

The Call of the Wild

Vocabulary Practice #2

Name: _____

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Directions: Use your vocabulary words from Assignment #3 to complete the following sentences.

Jerry and Jenny

1. Jerry had always _____ at the dating game.
2. Social _____ were not the problem however. He was known as a very pleasant and polite person that could hold up his end in any conversation.
3. Jerry's challenges were more personal in nature and contributed directly to a long list of short lived, _____ relationships that never developed into anything beyond a polite and usually temporary friendship.
4. Although he was an average looking guy, he frequently had a strange smell that _____ about him after he had eaten.
5. He was very self-conscious about it, and often attempted to cover the odor with _____ quantities of cheap cologne. You could literally smell him before he walked into a room.
6. His most _____ feature however was the most _____ as well. It was rumored that his breath could choke a fully-grown buzzard. This was his greatest hurdle because no matter how much he brushed his teeth, no matter how many mints he ate, no matter what he did, he couldn't control it.
7. Girls had _____ all kinds of illnesses in order to tactfully turn down dates with him. He was a nice guy, and nobody wanted to hurt his feelings.
8. One girl had even missed a day of school, claiming that she needed a day of _____ in order to overcome the _____ brought on by the previous day's vocabulary test. (At least that was her excuse for not being able to go out with Jerry.)
9. Although he was _____ by his lack of dating success, he however, was never completely discouraged.
10. He knew there was a girl for him out there somewhere that would see beyond his offensive odors, and it was that knowledge that _____ him to come up with some pretty creative schemes.

11. He had his eye on Jenny, a volunteer at the local animal shelter. He knew that she had a soft spot in her heart for puppies as well as a _____ appetite for good southern barbecue.
12. Jerry knew that if he just flat out asked her to go out with him, she would probably give him one of the _____ excuses that he had already heard before.
13. Plus, he had heard that she had already _____ that she would never go out with him. (So this really had to be a really great plan)
14. The first step of the “plan” was to purchase the cutest puppy he could find. He found one in a pet store that stared at him _____ with big, pleading eyes. He knew this was the one.
15. He then went to Dreamland for the barbecue that he knew she couldn’t resist. This, combined with the puppy would surely overcome any _____ that she felt for him. He just knew the smell of the barbeque combined with the sight of the puppy would draw her affection _____ to him.
16. Once all of the pieces were in place, he positioned himself and waited _____ at the park across from her house. The dog and the barbecue were ready for her to pass by *coincidentally*. This just *had* to work.
17. Sometime later, he noticed her approaching from a distance and set up his trap. He positioned the puppy in front of him and tossed it pieces of the _____ barbecue. As she came nearer, her eyes focussed on the puppy and then upon Jerry. At first her eyes pleaded for the opportunity to play with the sweet little puppy. Then, without warning she cut him with an icy glare that withered his confidence.
18. She had noticed that Jerry was feeding the puppy the Dreamland barbecue. She boldly _____, “Don’t you know that Dreamland is not for dogs? Who in their right mind would feed such fine food to a little mutt!”
19. Without giving Jerry a chance to react, she snatched the barbecue away from him, babbled some remark about Dreamland barbecue deserving to be treated with more respect than that, and strutted _____ down the pathway. It took Jerry a few moments to gather his thoughts about what had gone wrong.

Well, if he couldn’t get a date with Jenny, at least all was not lost; he still had the puppy. After all, the puppy seemed to like him. She didn’t even seem to mind his breath. Maybe he would call *her* “Jenny.”