novel | beseached |
| confiscate | ration | renowned | allotted | prominent |
| reverberated | interminable | pivotal | crucial | prevalent |
| restricted | | | | |

- The **C** _____ decision to alter the ending of the novel was _____ to the completion of the book.
- During the battle, the _____ of the cannons could be heard for miles.
- It is vital to _____ a patient's life signs in the emergency room.
- The singers' voices **R** _____ throughout the concert hall.
- It is the responsibility of the Border Patrol to search for illegal goods and _____ them.
- The conductor _____ the audience to turn off their cell phones prior to the concert.
- I thought the award ceremony was _____; it seemed as if the speakers went on for hours.
- Each student was _____ two tickets for the music festival.
- Someday I hope to challenge the _____ theory that life never existed on Mars.
- His father is a(n) **P** _____ physician in our town.
- During the hurricane the town was _____ to **R** _____ the water.
- The area around the embassy was _____ to staff members only.
- Her _____ haircut was initiated by all her friends.
- The most _____ members of the community arrived at the banquet in limousines.

Match the word from Vocabulary List 15 (Column 1) with the correct definition (Column 2).

Column 1

- _____ 1. interminable
- _____ 2. prevalent
- _____ 3. tumult
- _____ 4. allot
- _____ 5. compel
- _____ 6. confiscate
- _____ 7. dissuade
- _____ 8. monitor
- _____ 9. predominant
- _____ 10. renowned
- _____ 11. ultimate
- _____ 12. ration
- _____ 13. sublime
- _____ 14. pinnacle
- _____ 15. novel
- _____ 16. vital
- _____ 17. alter
- _____ 18. beseech

Column 2

- a. give little choice
- b. racket
- c. assign; dispense
- d. innovative
- e. greatest possible
- f. oversee
- g. plead with
- h. famous
- i. continuous
- j. awe-inspiring
- k. urge not to
- l. revise
- m. restrict amounts
- n. commonly occurring
- o. essential
- p. zenith
- q. important
- r. impound

Complete the passage below using words from Vocabulary List 15.

A Compelling Talent

There is a(n) (1) _____ belief among most people, including renowned scientists and expert skateboarders, that human beings cannot safely float in the air for a(n) (2) _____ period of time without assistance. While curiosity might compel one to attempt this in the laboratory or on a sidewalk (with proper safety equipment, of course), a(n) (3) **C** _____ and irksome problem is soon clear: Things—and people—fall. This vital fact tends to (4) _____ a repeat of the experiment.

However, one must consider the case of Mr. William X. As a prominent member of the community, he will remain unidentified. At the very (5) _____ of his career, when he was a predominant business, political, and social force, Mr. William X began to float in the air—all by himself. This was a(n) (6) _____ experience for his small town, but none attempted to (7) _____ his behavior. He was a generous man and tried to (8) _____ his floating time to all. Huge public demand, however, forced him to ration his floating time in one place. At town meetings, he spoke from the ceiling where his voice would (9) _____ throughout the hall, and he always received a(n) (10) _____ of cheers from both supporters and opponents. On the street, his performance was sublime, as his words carried above the (11) _____ of the crowds below to (12) _____ citizens to pay taxes, homeowners to (13) **M** _____ pets, and drivers to slow down. One small drawback was a need for the local authorities to (14) _____ the size of crowds and confiscate the popular but dangerous plastic “Mr. William” wings.

His (15) _____ achievement was as a member of the community basketball team, where his defensive efforts against a team of visiting NBA stars were (16) **P** _____ in the legendary upset victory. Unfortunately, since his feet never touched the ground, he never received an athletic shoe contract.