

The Pigman Vocabulary Unit 2

1. **audible (adj)** – able to be heard; out loud
2. **dishearten (v)** – to discourage or sadden; to bring down
3. **edit (v)** – to revise or change; correct
4. **erosion (n)** – a gradual wearing away
5. **exert (v)** – to put forth an effort; to do something
6. **flounder (v)** – struggle awkwardly; to move in clumsy way
7. **forsake (v)** – to abandon or disown; reject
8. **incongruous (adj)** – inconsistent or out of place with something else
9. **interrogate (v)** – to question in a serious manner
10. **momentum (n)** – increasing speed of forward motion
11. **mundane (adj)** – ordinary or dull
12. **pathetic (adj)** – miserably inadequate or lame; something that arouses pity or sadness
13. **perpetual (adj)** - lasting forever; endlessly repeated
14. **plague (n/v)** – an infectious, widespread fatal disease; to bother or annoy
15. **proficient (adj)** – talented or skilled; capable
16. **protrude (v)** – to stick out
17. **rave (v)** – to speak enthusiastically or crazily
18. **succinct (adj)** – brief or to the point; using few words
19. **thrive (v)** – to grow or do well; prosper
20. **vile (adj)** – disgusting and/ or very unpleasant; objectionable

The Pigman Vocabulary Unit 2 Practice

1. She was so awkward at her new job, she seemed to just _____ around aimlessly for the first two days.
2. Once the sled gained _____ on the steep slope, we felt as if we were going 30 miles per hour.
3. Those flowers truly _____ in a sunny, dry location. They're beautiful!
4. Since his speeches ramble on endlessly, he hired someone to make them more _____.
5. His new speech writer will _____ by omitting needless words and clarifying the important points.
6. The movie critic _____ about the new summer action movie. It must be very exciting.
7. We are all proud of John for _____ his bad habit of leaving his studies to the last minute.
8. Sherry was terribly _____ after failing to find her lost dog.
9. I strained to hear the morning announcements because they were barely _____.
10. The cliff seems to defy gravity as it _____ far from the side of the mountain.
11. After four years of lessons, he finally felt he was _____ in the Spanish language.
12. All the townspeople stayed indoors trying to avoid catching the terrible _____ that claimed thousands of lives.
13. Lorraine had to _____ a lot of effort to finish the New York City Marathon.
14. The police brought the suspect into the station to _____ him about the crime.
15. When we get tired of our _____ lives, we go onto Manhattan to enjoy some fun.
16. The stray kitten looked so _____ with its matted fur, thin body, & large, sad eyes.
17. The sour milk smelled so _____, we all felt sick until the room was aired out.
18. Because of the _____ from storms and high tides, many beachhouse owners are trying to protect the dunes and shoreline.
19. A perfectly designed clock won't stop because of the _____ motion of the pendulum.
20. The log cabin design of the building looked terribly _____ in the big city.