Vocab Unit 3 Activities

**Part I: Fill in the blank:**

1. The family \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with her after the loss of her old and faithful dog.
2. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ cruelty yet do not always notice when I have said something cruel without meaning to.
3. It was no \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ meeting that led to their writing songs together, for in fact they were cousin.
4. You may \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ these holes to gophers or elves, but I blame the dog from next door.
5. I followed a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ path through the woods, not because I reared pursuit, but because I was lost.
6. The spy used charm and flattery in order to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the information from the diplomat.
7. The pleasant background music did not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ my work but instead, distracted me.
8. Dictators usually begin their reigns by searching out and silencing \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ opinions.
9. Curious, patient, and fond of long walks outdoors, she soon displayed a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for nature study.
10. The poor fellow was stronger than he realized, and the damage he did was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
11. Because so many of its patients were having financial troubles, the health clinic charged only \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ fees.
12. Though hurt by his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ language, I had to admit that some of his points were valid.
13. My grasp of trigonometry was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ until I attended the extra-help sessions.
14. We questioned her quietly, carefully, and at length, but her answers remained \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
15. An experienced actor can perform with what seems like limitless \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, even when he forgets a line.

**Part II: Synonyms & Antonyms**

**A: Synonyms:**

1. Speed up the registration procedure
2. A motive attributed to me
3. Cajoled into agreeing
4. An acerbic tone of voice
5. Only trifling objections raised
6. Empathize with your disappointment
7. Arguing a poorly supported point
8. Their leader’s self-assurance
9. A nasty penchant for lying
10. A fortuitous sequence of events

**B: Antonyms**

1. Cherish everything about her
2. A deliberate misuse of money
3. A definite statement of intentions
4. A kingdom filled by loyal subjects
5. A direct way home

**Part III: Choose the word that best completes the sentence.**

1. I was simply unable to follow the (circuitous, adventitious) reasoning by which she “proved” that a straight line is not necessarily the shortest distance between two points.
2. Our military is prepared to deal with external aggression, but our best defense against (sedition, vitriol) at home is the loyalty of the American people.
3. (Commiseration, Proclivity) is a noble human emotion, but in itself is not substitute for vigorous efforts to help other people.
4. Since he has been able to (ascribe, wheedle) almost anything he wants out of his parents, he is quite unprepared now to face the harsh realities of life.
5. An experienced politician always tries to avoid making (inadvertent, tenuous) comments that may offend some voters.
6. Although the Queen is the (nominal, adventitious) head of state, the Prime Minister is the real leader of the British government.
7. His investments proved to be profitable, but they were (adventitious, nominal) rather than the result of knowledge and planning.
8. The Biblical prophets (abominated, commiserated) idol worship of any kind and railed vehemently against such practices.
9. You are following an all too familiar pattern in (ascribing, expediting) your failures to anyone and everyone- except yourself.
10. Although that critic is reared for (noncommittal, vitriolic) reviews, I have learned that there is usually a sound basis for her unfavorable judgments.
11. I learned that I would have to make