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Unit 15 Vocabulary and Spelling Homework Packet (8th Grade)

Homework and test will be due Thursday 2/14/19

avail	crony
cryptic	fervent
infiltrate	abut
enmity	gaunt
attire	divergent

Part A (Definitions): Put each word in *alphabetical order* and define them.

Avail—(v.) to be of use of or benefit to; to make use of; to take advantage of; to profit or benefit; (n.) use, benefit, or value

Cryptic—puzzling, mystifying, or enigmatic

Infiltrate—to pass through or gain entrance to gradually or stealthily

Enmity—hatred, ill-will

Attire—(n.) clothes, apparel, garb; (v.) to dress, adorn, or bedeck

Crony—a very close friend, pal, chum, or buddy

Fervent—very earnest, emotional, passionate; extremely hot

Abut—to join at one end or be next to; to support, prop up

Gaunt—thin and bony, starved looking; bare, barren

Divergent—going into different directions; different from each other; departing from convention, deviant

Part B (Sentence Completion): Choose the proper word from above and complete each sentence.

1. I tried repeatedly to contact my neighbor by phone, but to absolutely no _____.
2. Two people may be close friends despite having very _____ interests and beliefs.
3. We have been _____ ever since we met in the second grade.
4. The letter to the editor was so _____ that I couldn't be certain what the writer had actually intended to say.
5. The special _____ that firefighters wear helps to protect them from flames and smoke.
6. Land that _____ a river or lake is considered a highly desirable location on which to build a summer home.
7. We left food and water for the _____ alley cat.
8. Despite a long, close, and tense match, the defeated player felt no _____ toward the new champion.
9. The president delivered a _____ plea for tolerance and unity.
10. Some of our men _____ the enemy's camp and captured their leader.

Part C (Synonyms): 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 your answer on the blank provided.

11. Hackers who **intruded** into computer databases _____

12. An **energetic** supporter for the poor _____

13. Packed **clothing** suitable for all kinds of weather _____

14. Planned to visit an old **pal** _____

15. Lingering **bitterness** despite the settlement _____

16. Solutions that are of no **advantage** _____

17. A **skinny** person _____

18. Exceptionally **confusing** homework assignment _____