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Unit 11 Vocabulary and Spelling Homework Packet (8<sup>th</sup> Grade)

Packet and test will be due **Friday 1/10/20**

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flaunt	defect
bask	genial
finesse	abashed
anguish	forthright

**Part A (Definitions)**

**Aloof:** withdrawn, standing apart from others (usually as a matter of choice)

**Flaunt:** to wave or flutter showily; to display in a conceited, offensive way

**Bask:** to be in, or expose oneself to, pleasant warmth; to take pleasure in or derive enjoyment from

**Finesse:** (n) delicate skill; tact and cleverness; (v) to accomplish something by cleverness, good judgment, or skillful evasion

**Anguish:** (n) great mental suffering, distress, or pain; (v) to be deeply tormented by pain or sorrow

**Articulate:** (v) to pronounce distinctly; to express well in words; to fit together into a system; (adj) able to use language effectively; expressed clearly and forcefully

**Defect:** (n) an imperfection, flaw, or blemish of some kind; (v) to desert a cause or organization

**Genial:** cordial, pleasantly cheerful or warm

**Abashed:** embarrassed, ashamed, or nonplussed

**Forthright:** frank, direct, straightforward

## Part B: Sentence Completion

*Directions: Choose the proper word from above and complete each sentence.*

1. I was thoroughly \_\_\_\_\_ by the foolish mistake that I made at the dinner party.
2. In almost every office or business, there are some people who keep decidedly \_\_\_\_\_ from their coworkers.
3. Because they are cold-blooded creatures, lizards and other reptiles must \_\_\_\_\_ in the sun to regulate their body temperature.
4. A successful candidate can \_\_\_\_\_ ideas in a way that makes them acceptable to voters.
5. Survivors of a natural disaster often suffer great mental \_\_\_\_\_ long after their terrible ordeal is over.
6. I appreciate the \_\_\_\_\_ way in which you express your opinions, even when they do not agree with my own.
7. The \_\_\_\_\_ host and hostess made each party guest feel especially wholesome.
8. Some people seem to need to \_\_\_\_\_ their wealth and good fortune in life.
9. To become a champion, a tennis player needs to combine power with \_\_\_\_\_.
10. There is no one who does not have at least one serious character \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Part C (Synonyms)**

*Directions: 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. Write the word on the line provided.*

11. Fortunate to have a **friendly** traveling companion \_\_\_\_\_

12. Welcomed **direct** comments on the plan \_\_\_\_\_

13. **Bragged** about her new wardrobe \_\_\_\_\_

14. A rather **detached** personality \_\_\_\_\_

15. **Lounged** around on the beach \_\_\_\_\_

16. Letters that revealed the depths of their **despair** \_\_\_\_\_

17. **Flaws** that can be easily covered with makeup \_\_\_\_\_

18. **Pronounced** difficult words in the speech with ease \_\_\_\_\_