**VOCABULARY 1**

**ameliorate (v)** to make better; to improve

**burnish (v)** to make or become smooth, bright, and glossy

**cynic (n)** one who believes others are motivated entirely by selfishness

**eminence (n)** superiority in position or rank

**flippant (adj)** impertinent; disrespectful

**incisive (adj)** cutting into

**litigate (v)** to contest in a lawsuit

**pallid (adj)** pale; colorless

**quandary (n)** dilemma; problem

**rummage (v)** search thoroughly

**torpid (adj)** lacking alertness and activity; lethargic; lazy

**vertigo (n)** dizziness

**encapsulate (v)** to express something in concise form

**entice (v)** tempt by offering something attractive

**fragment (n)** broken piece; incomplete piece

**layout (n)** way things are arranged; design of printed matter

**orientation (adj)** position or direction in which something lies

**review (n)** to write a journalistic report on the quality of a new play, book, movie, concert, or other public performance

**tag line (n)** a phrase repeatedly used in connection with a person, organization, or product, especially in publicity

**teaser (n)** a preview intended to arouse curiosity and interest in a forthcoming broadcast or publication