

Hamlet/Proof Vocab: Sentences

1. Graduation was a time for _____ and merriment—a celebration regardless of what life-changing decisions would have to come next.
2. With the country's leadership _____ by corruption, calls for a new leader have been growing.
3. He was a _____ of honor and bravery, leading his soldiers into battle and leaving no one behind.
4. Having spent all his inheritance and exhausted his options, the _____ son returned home.
5. The great _____ of our digital age is that, even as we find more and more ways to connect online, we often seem to be drifting apart in person.
6. Melting glaciers, like the one in China, have been one of the most visible _____ of climate change.
7. The Sirens were dangerous creatures from myth who _____ sailors with their enchanting songs.
8. Some see Claudius as a failing ruler; others a crafty liar who _____ the throne through deceit.
9. When something lucky happens, do you call it fate, pure chance, or some divine _____ from above?
10. The streets were torn up and gridlocked during construction, which unleashed a _____ of filthy rats throughout the neighborhood.
11. If any democratic nation is truly to be _____ its leaders must have the support and will of its voting public.
12. The more celebrities--and everyday people--open up about their own experiences with mental illness, the better chance we have of removing the _____ associated with it.
13. Thinking them lost for good, she had found her lucky cleats right before the game: surely it was an _____ sign of what was to come!
14. If any attempt at diplomacy was to be successful, he would have to be careful not to stir up any of the age-old _____ between these two former enemies.
15. Arlington National Cemetery is one of America's most _____ grounds, the final resting place for men and women who answered their country's call.
16. Some accused the administration of being obsessed with loyalty and _____, unquestioning obedience.
17. The enemy pirates waved their white flags in an attempt to negotiate a surrender:
“ _____?”
18. Ever hear that saying that the road to _____ is paved with good intentions?
19. He claims to be “morally unrestrained,” but really he’s just a reckless _____ who drinks, eats, and fights his way through life.
20. You could see tearful eyes all around as they played the _____ to honor all those we had lost in the last year.

Vocab definitions (*Hamlet & Proof*)

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1. **auspicious** (adj.) favorable; promising; pointing to a good result
2. **beguile** (v.) charm or enchant (someone), sometimes in a deceptive way
3. **besmirch** (v.) (1) to make something dirty or discolored (2) to damage the reputation of (someone or something) in the opinion of others
4. **enmity** (n.) ill will, hatred, hostility
5. **hallowed** (adj.) revered, consecrated, sacred
6. **harbinger** (n.) a precursor; an indication; one that foreshadows what is coming.
7. **libertine** (n.) a morally unrestrained person
8. **mirth** (n.) jollity, merriment; amusement or laughter
9. **obsequious** (adj.) overly submissive and eager to please
10. **paradox** (n.) a statement or situation that appears to contradict itself or is opposed to common sense but upon closer inspection contains some degree of truth.
11. **paragon** (n.) a model of excellence or perfection
12. **parley** discussion, negotiation, esp. between enemies (noun); to have such a discussion (verb)
13. **perdition** (n.) a state of final spiritual ruin; loss of the soul; hell; utter destruction or ruin.
14. **pestilence** (n.) a rapidly spreading and usually fatal disease
15. **prodigal** (adj.) reckless, wasteful, and extravagant
16. **providence** (n.) divine guidance or care
17. **requiem** (n.) a song or prayer for the dead
18. **sovereign** (adj.) having full, independent power
19. **stigma** (n.) a mark of shame or disgrace
20. **usurp** (v.) to seize by force, take possession of without right