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Unit 16 Vocabulary and Spelling Homework Packet (8<sup>th</sup> Grade)

Homework and test will be due Friday 2/28/20

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| nullify   | proclaim    |
| scavenger | unflagging  |
| plummet   | rankle      |
| stint     | stoical     |
| proxy     | perceptible |

**Part A (Definitions)**—Read over definitions prior to completing synonyms or sentence completion.

**Proclaim**—to declare publicly or officially

**Rankle**—to cause anger, irritation, or bitterness (with the suggestion that pain grows worse with time)

**Nullify**—to make of no value or consequence, cancel, wipe out

**Scavenger**—a person who collects or removes usable items from waste materials; an animal that feeds on refuse (trash) or dead bodies

**Perceptible**—capable of being grasped by the senses or mind

**Stint**—(v) to limit, be sparing or frugal; (n) a limit or restriction; a fixed share of work or duty; a period of activity

**Plummet**—(v) to plunge straight down; (n) a weight fastened to a line

**Stoical**—self-controlled, not showing feeling in response to pleasure or pain

**Unflagging**—tireless, continuing with vigor

**Proxy**—an agent, substitute; a written permission allowing one person to act in another's place

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

1. There was no \_\_\_\_\_ improvement in the patient's condition despite the doctor's best efforts to treat the infection.
2. Gannets and other seabirds \_\_\_\_\_ headfirst into the ocean to catch small fish and squid.
3. After seven days, you cannot \_\_\_\_\_ to the contract without being charged a penalty.
4. The vice president may be called upon to be the president's \_\_\_\_\_ at the funeral of a foreign leader.
5. We \_\_\_\_\_ our loyalty to our country when we recite the Pledge of Allegiance.
6. Good hosts never \_\_\_\_\_ on food and drink for the guests who attend their parties.
7. After the votes were counted, the candidates paid tribute to the \_\_\_\_\_ loyalty of their supporters.
8. A few \_\_\_\_\_ such as catfish and other bottom feeders will help to keep a fish tank clean.
9. Insults may \_\_\_\_\_ a person for many years.
10. The refugees' \_\_\_\_\_ acceptance of their plight was deeply moving.

**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 the word on the blank provided.

11. Selected to act as my **delegate** \_\_\_\_\_

12. A lack of respect that **bothers** me \_\_\_\_\_

13. Forced to work for a **short time** \_\_\_\_\_

14. **Affirmed** my belief that I was correct \_\_\_\_\_

15. A barely **observable** flaw in my workmanship \_\_\_\_\_

16. Looked eerily **detached** after the tragic accident \_\_\_\_\_

17. **Scroungers** who went through the garbage \_\_\_\_\_