

## VOCABULARY 1

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

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

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

**incisive (adj)** cutting into

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

**pallid (adj)** pale; colorless

**quandary (n)** dilemma; problem

**rummage (v)** search thoroughly

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

**vertigo (n)** dizziness

## VOCABULARY 2

**connect (v)** to associate mentally or emotionally

**deplete (v)** to reduce; to empty

**euphony (n)** pleasant sound

**incognito (adj)** unidentified; disguised; concealed

**original (adj)** new; fresh; inventive

**partisan (adj)** biased; one-sided

**pivotal (adj)** of vital or critical importance

**promote (v)** to help or encourage to exist or flourish; further

**reflection (n)** a fixing of the thoughts on something; careful consideration

**savor (v)** to receive pleasure from; enjoy

## VOCABULARY 3

**capricious (adj)** changeable; fickle

**famished (adj)** extremely hungry

**frenetic (adj)** frantic; frenzied

**genocide (n)** the deliberate and systematic extermination of a national, racial, political, or cultural group

**indict (v)** charge with a crime

**lucid (adj)** easily understood

**massacre (v)** to kill unnecessarily and indiscriminately, esp. a large number

**passive (adj)** submissive; unassertive

**point of view (n)** a mental viewpoint or attitude

**subjugate (v)** to make submissive or subservient; enslave

## VOCABULARY 4

**canvass (v)** to go through (places) or among (people) asking for (votes, opinions, orders, etc.)

**discontented (adj)** dissatisfaction; restless desire for something more or different

**garrulous (adj)** talking much about unimportant things

**lustrous (adj)** bright; radiant

**proprietor (n)** one who owns and operates a business establishment

**prosaic (adj)** tiresome; ordinary

**reckless (adj)** careless; heedless

**servile (adj)** slavish, groveling

**vicinity (n)** a nearby, surrounding, or adjoining region; a neighborhood

**winsome (adj)** agreeable; charming; delightful

## VOCABULARY 5

**arid (adj)** dry; parched

**boycott (v)** to refuse to deal with something/someone

**endorse (v)** support somebody or something

**ephemeral (adj)** temporary; brief; short-lived

**gratuitous (adj)** unnecessary

**malediction (n)** curse; evil spell

**mull (v)** period of careful deliberation

**penchant (n)** a strong liking or fondness

**repeal (v)** to abolish or undo a law

**tractable (adj)** easily led or managed

## VOCABULARY 6

**arrogant (adj)** acting superior to others; conceited

**compromise (n)** an agreement in which both sides agree to give up something they want in order to achieve a settlement

**effluvium (n)** an outflow in the form of vapor

**improvident (adj)** lacking foresight and thrift

**magnanimous (adj)** forgiving; unselfish

**pedagogue (n)** teacher (can be dogmatic or pedantic)

**ratify (v)** to formally approve a plan or an agreement

**sanguine (adj)** optimistic; cheerful

**transitory (adj)** of a passing nature; speedily vanishing

**visionary (adj)** characterized by impractical ideas

## VOCABULARY 7

**cascade (v)** pour; rush; fall

**condition (n)** factor affecting something (the game)

**deleterious (adj)** harmful to health, well-being

**evaluate (v)** to examine and judge something (the game)

**evanescent (adj)** vanishing; fleeting

**indulgent (adj)** lenient; patient

**macerate (v)** to torment

**modify (v)** to make small changes to something

**ostensible (adj)** apparent; declared

**saturnine (adj)** heavy; grave; gloomy

**trek (v)** to make a journey

## VOCABULARY 8

**abhor (v)** to hate

**austere (adj)** harsh; severe; strict

**devoid (adj)** lacking; empty

**exemplary (n)** serving as an example; outstanding

**gloat (v)** brag; glory over

**impartial (adj)** not biased

**mandatory (adj)** authoritatively commanded or required

**perceptive (adj)** full of insight; aware

**raucous (adj)** disagreeable to the sense of hearing; harsh

**skulk (v)** to move secretly

## VOCABULARY 9

**absolve (v)** to forgive; to acquit

**authentic (adj)** real; genuine; trustworthy

**convert (v)** to change someone's religious beliefs

**digress (v)** stray from the subject; wander from topic

**expedition (n)** organized trip by group

**goad (v)** to arouse or incite

**legacy (n)** anything handed down from the past

**manifest (adj)** evident; obvious; apparent

**maverick (n)** person who acts independent of a group

**realm (n)** an area; sphere of activity

## VOCABULARY 10

**accolade (n)** approving or praising mention

**awry (adv)** 1. crooked(ly); uneven(ly); 2. (adj) wrong, askew

**discern (v)** to distinguish or discriminate

**dissolve (v)** break up

**infer (v)** form an opinion; conclude

**meander (v)** wind on a course; go aimlessly

**oppression (n)** the feeling of being weighed down or held back by severe & unfair force

**secession (n)** the act of withdrawing from an organization or alliance

**segregation (n)** social separation of groups of people, especially by race

**solicit (v)** ask; seek

## VOCABULARY 11

**accrue (v)** collect; build up

**baleful (adj)** sinister; threatening; evil; deadly

**blockade (v)** to block access to a place

**comprehensive (adj)** all-inclusive; complete, thorough

**extol (v)** praise; commend

**inherent (adj)** innate; basic; inborn

**permeable (adj)** porous; allowing to pass through

**ransack (v)** rob and despoil something

**turbulence (n)** condition of being physically agitated; disturbance

**unconditional (adj)** with no conditions or limitations

## VOCABULARY 12

**concise (adj)** in few words; brief; condensed

**criteria (n)** a standard of judgment or criticism; a rule or principle for evaluating or testing something

**haggard (adj)** tired-looking; fatigued

**innocuous (adj)** harmless; innocent

**jargon (n)** the language, esp. the vocabulary, peculiar to a particular trade, profession, or group

**metamorphosis (n)** change of form

**objective (n)** purpose; goal; target

**pernicious (adj)** dangerous;; harmful

**sporadic (adj)** rarely occurring or appearing; intermittent

**uncanny (adj)** of a strange nature; weird