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