

Words denoting Fighting - Conciliation

Avocabo Word List 11

ALLAY, AMNESTY, ARMAGEDDON, ARMISTICE, BALLISTICS, BELLICOSE, CAMPAIGN, CONCILIATORY, CONTEND, COMPROMISE, CRUSADE, DETENTE, INTERNECINE, MARTIAL, MILITANT, PACIFY, PLACATE, PROPITIATE, RAPPROCHEMENT, RETALIATE, SIEGE, TACTICS



ABOU BEN ADHEM

ABOU BEN ADHEM (may his tribe increase!)
Awoke one night from a deep dream of peace,
And saw—within the moonlight in his room,
Making it rich and like a lily in bloom—
An angel, writing in a book of gold.
Exceeding peace had made Ben Adhem bold,
And to the presence in the room he said,
‘What writest thou?’—The vision raised its head,
And, with a look made of all sweet accord,
Answered, ‘The names of those who love the Lord.’
‘And is mine one?’ said Abou. ‘Nay, not so,’
Replied the angel. Abou spoke more low,
But cheerly still, and said, ‘I pray thee, then,
Write me as one that loves his fellow men.’

The angel wrote and vanished. The next night
It came again with a great wakening light,
And showed the names whom love of God had blessed,
And lo! Ben Adhem’s name led all the rest.

James Henry Leigh Hunt (1784–1859)

Word List 11 Words and their definitions:

allay (*verb*) Lessen the intensity of; calm; as of anxieties and fears

amnesty: (*noun/verb*) A period during which offenders are exempt from punishment

Armageddon (*noun*) 1. (New Testament) the scene of the final battle between the kings of the Earth at the end of the world, 2. Any catastrophically destructive battle

armistice (*noun*) A state of peace agreed to between opponents so they can discuss peace terms

ballistics (*noun*) the science of hurling projectiles (usually at an enemy)

bellicose (*adjective*) Having or showing a ready disposition to fight

campaign (*noun/verb*) Several related operations aimed at achieving a particular goal (usually within geographical and temporal constraints)

compromise (*noun/verb*) An accommodation in which both sides make concessions; settle by concession

conciliatory (*adjective*) Making or willing to make concessions; overcoming animosity or hostility

contend: (*verb*) Compete for something; engage in a contest; measure oneself against others

crusade (*noun/verb*) 1. A series of actions advancing a principle or tending toward a particular end, 2. (capitalized) Any of the more or less continuous military expeditions in the 11-13th centuries when Christian powers of Europe tried to recapture the Holy Land from the Muslims

detente (*noun*) The easing of tensions or strained relations (especially between nations)

internecine (*adjective*) 1. (of conflict) within a group or organization, 2. Characterized by bloodshed and carnage for both sides

martial (*adjective*) 1. (of persons) befitting a warrior; brave, fond of fighting, 2. Suggesting war or military life

8. There is a time to be timid. There is a time to be **conciliatory**.

(a) compromising (b) fearful (c) belligerent

9. to **contend** with the irresistible power of Time

(a) yield (b) comply (c) struggle

10. **Compromise** makes a good umbrella but a poor roof.

(a) accommodation (b) surrender (c) dependence

11. Gzowski's **crusade** against illiteracy

(a) argument (b) diatribe (c) campaign

12. a new period of **detente** opened between East and West

(a) overt indifference (b) alleviation of tensions (c) renewed militarism

13. lived in the shadow of slavery and **internecine** strife

(a) internal (b) peripheral (c) continual

14. The Japanese **martial** art of fencing with swords

(a) connubial (b) childlike (c) warlike

15. a **militant** political activist

(a) rude (b) belligerent (c) vacillating

16. **pacify** the indigenous people and end the War

(a) deceive (b) annihilate (c) appease

17. attempts to **placate** opposition to a broad use of the king's power

(a) incite (b) conciliate (c) prompt

18. devices to **propitiate** the tongue of gossip

(a) appease (b) lop off (c) entangle

19. he greatly furthered the Franco-Russian **rapprochement**

(a) reconciliation (b) separation (c) animosity

20. In the event that the attacks continue, we will **retaliate**

(a) concentrate (b) cower (c) counter

21. After a **siege** of ten years the city was taken and burnt to the ground

(a) cessation (b) beleaguement (c) delay

22. S.W.A.T.: special weapons and **tactics**

(a) skills (b) personnel (c) manoeuvres

Exercise 11-4 Fill-in-the-blanks

Choose the best list word (or variation of) to complete each of the following sentences: (15 marks)

1. 35-year-old Miloudi Zakaria was accused of having played "a key role in the action of extremist groups in Morocco" and of distinguishing himself by his "_____ preaching and his calls for jihad against the rulers".

2. To _____ fears, the Postal Service is scheduled today to hold a briefing to explain what it is doing to the mail, firmly asserting that there is no risk to health.

3. Aussaresses was charged with trying to justify, or being an apologist for, war crimes -- which is illegal in France -- but was not charged with the crimes themselves. In 1968, French soldiers received _____ from prosecution for their actions in the war.

4. But for the rest of world, the most compelling aspect of Mr. Bush's address was his declaration that the U.S.

_____ against terrorism will focus on so-called rogue states, as well as multinational terrorist groups such as al-Qaeda.

5. In their first caucus meeting since their very public fight, Mr. Chrétien and Ms Bennett adopted a much more _____ tone toward each other.

6. CBS's preliminary ratings were down 40 percent for a PGA Championship final round that featured a dual between two golfers who had never won a PGA Tour tournament and Tiger Woods out of _____.

7. Snowboarders still tend to be cut from the cloth of extreme sport rather than the old grey flannel of the Olympics. When the sport made its Olympic debut at Nagano, some snowboard stars declined the invitation. They refused to _____ their non-conformity by marching to the establishment drum beat.

8. He also introduced KD, or "knock-down," ready-to-assemble furniture. "At the time, there was some KD furniture in Scandinavia, and of course the knights used it on their various _____," Conran said. "There was nothing vastly original in the idea, but as I was driving around London on my Vespa, it occurred to me that it would be great to develop furniture that you could take away with you quite literally on your back.

9. If ever there's been a(n) _____-arts movie that makes you feel as if you've been kicked in the head, surely it's *Kung Pow! Enter the Fist*.

10. Diplomatic sources say African members of the eight-nation Commonwealth Ministerial Action Group remain reluctant to criticize Mr. Mugabe openly, despite his flagrant abuses of power and the violent intimidation practised by his _____ in the runup to the presidential election in March.

11. It is an eminently readable work, detailing the intrigues of the violent Scottish courts as the rulers of the Scots knitted together a kingdom through _____ warfare, conflict and strategic alliances with the English and continental powers.

12. Iraq and North Korea are familiar enough villains. But until a few days ago, Tehran and Washington were thought to have been forging some sort of _____. Not any more. First Washington accused Iran of meddling in Afghanistan. Then came a bombshell in the form of suspicion, possibly well-founded, that Iran had sold a boatload of weapons to Palestinian terrorists.

13. If Ottawa doesn't pull the financing, Brazil will be able to apply to the World Trade Organization for the right to _____ against Canada.

14. Mr. Murtazaliyev lost more than a litre of blood and required surgery. A large group of Dagestanis reportedly laid _____ to the hospital where he was being treated, demanding to see their hero.

15. _____ tests are not complete, and investigators have determined only that the bullets share enough similarities to connect the shootings.



OTHER WAR & PEACE WORDS AND PHRASES INCLUDE:

A **PYRRHIC VICTORY** is a victory that is offset by staggering losses. This term comes from King Pyrrhus, King of Epirus in 302, who defeated the Romans despite suffering enormous losses.

NIKE: in Greek religion and mythology, Nike was the goddess of victory, daughter of Pallas and Styx. Often an attendant of Zeus or Athena, she also presided over all contests, athletic as well as military. She was a popular subject in art, usually represented as winged and bearing a wreath or palm branch. The *Victory (or Nike) of Samothrace* (Louvre) is one of the finest extant Greek sculptures. The Romans identified Nike with *Victoria*.

DETERRENCE is a term that came to the fore in the nuclear strategy of the Cold War. Deterrence refers to measures taken by a state or an alliance of states to prevent hostile action by another state. At the heart of the doctrine of nuclear deterrence was **MUTUAL ASSURED DESTRUCTION**, the severe, unavoidable reciprocal damage that superpowers were likely to inflict on each other or their allies in a nuclear war.

Optional Activity: Visit the Avocabo website and use the **War & Peace Crossword** as a means to test your knowledge of this unit's words.

