

**vocab lesson 17**—from *The Crucible*, part 2

**I. Matching.** Match the word (left) with its definition (right). Each letter is used once. Write the part of speech in the blank next to each definition.

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| _____ 1. ameliorate   | A. _____ cunning; deceit; slyness  |
| _____ 2. base         | B. _____ incompetently; awkwardly; clumsily                              |
| _____ 3. daft         | C. _____ pale complexion   |
| _____ 4. ineptly      | D. _____ morally low; dishonorable                                       |
| _____ 5. guile        | E. _____ a feeling of doubt; distrust; anxiety                           |
| _____ 6. immaculate   | F. _____ to improve a situation that was unpleasant or unbearable before |
| _____ 7. indignant    | G. _____ expressing righteous anger                                      |
| _____ 8. misgiving    | H. _____ undisturbed; calm   |
| _____ 9. pallor       | J. _____ unblemished; flawless; pure                                     |
| _____ 10. unperturbed | K. _____ without sense or reason; crazy; silly                           |

**II. Fill in the blank.** Choose from the following list of vocab words to fill in the blanks in the sentences. Each answer is used only once. Change the form of the word if necessary for the sentence. The number is the page in the play where you will find the word being used in a sentence.

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21. Mary Warren becomes \_\_\_\_\_ when the Proctors do not believe her story about how Sarah Good “attacked” her (941).
22. Abigail is \_\_\_\_\_, or unbothered as she lies on the stand and Mary Warren tries to call her on it (975).
23. When Danforth asks Abigail to “drop your \_\_\_\_\_ and confess your pretense,” he’s really asking her to stop lying and pretending (968).
24. Hale wants to be sure that he has good proof before signing a death warrant. He asks for “proof so \_\_\_\_\_ or flawless] no slightest qualm of conscience may doubt it” (966).
25. When Mr. Hale comes to the Proctor home and John Proctor proclaims that “there be no love for Satan in this house” (947), Mr. Hale isn’t sure he believes Proctor. Hale has \_\_\_\_\_.
26. When Cheever comes to the Proctor home to question Elizabeth, Cheever reaches fo rher at one point but doesn’t catch her (951). This means he has reached for her \_\_\_\_\_.
27. Elizabeth and John argue about he affair he had with Abigail, and he asks if she thinks he is \_\_\_\_\_, or so low (943).
28. Mary Warren announces that one woman will hang, but then to \_\_\_\_\_ the situation, she names someone else who will be spared and will not hang (941).
29. When Mary Warren begins to discus the things she witnessed that day in court, John Proctor is thrown off by her strange behavior and her \_\_\_\_\_ or paleness (940).
30. In Act II, Proctor proclaims that this whole business is \_\_\_\_\_ (947), and I agree with him that it is crazy to kill people for supposedly being “witches.”

**III.Synonyms.** Choose the word from this unit that is **the same** or **most nearly the same** in meaning as the **boldface** word or expression in the given phrase. You will use five of these words.

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31. \_\_\_\_\_ remained **unfazed** by the storm of events that surrounded him
32. \_\_\_\_\_ caught cheating and marked as **dishonorable**
33. \_\_\_\_\_ the **whiteness** in her face caused by her embarrassment
34. \_\_\_\_\_ keeps a **spotless** kitchen
35. \_\_\_\_\_ expressed his **doubts** about hiring the young graduate
36. \_\_\_\_\_ used his **cunning** to find a different way in to the stadium
37. \_\_\_\_\_ **clumsily** dropped the perfect pass instead of catching it
38. \_\_\_\_\_ seemed **crazy** to volunteer for the military during a war
39. \_\_\_\_\_ words she said in **anger**, exerting her **superiority** over us
40. \_\_\_\_\_ **ease** the tension between the two men who had been fighting

**IV.Antonyms.** Choose the word from this unit that is **most nearly opposite** in meaning to the **boldface** word or expression in the given phrase. You will use five of these words.

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41. \_\_\_\_\_ his comments which tended to **exacerbate** (look it up!) the situation
42. \_\_\_\_\_ shared all of his **lofty** goals with us
43. \_\_\_\_\_ caused him to be **agitated**
44. \_\_\_\_\_ **was certain** about his chances for winning the lottery
45. \_\_\_\_\_ respected for his **straightforward** nature
46. \_\_\_\_\_ responsible for bringing up the most **credible and sane** idea
47. \_\_\_\_\_ knew how to dance **very well**
48. \_\_\_\_\_ relaxed when we saw **color** return to his cheeks
49. \_\_\_\_\_ the **dirty, cluttered** kitchen
50. \_\_\_\_\_ because he remained **accepting and calm** as the woman accused him of cheating

**IV.REACH.** In the space provided, write the word that best finishes each analogy.

51. excite : calm :: worsen : \_\_\_\_\_
52. pure : immaculate :: calm : \_\_\_\_\_
53. sane : daft :: well : \_\_\_\_\_
54. anger : indignance :: doubt : \_\_\_\_\_
55. immaculate : base :: accepting : \_\_\_\_\_