

Unit 3 – Reading 1 – “Aguinaldo” Vocabulary List






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word	definition	example sentence
irony (noun)	when something happens in a way that is surprising or unexpected	The fire station burned down while the firefighters were on vacation.
foreshadowing (noun)	clues that hint at what might happen later in the story, so what happens later is expected	Dark clouds gathered in the sky as Timmy packed his backpack for the picnic.
distribute (verb)	to give something to different people or places	The teacher distributed the exam papers to the students.
residents (noun)	people who live in a place	The residents of the building were complaining about the elevator.
positive (adjective)	good or useful	Reading this book had a positive influence on me.
reluctant (adjective)	feeling uncomfortable about doing something; unwilling	Shy students may feel reluctant to ask questions.

Hispanic: (=Latino) refers to people from Spanish-speaking countries (Cuba, Mexico, Puerto Rico, South America,...) living in the United States

<u>infirm</u> (adjective)	weak or sick antonym: firm = strong; solid	Her grandmother is elderly and infirm .
<u>firmly</u> (adverb)	strictly; in a way that uses strength	“Do your homework now!” Mom said firmly .
field trip (noun phrase)	a trip students take with their classmates and teacher	We took a class field trip to the museum.
mumble (verb)	speak quietly and unclearly	I can't understand you when you mumble .
concern (noun)	worry or care about something important	Safety is our main concern . Health is a big concern .

scattered (adjective)	spread out; distributed over a wide area	Toys were scattered all over the floor.
dizzy (adjective)	unsteady; losing balance; feeling as if everything is turning around	The children were dizzy after spinning in circles. 
vivid (adjective)	very clear and specific	The dream was very vivid . I remember every detail.
caressed (verb)	touched in a gentle and loving way 	She caressed the baby's cheeks lovingly.
mischievously (adverb)	playfully, causing a bit of trouble 	The kids looked at each other mischievously before starting their prank.
relished (verb)	enjoyed greatly	He relished every bite of his favorite dessert.
suitors (noun)	men who want to marry a woman	She was a beautiful woman with many suitors .
gestured (verb)	made a movement with the hand, body, head, face, etc. to express something 	The teacher gestured to the student to leave. He gestured to his friend to come closer.
collage (noun)	a piece of art made by combining different materials, such as paper, photographs, or fabric onto a surface to create a new design or image	We made collage in art class using old photographs and magazine clippings. 

Spanish Words

Tia	aunt
hola	hello
Señora	Mrs.
tembleque	(= wiggly) a dessert from Puerto Rico made from coconut milk

words related to cooking

tbs.	tablespoon (large)
tsp.	teaspoon (small)
lg.	large

✚ Read each sentence carefully. Then fill in each blank with the most suitable word.

infirm – gestured – dizzy – vivid – mumble – caressed – firmly –
mischievous – mischievously – distributed – residents – relish –
scattered – concern – collage – reluctant – positive

1. Leaves were scattered across the yard after the storm.
2. The elderly man felt too infirm to climb the stairs, so his grandson helped him.
3. She began to mumble her answer, making it difficult for the teacher to understand.
4. The mother gently caressed her child's hair to comfort her.
5. Climbing so high made me feel dizzy.
6. The boy smiled mischievously after hiding his sister's favorite toy.
7. She has vivid memories of her childhood.
8. After the new park opened, the residents of the neighborhood enjoyed more outdoor activities.
9. She created a collage of her favorite family photos and hung it on the wall.
10. She gestured to the waiter to bring some more coffee.
11. Mischievous students are the nightmares of many teachers.
12. Our top concern is to provide the refugees with food and healthcare.
13. Wrap the bandage firmly around the injured knee.
14. Volunteers distributed food and blankets to the people in need after the storm.
15. Even in difficult times, she managed to keep a positive attitude.
16. The child was reluctant to try the new food, but eventually took a small bite after encouragement.
17. They relish spending weekends at the beach.

Circle the correct word.

1. The _____ of exam papers is done by teachers.
a. distributed b. **distribution** (noun) c. distributor
2. He answered the question _____. (*How did he answer the question?*)
a. **reluctantly** (adverb) b. reluctant c. reluctance
3. She gave him a _____ handshake, gripping his hand **tightly** to show confidence.
a. firmly b. **firm** (adjective) c. infirm
4. Everything was going well until the _____ **6 years old** decided to stick his finger into the living room fan.
a. **mischievous** (adjective) b. mischievously c. mischief
5. His handshake was a _____ of respect.
a. gestured b. **gesture** (noun) c. gestures
6. He **described** the place so _____ that I could picture it.
(*How did he describe the place?*)
a. **vividly** (adverb) b. vivid c. vividness
7. "The **police station gets robbed**." is an example of _____.
a. **irony** (unexpected to happen) b. foreshadowing
8. "An English **teacher has poor grammar**." is an example of _____.
a. **irony** (unexpected to happen) b. foreshadowing
9. "I've got a **bad feeling** about this," Sarah whispered, as they entered the old, creaking house" is an example of _____.
a. irony b. **foreshadowing** (The reader expects something bad to happen)
10. "Every night, Alex dreamed of a **black crow** sitting by his window, not knowing that crows often symbolize **death** or change." is an example of _____.
a. irony b. **foreshadowing** (a hint that death or change will happen later)