

11. **defile** (di fīl') *v.* to pollute; to corrupt
The oil spill *defiled* the entire bay.
12. **gratuitous** (grə tōō' i tās) *adj.* unnecessary or uncalled for
He always gave *gratuitous* advice whether someone wanted it or not.
13. **onus** (ō' nās) *n.* a burden; a responsibility
When father died, Jake had the *onus* of running the farm.
syn: obligation
14. **impious** (im' pē əs) *adj.* disrespectful toward God
Some consider laughing in church to be *impious* behavior.
syn: irreligious; profane *ant:* devout; pious
15. **caveat** (kā' vi at) *n.* a warning
John had so much confidence in his ability that he did not heed the old *caveat* about swimming alone.
syn: admonition; caution

Exercise I

Words in Context

From the list below, supply the words needed to complete the paragraph. Some words will not be used.

immutable	bucolic	gratuitous	adulterate
sedition	impecunious	defile	redolent
emanate	garish		

1. Mike dreamed of leaving the loud, _____ city and returning to the _____ area where he was raised; however, his wife's opinion remained _____, and she refused to move beyond the suburbs.
"How can you stand to live here and let the crime and pollution _____ our family?" Mike argued.
Tara's usual opposition _____ from her mouth with little effort. "I'd rather let the smog and the crooks _____ the quality of life than the termites and mosquitoes that live in that filthy shack in the country."
"But just imagine," Mike pleaded, "stepping outside in the morning and inhaling the air _____ of a fresh bouquet." He added _____ deep-breathing noises and satisfied "Ahhs" to make his point.
Tara looked at him. "We would both have to sacrifice good jobs, and there's little employment out there. I really don't want to end up _____ after we've worked so hard to have nice things."

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onus	redolent	diadem	idolatry
caveat	impious	sedition	bucolic

2. The gold rush town existed solely for the _____ of the rare, yellow metal. Reverend Jerry, who arrived yesterday with the _____ of building a congregation, immediately issued _____ to the _____ establishments on Main Street, specifically the saloon and the brothel. He hoped that over time he could inspire a[n] _____ against the crooked politicians and greedy entrepreneurs that ran the boomtown; if he succeeded, Dobson City would be the _____ of the reverend's many achievements.