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Synonym Sets

In each line of words below, all but one of the words are synonyms. Find the one word with a meaning that is different from the others and circle it. Use a thesaurus or a dictionary if necessary.

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| 1. cautious | voracious | scrupulous | prudent |
| 2. sketchy | honest | frank | candid |
| 3. hinder | defer | return | retard |
| 4. pursue | go | seek | hunt |
| 5. gaunt | meager | attenuate | plain |
| 6. succumb | hurry | capitulate | bow |
| 7. surly | cross | glum | gruff |
| 8. egress | honor | accolade | eminence |
| 9. affinity | cantata | kinship | alliance |
| 10. supporter | advocate | promoter | suitor |
| 11. indicate | absolve | vindicate | acquit |
| 12. rigid | austere | vicious | unalterable |
| 13. breach | lei | cleft | rent |
| 14. facade | front | chasm | foreground |
| 15. whelp | onus | responsibility | burden |
| 16. skill | hew | hack | lop |
| 17. hiatus | breach | rift | leverage |

Now write the last letter of every word you circled in order in the blanks here to spell a short message:

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Rhyming Riddles

Each set of clues below contains synonyms for three rhyming words. Can you find the words that rhyme? Watch out for multiple-meaning words! In the example shown, for instance, *list* refers to a list of candidates known as a slate of candidates. Notice, too, that the rhyming words may not all share the same spellings.

Example: list, big, companion Answer: slate, great, mate

1. crush, cut, spots _____

2. condiment, egg dessert, confused _____

3. rush, fate, space _____

4. chef, defraud, creek _____

5. wreath, act, brawl _____

6. slander, wield, shoe _____

7. candid, swallowed, class _____

8. scrub, acid, stern _____

9. harbor, measure, kind _____

10. subside, pretend, rational _____

11. chief, distribute, cast off _____

12. enthusiasm, greenish-blue, yelp _____

