

*New GRE VOCABULARY UPGRADE*

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<i>version 5.0</i>	<i>ipa &amp; translations</i>

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*n.b.*

*s. = synonyms*

*a. = antonyms*

## Unit 01

### Quick Preview

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### 1 attrition

- i.* *n.* the act of **weakening** or **exhausting** by constant harassment, abuse, or attack
- ii.* *n.* the act of **rubbing** together: **friction**

### 2 transmute

- v.* to **change** or **alter** in form, appearance, or nature and especially **to a higher form**
- s.* transform, convert, metamorphose, transfigure, transpose

### 3 hegemony

- n.* preponderant **influence** or **authority** over others: **domination**
- s.* ascendancy, dominion, predominance, preeminence

### 4 elusive

- i.* *adj.* **hard to comprehend** or define
- ii.* *adj.* tending to **evade grasp** or pursuit
- s.* elusory, evasive, intangible

### 5 evanescent

- adj.* tending to **vanish** like vapor: **transient**
- s.* transitory, ephemeral, fleeting, momentary; fugitive, volatile

### 6 irk

- v.* to **make** weary, **irritated**, or bored
- s.* annoy, abrade, gall, provoke

### 7 steadfast

- i.* *adj.* firmly **fixed** in place: **immovable**
- ii.* *adj.* **firm** in belief, determination, or adherence: **loyal**
- s.* adamant, inexorable, obdurate, relentless, rigid, unyielding; allegiant, ardent, resolute, staunch
- a.* vacillating, capricious

### 8 recrudescence

- n.* a **new outbreak** after a period of abatement or inactivity: **renewal**
- s.* returning, reacting, recurring, reverting
- a.* repressing, suppressing; cessation, discontinuation

**9 perfidy**

- n.* the quality or state of being **faithless** or **disloyal**: **treachery**  
*s.* perfidiousness, treason, infidelity  
*a.* fidelity, fealty

**10 vindictive**

- i.* *adj.* disposed to seek revenge: **vengeful**  
*ii.* *adj.* intended to **cause** anguish or **hurt**: **spiteful**  
*s.* revengeful, vengeful  
*a.* charitable, forgiving, merciful, relenting

**11 underscore**

- v.* to **make evident**: **emphasize**, **stress**  
*s.* feature, italicize, play up, underline

**12 hail**

- i.* *v.* to **greet** with enthusiastic approval: **acclaim**, **salute**  
*s.* commend, applaud, compliment, praise  
*a.* belittle, depreciate, disparage, downgrade; berate, censure, condemn  
*ii.* *n.* **precipitation** in the form of small balls or lumps

**13 apposite**

- adj.* highly **pertinent** or **appropriate**: **apt**  
*s.* relevant, *ad rem*, applicable, apropos, germane  
*a.* inapt; inept; casual, haphazard

**14 forthright**

- adj.* **free from ambiguity** or evasiveness: going **straight** to the point  
*s.* straightforward, aboveboard; frank, candid, plain, undisguised  
*a.* furtive, covert, surreptitious, underhand; deceitful, mendacious

**15 reverent**

- adj.* expressing or characterized by **respect** and honor: **worshipful**

**16 abstruse**

- adj.* **difficult to comprehend**: **recondite**  
*s.* esoteric, hermetic, occult, profound  
*a.* plain, manifest, lucid, perspicuous, palpable

**17 lethargy**

- i.* *n.* the quality or state of being **lazy**, **sluggish**, or **indifferent**  
*ii.* *n.* abnormal **drowsiness**  
*s.* apathy, disregard, heedlessness, insouciance, lassitude, listlessness; coma

*a.* aptness, promptness, alertness

**18 vapid**

*adj.* lacking liveliness, tang, briskness, or force: **flat**, **dull**

*s.* insipid, driveling, inane, innocuous, jejune, sapless

*a.* brisk, tangy, zesty; incisive, trenchant; pregnant, telling

**19 recrimination**

*n.* a retaliatory accusation

*s.* reproach, abuse, criticism, reproof

**20 supplicate**

*v.* to make an earnest and humble request

*s.* beg, appeal, beseech, crave, entreat, implore, importune, plead

## Unit 02

### Quick Preview

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| <input type="checkbox"/> inviolable | <input type="checkbox"/> precedent     | <input type="checkbox"/> invective | <input type="checkbox"/> indigent |

### 21 stalwart

*adj.* marked by outstanding **strength** and **vigor** of body, mind, or spirit: **strong**  
*s.* stout, sturdy, tenacious, tough

### 22 iconoclast

*n.* a person who **attacks settled beliefs** or institutions

### 23 byzantine

*adj.* intricately **involved: complicated**  
*s.* labyrinthine, elaborate, intricate, involved, knotty, sophisticated

### 24 sedentary

*adj.* not migratory: **settled**

### 25 inviolable

*adj.* secure from violation or assault: **unassailable**  
*s.* sacred, inviolate, sacrosanct, divine

### 26 avert

*v.* to **turn away** or aside in **avoidance: prevent**  
*s.* deflect, divert; deter, forestall, obviate, preclude  
*a.* advance, further, promote

### 27 trite

*adj.* **hackneyed** or **boring** from much use: **not original**  
*s.* cliché, commonplace, hackneyed, stereotypical, threadbare, timeworn  
*a.* novel, original, creative, imaginative; distinctive

### 28 pragmatic

*adj.* **practical** as opposed to idealistic: **realistic**  
*s.* down-to-earth, hard-boiled, hardheaded  
*a.* fantastic, idealistic, quixotic

### 29 imperturbable

*adj.* marked by extreme **calm, impassivity**, and **steadiness: serene**

*s.* collected, composed, nonchalant, unflappable, unruffled  
*a.* choleric, touchy, discomfited, disconcerted, rattled, irascible

### 30 precedent

- i.* *adj.* **prior** in time, order, arrangement, or significance: **preceding**  
*s.* antecedent, anterior, foregoing
- ii.* *n.* an **earlier occurrence** of something similar

### 31 obscure

- i.* *adj.* **not clearly** seen or easily distinguished: **dark** or **dim**
- ii.* *adj.* **not readily understood** or clearly expressed: **mysterious**  
*s.* ambiguous, equivocal, murky, nebulous, opaque, unintelligible, vague  
*a.* lucid, definite, explicit, obvious
- iii.* *adj.* relatively **unknown**, **not** prominent or **famous**: **remote**, **secluded**  
*a.* celebrated, famed, distinguished, notable, renowned
- iv.* *v.* to **make dark**, dim, or indistinct  
*s.* adumbrate, becloud, obfuscate, overshadow  
*a.* illuminate, clarify, enlighten, elucidate, exemplify

### 32 magnate

*n.* a **person of** rank, **power**, influence, or distinction often in a specified area  
*s.* baron, tycoon, personage

### 33 preempt

- i.* *v.* to **prevent from happening** or taking place: **forestall**, **preclude**
- ii.* *v.* to **seize upon** to the exclusion of others: **appropriate**  
*s.* annex, arrogate, confiscate, expropriate, sequester

### 34 sanguine

*adj.* **confident**, **optimistic**  
*s.* assured, secure, self-assured  
*a.* pessimistic, gloomy, despairing

### 35 invective

*adj.* of, relating to, or characterized by **insult** or **abuse**  
*s.* abusive, opprobrious, scurrilous, truculent, vituperative

### 36 noisome

- i.* *adj.* **noxious**, **harmful**  
*a.* wholesome salubrious, salutary
- ii.* *adj.* highly obnoxious or **objectionable**  
*s.* offensive, disgusting, loathsome, nauseating, repulsive

### 37 vacuous

- i.* *adj.* **emptied** of or lacking content: **empty**  
*s.* bare, vacant, void
- ii.* *adj.* marked by **lack of ideas** or intelligence: **stupid, inane**  
*s.* empty-headed, vacant, shallow, superficial
- iii.* *adj.* devoid of serious occupation: **idle**

### 38 devolve

- i.* *v.* to **degenerate** through a gradual change or evolution  
*s.* deteriorate, decay, decline, degenerate, downfall  
*a.* develop, progress, evolve
- ii.* *v.* to **pass by** transmission or **succession**

### 39 pellucid

- i.* *adj.* **easy to understand**  
*s.* lucent, lucid, luminous, translucent, transparent, transpicuous  
*a.* blurred, muddy, roily, turbid
- ii.* *adj.* admitting maximum **passage of light** without diffusion or distortion

### 40 indigent

- adj.* suffering from poverty: **impoverished**  
*s.* destitute, impecunious, impoverished, necessitous, needy, penurious  
*a.* affluent, opulent



## Unit 03

### Quick Preview

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| <input type="checkbox"/> exemplify    | <input type="checkbox"/> duplicate  | <input type="checkbox"/> prepossessing | <input type="checkbox"/> deter      |

### 41 proximity

- n.* the quality or state of being **proximate**: **closeness**  
*s.* contiguity, immediacy, adjacency, juxtaposition  
*a.* distance, remoteness

### 42 uncanny

- adj.* being **beyond** what is **normal** or expected: **weird**  
*s.* supernatural, supernormal

### 43 contemptuous

- adj.* manifesting, feeling, or **expressing disrespect**  
*s.* disdainful, scornful, spiteful

### 44 stupefy

- i. v.* **astonish**, astound: **stun**  
*s.* daze, benumb, paralyze, petrify  
*ii. v.* to **make stupid**, groggy, or insensible: **dull**

### 45 exemplify

- i. v.* to show or **illustrate** by example  
*ii. v.* to be an instance of or serve as an example: **embody**  
*s.* epitomize, typify, demonstrate, symbolize, personify

### 46 audacious

- i. adj.* intrepidly **daring**: **adventurous**  
*s.* brave, bold, courageous, dauntless, intrepid, valiant  
*a.* cowardly, craven, gutless, pusillanimous  
*ii. adj.* recklessly **bold**: **rash**  
*s.* daredevil, foolhardy, reckless, brash, brazen, temerarious  
*a.* cautious, chary, wary, judicious, prudent, circumspect, discreet

### 47 gratuitous

- i. adj.* costing nothing: **free**  
*s.* complimentary, costless, gratis  
*ii. adj.* **not called for** by the circumstances: **unwarranted**

*s.* baseless, groundless, unfounded, ungrounded, indefensible

#### 48 flag

- i.* *v.* to **decline** in interest, attraction, or value  
*s.* decline, deteriorate, languish, weaken, abate
- ii.* *v.* to **become unsteady**, feeble, or spiritless

#### 49 supplant

*v.* to **take the place** of and serve as a **substitute** for  
*s.* cut out, displace, usurp, replace, supersede

#### 50 duplicate

- i.* *v.* to make a **copy** of  
*s.* imitate, reduplicate, replicate, reproduce
- ii.* *n.* one that **resembles** or **corresponds** to another: **counterpart**
- iii.* *n.* either of two things **exactly alike**

#### 51 turbid

*adj.* **deficient in clarity** or purity: foul, **muddy**  
*s.* muddy, riley, roily, obscure  
*a.* translucent, lucid, pellucid, transparent, undefiled, limpid

#### 52 propitious

- i.* *adj.* favorably disposed: **benevolent**
- ii.* *adj.* being a good omen: **auspicious**  
*s.* prosperous, benign, fortunate  
*a.* adverse, unpropitious
- iii.* *adj.* tending to favor: **advantageous**

#### 53 lacerate

*v.* to **cause** sharp mental or emotional **pain** to: **distress**

#### 54 impervious

- i.* *adj.* not allowing entrance or passage: **impenetrable**  
*s.* impassable, impenetrable, impermeable, unpierceable  
*a.* pervious
- ii.* *adj.* **not** capable of being affected or **disturbed**

#### 55 prepossessing

*adj.* tending to create a favorable impression: **attractive**  
*s.* alluring, appealing, captivating, drawing, enchanting, engaging, mesmeric

#### 56 conflate

*v.* to **bring together**: fuse, **combine**

**57 precocious**

- i. adj.* exceptionally **early** in development or occurrence
- ii. adj.* exhibiting **mature** qualities **at** an unusually **early age**
  - s.* advanced, forward, oversoon
  - a.* slow-witted, sluggish, retarded

**58 avarice**

- n.* excessive or **insatiable desire** for wealth or gain: **greed, cupidity**
- s.* cupidity, avariciousness, avidity, rapacity
- a.* prodigality, extravagance, bounty, liberality, munificence

**59 imprudent**

- adj.* not prudent: **lacking** discretion, **wisdom**, or good judgment
- s.* unwise, ill-advised, impolitic, indiscreet
- a.* judicious, expedient, advisable

**60 deter**

- v.* to turn aside, **discourage**, or **prevent** from acting: **avert**
- s.* dissuade, divert, forestall, obviate, preclude
- a.* abet, incite, instigate, provoke, stimulate

## Unit 04

### Quick Preview

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### 61 ornate

*adj.* elaborately or **excessively decorated**

*s.* baroque, flamboyant, florid, rococo, elaborate

*a.* austere, unembellished, unostentatious, restrained, subdued

### 62 fetid

*adj.* having a heavy **offensive smell**: **malodorous**

*s.* malodorous, fusty, noisome, putrid, smelly, stinking

*a.* aromatic, balmy, odorous, redolent, fragrant

### 63 castigate

*v.* to **subject to** severe punishment, reproof, or **criticism**: **punish**

*s.* chastise, lambaste, excoriate, scathe

### 64 fetter

*i.* *n.* a **chain** or **shackle** for the feet

*ii.* *n.* something that confines: **restraint**

*iii.* *v.* to **restrain** from motion, action, or progress: **shackle**

*s.* hamper, curb, entrammel, hobble, leash

*a.* disencumber, disentangle, untangle, extricate

### 65 germane

*adj.* being at once **relevant** and appropriate: **fitting**

*s.* *ad rem*, applicable, apposite, apropos, pertinent

*a.* foreign, incompatible, incongruous, inconsonant

### 66 vaunted

*adj.* highly or widely **praised** or **boasted** about

### 67 spendthrift

*n.* a person who spends **improvidently** or **wastefully**

*s.* prodigal, profligate, squanderer

*a.* hoarder, miser

- 68 **profuse**  
*adj.* exhibiting great **abundance**: **bountiful**  
*s.* exuberant, lavish, lush, opulent, riotous, copious  
*a.* exiguous, meager, slight, sparse, scanty
- 69 **paradigm**  
*n.* an outstandingly clear or typical **example** or **archetype**: **model**  
*s.* exemplar, ideal, pattern, standard
- 70 **paucity**  
*n.* **smallness** of number or quantity: **fewness**, **dearth**  
*s.* scarcity, insufficiency, poverty, scant
- 71 **paragon**  
*n.* a **model** of excellence or perfection: **paradigm**
- 72 **avow**  
*v.* to **declare** assuredly: **assert**  
*s.* affirm, aver, depose, predicate  
*a.* repudiate, withdraw
- 73 **malevolent**  
*adj.* having, showing, or arising from intense often vicious **ill will**, spite, or **hatred**: **malicious**  
*s.* spiteful, evil, malignant, spiteful, vicious, wicked  
*a.* benignant, benevolent
- 74 **idolatry**  
*i.* *n.* the **worship** of a physical object as a god  
*s.* adoration, idolization,  
*ii.* *n.* immoderate attachment or **devotion** to something
- 75 **abet**  
*i.* *v.* to **actively** second and **encourage**: **incite**  
*s.* foment, instigate, provoke, stir  
*a.* forbid, prohibit, debar, deter, discourage  
*ii.* *v.* to **assist** or **support** in the achievement of a purpose
- 76 **kowtow**  
*v.* to **show** obsequious **deference**: **fawn**
- 77 **deliberate**  
*i.* *adj.* characterized by **awareness of the consequences**: **voluntary**  
*s.* intentional, willful, witting, meditated, conscious  
*a.* forced, prescribed,

- ii.* *adj.* characterized by or resulting from **careful** and thorough **consideration**
  - s.* advised, aforethought, considered, designed, premeditated
  - a.* casual, desultory, haphazard, random, abrupt, impetuous, spontaneous
- iii.* *v.* to think about or **discuss** issues and decisions **carefully**: **ponder**
  - s.* speculate; meditate, revolve, ruminate

**78 allocate**

- v.* to **apportion** for a specific purpose or to particular persons or things: **distribute**
- s.* allot, admeasure, apportion, assign
- a.* reserve, sequester

**79 unstinting**

- i.* *adj.* **not** restricting or **holding back**
- ii.* *adj.* **giving** or being given freely or **generously**

**80 goad**

- i.* *n.* something that **urges** or **stimulates** into action: **spur**
  - s.* **stimulus**, catalyst, impetus, incentive, incitement
  - a.* curb
- ii.* *v.* to **incite** or **rouse** as if with a goad

## Unit 05

### Quick Preview

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| <input type="checkbox"/> assiduous  | <input type="checkbox"/> malady      | <input type="checkbox"/> alacrity   | <input type="checkbox"/> obstreperous |

### 81 autonomous

- i.* *adj.* existing or capable of existing **independently**
- ii.* *adj.* having the right or power of **self-government**
  - a.* subordinated, affiliated, allied

### 82 foible

- n.* a **minor flaw** or shortcoming in character or behavior: **weakness**
- s.* fault, frailty, vice, imperfection

### 83 indolent

- i.* *adj.* averse to activity, effort, or movement: habitually **lazy**
  - s.* slothful, idle
  - a.* industrious, diligent, vigorous
- ii.* *adj.* causing little or **no pain**

### 84 limpid

- i.* *adj.* marked by transparency and **clarity**: **pellucid**
  - s.* transparent, translucent
- ii.* *adj.* absolutely serene and **untroubled**

### 85 assiduous

- adj.* marked by **careful** unremitting **attention** or **persistent** application
- s.* diligent, industrious, operose, sedulous
- a.* desultory, lax, remiss, slack, indolent, slothful

### 86 recant

- v.* to **withdraw** or **repudiate** formally and publicly: **renounce**
- s.* abjure, forswear, retract, withdraw

### 87 culminate

- v.* to **reach** the **highest** or a climactic or decisive **point**: **climax**

### 88 oblique

- i.* *adj.* neither perpendicular nor parallel: **inclined**
  - s.* leaning, pitched, sloped, tilted

- ii.* *adj.* not straightforward: **indirect**; **devious**, **underhanded**  
*s.* circuitous, circular, roundabout  
*a.* straightforward

**89 deferential**

- adj.* **showing** or expressing **respect**  
*s.* respectful, dutious, dutiful, regardful

**90 malady**

- i.* *n.* a **disease** or disorder of the animal body  
*s.* affection, infirmity, syndrome  
*ii.* *n.* an unwholesome or **disordered condition**

**91 canard**

- n.* a groundless **rumor** or belief  
*s.* falsehood, misrepresentation, prevarication

**92 cupidity**

- n.* inordinate desire for wealth: **avarice**, **greed**  
*s.* avarice, avidity, rapacity, acquisitiveness

**93 assimilate**

- i.* *v.* to take into the mind and thoroughly **comprehend**  
*s.* absorb, imbibe, incorporate, ingrain  
*ii.* *v.* to **make similar**  
*iii.* *v.* **compare**, liken  
*s.* equate, match, paragon, parallel

**94 unnerve**

- v.* to **deprive of courage**, strength, or steadiness: **upset**  
*s.* castrate, emasculate, enervate, enfeeble, sap  
*a.* inspirit, invigorate, reinforce, strengthen, hearten

**95 alacrity**

- n.* **promptness** in response: cheerful **readiness**  
*s.* dispatch, expedition, promptitude, briskness  
*a.* dilatoriness, procrastination, vacillation, lethargy, sluggishness

**96 gregarious**

- adj.* **tending to associate** with others of one's kind: **social**, **sociable**  
*s.* social, sociable

**97 expound**

- i.* *v.* to set forth: **state**



- ii.* *v.* to **explain** by setting forth **in** careful and often elaborate **detail**  
*s.* construe, explicate, interpret

**98 retract**

- i.* *v.* take back, **withdraw**  
*s.* recede, retreat, retrocede, retrograde  
*a.* protract
- ii.* *v.* to **refuse to acknowledge** or accept: **disclaim**  
*s.* abjure, forswear, unsay, disavow

**99 zealous**

- adj.* **filled with** or characterized by zeal or **passion**: **enthusiastic**  
*s.* ardent, fervent, frenetic, infatuated, rabid  
*a.* apathetic, halfhearted, indifferent, heedless, insouciant, negligent

**100 obstreperous**

- i.* *adj.* **stubbornly** resistant to control: **unruly**  
*s.* disobedient, naughty, unruly
- ii.* *adj.* marked by unruly or aggressive **noisiness**: **clamorous**  
*s.* vociferous, blatant, boisterous

## Unit 06

### Quick Preview

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| <input type="checkbox"/> tempestuous | <input type="checkbox"/> coeval     | <input type="checkbox"/> heretical | <input type="checkbox"/> tantamount |

### 101 perennial

- i.* *adj.* continuing without interruption: **constant**, **perpetual**  
*s.* continuing, enduring, inveterate, perdurable
- ii.* *adj.* regularly **repeated** or renewed: **recurrent**

### 102 protract

- v.* to **prolong** in time or space: **continue**, **extend**
- s.* elongate, lengthen, stretch
- a.* curtail

### 103 censure

- v.* to **find fault** with and **criticize** as blameworthy
- s.* condemn, denounce, denunciate, reprehend, reprobate
- a.* applaud, compliment, approve, commend

### 104 pith

- i.* *n.* the **essential part** or the substantial quality: **core**
- ii.* *n.* **importance**  
*s.* consequence, magnitude, significance

### 105 tempestuous

- adj.* of, relating to, or resembling a storm: **turbulent**, **stormy**
- s.* blustering, furious, raging, tumultuous
- a.* bridled, calm, restrained

### 106 afford

- v.* to **make available**, give forth, or **provide** naturally or inevitably

### 107 contingent

- i.* *adj.* likely but **not certain** to happen: **possible**
- ii.* *adj.* happening **by chance** or unforeseen causes: **unpredictable**  
*s.* accidental, fortuitous, incidental, odd

### 108 pristine

- i.* *adj.* **not** spoiled, **corrupted**, or polluted: **pure**

ii. *adj.* belonging to the earliest period or state: original

### 109 lament

*v.* express sorrow, mourning, or regret for often demonstratively: mourn  
*s.* deplore, bemoan, bewail, grieve  
*a.* exult, rejoice

### 110 coeval

*adj.* of the same or equal age, antiquity, or duration: contemporary  
*s.* coetaneous, coexistent, concurrent, simultaneous, synchronic

### 111 voracious

*adj.* having a huge appetite or excessively eager: insatiable, ravenous  
*s.* acquisitive, edacious, gluttonous, rapacious

### 112 mollify

i. *v.* to soothe in temper or disposition: appease  
ii. *v.* to reduce the rigidity or intensity: assuage, soften  
*s.* alleviate, allay, pacify, assuage, conciliate, placate, propitiate, mitigate, temper  
*a.* exasperate

### 113 polemical

i. *adj.* of, relating to, or being an argument: controversial  
ii. *adj.* engaged in or addicted to arguments: disputatious  
*s.* contentious, argumentative, disputatious, litigious

### 114 accede

*v.* to express approval or give consent  
*s.* assent, acquiesce, agree, consent, subscribe  
*a.* demur, balk, withstand, expostulate

### 115 heretical

*adj.* characterized by departure from accepted beliefs or standards: unorthodox  
*s.* dissident, heterodox, schismatic, sectarian  
*a.* orthodox, conventional, established, conformist

### 116 espouse

*v.* to take up and support as a cause: adopt  
*s.* embrace, approve, advocate, champion, uphold  
*a.* repudiate

### 117 quandary

*n.* a state of perplexity or doubt

**118 tractable**

*adj.* capable of being **easily** handled, managed, or **controlled**: **docile**, **malleable**

*s.* obedient, amenable, docile, pliant, subdued

*a.* headstrong, willful, obstinate, refractory, intractable, unruly

**119 whimsical**

*adj.* subject to erratic behavior or **unpredictable change**: **arbitrary**

*s.* capricious, erratic, vagarious, wayward

*a.* calculable, predictable

**120 tantamount**

*adj.* **equivalent** in value, significance, or effect

*s.* duplicate, equal, identical, indistinguishable

## Unit 07

### Quick Preview

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| <input type="checkbox"/> equanimity | <input type="checkbox"/> sage        | <input type="checkbox"/> indict    | <input type="checkbox"/> palliate  |

### 121 narcissism

- i.* *n.* **love of** or sexual desire for one's **own** body
- ii.* *n.* **egoism**, egocentrism
- s.* conceit, self-admiration, vanity

### 122 banal

- adj.* **lacking originality**, freshness, or novelty: **trite**
- s.* insipid, hackneyed, pedestrian, bromidic, commonplace
- a.* original, zesty, novel

### 123 obviate

- v.* to anticipate and **prevent** or make unnecessary
- s.* avert, deter, forestall, preclude

### 124 frugal

- adj.* characterized by or reflecting **economy** in the use of resources: **sparing**
- s.* canny, chary, economical, thrifty, wary
- a.* wasteful, profligate, lavish, extravagant

### 125 equanimity

- n.* **evenness of mind** especially under stress: **calmness**
- s.* ataraxy, composure, placidity, serenity, tranquility
- a.* apprehension, excitability, agitation, perturbation

### 126 cow

- v.* to **destroy** the resolve or **courage** of: **intimidate**
- s.* bluster, browbeat, bully, hector
- a.* cower, fawn, toady

### 127 constituent

- i.* *n.* an essential part: **component**, **element**
- ii.* *n.* a member of a constituency

### 128 canonical

- adj.* conforming to a general rule or **accepted** procedure: **orthodox**

s. authoritative, sanctioned, sound, established

**129 eradicate**

*v.* to **do away with** as completely as if by pulling up by the roots: **annihilate**

s. abolish, exterminate, extinguish, extirpate, demolish

*v.* establish, inculcate, engender, propagate

**130 sage**

*n.* a mature or **venerable** man of **sound** judgment or **wisdom**

**131 catalyst**

*n.* an agent that **provokes** or **speeds** significant change or **action: stimulus**

s. goad, impetus, incentive, incitation, spur

**132 protean**

*adj.* **displaying** great diversity or **variety: versatile**

s. changeable, mutable, variable

**133 decry**

*v.* to **express** strong **disapproval** of: **depreciate**

s. condemn, devalue, downgrade, derogate, detract, minimize

*a.* extol, puff, acclaim, aggrandize, magnify

**134 extenuate**

*v.* to **lessen** the strength or **effect** of: **mitigate**

s. moderate, qualify, temper, palliate

**135 indict**

*v.* to **charge** with a fault or offense: **accuse**

s. criminate, impeach, incriminate, inculcate

**136 wanting**

*i.* *adj.* not present or in evidence: **absent**

*ii.* *adj.* **lacking** in ability or capacity: **deficient**

s. short, failing, scanty, scarce

**137 evasive**

*adj.* **tending** or intended **to evade: equivocal**

s. ambiguous, equivocating, prevaricative, shuffling, sly

*a.* categorical, explicit, candid, forthright

**138 diffident**

*i.* *adj.* hesitant in acting or speaking through **lack of self-confidence**

*ii.* *adj.* **reserved, unassertive: shy**

*s.* bashful, demure, modest, retiring, self-effacing, timid  
*a.* assertive, assured, impudent, confident

### 139 **jaded**

- i.* *adj.* **fatigued** by overwork: **exhausted**
  - s.* wearied, weary, worn, worn-out
  - a.* refreshed
- ii.* *adj.* made **dull**, **apathetic**, or **cynical** by experience or by surfeit

### 140 **palliate**

- i.* *v.* to **moderate the intensity** of: **alleviate**
  - s.* extenuate, , lighten, mitigate, qualify, temper
- ii.* *v.* to **cover** by excuses and apologies
  - s.* camouflage, prettify, varnish, veneer, whitewash

## Unit 08

### Quick Preview

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| <input type="checkbox"/> fractious    | <input type="checkbox"/> nicety     | <input type="checkbox"/> assuage   | <input type="checkbox"/> disinterested |

### 141 sly

- i.* *adj.* clever in **concealing** one's aims or ends: **furtive**
- ii.* *adj.* **lacking** in straightforwardness and **candor**: **dissembling**
- s.* artful, astute, crafty, cunning, calculating, stealthy
- a.* candid, forthright, straightforward

### 142 apprehension

- i.* *n.* the result of apprehending mentally: **conception**
- s.* conception, notion, perception, conceit
- ii.* *n.* **seizure** by legal process: **arrest**
- iii.* *n.* suspicion or **fear** especially of future evil: **foreboding**
- s.* misgiving, premonition, presage, presentiment
- a.* confidence, assurance, composure, equanimity, sangfroid

### 143 myriad

- adj.* both **numerous** and **diverse**
- s.* innumerable, countless, untold

### 144 commodious

- adj.* comfortably or conveniently **spacious**: **roomy**
- s.* ample, capacious
- a.* cramped, strait

### 145 fractious

- i.* *adj.* tending to be troublesome: **unruly**
- s.* recalcitrant, indomitable, recalcitrant
- a.* docile, , tractable, disciplinable, orderly
- ii.* *adj.* **quarrelsome**, **irritable**
- s.* fretful, peevish, petulant, querulous
- a.* peaceable

### 146 variegated

- adj.* having discrete markings of different colors: **various**, **diverse**
- s.* dappled, motley, multihued, polychromatic, checkered
- a.* solid



**147 turpitude**

*n.* inherent **baseness**: **depravity**

**148 sporadic**

*adj.* occurring **occasionally**, singly, or in **irregular** or **random** instances

*s.* intermittent, fitful, desultory, spotty

*a.* frequent, regular

**149 amalgamate**

*v.* to **unite** or to **merge** into a single body: **mix**

*s.* compound, fuse, meld, merge, mingle

*a.* decompose, disintegrate; disperse, dissipate, scatter

**150 nicety**

*n.* careful **attention to details** or delicate **exactness**: **precision**

*s.* distinction, refinement, delicacy

**151 nascent**

*adj.* coming or having **recently** come **into existence**: **initial**

*s.* incipient, initiative, introductory

**152 legacy**

*i.* *n.* a **gift** by will especially of money or other personal property: **bequest**

*ii.* *n.* something **transmitted** by an ancestor or predecessor or **from the past**: **heritage**

*s.* birthright, inheritance, patrimony

**153 disparate**

*adj.* markedly **distinct** in quality or character: **different**

*s.* dissimilar, distant, divergent

*a.* analogous, comparable, consonant

**154 parody**

*n.* a literary or musical work in which the style is closely **imitated** for comic effect or **in ridicule**

*s.* caricature, burlesque, travesty, spoof, ridicule

**155 assuage**

*i.* *v.* to **lessen** the intensity of: **ease**, **pacify**

*s.* relieve, allay, alleviate, mitigate, mollify, placate

*a.* exacerbate, magnify, intensify, augment

*ii.* *v.* to put an **end** to **by satisfying**: **appease**, **quench**

**156 profligate**

*adj.* wildly **extravagant**: **prodigal**

s. abandoned, dissolute, licentious, reprobate

### 157 subtle

- i.* *adj.* **difficult to understand** or perceive: **obscure**
- ii.* *adj.* having or marked by **keen insight** and ability to penetrate deeply and thoroughly
- iii.* *adj.* **cunningly** made or contrived: **ingenious**

### 158 undermine

- v.* to **weaken** or **ruin** by degrees
- s.* attenuate, blunt, debilitate, enfeeble, sap, sabotage, subvert

### 159 obeisance

- n.* a movement of the body made in token of **respect** or **submission**: **bow**
- s.* deference, homage, reverence, allegiance

### 160 disinterested

- i.* *adj.* free from selfish motive or interest: **unbiased**
  - s.* detached, dispassionate, impersonal, poker-faced, impartial
  - a.* biased, prejudiced, involved
- ii.* *adj.* **not having** the mind or **feelings** engaged: **not interested**
  - s.* indifferent, aloof, detached, withdrawn
  - a.* fervent, impassioned

## Unit 09

### Quick Preview

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| <input type="checkbox"/> browbeat   | <input type="checkbox"/> opulent    | <input type="checkbox"/> peripatetic   | <input type="checkbox"/> exculpate   |

### 161 smattering

*n.* superficial piecemeal knowledge

### 162 obliging

*adj.* willing to do favors: helpful

*s.* amiable, complaisant, good-tempered, lenient

### 163 antic

*adj.* characterized by clownish extravagance or absurdity: bizarre

*s.* grotesque, comical, farcical, ludicrous

*a.* prudent, grave, sedate, solemn, somber

### 164 fastidious

*i.* *adj.* having high and often capricious standards: difficult to please

*ii.* *adj.* reflecting a meticulous, sensitive, or demanding attitude: nice

*s.* squeamish, exacting, captious, hypercritical

*a.* cursory, hasty, perfunctory

### 165 browbeat

*v.* to intimidate or disconcert by a stern manner or arrogant speech: bully

*s.* bludgeon, cow, dragoon, hector

### 166 colossal

*adj.* of a bulk, extent, power, or effect suggesting the stupendous or incredible: huge

*s.* elephantine, gargantuan, gigantic, mammoth, titanic

### 167 malodorous

*i.* *adj.* having a bad odor

*s.* fetid, noisome, smelly, stinky

*a.* deodorized, fragrant, aromatic

*ii.* *adj.* highly improper: indecorous

*s.* indelicate, rough, ungodly, untoward

*a.* decent, seemly, becoming

### 168 plaintive

*adj.* expressive of suffering or woe: **melancholy**  
*s.* doleful, lamentable, lugubrious, mournful, rueful

### 169 enthrall

- i.* *v.* to **hold in** or reduce to slavery  
*s.* enslave, subjugate, subdue  
*a.* emancipate
- ii.* *v.* to hold spellbound: **charm**  
*s.* fascinate, grip, hold, mesmerize, spellbind  
*a.* bore, ennui, weary

### 170 opulent

*adj.* amply or **plentifully provided** or fashioned often to the point of ostentation: **wealthy**  
*s.* lavish, prodigal, profuse; extravagant, ostentatious, pretentious  
*a.* modest, simple, unpretentious

### 171 inimical

*adj.* having the disposition of an enemy: **hostile, unfriendly**

### 172 forthcoming

- i.* *adj.* characterized by openness, **candidness**, and **forthrightness**
- ii.* *adj.* being about to appear or to be produced or made **available**  
*s.* imminent, approaching, upcoming

### 173 rescind

*v.* to **make void** by action of a superior authority: **repeal, cancel**  
*s.* revoke, dismantle, lift, recall

### 174 exponent

*n.* one that **champions**, practices, or **exemplifies**  
*s.* expounder, proponent, partisan, booster  
*a.* antagonist, opponent

### 175 peripatetic

*adj.* **moving** or traveling from place to place: **itinerant**  
*s.* ambulant, nomadic, vagabond, wandering

### 176 fallacious

- i.* *adj.* **tending to deceive** or mislead: **delusive**  
*s.* misleading, beguiling, deceptive, delusory  
*a.* veritable
- ii.* *adj.* embodying a fallacy: **illogical**  
*s.* irrational, sophistic  
*a.* sound, valid, reasoned

**177 appreciable**

*adj.* capable of being **perceived** or measured: **perceptible**

*s.* detectable, discernible, palpable, tangible

**178 untenable**

*adj.* **not** able to be **defended**: **inexcusable**

*s.* indefensible, inexpiable, unjustifiable

**179 impartial**

*adj.* **not** partial or **biased**: treating or affecting all equally: **fair**

*s.* dispassionate, equitable, nondiscriminatory

*a.* biased, colored, prejudiced

**180 exculpate**

*v.* to **clear from** alleged fault or **guilt**: **absolve**

*s.* acquit, exonerate, vindicate

*a.* inculcate, incriminate, accuse, indict

## Unit 10

### Quick Preview

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### 181 mellifluous

*adj.* having a **smooth** rich flow

*s.* euphonic, harmonious, mellow

*a.* blatant, boisterous, clamorous, obstreperous, strident, vociferous

### 182 benighted

*adj.* **existing in** a state of intellectual, moral, or social **darkness: unenlightened**

*s.* ignorant, illiterate, unlettered

*a.* informed, intelligent

### 183 circumspect

*adj.* **careful** to consider all circumstances and possible consequences: **cautious**

*s.* calculating, chary, considerate, discreet, prudent, wary

### 184 peruse

*v.* to **examine** or consider with attention and **in detail: study**

### 185 intrepid

*adj.* characterized by **resolute fearlessness**, fortitude, and endurance: **brave**

*s.* audacious, bold, dauntless, valiant, valorous

*a.* craven, gutless, cowardly, timid, timorous

### 186 clement

*adj.* inclined to be **merciful: lenient**

*s.* forbearing, charitable, indulgent, merciful

*a.* barbarous, austere, stern, rigid, rigorous, stringent

### 187 pedestrian

*i.* *adj.* **commonplace, unimaginative**

*s.* banal, dull, humdrum, monotonous, plodding

*ii.* *adj.* going or performed **on foot**

### 188 cynical

*i.* *adj.* contemptuously **distrustful of human nature** and motives

*ii.* *adj.* based on or reflecting a belief that human conduct is **motivated** primarily **by self-interest**

**189 flux**

- i.* *n.* change, fluctuation
- ii.* *n.* a continued flow: flood

**190 dispassionate**

- adj.* **not** affected by personal or emotional involvement: neutral
- s.* detached, disinterested, impersonal, imperturbable, unflappable
- a.* fervent, vehement, intemperate

**191 sententious**

- adj.* terse, aphoristic, or moralistic in expression: pithy
- s.* aphoristic, concise, epigrammatic, pithy, terse

**192 ample**

- adj.* generously sufficient to satisfy a requirement or need: plentiful
- s.* abundant, bountiful, copious; lavish, profuse
- a.* meager, scant, spare, sparse; miserable

**193 antedate**

- v.* to precede in time
- s.* antecede, forerun, predate

**194 idiosyncrasy**

- i.* *n.* an individualizing characteristic or quality
- ii.* *n.* characteristic peculiarity
  - s.* singularity, eccentricity, distinction, characteristic

**195 exigent**

- i.* *adj.* requiring immediate aid or action: urgent
  - s.* pressing, clamant, imperative, importunate
- ii.* *adj.* requiring or calling for much: demanding; onerous
  - s.* burdensome, exacting, oppressive, taxing

**196 contentious**

- i.* *adj.* likely to cause controversy
  - s.* controversial, provocative, divisive
- ii.* *adj.* exhibiting an often perverse and wearisome tendency to quarrels and disputes
  - s.* argumentative, disputatious, litigious, polemical, bellicose, impetuous
  - a.* amiable, complaisant, obliging, agreeable

**197 incontrovertible**

- adj.* not open to question: indisputable
- s.* certain, incontestable, indubitable, unequivocal, unexceptionable

**198 delegate**

- i.* *v.* to assign responsibility or authority: appoint  
*s.* commission, charge, deputize, designate
- ii.* *n.* a person acting for another as a representative

**199 mesmerize**

- v.* to subject to hypnotic appeal: enthrall
- s.* fascinate, grip, spellbind, entrance, hypnotize

**200 levity**

- i.* *n.* excessive or unseemly frivolity: lightness  
*s.* flippancy, frivolity, , volatility  
*a.* gravity, collection, sobriety
- ii.* *n.* lack of steadiness: changeableness



## Unit 11

### Quick Preview

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| <input type="checkbox"/> rhetoric | <input type="checkbox"/> vigilant       | <input type="checkbox"/> adventitious | <input type="checkbox"/> flout      |

### 201 hoary

*adj.* extremely **old**: **ancient**

*s.* antediluvian, antique, timeworn, venerable

### 202 allude

*v.* to make **indirect reference**: **refer**

*s.* advert, hint, imply, intimate

### 203 degrade

*i.* *v.* to bring to low esteem or into **disrepute**

*s.* abase, belittle, debase, detract, humiliate

*a.* uplift, elevate, boost

*ii.* *v.* to **lower** in grade, rank, or status: **demote**

### 204 boon

*n.* one that is given in answer to a request: **benefit**, **favor**

*s.* advantage, benediction, blessing

### 205 rhetoric

*i.* *n.* the art of **speaking** or writing **effectively**

*ii.* *n.* **insincere** or grandiloquent language

### 206 pastoral

*i.* *adj.* of or relating to the countryside: **rural**

*s.* bucolic, rustic, agrarian

*ii.* *adj.* pleasingly **peaceful** and innocent: **idyllic**

### 207 aesthetic

*i.* *adj.* of, relating to, or dealing with aesthetics or the **beautiful**

*ii.* *adj.* pleasing in appearance: **attractive**

### 208 indifferent

*i.* *adj.* marked by **impartiality**: **unbiased**

*s.* dispassionate, equitable, impersonal, unprejudiced

*ii.* *adj.* marked by a **lack of interest**, enthusiasm, or concern for something: **apathetic**

*s.* aloof, incurious, numb, pococurante, unconcerned

*a.* attentive, considerate, heedful, regardful

iii. *adj.* being neither good nor bad: **mediocre**

*s.* medium, fairish, intermediate, moderate

### 209 extemporaneous

*adj.* composed, performed, or uttered on the spur of the moment: **impromptu**

*s.* extemporary, impromptu, improvised, offhand, unrehearsed

*a.* projected, schemed, deliberated, premeditated

### 210 vigilant

*adj.* alertly **watchful** especially to avoid danger

*s.* attentive, alert, wary, heedful

### 211 volition

*n.* the **power of** choosing or **determining**: **will**

*a.* force, coercion, compulsion, duress

### 212 tyro

*n.* a **beginner** in learning: **novice**

*s.* apprentice, colt, neophyte, novitiate, rookie

### 213 ostensible

*adj.* plausible **rather than** demonstrably **true** or real: **apparent**

*s.* illusory, seeming

### 214 malapropos

*adj.* in an **inappropriate** or **inopportune** way: **improper**

*s.* inapt, unbecoming, undue, unseasonable, unseemly

*a.* apropos

### 215 adventitious

i. *adj.* coming from another source and **not inherent** or innate

ii. *adj.* arising or **occurring sporadically** or in other than the usual location

### 216 subjugate

*v.* to **bring under control** and governance as a subject: **conquer**, **subdue**

*s.* crush, enthrall, vanquish, compel

*a.* liberate

### 217 resurgence

*n.* a **rising again** into life, activity, or prominence: **renascence**

*s.* revival, reanimation, renaissance, resurrection, resuscitation

**218 cryptic**

*adj.* having or seeming to have a hidden or **ambiguous** meaning: **mysterious**  
*s.* enigmatic, equivocal, nebulous, opaque, obscure

**219 hyperbole**

*n.* extravagant **exaggeration**  
*s.* coloring, embellishment, embroidering, overstatement  
*a.* depreciation, minimization, understatement

**220 flout**

*v.* to treat with contemptuous **disregard**: **scorn**  
*s.* scoff, gibe, jeer, sneer  
*a.* revere, esteem, regard

## Unit 12

### Quick Preview

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| <input type="checkbox"/> expatiate     | <input type="checkbox"/> miscreant | <input type="checkbox"/> lionize    | <input type="checkbox"/> vitriolic |

### 221 thoroughgoing

*adj.* marked by thoroughness or zeal: **thorough**, **complete**

*s.* exhaustive, complete, comprehensive, sweeping

### 222 rebuff

*v.* to **reject** or **criticize** sharply: **snub**

*s.* fend, rebut, repel, repulse, ward

### 223 infinitesimal

*adj.* immeasurably or **incalculably small**

### 224 eschew

*v.* to **avoid** habitually especially on moral or practical grounds: **shun**

*s.* escape elude, evade, shun, shy

*a.* embrace, espouse

### 225 expatiate

*i.* *v.* to move about freely or at will: **wander**

*ii.* *v.* to **speak** or write at length or **in detail**

*s.* discourse, descant, dilate, dissertate

### 226 query

*i.* *n.* a **question** in the mind: **doubt**

*ii.* *v.* to **ask questions** about especially in order to resolve a doubt

*s.* examine, inquire, interrogate

### 227 discrete

*adj.* consisting of distinct or **unconnected** elements: **discontinuous**

*s.* distinct, diverse, separate, various

*a.* blended, fused, merged, mingled

### 228 accrete

*v.* to **grow** or become attached **by addition**: **accumulation**

*s.* accession, augmentation, increment

**229 satire**

- n.* a literary work holding up human vices and follies to **ridicule** or **scorn**  
*s.* banter, mockery, persiflage, parody, spoof

**230 miscreant**

- i.* *n.* one who **behaves** criminally or **viciously**  
*ii.* *adj.* **depraved**, **villainous**  
*s.* vicious, degenerate, depraved, flagitious, infamous, nefarious, perverse

**231 convoluted**

- adj.* **involved**, **intricate**  
*s.* winding, meandering, sinuous, tortuous

**232 jingoist**

- adj.* **extreme chauvinism** or nationalism marked especially by a **belligerent** foreign **policy**

**233 buttress**

- v.* to **furnish** or shore up with a buttress: **support**, **strengthen**  
*s.* bolster, shore up, sustain, uphold

**234 dishearten**

- v.* to cause to **lose spirit** or morale: **discourage**  
*s.* chill, deject, demoralize, disparage, dispirit

**235 lionize**

- v.* to **treat** as an object **of great** interest or **importance**  
*s.* glorify, idolize, celebrate, acclaim

**236 furtive**

- adj.* done by stealth: **surreptitious**, **sly**  
*s.* clandestine, covert, stealthy, cloaked  
*a.* forthright; barefaced, brazen, impudent, presumptuous

**237 viable**

- i.* *adj.* capable of **living**, growing, or developing  
*ii.* *adj.* capable of working, **functioning**, or developing adequately: **feasible**  
*s.* possible, doable, practicable, workable

**238 dupe**

- n.* one that is **easily deceived** or cheated: **fool**

**239 exemplar**

- n.* one that serves as a **model** or an **example**  
*s.* archetype, paradigm, prototype

**240 vitriolic**

*adj.* marked by virulence of feeling or of speech: bitter

*s.* antagonistic, hostile, rancorous, virulent

## Unit 13

### Quick Preview

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| <input type="checkbox"/> qualify       | <input type="checkbox"/> exacerbate  | <input type="checkbox"/> licentious  | <input type="checkbox"/> encumber   |

### 241 articulate

- i.* *adj.* **expressing** oneself readily, **clearly**, or effectively: **vocal**  
*s.* eloquent, fluent, smooth-spoken
- ii.* *v.* to **give clear** and effective **utterance**

### 242 ubiquitous

- adj.* existing or being **everywhere** at the same time: constantly encountered: **widespread**  
*s.* omnipresent, all-over, universal

### 243 philanthropic

- adj.* of, relating to, or characterized by philanthropy or **charity**: **humanitarian**  
*s.* charitable, altruistic, benevolent, eleemosynary, humane

### 244 augment

- i.* *v.* to **make greater**, more numerous, larger, or more intense: **increase**  
*s.* enlarge, expand, manifold, multiply, upsurge, wax
- ii.* *v.* to **supplement**

### 245 qualify

- i.* *v.* to **reduce** from a general **to** a particular or **restricted form**
- ii.* *v.* to **characterize** by naming an attribute: **describe**  
*s.* distinguish, individualize, signalize, singularize
- iii.* *v.* to **fit** by training, skill, or ability for a special purpose  
*s.* entitle, authorize

### 246 nebulous

- adj.* of, relating to, or resembling a nebula: **indistinct**, **vague**

### 247 detrimental

- adj.* obviously **harmful**: **damaging**  
*s.* adverse, deleterious, injurious, mischievous, noxious

### 248 refute

- v.* to **prove wrong** or erroneous by argument or evidence: **disapprove**  
*s.* confound, confute, controvert, disconfirm, rebut

**249 derive**

- v.* to take, **receive**, or **obtain** especially from a specified source
- s.* educe, evolve, excogitate; draw, collect

**250 exacerbate**

- v.* to **make more** violent, bitter, or **severe**
- s.* acerbate, embitter, envenom, exasperate, irritate, provoke
- a.* assuage, appease, mollify, pacify, placate, moderate

**251 contrite**

- adj.* feeling or showing **sorrow** and remorse **for a sin** or shortcoming: **remorseful**
- s.* attritional, compunctious, penitent, repentant

**252 incongruous**

- i. adj.* not harmonious or conforming: **incompatible**, **disagreeing**
  - s.* conflicting, discordant, discrepant, dissonant
  - a.* in consonant, congruent
- ii. adj.* lacking propriety: **unsuitable**
  - a.* appropriate, seemly

**253 odious**

- adj.* **arousing** or deserving **hatred** or repugnance: **hateful**
- s.* abhorrent, abominable, detestable, horrid

**254 impassive**

- i. adj.* unsusceptible to physical feeling: **insensible**
- ii. adj.* giving **no** sign of feeling or **emotion**: **expressionless**, **apathetic**
  - s.* phlegmatic, stoic, stolid, callous, hardened
  - a.* compassionate, sympathetic, tender, warmhearted

**255 licentious**

- adj.* **lacking** legal or **moral restraints**: **reprobate**
- s.* abandoned, dissolute, lascivious, libertine, libidinous
- a.* continent, chaste, decent, rigid

**256 prescience**

- n.* **foreknowledge** or **anticipation** of the course of events: **foresight**
- s.* prophecy, clairvoyance, precognition

**257 reproach**

- i. v.* to **express disappointment** in or **displeasure** with: **reprove**
  - s.* admonish, chide, rebuke, reprimand
- ii. n.* an expression of **criticism** or **disapproval**



**258 entrenched**

*adj.* solidly **established** or **deep-rooted**

*s.* inveterate, confirmed, deep-seated, settled

**259 miser**

*n.* one who is **extremely stingy** with money

*s.* niggard, penny pincher, scrooge, skinflint

**260 encumber**

*i.* *v.* to **impede** or **hamper** the function or activity of: **hinder**

*s.* obstruct, inhibit, block, fetter

*ii.* *v.* to **weigh down** or **burden**

*s.* cumber, load, saddle, weigh

## Unit 14

### Quick Preview

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| <input type="checkbox"/> rile      | <input type="checkbox"/> unprecedented | <input type="checkbox"/> acme    | <input type="checkbox"/> fawn        |

### 261 pungent

- i.* *adj.* causing a sharp or **irritating** sensation: **acrid**
- ii.* *adj.* marked by a **sharp** incisive quality: **caustic**
  - s.* piquant, poignant, racy, spicy, zesty

### 262 compound

- i.* *v.* to **put together** so as to form a whole: **combine**
  - s.* associate, bracket, coadunate, coalesce
- ii.* *v.* to **settle amicably**: adjust by agreement
- iii.* *adj.* composed of or resulting from **union of separate elements**, ingredients, or parts
  - s.* complex, composite
- iv.* *n.* something formed by a **union** of elements or parts: **mixture**
  - s.* alloy, amalgam, blend, composite, fusion

### 263 delineate

- v.* to **describe**, portray, or set forth with accuracy or **in detail**: **represent**
- s.* depict, interpret, limn, portray, render

### 264 patent

- i.* *adj.* readily visible or intelligible: **obvious, evident**
  - s.* apparent, distinct, manifest, palpable, plain
- ii.* *n.* an official document conferring a right or **privilege**

### 265 rile

- v.* to **make** agitated and **angry**: **upset, irritate**
- s.* aggravate, inflame, nettle, peeve, pique, provoke

### 266 munificent

- adj.* characterized by great liberality or **generosity**: **liberal**
- s.* bountiful, freehanded, unsparing

### 267 cohesion

- n.* the act or state of **sticking together** tightly: **unity**
- s.* adherence, bond, cling, coherence

**268 descry**

- n.* to catch sight of: **discover**
- s.* see, discern, distinguish, perceive, detect

**269 diligent**

- adj.* characterized by **steady**, earnest, and energetic **effort**: **painstaking**
- s.* assiduous, industrious, sedulous, persevering
- a.* laggard, desultory, dilatory

**270 unprecedented**

- adj.* having no previous example: **novel**, **unexampled**

**271 penury**

- i.* *n.* a cramping and oppressive lack of resources: severe **poverty**
  - s.* destitution, impecuniousness, impoverishment, indigence
- ii.* *n.* **extreme** and often niggardly **frugality**

**272 glut**

- i.* *n.* an excessive quantity: **oversupply**
  - s.* excess, surfeit, surplus, plethora
- ii.* *v.* to **eat gluttonously**

**273 copious**

- i.* *adj.* **plentiful** in number
  - s.* abundant, ample, bountiful, exuberant, lush
  - a.* meager, exiguous, scanty, sparse, slight
- ii.* *adj.* taking place on a **large scale**

**274 restive**

- i.* *adj.* **stubbornly** resisting control: **balky**
  - s.* ornery, perverse, wayward, wrongheaded
- ii.* *adj.* marked by impatience or **uneasiness**: **fidgety**
  - s.* restless, nervy, uptight

**275 acme**

- n.* the **highest point** or stage: **apex**
- s.* apogee, culmination, peak, pinnacle, zenith

**276 connoisseur**

- n.* one who **understands** the details, technique, or principles of an **art**: **expert**
- a.* abecedarian, amateur, dabbler, tyro

**277 benign**

- i.* *adj.* having no significant effect: **harmless**

- ii.* *adj.* showing **kindness** and gentleness: **gracious**  
*a.* malevolent, malicious, malignant, spiteful; acrid, caustic, mordant

**278 impudent**

- adj.* marked by **contemptuous** or cocky boldness or disregard of others: **insolent**  
*s.* audacious, bodacious, brazen, impertinent, brassy

**279 eloquent**

- adj.* marked by forceful and **fluent expression**: **articulate**  
*s.* vocal, potent, smooth-spoken, voluble

**280 fawn**

- v.* to court favor by a cringing or **flattering** manner  
*s.* blandish, cajole, coax, wheedle

## Unit 15

### Quick Preview

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### 281 tawdry

- adj.* cheap and **gaudy** in appearance or quality: **gaudy**  
*s.* tasteless, garish, meretricious

### 282 firebrand

- n.* one that **creates unrest** or strife: **agitator**

### 283 prodigious

- i.* *adj.* resembling or befitting a prodigy: **strange, unusual**  
*s.* astonishing, astounding, spectacular, staggering
- ii.* *adj.* **extraordinary in bulk**, quantity, or degree: **enormous**  
*s.* colossal, gigantic, immense, mammoth, tremendous

### 284 bolster

- v.* to **support** with or as if with a bolster: **reinforce**  
*s.* buttress, reinforce, sustain, uphold

### 285 staid

- adj.* marked by settled **sedateness** and often prim **self-restraint**: **sober, grave**  
*s.* serious, grave, solemn, somber, decorous

### 286 cavil

- v.* to raise **trivial** and frivolous **objection**  
*s.* carp, nitpick, quibble, hypercriticize

### 287 discern

- i.* *v.* to **detect** or **see**  
*s.* behold, descry, perceive
- ii.* *v.* to **recognize** or identify **as** separate and **distinct**: **discriminate**  
*s.* differentiate, distinguish, extricate, separate

### 288 beg

- v.* to **evade** or **sidestep**

### 289 abash

- v.* to **destroy** the self-possession or **self-confidence** of: **disconcert**  
*s.* embarrass, confound, discomfit, faze, rattle  
*a.* embolden, reassure

### 290 lethargic

- i.* *adj.* of, relating to, or characterized by **tiredness**: **sluggish**  
*s.* dormant, inert, phlegmatic, torpid, lackadaisical  
*ii.* *adj.* **indifferent**, **apathetic**

### 291 putrefy

- i.* *v.* to make rotten: **decay**  
*s.* crumble, decompose, disintegrate, rot, taint  
*ii.* *v.* to morally **corrupt**

### 292 opaque

- i.* *adj.* **blocking** the passage of radiant energy and especially **light**  
*ii.* *adj.* **hard to understand** or explain: **obscure**  
*s.* ambiguous, equivocal, tenebrous, unintelligible, vague

### 293 demonstrative

- adj.* inclined to **display feelings** openly: **effusive**  
*s.* affectionate, outpouring, outspoken, plain  
*a.* constrained, reserved, restrained, retiring, introverted

### 294 lucid

- i.* *adj.* suffused with light: **luminous**  
*s.* effulgent, incandescent, lustrous, radiant, refulgent  
*ii.* *adj.* having full use of one's faculties: **sane**  
*iii.* *adj.* clear to the understanding: **intelligible**  
*s.* apprehensible, comprehensible, fathomable, graspable

### 295 exalt

- i.* *v.* to elevate by **praise** or in estimation: **glorify**  
*s.* aggrandize, dignify, distinguish, ennoble, magnify  
*a.* abase, humiliate, belittle, decry, depreciate, derogate, detract, disparage, minimize  
*ii.* *v.* to **raise high**: **elevate**

### 296 warrant

- i.* *v.* to **declare** or **maintain** with certainty  
*s.* argue, assert, contend, vindicate  
*ii.* *v.* to **guarantee** especially in respect of the quality or quantity specified: **certify**  
*iii.* *v.* to **give sanction** to: **authorize**

### 297 imperious

- i.* *adj.* marked by **arrogant** assurance: **domineering**  
*s.* bossy, high-handed, overbearing, peremptory
- ii.* *adj.* intensely compelling: **urgent**

### 298 abject

- i.* *adj.* cast **down** in spirit: **spiritless**
- ii.* *adj.* expressing or offered in a **humble** and often ingratiating spirit: **servile**

### 299 divulge

- v.* to **make known** a confidence or secret: **reveal**
- s.* betray, disclose, , give away, unclose

### 300 amenable

- i.* *adj.* readily **brought to** yield, **submit**, or cooperate: **obedient**  
*s.* biddable, docile, tractable, tame, malleable  
*a.* recalcitrant, refractory, mulish, obstinate, truculent
- ii.* *adj.* liable to be brought to account: **answerable**, **responsible**

## Unit 16

### Quick Preview

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### 301 enigmatic

*adj.* of, relating to, or resembling an enigma: **mysterious**  
*s.* cryptic, dark, mystifying

### 302 presumptuous

*adj.* overstepping due bounds: **arrogant**  
*s.* brash, presuming, self-assertive, pretentious, smug  
*a.* deferential, dutiful, submissive, appropriate, proper

### 303 ignominious

*adj.* **deserving** of **shame** or infamy: **despicable**, **dishonorable**  
*s.* discreditable, disgraceful,  
*a.* reputable, glorious, respectable

### 304 complementary

*adj.* **mutually supplying** each other's lack

### 305 nonplus

- i.* *n.* a state of **bafflement** or perplexity: **quandary**  
*ii.* *v.* to cause to be **at a loss** as to what to say, think, or do: **perplex**  
*s.* baffle, stymie, confound, puzzle

### 306 dovetail

*v.* to skillfully **fit** or **combine** to form a whole: harmonize  
*s.* agree, accord, correspond, jibe

### 307 catholic

*adj.* **comprehensive**, **universal**; especially **broad** in sympathies, tastes, or interests  
*s.* cosmic, cosmopolitan, ecumenical, planetary, worldwide  
*a.* parochial, provincial

### 308 complicity

*n.* **association** or participation in or as if **in a wrongful act**  
*s.* collusion, connivance



**309 remonstrate**

- v.* to present and **urge** reasons **in opposition**: **expostulate**
- s.* object, expostulate, inveigh, protest

**310 erudite**

- adj.* possessing or **displaying knowledge**: **learned**
- s.* scholarly, lettered, studious, literate

**311 pontificate**

- v.* to **speak** or express opinions in a **pompous or dogmatic** way: **swagger**

**312 egregious**

- adj.* conspicuously **bad**: **flagrant**

**313 reconcile**

- i.* *v.* to **make consistent** or congruous: **harmonize**
  - s.* accommodate, attune, coordinate, integrate
  - a.* estrange, alienate
- ii.* *v.* to **cause to** submit to or **accept** something unpleasant

**314 retort**

- i.* *v.* to answer by a **counter argument**
- ii.* *v.* to **retaliate**

**315 resolute**

- adj.* marked by **firm** determination: **resolved**, **faithful**
- s.* decided, decisive, staunch, steadfast

**316 edify**

- v.* to **instruct** and improve especially in moral and religious knowledge: **uplift**; **enlighten**, **inform**
- s.* illuminate, irradiate, uplift, elucidate

**317 commensurate**

- adj.* **corresponding** in size, extent, amount, or degree: **proportionate**
- s.* proportional, commensurable, symmetrical

**318 dispense**

- i.* *v.* to prepare and **distribute**
  - s.* disburse, disperse, divide, partition
- ii.* *v.* to give dispensation to: **exempt**
  - s.* absolve, discharge, privilege, relieve

**319 errant**

- i.* *adj.* **moving** about aimlessly or **irregularly**

*s.* aberrant, erratic, devious, stray, rambling

*ii.* *adj.* behaving wrongly: **fallible**

*s.* aberrant, erring, unreliable

### 320 saturate

*i.* *v.* to **satisfy** fully: **satiate**

*ii.* *v.* to **fill completely** with something that permeates or pervades: **permeate**

*s.* impenetrate, interpenetrate, penetrate, pervade

## Unit 17

### Quick Preview

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### 321 evenhanded

*adj.* **fair, impartial**

*s.* unbiased, equitable, unprejudiced

### 322 complacent

*adj.* marked by **contentment: self-satisfied**

*s.* priggish, self-contented, smug

*a.* humble, modest, diffident

### 323 virulent

*i.* *adj.* full of hatred: **malignant**

*s.* bitter, antagonistic, hostile, rancorous, vitriolic

*ii.* *adj.* extremely **poisonous**

*s.* mephitic, toxicant, venomous

### 324 stringent

*adj.* marked by **rigor, strictness, or severity** especially with regard to standard: **strict**

*s.* rigid, draconian, ironhanded, severe

### 325 captious

*adj.* marked by an often ill-natured inclination to **stress faults** and **raise objections**

*s.* carping, caviling, censorious, faultfinding, hypercritical

*a.* appreciative, judicious, knowledgeable

### 326 stolid

*adj.* having or **expressing** little or **no sensibility: unemotional**

*s.* impassive, apathetic, phlegmatic, stoic

*a.* sensitive

### 327 avid

*i.* *adj.* characterized by **enthusiasm** and vigorous pursuit: **eager**

*s.* agog, appetent, ardent, keen

*a.* aloof, averse, disinclined, indisposed, loath

*ii.* *adj.* **desirous** to the point of greed, urgently **eager: greedy**

*s.* covetous, craving, importunate, gluttonous

**328 thwart**

- i.* *v.* to **run counter** to so as to effectively **oppose** or baffle: **contravene**
  - s.* frustrate, baffle, balk, curb, restrain, stymie
  - a.* aid, abet, encourage
- ii.* *v.* to **defeat the hopes** or aspirations of: **frustrate**

**329 maxim**

- n.* a **general truth**, fundamental principle, or rule of conduct
- s.* aphorism, axiom, dictum

**330 insatiable**

- adj.* incapable of being satisfied: **quenchless**
- s.* exigent, clamorous, yearning

**331 expiation**

- n.* the act of making **atonement**
- s.* compensation, correction, rectification, remedy

**332 self-effacing**

- adj.* **reluctant to draw attention** to oneself: **retiring**
- s.* humble, modest, meek, unassuming

**333 pertinent**

- adj.* having a clear decisive relevance to the matter in hand: **relevant**
- s. ad rem*, applicable, apposite, apropos, germane

**334 vestige**

- n.* a **trace**, **mark**, or visible sign **left** by something vanished or lost
- s.* memento, relic, trace, remains

**335 pugnacious**

- adj.* having a **quarrelsome** or **combative** nature: **belligerent**
- s.* bellicose, combative, contentious, gladiatorial, truculent
- a.* bland, mild, peaceful

**336 prevaricate**

- v.* to deviate from the truth: **equivocate**
- s.* lie, falsify, palter, garble

**337 travesty**

- n.* a **burlesque** translation or literary or artistic **imitation** usually grotesquely incongruous in style, treatment, or subject matter
- s.* caricature, burlesque, parody

**338 meticulous**

*adj.* marked by extreme **care** in the consideration or treatment **of details: careful**

*s.* heedful, painstaking, punctilious, scrupulous, thorough

**339 verbose**

*adj.* containing more words than necessary: **wordy**

*s.* diffuse, long-winded, prolix, redundant, windy

*a.* concise, laconic

**340 engender**

*v.* to **cause to exist** or to develop: **produce**

*s.* breed, hatch, induce, provoke, arouse

## Unit 18

### Quick Preview

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### 341 inviolate

*adj.* **not violated** or profaned: **pure**  
*s.* sacred, inviolable, sacrosanct, intact

### 342 creed

*n.* a set of fundamental **beliefs**; a guiding **principle**

### 343 squalid

*adj.* marked by **filthiness** and degradation from neglect or poverty: **sordid**  
*s.* dirty, foul, slovenly, dingy, base, ignoble

### 344 obdurate

*adj.* **stubbornly** persistent in wrongdoing: **adamant**  
*s.* dogged, inexorable, relentless, rigid, uncompromising, unyielding  
*a.* relenting, submitting

### 345 prudent

- i.* *adj.* marked by **wisdom** or judiciousness: **wise**  
*s.* judicious, sane, sapient, sensible, tactical
- ii.* *adj.* marked by circumspection: **discreet**
- iii.* *adj.* **provident**, **frugal**

### 346 wry

- i.* *adj.* having a bent or **twisted** shape or condition
- ii.* *adj.* wrongheaded, **stubborn**
- iii.* *v.* to **twist** or writhe

### 347 chary

*adj.* hesitant and **vigilant** about dangers and risks: **discreetly cautious**  
*s.* calculating, circumspect, discreet, guarded, wary

### 348 malingering

*v.* to **pretend** or exaggerate incapacity or **illness** to avoid duty or work

### 349 lissome

*adj.* easily flexed; lithe or nimble  
*s.* supple, limber, lithesome

### 350 erratic

- i.* *adj.* characterized by **lack of** consistency, **regularity**, or uniformity: **arbitrary**  
*s.* capricious, vagarious, wayward, whimsical, mercurial, volatile  
*a.* static, fixed, stable, unmoving
- ii.* *adj.* **deviating from** what is ordinary or **standard**: **eccentric**  
*s.* anomalous, bizarre, idiosyncratic, peculiar, queer

### 351 uncompromising

*adj.* making **no** concessions or **compromises**: **inflexible**, **unyielding**

### 352 commend

- i.* *v.* to mention with **approbation**: **praise**  
*s.* acclaim, applaud, compliment, hail, extol  
*a.* censure, chide, admonish, reprehend, reprobate, rebuke, reprimand, reproach
- ii.* *v.* to **recommend** as worthy of confidence or notice

### 353 spartan

*adj.* marked by **simplicity**, frugality, or **avoidance of luxury** and comfort

### 354 efface

*v.* to **eliminate** or cause to vanish: **erase**  
*s.* annul, cancel, expunge, obliterate, eradicate, extirpate

### 355 galvanize

*v.* to **stimulate** or **excite** as if by an electric shock: **provoke**  
*s.* innervate, stimulate, activate, energize, vitalize

### 356 resignation

- i.* *n.* the quality or state of being **resigned**: **submissiveness**  
*s.* acquiescence, compliance, conformity, meekness, modesty
- ii.* *n.* an act or instance of resigning something: **surrender**

### 357 irascible

*adj.* marked by **hot temper** and easily provoked anger: **irritable**  
*s.* cantankerous, choleric, ireful, stomachy,  
*a.* amiable, complaisant, obliging

### 358 inchoate

*adj.* being only **partly in existence** or operation: **incipient**

### 359 impend

- i.* *v.* to be **about to occur**  
s. loom, forthcoming
- ii.* *v.* to hover threateningly: **menace**

**360 alleged**

- i.* *adj.* **questionably true** or of a specified kind: **supposed, so-called**  
s. ostensible, pretended, purported  
a. authentic, *bona fide*, genuine, veritable
- ii.* *adj.* **asserted** to be true or to exist



## Unit 19

### Quick Preview

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<input type="checkbox"/> squander	<input type="checkbox"/> puerile	<input type="checkbox"/> phlegmatic	<input type="checkbox"/> caustic

### 361 dilemma

- n.* state of **perplexity** especially as requiring a choice between **equally unfavorable options**  
*s.* predicament, bewilderment, perplexity

### 362 arduous

- adj.* marked by **great** labor or **effort: strenuous**  
*s.* effortful, labored, laborious, toilsome

### 363 recur

- i.* *v.* to **occur again** after an interval: occur time after time  
*ii.* *v.* to **come up again** for consideration

### 364 affinity

- n.* an **attraction** to or **liking** for something or someone  
*a.* antipathy, aversion, repugnance, repulsion

### 365 squander

- i.* *v.* to **spend extravagantly** or foolishly: **dissipate, waste**  
*ii.* *v.* to **lose** through negligence or inaction  
*iii.* *v.* to cause to **disperse: scatter**

### 366 vitiate

- i.* *v.* to **make faulty** or defective: **impair**  
*s.* injure, blemish, mar, spoil, tarnish  
*ii.* *v.* to **debase in** moral or aesthetic **status**  
*iii.* *v.* to make ineffective: **abolish**  
*s.* abrogate, annihilate, annul, invalidate, negate, nullify

### 367 unimpeachable

- adj.* reliable **beyond** a **doubt** or not liable to accusation: **irreproachable**

### 368 modicum

- n.* a **small portion**: a limited quantity

### 369 tenacious

*adj.* **persistent** in maintaining, adhering to, or seeking something valued or desired: **stalwart**  
*s.* dogged, obstinate, pertinacious, resolute, steadfast, persevering

**370 puerile**

*adj.* **juvenile** , **childish**, or **silly**

**371 inimitable**

*adj.* not capable of being imitated: **matchless**

**372 inclement**

*adj.* **lacking mildness**, especially physically severe: **stormy**  
*s.* brutal, intemperate, rigorous, rugged

**373 hackneyed**

*adj.* **lacking** in freshness or **originality**: **trite**  
*s.* commonplace, antediluvian, antiquated, archaic, obsolete, outmoded

**374 nadir**

*n.* the **lowest point**

**375 phlegmatic**

*adj.* having or showing a **slow** and **stolid** temperament: **impassive**  
*s.* apathetic, stoic, stolid, aloof, lethargic

**376 supposition**

*n.* something that is supposed: **hypothesis**

**377 ephemeral**

*adj.* lasting a very **short** time: **transient**  
*s.* evanescent, fleeting, fugacious, momentary, transitory, volatile  
*a.* perpetual, enduring, eternal, everlasting

**378 confound**

- i.* *v.* to throw into confusion or perplexity: **confuse**, **baffle**  
*s.* puzzle, befog, bewilder, metagrobolize, perplex
- ii.* *v.* to **fail to discern differences** between: **mix up**

**379 disabuse**

*v.* to **free from** error, fallacy, or **misconception**  
*s.* purge, rectify, liberate, undeceive

**380 caustic**

- i.* *adj.* capable of destroying or eating away by chemical action: **corrosive**
- ii.* *adj.* marked by **incisive sarcasm**: **scathing**

*s.* acerbic, mordacious, mordant, trenchant, sarcastic

*a.* genial, cordial, gracious, suave, urbane

## Unit 20

### Quick Preview

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### 381 laud

*n.* to **praise** or **extol**

*s.* celebrate, eulogize, extol, hymn, magnify, panegyric

*a.* revile, condemn, curse, execrate, objugate

### 382 gratis

*adj.* **without charge** or recompense: **free, gratuitous**

### 383 enmity

*n.* positive, active, and typically mutual **hatred** or **ill will**

*s.* animosity, antagonism, antipathy, hostility, rancor

*a.* amity, amicability, cordiality, comity, empathy

### 384 disparage

*v.* to **lower** or **depreciate** in rank or **reputation: degrade**

*s.* decry, abuse, belittle, depreciate, derogate, detract, minimize

*a.* applaud

### 385 conversant

*adj.* **having knowledge** or experience: **familiar**

*s.* abreast, acquainted, *au courant*, *au fait*, informed, versed

### 386 taciturn

*adj.* temperamentally **disinclined to talk: silent**

*s.* reserved, reticent, laconic, dour

*a.* garrulous, chatty, loquacious, unrestrained

### 387 supercilious

*adj.* coolly and patronizingly **haughty: arrogant**

*s.* arrogant, cavalier, overbearing, superior

### 388 interpolate

*i.* *v.* to alter or **corrupt by inserting** new or foreign matter

*ii.* *v.* to **insert** between other things or parts: **intercalate**

**389 empirical**

*adj.* **relying on experience** or observation often **without due regard for** system and **theory**  
*s.* experimental, observational, factual  
*a.* conjectural

**390 deride**

*v.* to **laugh at** contemptuously: **ridicule**  
*s.* lout, mock, scout, taunt

**391 stoic**

*adj.* **not** affected by or **showing** passion or **feeling**  
*s.* impassive, apathetic, phlegmatic, stolid, detached, resigned

**392 brevity**

*n.* **shortness** or **conciseness** of expression

**393 quotidian**

*adj.* occurring every day: **commonplace**, **ordinary**  
*s.* ordinary, everyday, routine, plain

**394 mercurial**

*adj.* characterized by rapid and **unpredictable changeableness** of mood  
*s.* inconstant, capricious, fickle, lubricious, temperamental, volatile

**395 antiquated**

*adj.* **outmoded** or discredited by reason of age: **old**  
*s.* antique, archaic, outmoded, passé

**396 differentiate**

*v.* to express the specific distinguishing quality of: **discriminate**, **distinguish**  
*s.* discern, discriminate, distinguish, separate  
*a.* confuse, confound, mistake

**397 abjure**

*i.* *v.* to **renounce** upon oath or to **reject** solemnly  
*s.* forswear, recant, retract, withdraw  
*ii.* *v.* to **abstain** from: **avoid**

**398 philistine**

*i.* *adj.* **guided by materialism** and is usually disdainful of intellectual or artistic values  
*ii.* *adj.* one **uninformed** in a special area of knowledge

**399 banish**

*v.* to **drive out** or **remove** from a home or place of usual resort or continuance: **dispel**

s. eject, deport, displace, exile, expatriate, expulse

**400 brook**

v. to stand for: tolerate

s. bear, abide, endure, stand, stomach, swallow

## Unit 21

### Quick Preview

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### 401 saturnine

*adj.* of a **gloomy** or **surly** disposition: **sullen**  
*s.* dour, glum, melancholy, morose, surly

### 402 ethereal

- i.* *adj.* lacking material substance: **immaterial**, **intangible**  
*s.* celestial, unsubstantial, gossamer, delicate
- ii.* *adj.* **unworldly**, **spiritual**

### 403 ancillary

*adj.* furnishing **added** support: **auxiliary**  
*s.* subordinate, subsidiary, supplementary, collateral

### 404 veneer

- i.* *n.* a **superficial** or deceptively attractive **appearance**, display, or effect: **facade**, **gloss**
- ii.* *v.* to **conceal**, as a defect, under a superficial and deceptive attractiveness  
*s.* palliate, gloss over, , sugarcoat, varnish

### 405 expansive

- i.* *adj.* characterized by high spirits, generosity, or **readiness to talk**: **open**
- ii.* *adj.* marked by or indicative of exaggerated euphoria and **delusions of self-importance**
- iii.* *adj.* having a great expanse or extent: **sizable**, **extensive**

### 406 savvy

*n.* the **cognitive condition** of someone who understands: practical **know-how**

### 407 affectation

*n.* the act of taking on an attitude **not natural** to oneself or **not genuinely** felt: **artificiality**  
*s.* mannerism, ostentation, pretentiousness

### 408 sanction

- i.* *n.* explicit or official approval, **permission**, or ratification: **approbation**  
*s.* endorsement, fiat, consent, ratification  
*a.* interdiction, debarment, prohibition, disapprobation
- ii.* *n.* an economic or military **coercive measure** for forcing a nation to desist or yield to adjudication

iii. *v.* to **give** effective or authoritative **approval** or consent to: **approve**

**409 querulous**

*adj.* habitually **complaining**

*s.* irritable, fractious, peevish, petulant

**410 relegate**

i. *v.* to send into exile: **banish**

*s.* deport, exile, expatriate, expel, expulse, ostracize

ii. *v.* to **assign to** a place of **insignificance** or of oblivion

**411 brazen**

*adj.* marked by **contemptuous** boldness: **insolent**

*s.* audacious, bold, contumelious, impertinent

**412 percipient**

*adj.* **capable of** or characterized by **perception**: **discerning**

*s.* insightful, keen, perceptive, observant, shrewd

**413 egoism**

*n.* a doctrine that individual **self-interest** is the actual motive of all conscious action

**414 ambivalence**

*n.* simultaneous and **contradictory attitudes** or feelings toward an object, person, or action

**415 desecrate**

*v.* to **treat disrespectfully**, irreverently, or outrageously: **profane**

*s.* ravage, depredate, devastate, devour, pillage

**416 minatory**

*adj.* having a **menacing** quality: **threatening**

**417 solvent**

i. *adj.* able to **pay** all legal **debts**

ii. *adj.* that dissolves or can **dissolve**

**418 discourse**

i. *n.* verbal interchange of ideas: **conversation**

ii. *n.* connected **speech** or **writing**

**419 blandish**

*v.* to act or speak in a **flattering** or coaxing manner: **cajole**

*s.* coax, flatter, beguile, charm

*a.* threaten



**420 moribund**

*adj.* being in the state of **dying** or **inactivity**

*s.* expiring, decadent, deteriorating, regressing

*a.* booming, flourishing, prospering, thriving, viable

## Unit 22

### Quick Preview

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| <input type="checkbox"/> proscribe   | <input type="checkbox"/> veracity   | <input type="checkbox"/> impregnable  | <input type="checkbox"/> capacious |

### 421 perfunctory

- i.* *adj.* characterized by **routine** or **superficiality**: **mechanical**
- ii.* *adj.* **lacking in interest** or enthusiasm
- s.* cursory, superficial, indifferent, unconcerned
- a.* cordial, genial, hearty

### 422 rankle

- v.* to **cause anger**, irritation, or deep bitterness
- s.* fester, irk, vex, aggravate, exasperate, irritate, plague, torment

### 423 impertinent

- i.* *adj.* given to or characterized by **insolent rudeness**
- s.* audacious, discourteous, ill-bred, uncivil
- ii.* *adj.* not pertinent: **irrelevant**
- s.* extraneous, foreign, immaterial, inapplicable, inapposite

### 424 fervent

- adj.* exhibiting or marked by great intensity of feeling: **zealous**
- s.* impassioned, ardent, fervid, perfervid

### 425 proscribe

- v.* to **condemn** or **forbid** as harmful or unlawful: **prohibit**

### 426 timorous

- adj.* of a **timid** disposition: **fearful**

### 427 refractory

- adj.* **resisting control** or authority: **stubborn, obstinate**
- s.* headstrong, intractable, mulish, perverse, unyielding
- a.* malleable, supple, pliable, ductile

### 428 discomfit

- i.* *v.* to **frustrate** the plans of: **thwart**
- ii.* *v.* to **put into** a state of **perplexity** and embarrassment: **disconcert**
- s.* embarrass, abash, confound, rattle

**429 perturb**

- i.* *v.* to **disturb** greatly in mind: **disquiet**
  - s.* agitate, discombobulate, dismay
  - a.* compose, settle
- ii.* *v.* to throw into confusion: **disorder**

**430 veracity**

- n.* conformity with truth or fact: **accuracy**
- s.* veridicality, verity, factualness

**431 ribald**

- adj.* humorously **vulgar**: **crude**, **offensive**

**432 ostentatious**

- adj.* marked by conspicuous or vainglorious and sometimes **pretentious** display: **showy**
- s.* flamboyant, orchidaceous, swank

**433 sagacious**

- adj.* of **keen** and **farsighted** penetration and judgment: **discerning**
- s.* insightful, perceptive, shrewd, judicious astute

**434 haughty**

- adj.* blatantly and **disdainfully proud**: **arrogant**
- s.* conceited, overbearing, supercilious, superior

**435 impregnable**

- adj.* incapable of being taken by assault: **unconquerable**, **unassailable**
- s.* invincible, indomitable, inexpugnable, undefeatable

**436 husband**

- v.* to **manage** prudently and **economically** or use sparingly: **conserve**, **economize**

**437 mundane**

- adj.* characterized by the **practical**, transitory, and **ordinary**: **commonplace**, **earthly**
- s.* earthly, worldly, profane, secular, temporal

**438 tenuous**

- i.* *adj.* having **little** substance or **strength**: **flimsy**, **weak**
- ii.* *adj.* **not dense**: **rare**

**439 bemoan**

- v.* to **express** deep **grief** or distress over: **deplore**
- s.* bewail, grieve, lament, moan, weep

*a.* exult, applaud, jubilate, rejoice

**440 capacious**

*adj.* containing or capable of containing a great deal: **spacious**

*s.* ample, commodious, roomy

*a.* exiguous

## Unit 23

### Quick Preview

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### 441 novel

*adj.* **new** and **not** resembling something **formerly known** or used  
*s.* modernistic, neoteric, newfangled

### 442 privation

*n.* **lack** of what is needed for existence: **deprivation**, **poverty**  
*s.* dispossession, divestiture, loss; destitution, indigence, penury

### 443 inscrutable

*adj.* **not** readily investigated, interpreted, or **understood**: **mysterious**  
*s.* arcane, cabalistic, impenetrable, numinous

### 444 elegy

*n.* a **song** or poem **expressing sorrow** or lamentation especially for one who is dead

### 445 discursive

*adj.* moving from topic to topic **without order**: **rambling**  
*s.* digressive, excursive

### 446 ineluctable

*adj.* **not** to be **avoided**, changed, or resisted: **inevitable**  
*s.* ineludible, inescapable, ineluctable, unavoidable

### 447 ebullient

*adj.* having or **showing** liveliness and **enthusiasm**: **boiling**  
*s.* exuberant, brash, effervescent, vivacious

### 448 impalpable

- i.* *adj.* incapable of being felt by touch: **intangible**  
*s.* imperceptible, inappreciable, indiscernible, insensible
- ii.* *adj.* **not** readily **discerned** by the mind

### 449 objurgation

*n.* a harsh **rebuke**: **censure**  
*s.* execration, anathematization, curse, castigation

**450 categorical**

*adj.* **absolute, unqualified**

*a.* conjectural, hypothetical, supposititious, conditional, contingent

**451 collude**

*v.* to **join** in a secret agreement **to do** an unlawful or **wrongful act**: **conspire, plot**

*s.* plot, cogitate, connive, conspire, contrive

**452 pine**

*i.* *v.* to **lose vigor**, health, or flesh: **languish**

*ii.* *v.* to **yearn** intensely and persistently especially for something unattainable: **long**

*s.* ache, crave, hanker, suspire

**453 taxing**

*adj.* **involving**, imposing, or constituting a **burden**: **onerous, wearing**

*s.* onerous, burdensome, exacting, exigent, oppressive

**454 intractable**

*adj.* **not easily governed**, managed, or directed: **unruly**

*s.* fractious, indomitable, recalcitrant

*a.* docile, obedient, compliant, submissive

**455 precursor**

*n.* one that **precedes** and indicates the approach of another: **predecessor**

*s.* antecedent, forerunner, harbinger, herald

**456 appropriate**

*i.* *v.* to **take** exclusive **possession** of: **annex**

*s.* arrogate, assume, preempt, usurp

*ii.* *v.* to take or **make use of without** authority or **right**

*iii.* *adj.* especially suitable or compatible: **fitting**

*s.* apt, befitting, felicitous, apposite, germane, pertinent

**457 flush**

*i.* *n.* a **sudden increase** or expansion

*ii.* *adj.* of a ruddy **healthy** color or **full of** life and **vigor**: **lusty**

*s.* ruddy, glowing, rubicund, sanguine

*iii.* *v.* to **cleanse** or wash out with or as if **with** a rush of **liquid**

**458 broadside**

*i.* *adv.* with the side forward or toward a given point: **sideways**

*ii.* *n.* a volley of **abuse** or **denunciation**: **barrage**

*s.* burst, cannonade, salvo, volley

**459 inured**

*adj.* **accustomed** to accept something undesirable

*s.* familiarized, habituated, wonted

**460 constraint**

*n.* a **constraining** condition, agency, or **force: check**

*s.* restriction, circumscription, confinement, cramp, restraint

## Unit 24

### Quick Preview

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### 461 immutable

*adj.* **not capable of** or susceptible to **change**: **inflexible**

*s.* inalterable, unalterable, unmodifiable

### 462 attest

*v.* to be proof of: **manifest**, **testify**

*s.* certify, corroborate, substantiate, verify, sustain, uphold, warrant

*a.* confute, controvert, refute, gainsay

### 463 droll

*adj.* having a **humorous**, whimsical, or **odd** quality: **absurd**

*s.* farcical, ludicrous, ridiculous, preposterous

### 464 cosmopolitan

*adj.* having **worldwide** rather than limited or provincial scope or bearing: **universal**

*s.* catholic, cosmic, ecumenical, planetary

*a.* insular, parochial, provincial

### 465 peevish

*adj.* marked by **ill temper** or **querulous** in temperament or mood: **fretful**

*s.* irritable, fractious, fretful, petulant, querulous

### 466 embryonic

*adj.* being in an **early stage** of development: **incipient**, **rudimentary**

*s.* nascent, sprouting, emergent

### 467 incandescent

*i.* *adj.* strikingly **bright**, radiant, or clear: **refulgent**

*s.* beaming, effulgent, luminous, radiant

*ii.* *adj.* characterized by glowing zeal: **ardent**

### 468 autocratic

*adj.* of, relating to, or being an autocracy: **absolute**, **despotic**

*s.* arbitrary, autarchic, monocratic, tyrannical

*a.* deferential, submissive, yielding, forbearing, lenient



**469 genteel**

*adj.* **elegant** or **graceful** in manner or appearance; **free from vulgarity** or rudeness: **polite**  
*s.* cultivated, cultured, polished, refined, urbane  
*a.* coarse, crude, discourteous, uncouth, vulgar

**470 rarefy**

*v.* to **make** rare, thin, porous, or **less dense**: **attenuate**

**471 heterogeneous**

*adj.* consisting of dissimilar or **diverse ingredients** or constituents: **mixed**  
*s.* miscellaneous, assorted, conglomerate, motley  
*a.* homogeneous, uniform

**472 affable**

*adj.* characterized by ease and **friendliness**: **gracious**  
*s.* congenial, cordial, genial, sociable  
*a.* reserved, taciturn, reticent, withdrawn

**473 perspicacious**

*adj.* of **acute** mental vision or discernment: **keen**, **shrewd**  
*s.* astute, cagey, sagacious

**474 adduce**

*v.* to **offer** as example, reason, or proof in discussion or analysis  
*s.* allege, cite, offer, tender

**475 monotonous**

*adj.* **tediously uniform** or unvarying: **dull**  
*s.* dreary, humdrum, pedestrian

**476 dissolution**

- i.* *n.* termination or **destruction by breaking down**, disrupting, or dispersing: decay, disintegration  
*s.* disunion, division, divorce, partition, rupture
- ii.* *n.* **death**, **decease**

**477 conjecture**

*n.* a conclusion deduced by **surmise** or **guesswork**  
*s.* theory, speculation, supposition

**478 tangential**

*adj.* of little relevance: **divergent**, **digressive**

**479 innocuous**

- i.* *adj.* producing **no injury**: **harmless**  
*s.* pernicious, injurious, troublesome
- ii.* *adj.* **not** likely to **give** offense or to arouse strong feelings or **hostility**: **inoffensive**, **insipid**  
*s.* banal, bland, inane, jejune

**480 hubris**

- n.* exaggerated **pride** or **self-confidence**: **arrogant**  
*s.* cavalier, haughty, overbearing, supercilious

## Unit 25

### Quick Preview

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<input type="checkbox"/> perquisite	<input type="checkbox"/> abstemious	<input type="checkbox"/> exonerate	<input type="checkbox"/> meteoric
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<input type="checkbox"/> plucky	<input type="checkbox"/> penurious	<input type="checkbox"/> adept	<input type="checkbox"/> archaic
<input type="checkbox"/> acumen	<input type="checkbox"/> hedonism	<input type="checkbox"/> fatuous	<input type="checkbox"/> enjoin

### 481 dolorous

*adj.* **causing**, marked by, or expressing misery or **grief**: **melancholy**  
*s.* doleful, lamentable, lugubrious, mournful, plaintive, rueful, woeful

### 482 perquisite

*n.* a **privilege**, **gain**, or **profit** incidental to regular salary or wages

### 483 provident

- i.* *adj.* making provision for the future: **prudent**  
*s.* canny, chary
- ii.* *adj.* **frugal**, **saving**  
*s.* sparing, economical, thrifty

### 484 plucky

*adj.* **spirited**, **brave**  
*s.* bold, courageous, dauntless, doughty, gutsy

### 485 acumen

*n.* **keenness** and depth of perception, **discernment**, or discrimination  
*s.* wit, astuteness, discrimination, penetration, perspicacity  
*a.* obtuseness

### 486 verdant

- i.* *adj.* **unripe in experience** or judgment: **inexperienced**
- ii.* *adj.* **green** in tint or color

### 487 abstemious

*adj.* marked by **restraint** especially in the consumption of food or alcohol  
*s.* abstentious, abstinent, continent, sober, temperate

### 488 obtuse

- i.* *adj.* **not** pointed or **acute**: **blunt**
- ii.* *adj.* **lacking sharpness** or quickness of sensibility or intellect: **insensitive**, **stupid**

### 489 penurious

- i.* *adj.* marked by or suffering from **poverty**: **impoverished**  
*s.* beggared, destitute, impecunious, indigent, needy
- ii.* *adj.* given to or marked by **extreme** stinting **frugality**: **stingy**  
*s.* miserly, niggardly, parsimonious, tightfisted

#### 490 hedonism

- n.* the doctrine that **pleasure** or happiness **is** the sole or **chief** good in life  
*s.* intemperance, self-indulgence, debauchery

#### 491 magnanimous

- n.* showing or suggesting **nobility** of feeling and **generosity** of mind: **noble**  
*s.* benevolent, chivalrous, greathearted, lofty  
*a.* measly, paltry, petty, picayune

#### 492 exonerate

- v.* to **clear from** accusation or **blame**: **exculpate**  
*s.* absolve, acquit, vindicate  
*a.* incriminate, inculpate, accuse

#### 493 synthesis

- n.* the composition or **combination** of parts or elements so as to form a whole: **mixture**  
*s.* amalgamation, fusion, blend

#### 494 adept

- adj.* thoroughly **proficient**: **expert**  
*s.* crack, masterful, adroit, deft, dexterous  
*a.* awkward, clumsy, inept, maladroit, dilettantish

#### 495 fatuous

- adj.* complacently or inanely **foolish**: **silly**  
*s.* asinine, unwitty, imbecile, moronic  
*a.* sensible, judicious, prudent, sage, sapient

#### 496 decorum

- n.* **propriety** and **good taste** in conduct or appearance  
*s.* decency, dignity, etiquette, propriety, seemliness

#### 497 meteoric

- adj.* resembling a meteor in speed or in **sudden** and **temporary** brilliance

#### 498 debonair

- i.* *adj.* **having** a sophisticated **charm**: **urbane**  
*s.* suave, elegant, refined, courteous
- ii.* *adj.* having a **cheerful**, lively, and self-confident air: **lighthearted**, **nonchalant**

**499 archaic**

*adj.* of, relating to, or characteristic of an **earlier** or more **primitive** time: **antiquated**

*s.* old-fashioned, antiquated, antique, passé

**500 enjoin**

*i.* *v.* to **direct** or impose by authoritative **order** or with urgent admonition: **command**

*s.* bid, charge, order, dictate, prescribe

*a.* acquiesce, comply, conform, submit, yield

*ii.* *v.* **forbid**, **prohibit**

*s.* ban, inhibit, interdict, outlaw, taboo

## Unit 26

### Quick Preview

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| <input type="checkbox"/> affluent  | <input type="checkbox"/> officious | <input type="checkbox"/> execrate     | <input type="checkbox"/> inveigle |

### 501 latent

- adj.* present though **not now** visible, obvious, **active**, or symptomatic: **potential**  
*s.* abeyant, lurking, dormant, quiescent  
*a.* patent, dynamic, operative, vitalized

### 502 quixotic

- adj.* foolishly **impractical** especially in the pursuit of ideals  
*s.* idealistic, unrealistic, naïve

### 503 pervasive

- adj.* **pervading** or tending to pervade  
*s.* omnipresent, ubiquitous, prevalent, universal

### 504 urbane

- adj.* notably **polite** or **polished** in manner: **suave**  
*s.* genteel, debonair, cultivated, polished, refined

### 505 affluent

- adj.* having a generously **sufficient** and typically increasing supply of **material possessions**  
*s.* wealthy, opulent, sumptuous  
*a.* impecunious, straitened

### 506 aloof

- adj.* removed or **distant** either physically or **emotionally**  
*s.* indifferent, detached, solitary, withdrawn, standoffish  
*a.* affable, companionable, gregarious, sociable

### 507 hermetic

- i.* *adj.* relating to or characterized by **occultism** or **abstruseness**: **recondite**  
*s.* abstruse, esoteric, occult, profound
- ii.* *adj.* **impervious** to external influence: **secluded**  
*s.* cloistered, recluse, sequestered, removed

### 508 moot

- i.* *adj.* deprived of practical significance: **inconsequent**

ii. *adj.* subjected to discussion: **disputed**, **debatable**

iii. *v.* to **bring up** for discussion: **broach**

### 509 cacophony

*n.* harsh or **discordant sound**: **dissonance**

*s.* discordance, stridency, disharmony

### 510 officious

*adj.* **volunteering** one's services **where** they are neither asked **nor needed**: **meddlesome**

*s.* impertinent, intrusive, obtrusive

### 511 jovial

*adj.* markedly **good-humored** especially as evidenced by jollity and conviviality: **merry**

*s.* blithesome, gay, jocund, lighthearted, mirthful

*a.* dour, morose, saturnine, sullen; grave, solemn, staid

### 512 flippant

*adj.* **lacking** proper **respect** or seriousness: **playful**

*s.* frivolous, flip, facetious, mischievous

### 513 predilection

*n.* an established **preference** for something: **inclination**

*s.* disposition, penchant, predisposition, proclivity, propensity

### 514 beleaguer

i. *v.* to **surround** so as to force to give up: **besiege**

ii. *v.* to **cause worry** or distress to: **beset**

*s.* annoy, harass, plague, besiege

### 515 execrate

*v.* to **declare** to be **evil** or detestable: **denounce**

*s.* censure, reprehend, reprove, anathematize, objurgate

*a.* commend, extol, acclaim, eulogize

### 516 placate

*v.* to **soothe** or **mollify** especially by concessions: **pacify**

*s.* appease, assuage, conciliate, mollify, propitiate, tranquilize

*a.* incense, infuriate, pique, provoke, enrage

### 517 effusive

*adj.* marked by the **expression of** great or excessive **emotion** or enthusiasm

*s.* gushing, expansive, outpouring, demonstrative

*a.* reserved, restrained, reticent, taciturn, bashful, shy

**518 raffish**

*adj.* marked by or suggestive of flashy vulgarity or crudeness

**519 stipend**

*n.* a fixed sum of money paid periodically for services or to defray expenses

**520 inveigle**

*v.* to acquire by ingenuity or flattery: lure

*s.* allure, bait, decoy, entice, entrap, seduce



## Unit 27

### Quick Preview

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| <input type="checkbox"/> advent     | <input type="checkbox"/> equivocate | <input type="checkbox"/> dissemble   | <input type="checkbox"/> specious  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> rebuke     | <input type="checkbox"/> reprisal   | <input type="checkbox"/> propensity  | <input type="checkbox"/> endemic   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> conciliate | <input type="checkbox"/> plod       | <input type="checkbox"/> bereave     | <input type="checkbox"/> stricture |

### 521 pinnacle

- n.* the **highest point** of development or achievement: **acme**, **summit**  
*s.* apex, apogee, culmination, meridian, zenith

### 522 vindicate

- i.* *v.* to **provide justification** or defense for: **defend**  
*s.* confirm, maintain, substantiate, warrant, second
- ii.* *v.* to **free from** allegation or **blame**: **exculpate**  
*s.* absolve, acquit, exonerate, confute  
*a.* convict, accuse, calumniate
- iii.* *v.* **avenge**

### 523 advent

- n.* **coming into being** or use

### 524 rebuke

- v.* to **criticize** sharply: **reprimand**, **reprove**  
*s.* admonish, chide, reprimand, reproach

### 525 conciliate

- i.* *v.* to **make compatible**: **reconcile**  
*a.* antagonize, alienate, disaffect, estrange
- ii.* *v.* to **appease** or **pacify**  
*s.* assuage, mollify, placate, propitiate  
*a.* foment, pique, provoke, stimulate

### 526 portentous

- i.* *adj.* **eliciting amazement** or wonder: **prodigious**
- ii.* *adj.* of, relating to, or constituting a **sign of evil**

### 527 ostracize

- v.* to **exile** or **exclude** from a group by common consent: **banish**  
*s.* deport, exile, expatriate, expel, expulse, oust  
*a.* harbor, haven, refuge, shelter

**528 equivocate**

- v.* to use **ambiguous** language especially with **intent to deceive**
- s.* falsify, palter, prevaricate

**529 reprisal**

- n.* a **retaliatory act: revenge**
- s.* retaliation, avengement, counterblow, retribution, vengeance

**530 plod**

- i.* *v.* to **work** laboriously and **monotonously: drudge**
- ii.* *v.* to walk or **proceed slowly** or tediously: **trudge**

**531 conducive**

- adj.* **tending to promote** or assist

**532 impermeable**

- adj.* not permitting passage: **impervious**
- s.* impassable, impenetrable, unpierceable

**533 dissemble**

- v.* to **hide** under a false appearance: **disguise**
- s.* camouflage, cloak, dissimulate, mask
- a.* demonstrate, evidence, evince, manifest

**534 propensity**

- n.* an often intense natural **inclination** or preference: **leaning**
- s.* disposition, penchant, predilection, predisposition, proclivity

**535 bereave**

- v.* to **deprive** of or **take away** especially by force
- s.* disinherit, dispossess, divest

**536 inequity**

- n.* **injustice, unfairness**

**537 neophyte**

- n.* any **new participant** in some activity: **beginner**
- s.* tyro, novice, apprentice, colt, novitiate, rookie

**538 specious**

- adj.* having a **false** look of truth or genuineness: **sophistic**
- s.* counterfactual, erroneous; apparent, seeming

**539 endemic**

*adj.* characteristic of or **prevalent in a particular field**, area, or environment  
*s.* native, aboriginal, autochthonous, indigenous  
*a.* pandemic; extraneous, extrinsic, exotic

**540 stricture**

- i.* *n.* something that closely restrains or limits: **restriction**  
*s.* circumscription, cramp, limitation, stint
- ii.* *n.* an adverse **criticism**: **censure**  
*s.* animadversion, aspersion, obloquy, slam, slur

## Unit 28

### Quick Preview

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| <input type="checkbox"/> gullible | <input type="checkbox"/> denigrate   | <input type="checkbox"/> bromide      | <input type="checkbox"/> meander      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> cursory  | <input type="checkbox"/> cumbersome  | <input type="checkbox"/> placid       | <input type="checkbox"/> emulate      |

### 541 nettle

- v.* to **arouse** to sharp but transitory **annoyance** or anger: **irritate**  
*s.* exasperate, peeve, pique, provoke, rile, roil

### 542 check

- i.* *v.* to **restrain** or **diminish** the action or force of: **control**  
*s.* bridle, constrain, curb, inhibit, withhold
- ii.* *v.* to **halt** through caution, uncertainty, or fear: **stop**

### 543 tortuous

- i.* *adj.* marked by **repeated twists**, bends, or turns: **winding**  
*s.* anfractuous, flexuous, meandering, serpentine, sinuous
- ii.* *adj.* **circuitous**, **involved**

### 544 gullible

- adj.* **easily** duped or **cheated**  
*s.* credulous, naive, susceptible  
*a.* astute

### 545 cursory

- adj.* rapidly and often **superficially** performed or produced: **hasty**  
*s.* shallow, sketchy, casual, desultory, haphazard, random  
*a.* careful, meticulous, scrupulous, painstaking

### 546 license

- i.* *n.* **permission** to act
- ii.* *n.* **freedom** of action: **liberty**

### 547 complaisant

- adj.* marked by an **inclination to please** or oblige: **amiable**  
*s.* lenient, obliging, accommodating, agreeable, submissive  
*a.* harsh, rigorous, stern, firm

### 548 arrant

- adj.* being notoriously **without moderation**: **extreme**

*s.* shameless, barefaced, blatant, brazen, impudent, unabashed, unblushing

#### 549 denigrate

*v.* to **attack** the **reputation** or deny the importance of: **defame**, **belittle**

*s.* malign, asperse, calumniate, scandalize, vilify

#### 550 cumbersome

*adj.* **slow-moving**: **ponderous**

*s.* unwieldy, cumbrous, unhandy

#### 551 recalcitrant

*adj.* **difficult to manage** or operate: **unruly**

*s.* fractious, obstinate, withstanding

*a.* tractable, amenable

#### 552 humdrum

*adj.* **dull** and lacking excitement: **monotonous**

*s.* dreary, pedestrian, plodding, stodgy

#### 553 inert

*adj.* very **slow to move** or act: **sluggish**

*s.* inactive, idle, passive, inanimate

*a.* animated, alert, dynamic, vigilant, watchful, operative

#### 554 bromide

*n.* a **commonplace** or **hackneyed statement** or notion

*s.* banality, cliché, platitude, prosaicism, truism

#### 555 placid

*adj.* serenely **free of** interruption or **disturbance**: **calm**

*s.* halcyon, irenic, collected, serene, tranquil

*a.* roiled, choleric

#### 556 muted

*i.* *adj.* toned down: **low-key**, **subdued**

*ii.* *adj.* being mute: **silent**, **muffled**

#### 557 unassailable

*adj.* not assailable: **not liable to** doubt, attack, or **question**

*s.* invincible, impregnable, inexpugnable, unconquerable

#### 558 intimate

*i.* *v.* to **communicate** delicately and **indirectly**: **hint**

*s.* suggest, connote, imply, insinuate

- ii.* *v.* to **make known** especially publicly or formally: **announce**
- iii.* *adj.* marked by very **close association**, contact, or familiarity

### **559 meander**

- i.* *v.* to **wander aimlessly** or casually without urgent destination: **ramble**
  - s.* drift, gallivant, roam, stray, vagabond
- ii.* *n.* a **winding path** or course: **labyrinth**

### **560 emulate**

- v.* to **strive to equal** or excel: **match**
- s.* rival, compete, outvie

## Unit 29

### Quick Preview

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| <input type="checkbox"/> remunerate | <input type="checkbox"/> panacea    | <input type="checkbox"/> pittance | <input type="checkbox"/> leery    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> zenith     | <input type="checkbox"/> inexorable | <input type="checkbox"/> carnal   | <input type="checkbox"/> expedite |

### 561 convention

- i.* *n.* a general **agreement** about basic principles or procedures  
*s.* canon, precept, custom, practice
- ii.* *n.* an **assembly** of persons met for a common purpose

### 562 comity

- n.* **friendly** social **atmosphere**; social **harmony**  
*s.* accord, concord, camaraderie, companionship

### 563 debunk

- v.* to **expose** the sham or **falseness** of  
*s.* uncloak, undress, unmask, unshroud

### 564 remunerate

- v.* to **pay** an equivalent to **for** a service, loss, or expense: **recompense**  
*s.* compensate, indemnify, recompense, reimburse, requite

### 565 zenith

- n.* the **highest point**: **acme**  
*s.* apex, apogee, capstone, culmination, meridian, pinnacle  
*a.* nadir

### 566 lugubrious

- adj.* **exaggeratedly** or affectedly **mournful**: **gloomy**  
*s.* melancholy, doleful, lamentable, plaintive, rueful, woeful  
*a.* facetious, blithe, jocund, jovial

### 567 provincial

- i.* *adj.* **limited** in outlook: **narrow**  
*s.* insular, parochial, sectarian; hidebound  
*a.* catholic, cosmic, universal; progressive
- ii.* *adj.* **lacking** the **polish** of urban society: **unsophisticated**

### 568 juxtaposed

- v.* placed **side by side**: **adjacent**

*s.* abutting, adjoining, conterminous, contiguous

**569 panacea**

*n.* a remedy for all ills or difficulties: **cure-all**

**570 inexorable**

*adj.* **not to be** persuaded, moved, or **stopped**: **relentless**

*s.* adamant, dogged, obdurate, rigid, uncompromising

**571 inherent**

*adj.* involved in the constitution or **essential** character of something: **intrinsic**

*s.* elemental, inborn, inbred, ingrained, innate

*a.* adventitious, superficial, fortuitous, extraneous, extrinsic

**572 resolve**

*i.* *n.* fixity of purpose: **resoluteness**

*s.* decidedness, firmness, resolution

*ii.* *v.* to **deal with** successfully: **clear up**: **solve**

**573 abate**

*v.* to **reduce in** degree or **intensity**: **moderate**

*s.* subside, halt, diminish, vitiate

**574 pittance**

*n.* a **small** portion, **amount**, or allowance

**575 carnal**

*i.* *adj.* relating to or given to crude **bodily** pleasures and appetites

*s.* corporal, corporeal, fleshly, somatic

*ii.* *adj.* **worldly**

*s.* material, substantial, mundane, earthly, earthy

**576 discord**

*v.* to **disagree** or clash

*s.* conflict, disaccord, jar, mismatch

**577 adamant**

*adj.* unshakable or **insistent** especially in maintaining a position or opinion: **unyielding**

*s.* inexorable, obdurate, rigid, unswayable

*a.* relenting, complaisant, obliging, subdued, submissive

**578 vehement**

*adj.* intensely **emotional**: **impassioned**, **fervid**

*s.* intense, exquisite, fierce, furious, vicious, violent



579 leery

*adj.* suspicious, wary

580 expedite

*v.* to accelerate the process or progress of: speed up

*s.* accelerate, hasten, precipitate

## Unit 30

### Quick Preview

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| <input type="checkbox"/> plethora   | <input type="checkbox"/> quiescent  | <input type="checkbox"/> credence    | <input type="checkbox"/> analogous  |

### 581 diatribe

*n.* ironic or satirical **criticism**

*s.* tirade, harangue

### 582 extant

*adj.* currently or actually **existing**

### 583 implacable

*adj.* **not** capable of being **appeased**, significantly changed, or mitigated

*s.* grim, ironfisted, merciless, ruthless, unflinching

*a.* peaceable, tractable; kindly, tolerant

### 584 irresolute

*adj.* **uncertain** how to act or proceed: **vacillating**

*s.* faltering, halting, tentative

### 585 plethora

*n.* extreme **excess**, **superfluity**

*s.* overabundance, overflow, surfeit, surplus

### 586 choleric

*adj.* **easily moved to** often unreasonable or excessive **anger**: **hot-tempered**

*s.* irascible, cranky, stomachy, testy, touchy

*a.* serene, tranquil, composed, nonchalant, placid

### 587 idyllic

*adj.* **pleasing** or **picturesque** in natural simplicity

### 588 stem

*i.* *v.* to **check** or **go counter** to: **check**

*s.* stanch, arrest, control

*ii.* *v.* to **occur** or develop **as a consequence**: have or trace an origin: **spring**

*s.* derive, emanate, originate, proceed

### 589 antithesis

- n.* the direct opposite: **opposition**, **contrast**  
*s.* antagonism, con, contradistinction, contraposition, antipode

**590 quiescent**

- adj.* marked by **inactivity** or repose: **tranquilly** at rest: **latent**  
*s.* abeyant, dormant, lurking, potential

**591 wax**

- v.* to **increase** in size, numbers, strength, prosperity, or intensity  
*s.* augment, mount, multiply, upsurge  
*a.* wane

**592 rudimentary**

- adj.* consisting in first principles: **fundamental**, **elementary**

**593 neologism**

- n.* a **new word**, usage, or expression

**594 factitious**

- i.* *adj.* produced **by humans** rather than by natural forces: **artificial**  
*ii.* *adj.* produced **by** special **effort**: **sham**  
*s.* affected, counterfeited, feigned, pretended  
*a.* authentic, *bona fide*, genuine, artless, spontaneous

**595 credence**

- i.* *n.* mental **acceptance** as true or real: **credibility**  
*ii.* *n.* **credentials**

**596 debase**

- v.* to **lower in status**, esteem, quality, or character  
*s.* abase, degrade, humiliate, sink  
*a.* acclaim, laud; refresh, rejuvenate, restore

**597 plummet**

- v.* to **drop sharply** and abruptly: **plunge**  
*s.* descend, dump, precipitate, collapse  
*a.* skyrocket, soar, ascend

**598 nettlesome**

- adj.* causing vexation: **irritating**  
*s.* thorny, prickly, spiny

**599 excel**

- v.* to **surpass** in accomplishment or achievement

*s.* exceed, outdo, outshine, outstrip, transcend

**600 analogous**

*adj.* **showing** an analogy or a **likeness** that permits one to draw an analogy

*s.* akin, kindred, consonant, parallel, uniform

## Unit 31

### Quick Preview

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| <input type="checkbox"/> slapdash | <input type="checkbox"/> pious     | <input type="checkbox"/> exorbitant  | <input type="checkbox"/> involved   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> flounder | <input type="checkbox"/> equitable | <input type="checkbox"/> occlude     | <input type="checkbox"/> underwrite |

### 601 anomaly

- n.* the quality of **being different, abnormal**, peculiar, or not easily classified: **irregularity**  
*s.* incongruity, variance, deviation, divergence

### 602 martial

- adj.* relating to an army or to **military** life  
*s.* warlike, bellicose, belligerent, combative, pugnacious, mettlesome  
*a.* civilian, irenic, pacific, dovish

### 603 snub

- i.* *v.* to **check** or stop with a cutting retort: **rebuke**  
*ii.* *v.* to **treat with contempt** or neglect  
*s.* ostracize, snob

### 604 slapdash

- adj.* marked by **lack of** plan, **order**, or direction: **random**  
*s.* desultory, indiscriminate haphazard, slipshod

### 605 flounder

- v.* to **proceed** or act **clumsily** or ineffectually  
*s.* wallow, blunder, lurch, stumble

### 606 respite

- i.* *v.* to **put off** or **delay**: **reprieve**  
*ii.* *n.* an interval of **rest** or relief: **break**  
*s.* intermission, lull, recess, rest

### 607 abstain

- v.* to **refrain** deliberately and often **with** an effort of **self-denial** from an action or practice  
*s.* forbear, withhold, abnegate, forgo  
*a.* indulge, gratify, regale, sate, satiate

### 608 remiss

- adj.* **negligent** in the performance of work or duty: **careless, lax**  
*s.* behindhand, delinquent, derelict, slack

a. scrupulous

**609 pious**

- i. *adj.* marked by or **showing reverence** for deity and devotion to divine worship: **devout**  
s. godly, holy, pietistic, prayerful, religious
- ii. *adj.* showing **loyal** reverence for a person or thing: **dutiful**

**610 equitable**

- adj.* having or **exhibiting equity**: **dealing fairly** and equally with all concerned
- s. dispassionate, impartial, impersonal, unbiased, uncolored, unprejudiced

**611 veritable**

- adj.* being in fact the thing named and **not false**, unreal, or imaginary
- s. authentic, *bona fide*, genuine, indubitable
- a. imaginary, artificial, factitious, counterfeit, spurious

**612 disaffected**

- adj.* **discontented** and **resentful** especially against authority: **rebellious**
- s. disgruntled, alienated, estranged, disobedient

**613 attenuate**

- v. to **lessen** the amount, force, magnitude, or value of: **weaken**
- s. thin, extenuate, wiredraw, sap, enfeeble
- a. amplify, dilate, distend, inflate, augment

**614 exorbitant**

- adj.* **exceeding** the customary or appropriate **limits** in intensity, quality, amount, or size: **excessive**
- s. extravagant, immoderate, inordinate, undue, unmeasurable

**615 occlude**

- v. to close up or **block** off: **obstruct**
- s. choke, clog, congest, hinder, impede

**616 fortuitous**

- adj.* occurring **by chance**: **accidental**
- s. accidental, casual, contingent, incidental, odd
- a. deliberate, measured, considered, intentional

**617 besiege**

- i. v. to **surround** with armed forces: **beleaguer**, **blockade**
- ii. v. to **cause worry** or distress to: **beset**  
s. annoy, harass, plague, besiege

**618 craven**

*adj.* **lacking** the least bit of **courage**: contemptibly **fainthearted**: **cowardly**  
*s.* gutless, pusillanimous, timid, timorous

**619 involved**

*adj.* **difficult** to deal with because of **complexity** or **disorder**: **complex**  
*s.* byzantine, daedal, elaborate, intricate, knotty, labyrinthine, sophisticated

**620 underwrite**

*v.* to subscribe to: **agree** to  
*s.* guarantee, endorse, back

## Unit 32

### Quick Preview

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| <input type="checkbox"/> conflagration | <input type="checkbox"/> buck       | <input type="checkbox"/> cogent     | <input type="checkbox"/> extrapolate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> tout          | <input type="checkbox"/> infeasible | <input type="checkbox"/> transient  | <input type="checkbox"/> surfeit     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> tumult        | <input type="checkbox"/> frivolous  | <input type="checkbox"/> asperity   | <input type="checkbox"/> morph       |

### 621 tender

- i.* *n.* to **present** for acceptance: **offer**  
*s.* extend, pose, proffer, propose
- ii.* *adj.* **showing care** or softer emotions: **fond, considerate**  
*s.* compassionate, responsive, lenient, solicitous, affectionate
- iii.* *adj.* **easily broken**, cut, or damaged: **delicate, fragile**

### 622 ravenous

- adj.* very **eager** or **greedy** for food, satisfaction, or gratification: **rapacious**
- s.* voracious, edacious, gluttonous, ravaging

### 623 conflagration

- i.* *n.* a large disastrous **fire**
- ii.* *n.* **conflict, war**

### 624 tout

- v.* to **advertise** in strongly positive terms: **promote, talk up**
- s.* herald, trumpet, proclaim, publicize, acclaim

### 625 tumult

- n.* **disorderly agitation** of a crowd: **commotion, riot**
- s.* clamor, convulsion, ferment, upheaval, turmoil, uproar, hurly-burly

### 626 ploy

- n.* a **tactic** intended to embarrass or frustrate an opponent: **stratagem**
- s.* artifice, device, gambit, maneuver, ruse, wile

### 627 peripheral

- i.* *adj.* on or **near an edge** or constituting an **outer** boundary  
*s.* outlying, marginal, fringe
- ii.* *adj.* **auxiliary, supplementary**

### 628 buck

- v.* to refuse assent: **oppose, resist**
- s.* combat, dispute, duel, repel, traverse, withstand



**629 infeasible**

*adj.* **not** capable of being **annulled** or voided or undone

**630 frivolous**

- i.* *adj.* **of little** weight or **importance**  
s. inconsequential, trivial, petty, negligible
- ii.* *adj.* **lacking** in **seriousness**  
s. giddy, flighty, shallow, superficial, playful

**631 chivalrous**

- i.* *adj.* **valiant**, **brave**
- ii.* *adj.* marked by honor, **generosity**, and **courtesy**  
s. benevolent, greathearted, lofty, magnanimous

**632 recondite**

*adj.* **difficult** for one of ordinary understanding or knowledge **to comprehend**: **abstruse**  
s. esoteric, hermetic, occult, runic, cryptic  
a. facile, straightforward, plain

**633 cogent**

*adj.* **appealing** forcibly **to the mind** or reason: **convincing**  
s. valid, solid, sound, telling  
a. ineffective, inefficacious, feeble, impotent, bootless

**634 transient**

*adj.* **passing** especially **quickly** into and out of existence: **transitory**  
s. ephemeral, evanescent, fleeting, fugacious, momentary, volatile  
a. perpetual, perdurable, permanent, substantial

**635 asperity**

- i.* *n.* something that is hard to endure: **rigor**, **severity**  
s. difficulty, rigor, austerity, inclemency, stringency
- ii.* *n.* roughness of surface: **unevenness**
- iii.* *n.* **roughness of** manner or of **temper**: **harshness**  
s. acrimony, acerbity, mordancy, keenness, sharpness  
a. amenity, suavity, urbanity, courtesy, gallantry

**636 bombastic**

*adj.* marked by or given to **pretentious** speech or writing: **pompous**, **overblown**  
s. rhetorical, flatulent, grandiloquent, magniloquent, swollen

**637 feign**

*v.* to give a false appearance of: **pretend**, **dissemble**

*s.* assume, affect, bluff, counterfeit, pretend, simulate

**638 extrapolate**

*v.* to inter or predict by projecting past experience or known data: deduce

**639 surfeit**

*n.* an overabundant supply: excess

*s.* overabundance, overflow, plethora, superfluity, surplus

**640 morph**

*v.* to undergo transformation: transform

## Unit 33

### Quick Preview

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| <input type="checkbox"/> garrulous    | <input type="checkbox"/> emend      | <input type="checkbox"/> static     | <input type="checkbox"/> ponderous    |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> retrospect   | <input type="checkbox"/> blithe     | <input type="checkbox"/> immaterial | <input type="checkbox"/> discriminate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> variance     | <input type="checkbox"/> mettlesome | <input type="checkbox"/> amorphous  | <input type="checkbox"/> turgid       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> prolific     | <input type="checkbox"/> steep      | <input type="checkbox"/> implicate  | <input type="checkbox"/> impetuous    |

### 641 garrulous

- adj.* given to prosy, rambling, or **tedious loquacity**: **pointlessly** or annoyingly **talkative**: **wordy**  
*s.* chatty, loquacious, prolix, verbose, windy  
*a.* taciturn, reticent, concise, terse, blunt, brusque, curt

### 642 intransigent

- adj.* **refusing to compromise** or to abandon an extreme position or attitude: **uncompromising**  
*s.* obstinate, pertinacious, willful  
*a.* pliable, yielding, compliant, tractable

### 643 retrospect

- i.* *n.* a **review** of or meditation **on past** events  
*ii.* *v.* to refer back: **reflect**  
*s.* bethink, recall, recollect, reminisce, retain, revive

### 644 variance

- i.* *n.* the fact, quality, or state of being variable or variant: **difference, variation**  
*s.* change, deviation, fluctuation  
*ii.* *n.* the fact or state of being **in disagreement**: **dissension, dispute**  
*s.* discord, conflict, contention, dissent, dissidence, strife

### 645 prolific

- adj.* marked by **abundant** inventiveness or productivity: **fertile**  
*s.* fecund, fruitful, productive, spawning  
*a.* barren, sterile

### 646 emend

- v.* to **correct** usually by textual alterations  
*s.* amend, rectify, emendate, polish, retouch

### 647 salubrious

- adj.* favorable to or **promoting health** or well-being: **healthful**  
*s.* hygienic, salutary, salubrious, wholesome, bracing

### 648 blithe

- i.* *adj.* of a **happy lighthearted** character or disposition: **merry**  
*s.* cheerful, lightsome, sunny, jocund  
*a.* atrabilious, morose
- ii.* *adj.* **lacking due thought** or consideration: **casual**, **heedless**

#### 649 mettlesome

- adj.* full of courage: **spirited**, **courageous**  
*s.* fiery, gingery, high-hearted, gutsy, plucky

#### 650 steep

- i.* *adj.* mounting or falling **precipitously**
- ii.* *adj.* being or characterized by a **rapid** and intensive **decline** or increase  
*s.* abrupt, arduous, precipitate, precipitous, sheer
- iii.* *adj.* **extremely** or excessively **high**

#### 651 static

- i.* *adj.* showing **little change**
- ii.* *adj.* standing or **fixed** in one place: **stationary**  
*s.* stagnant, rigid, sticky, inert  
*a.* dynamic, erratic, fluctuating

#### 652 duplicity

- n.* the **belying** of one's true intentions by **deceptive** words or action: **deceit**  
*s.* cunning, guile, perfidy, treachery

#### 653 immaterial

- i.* *adj.* of **no** substantial **consequence**: **unimportant**  
*s.* irrelevant, extraneous, impertinent, inapposite
- ii.* *adj.* not consisting of matter: **incorporeal**

#### 654 amorphous

- i.* *adj.* having no definite form: **shapeless**  
*s.* formless, inchoate, unshaped
- ii.* *adj.* **lacking** organization or **unity**

#### 655 implicate

- i.* *v.* to **involve as** a consequence, corollary, or natural **inference**: **imply**
- ii.* *v.* to **involve in** the nature or **operation** of something  
*s.* embroil, mire, tangle

#### 656 ponderous

- i.* *adj.* unwieldy or **clumsy** because of weight and size: **heavy**  
*s.* cumbersome, hefty, massive, weighty, elephantine
- ii.* *adj.* oppressively or unpleasantly **dull**: **lifeless**

*s.* dreary, humdrum, monotonous, pedestrian, insipid, vapid

**657 obsequious**

*adj.* marked by or exhibiting a **fawning** attentiveness: **subservient**

*s.* menial, obeisant, servile, deferential, sycophantic, toadying

**658 discriminate**

*v.* to mark or **perceive** the distinguishing or **peculiar features**: **distinguish**, **differentiate**

*s.* distinguish, extricate, separate

*a.* confound

**659 turgid**

*adj.* **excessively embellished** in style or language: **bombastic**, **pompous**

*s.* inflated, flatulent, tumescent, rhetorical, grandiloquent

**660 impetuous**

*adj.* marked by **impulsive** vehemence or **passion**: **precipitate**

*s.* abrupt, hasty, headlong, precipitous

## Unit 34

### Quick Preview

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| <input type="checkbox"/> adroit      | <input type="checkbox"/> succinct    | <input type="checkbox"/> founder      | <input type="checkbox"/> esoteric   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> onerous     | <input type="checkbox"/> volatile    | <input type="checkbox"/> circumscribe | <input type="checkbox"/> vanguard   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> proliferate | <input type="checkbox"/> piquant     | <input type="checkbox"/> impede       | <input type="checkbox"/> antipathy  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> venial      | <input type="checkbox"/> sentimental | <input type="checkbox"/> heterodox    | <input type="checkbox"/> precarious |
| <input type="checkbox"/> precipitate | <input type="checkbox"/> artifice    | <input type="checkbox"/> belie        | <input type="checkbox"/> amiable    |

### 661 adroit

*adj.* having or **showing skill**, cleverness, or resourcefulness in handling situations: **dexterous**  
*s.* deft, handy, nimble, canny

### 662 onerous

*adj.* **involving**, imposing, or constituting a **burden**: **troublesome**  
*s.* exacting, exigent, grievous, oppressive, taxing

### 663 proliferate

*v.* to **increase** in number as if by proliferating: **multiply**  
*s.* thrive, flourish, boom, burgeon

### 664 venial

*adj.* **meriting no** particular **censure** or notice: **excusable**, **remittable**  
*a.* outrageous, heinous

### 665 precipitate

- i.* *adj.* exhibiting violent or **unwise speed**: **hasty**  
*s.* abrupt, headlong, impetuous, precipitous,  
*ii.* *v.* to **bring about** especially abruptly

### 666 succinct

*adj.* marked by compact **precise** expression without wasted words: **concise**  
*s.* compendary, compendious, curt, laconic, terse  
*a.* discursive

### 667 volatile

*adj.* characterized by or subject to **rapid** or unexpected **change**  
*s.* capricious, fickle, mercurial, unstable, protean, variable

### 668 piquant

- i.* *adj.* having a **lively** arch charm: **pungent**  
*s.* peppery, poignant, racy, snappy, zesty  
*a.* banal, jejune, inane  
*ii.* *adj.* agreeably **stimulating** to the palate: **spicy**

**669 sentimental**

*adj.* having an **excess of emotion** or sensibility  
*s.* maudlin, mawkish, moist, gushy, sappy

**670 artifice**

- i.* *n.* false or **insincere behavior**
- ii.* *n.* an artful **stratagem**: **trick**  
*s.* device, feint, gambit, maneuver, ploy
- iii.* *n.* **clever** or artful **skill**: **ingenuity**  
*s.* cunning, artfulness, slyness, adroitness, shrewdness

**671 founder**

- i.* *v.* to come to grief: **fail**
- ii.* *v.* to become **submerged**: **sink**

**672 circumscribe**

*v.* to **constrict** the range or activity of definitely and clearly: **limit**  
*s.* bar, confine, fetter, hamper, trammel, shackle  
*a.* amplify, dilate, distend, inflate, swell

**673 impede**

*v.* to interfere with or **slow** the progress of: **hinder**  
*s.* bar, block, brake, obstruct

**674 heterodox**

*adj.* **contrary to** an acknowledged standard, a **traditional form**: **unconventional**  
*s.* heretical, dissident, nonconformist, sectarian, unorthodox

**675 belie**

- i.* *v.* to run counter to: **contradict**  
*s.* contravene, negative, controvert
- ii.* *v.* to **show to be false** or wrong: **disprove**  
*a.* attest, verify
- iii.* *v.* to give a false impression of: **disguise**

**676 esoteric**

*adj.* **requiring** or exhibiting **knowledge** that is restricted to a small group: **recondite**  
*s.* abstruse, hermetic, occult, profound

**677 vanguard**

*n.* the **forefront** of an action or movement  
*s.* frontline, precursor, precursor

**678 antipathy**

- n.* settled aversion or dislike: distaste, enmity
- s.* animosity, animus, antagonism, hostility, rancor
- a.* affection, partiality, predilection, prepossession, attachment

**679 precarious**

- i. adj.* dependent on uncertain premises: dubious
  - s.* ambiguous, equivocal, impugnable, indecisive, uncertain
- ii. adj.* characterized by a lack of security or stability that threatens with danger

**680 amiable**

- adj.* being friendly, sociable, and congenial: gracious
- s.* complaisant, lenient, mild, obliging



## Unit 35

### Quick Preview

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| <input type="checkbox"/> repudiate | <input type="checkbox"/> inane      | <input type="checkbox"/> prodigal | <input type="checkbox"/> proclivity    |

### 681 apathetic

- i.* *adj.* having or **showing** little or **no** feeling or **emotion**: **spiritless**  
*s.* impassive, phlegmatic, stoic, stolid
- ii.* *adj.* **having** little or **no interest** or concern: **indifferent**

### 682 venal

- adj.* open to **corrupt** influence and especially bribery: **mercenary**  
*s.* infamous, nefarious, vicious, ignoble, sordid, unscrupulous

### 683 empathy

- n.* **understanding** and entering into **another's feelings**

### 684 arrogate

- v.* to **claim** or seize **without justification**: **assume**  
*s.* appropriate, annex, commandeer, confiscate, preempt, sequester

### 685 repudiate

- i.* *v.* to **refuse to accept**: **decline**  
*s.* dismiss, refuse, reprobate, spurn, renounce  
*a.* avow, confess, adopt
- ii.* *v.* to **reject as untrue** or unjust

### 686 euphoria

- n.* a feeling of well-being or **elation**  
*s.* exaltation, exhilaration, ecstasy, frenzy

### 687 melancholy

- i.* *n.* **depression** of spirits: **dejection**
- ii.* *adj.* causing or tending to **cause sadness** or depression of mind or spirit: **dismal**  
*s.* doleful, lamentable, lugubrious, mournful, plaintive, rueful, woeful  
*a.* cheerful, joyful, lighthearted, gay, vivacious

### 688 dilatory

- adj.* characterized by **procrastination** or **delaying**: **tardy**  
*s.* deliberate, laggard, leisurely

*a.* diligent, assiduous, industrious, meticulous

### 689 hamper

*v.* to **restrict** the movement of by bonds or obstacles: **impede**, **encumber**  
*s.* handicap, hinder, obstruct, frustrate, retard, check

### 690 inane

*adj.* **lacking significance**, meaning, or point: **empty**, **insubstantial**  
*s.* insipid, jejune, sapless, vapid

### 691 carp

*v.* to **find fault** or **complain** querulously: **faultfind**  
*s.* moan, grumble, grouse, gripe

### 692 calumny

*n.* a **misrepresentation** intended to **harm** another's **reputation**: **detraction**  
*s.* backstabbing, belittlement, defamation, depreciation, disparagement  
*a.* encomium, panegyric, tribute, compliment, eulogy

### 693 coda

*n.* a **concluding** or summarizing **part**: **ending**

### 694 forbear

- i.* *v.* to **hold oneself back** from especially with an effort: **abstain**  
*s.* forgo, eschew, sacrifice, withhold
- ii.* *v.* to **control oneself** when provoked

### 695 prodigal

*adj.* characterized by **profuse** or **wasteful** expenditure: **lavish**  
*s.* exuberant, lush, luxuriant, opulent, riotous  
*a.* stingy, frugal, thrifty, sparing

### 696 surreptitious

*adj.* done, made, or acquired **by stealth**: **clandestine**  
*s.* covert, furtive, stealthy, sneaky  
*a.* brazen

### 697 concur

- i.* *v.* to express agreement: **agree**  
*s.* accede, jibe, harmonize, concord, concert
- ii.* *v.* to **act together** to a common end or single effect  
*s.* unite, combine, conjoin, cooperate, league
- iii.* *v.* to **happen together**: **coincide**

**698 discretion**

- i.* *n.* the quality of being **discreet**: **circumspection**
- ii.* *n.* power of **free decision** or **latitude** of choice within certain legal bounds
- iii.* *n.* ability to **make responsible decisions**

**699 usurp**

- i.* *v.* to **seize and hold** in possession by force or without right: **appropriate**
  - s.* arrogate, assume, commandeer, preempt
  - a.* abdicate
- ii.* *v.* to **take the place of** by or as if by force: **supplant**

**700 proclivity**

- n.* an **inclination** or **predisposition** toward something
- s.* leaning, disposition, penchant, predilection, propensity

## Unit 36

### Quick Preview

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| <input type="checkbox"/> unflappable | <input type="checkbox"/> nonchalant  | <input type="checkbox"/> spurious    | <input type="checkbox"/> creditable |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> discreet    | <input type="checkbox"/> adulation   | <input type="checkbox"/> frustrate   | <input type="checkbox"/> inure      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> unequivocal | <input type="checkbox"/> imbibe      | <input type="checkbox"/> countenance | <input type="checkbox"/> noxious    |

### 701 unflappable

*adj.* marked by **assurance** and **self-control**: **composed**

*s.* collected, imperturbable, nonchalant, unruffled

### 702 prosaic

*i.* *adj.* belonging to or suitable to the **everyday** world: **ordinary**

*s.* commonplace, mundane, workday

*ii.* *adj.* **dull**, **unimaginative**

*s.* drab, lackluster, lusterless, tedious

### 703 tendentious

*adj.* marked by a **tendency** in favor of a particular point of view: **biased**

*s.* colored, jaundiced, partial, partisan, prejudiced, warped

### 704 discreet

*i.* *adj.* **showing** discernment or **good judgment** in conduct: **prudent**

*s.* cautious, calculating, chary, circumspect, gingerly, guarded, wary

*ii.* *adj.* **unobtrusive**, **unnoticeable**

### 705 unequivocal

*i.* *adj.* leaving **no doubt**: **clear**, **unambiguous**

*s.* evident, manifest, palpable, patent, univocal

*ii.* *adj.* **unquestionable**

*s.* categorical, positive, incontestable, incontrovertible, indisputable

### 706 nonchalant

*adj.* having an air of **easy unconcern** or indifference: **cool**

*s.* collected, composed, imperturbable, unflappable, unruffled

*a.* anxious, careful, concerned, solicitous

### 707 impecunious

*adj.* having very little or **no money** usually habitually: **penniless**

*s.* destitute, impoverished, indigent, necessitous, penurious

*a.* affluent, flush, prosperous

**708 elaborate**

- i.* *adj.* **planned** or carried out **with** great **care**
- ii.* *adj.* marked by **complexity**, fullness of **detail**, or ornateness: **detailed**  
*s.* embellished, ornate; byzantine, intricate, involved, knotty, labyrinthine
- iii.* *v.* to **expand** something **in detail**

**709 adulation**

- n.* **excessive** or slavish **admiration** or **flattery**
- s.* blandishment, blarney, incense
- a.* abuse

**710 imbibe**

- i.* *v.* to **receive** into the mind and retain: **assimilate**  
*s.* absorb, assimilate, incorporate
- ii.* *v.* to **drink**

**711 spurious**

- adj.* outwardly similar to something **without** having its **genuine qualities**: **false**
- s.* apocryphal, counterfeit, bogus, phony, sham, specious
- a.* authentic, genuine, unaffected

**712 incense**

- i.* *v.* to **arouse** the extreme **anger** or indignation of: **irritate**  
*s.* enrage, infuriate, ire, madden, umbrage  
*a.* placate, pacify, conciliate, appease
- ii.* *n.* pleasing attention: **flattery**  
*s.* adulation, blandishment, blarney, cajolery

**713 hound**

- i.* *n.* a mean or **despicable person**
- ii.* *v.* to drive or affect by persistent **harassing**: **bait**  
*s.* badger, bullyrag, heckle, hector

**714 frustrate**

- i.* *v.* to **impede** or **obstruct**  
*s.* balk, thwart, counteract, hinder, check, halt
- ii.* *v.* to **induce** feelings of **discouragement** in

**715 countenance**

- i.* *v.* to extend **approval** or **toleration** to: **sanction**  
*s.* advocate, approbate, applaud, commend, champion, uphold
- ii.* *n.* **calm expression** or mental **composure**

**716 creditable**

- i.* *adj.* **worthy of belief**
- ii.* *adj.* sufficiently good to **bring esteem** or praise
  - s.* respectable, estimable, reputable, reputed

**717 redolent**

- i.* *adj.* exuding fragrance: **aromatic, odorous**
  - s.* ambrosial, balmy, fragrant, perfumed, savory
- ii.* *adj.* serving to bring to mind: **evocative**
  - s.* reminiscent, remindful, suggestive

**718 posit**

- v.* to **assume** or affirm the existence of: **postulate**
- s.* presuppose, premise, presume

**719 inure**

- v.* to **accustom** to accept **something undesirable**
- s.* familiarize, habituate, use, wont

**720 noxious**

- adj.* constituting a **harmful** or **destructive** influence: **pernicious**
- s.* baneful, deadly, pestiferous, pestilent, pestilential
- a.* innocuous, salutary, sanitary

## Unit 37

### Quick Preview

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| <input type="checkbox"/> arcane      | <input type="checkbox"/> fallacy    | <input type="checkbox"/> paradox    | <input type="checkbox"/> congenial      |

### 721 admonish

- i.* *n.* to **express** warning or **disapproval** to especially in a gentle and earnest manner: **reprove**  
*s.* chide, rebuke, reprimand, reproach, forewarn
- ii.* *n.* to **give** friendly earnest **advice** or encouragement to

### 722 reservation

- i.* *n.* an unstated **doubt** that prevents you from accepting something wholeheartedly: **misgiving**
- ii.* *n.* the setting of limiting conditions or **withholding from complete exposition**

### 723 tarnish

- v.* to dull or **destroy** the **luster** of or **bring disgrace** on: **sully, stain**
- s.* contaminate, defile, pollute, stain, taint

### 724 unalloyed

- adj.* not alloyed: **unmixed**, unqualified, **pure**
- s.* absolute, sheer, unadulterated, undiluted, unmitigated, unqualified

### 725 arcane

- adj.* known or knowable only to the initiate: **secret**
- s.* cabalistic, impenetrable, inscrutable, numinous, unaccountable

### 726 exposition

- i.* *n.* discourse **designed to** convey information or **explain** what is difficult to understand  
*s.* explanation, exegesis, explication, interpretation
- ii.* *n.* a public **exhibition** or show

### 727 churlish

- i.* *adj.* **difficult to** work with or **deal with**: **intractable**
- ii.* *adj.* of, resembling, or characteristic of a **rude** ill-bred person: **vulgar**  
*s.* boorish, cloddish, clownish, coarse, loutish, uncultured, unpolished

### 728 celerity

- n.* **rapidity** of motion or action: **alacrity**
- s.* dispatch, expedition, hustle, swiftness

**729 bellicose**

*adj.* favoring or **inclined to start** quarrels or **wars**: **belligerent**  
*s.* combative, contentious, gladiatorial, pugnacious, truculent

**730 fallacy**

- i.* *n.* a **false** or mistaken **idea**
- ii.* *n.* deceptive appearance: **deception**  
*s.* delusion, equivocation, sophism, speciousness, spuriousness

**731 artful**

- i.* *adj.* adroit in attaining an end usually by **insinuating** or indirect means: **wily**, **sly**  
*s.* astute, crafty, cunning, foxy, guileful, wily
- i.* *adj.* **using** or characterized by art and **skill**: **dexterous**

**732 transitory**

*adj.* of **brief** duration: **temporary**, **transient**  
*s.* ephemeral, fleeting, fugacious, fugitive, momentary, volatile

**733 exhort**

*v.* to **incite by** argument or **advice**: **urge** strongly  
*s.* prod, goad, prompt, propel, spur  
*a.* block, deter, impede

**734 succor**

*v.* to go to the **aid** of: **relieve**  
*s.* assist, comfort, lift, support, nourish

**735 paradox**

*n.* a **self-contradictory statement** that at first seems true: **contradiction**

**736 entice**

*v.* to **attract artfully** or adroitly or by arousing hope or desire: **tempt**, **lure**  
*s.* allure, bait, decoy, entrap, inveigle, seduce  
*a.* alarm, fright, terrify, scare

**737 unconscionable**

- i.* *adj.* **not** guided or **controlled by conscience**: **unscrupulous**  
*s.* conscienceless, unprincipled
- ii.* *adj.* **excessive**, **unreasonable**  
*s.* exorbitant, extravagant, immoderate, inordinate, undue

**738 pervade**

*v.* to become **diffused throughout** every part of: **permeate**  
*s.* impregnate, penetrate, percolate, saturate, transfuse



**739 waive**

- i.* *v.* to **refrain from** pressing or **enforcing**: **forgo**
  - s.* relinquish, abandon, resign, surrender, yield
- ii.* *v.* to **put off** from immediate consideration: **postpone**
  - s.* defer, delay, postpone, shelve, suspend

**740 congenial**

- i.* *adj.* existing or associated together **harmoniously**
  - s.* amicable, consonant, agreeable, compatible, congruous
- ii.* *adj.* having the **same** nature, disposition, or **tastes**: **kindred**

## Unit 38

### Quick Preview

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| <input type="checkbox"/> aberrant | <input type="checkbox"/> jubilant | <input type="checkbox"/> recapitulate | <input type="checkbox"/> scrupulous |

### 741 boorish

*adj.* **rude** and insensitive: **uncouth**

*s.* churlish, cloddish, clownish, loutish, lowbred, rugged

*a.* cultivated, refined, suave, urbane, courteous, genteel

### 742 imminent

*adj.* ready to take place: **incoming**

*s.* impending, proximate, approaching, brewing, pending

### 743 languish

*i.* *v.* to be or **become** feeble, **weak**, or enervated: **decline**

*s.* deteriorate, fade, flag, weaken

*ii.* *v.* to **become dispirited**

### 744 pliant

*i.* *adj.* **supple** enough to bend freely or repeatedly without breaking: **pliable**

*s.* plastic, ductile, malleable, moldable, supple

*ii.* *adj.* **easily influenced**: **yielding**

### 745 aberrant

*adj.* **deviating from** the right or **normal** way: **abnormal**

*s.* anomalous, atypical, deviant, heterocline, preternatural

### 746 arbiter

*n.* a person or agency whose judgment or opinion is considered **authoritative**

### 747 eulogy

*n.* a **commendatory** oration or **writing** especially in honor of one deceased: **encomium**

*s.* citation, panegyric, salutation, tribute, adulation

*a.* vilification

### 748 vexation

*i.* *n.* the act of harassing or **worrying**: **troubling**

*ii.* *n.* the quality or state of **being annoyed**: **irritation**

*s.* aggravation, irking, provocation, vexing

**749 culpable**

*adj.* **meriting** condemnation or **blame** especially as wrong or harmful: **blameworthy**  
*s.* amiss, censurable, reprehensible, sinful, unholy

**750 jubilant**

*adj.* filled with or **expressing** great **joy** or triumph: **exultant**  
*s.* exulting, ecstatic, euphoric, triumphal, triumphant

**751 palatable**

*adj.* **agreeable** or **acceptable** to the taste or the mind  
*s.* appetizing, flavorsome, gusty, relishing, sapid, savory

**752 foolhardy**

*adj.* foolishly **adventurous** and bold: **rash**  
*s.* audacious, daredevil, reckless, temerarious, venturesome

**753 consonant**

*adj.* being **in agreement** or harmony: **free from** elements making for **discord**  
*s.* accordant, concurrent, agreeable, compatible, congruous  
*a.* discrepant

**754 chastise**

- i.* *v.* to **censure** severely: **castigate**  
*s.* chasten, baste, belabor, thrash
- ii.* *v.* to inflict punishment on: **punish**  
*s.* discipline

**755 recapitulate**

*v.* to **restate** briefly: **summarize**  
*s.* epitomize, sum, recap, reiterate

**756 importune**

*v.* to **beg, urge**, or solicit persistently or **troublesomely**  
*s.* appeal, beseech, entreat, implore, plead, supplicate

**757 puissant**

*adj.* having strength or power: **powerful**  
*s.* forceful, mighty, potent, commanding, ruling

**758 rash**

*adj.* marked by or proceeding from **undue haste** or **lack of** deliberation or **caution**: **adventurous**  
*s.* brash, ill-advised, madcap, reckless, impetuous, impulsive  
*a.* cautious, considerate, wary, circumspect, chary, level-headed

**759 indulge**

- i.* *v.* to yield to the desire of: **humor**
  - s.* cater to, gratify, please, regale, cosset, coddle
- ii.* *v.* to **treat with** excessive **leniency**, generosity, or consideration

**760 scrupulous**

- i.* *adj.* having **moral integrity**: acting in strict regard for what is considered proper: **conscientious**
  - s.* upright, fair-minded, upstanding, principled
- ii.* *adj.* punctiliously **exact**: **painstaking**
  - s.* conscionable, fussy, heedful, meticulous, painstaking, punctilious

## Unit 39

### Quick Preview

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| <input type="checkbox"/> exasperate | <input type="checkbox"/> foment        | <input type="checkbox"/> colloquial     | <input type="checkbox"/> largess  |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> stigma     | <input type="checkbox"/> excoriate     | <input type="checkbox"/> unseemly       | <input type="checkbox"/> probity  |

### 761 credulous

- adj.* **ready to believe** especially on slight or uncertain evidence  
*s.* naive, unsophisticated, dupable, gullible  
*a.* suspicious, skeptical, distrustful

### 762 elicit

- v.* to draw forth or **bring out: educe**  
*s.* evince, evoke, extort, extract, milk  
*a.* eschew, forego, abandon

### 763 exasperate

- v.* to **excite** the **anger** or annoyance of: **enrage, irritate**  
*s.* aggravate, gall, nettle, peeve, pique, rile, roil  
*a.* appease, mollify

### 764 serene

- adj.* marked by or suggestive of **utter calm** and unruffled repose or **quietude**  
*s.* collected, composed, placid, poised, tranquil  
*a.* agitated, disquieted, upset

### 765 stigma

- n.* a mark of **shame** or discredit: **stain**  
*s.* besmirchment, disfigurement, smudge, smutch, taint, disgrace

### 766 indignation

- n.* **anger** aroused by something unjust, unworthy, or mean  
*s.* fury, ire, rage, wrath

### 767 sanctimonious

- adj.* **hypocritically** pious or **devout: hypocritical**  
*s.* canting, pharisaical, self-righteous

### 768 foment

- v.* to **promote** the growth or development of: **rouse, incite**  
*s.* abet, instigate, provoke, stir, whip, goad, spur

*a.* quell, repress, suppress

**769 presage**

*n.* something that **foreshadows** or portends a future event: **omen**  
*s.* foretoken, augury, boding, portent, prognostic

**770 excoriate**

*i.* *v.* to **wear off** the skin of: **abrade**  
*s.* chafe, fret, gall, rub  
*ii.* *v.* to **censure** scathingly  
*s.* lambaste, castigate, scarify, scathe, scourge

**771 disenfranchise**

*v.* to **deprive of** a franchise, of a legal **right**, or of some privilege or immunity  
*s.* marginalize, exclude, subjugate, disqualify

**772 torpid**

*i.* *adj.* **lacking** in **energy** or vigor: **dull**  
*s.* apathetic, lethargic, listless, slumberous  
*ii.* *adj.* **sluggish** in functioning or acting

**773 colloquial**

*adj.* used in or characteristic of familiar and **unacceptably informal** conversation: **vernacular**

**774 patronize**

*i.* *v.* to act as patron of: **provide** aid or **support** for  
*ii.* *v.* to adopt an air of **condescension** toward: **treat haughtily** or coolly

**775 unseemly**

*adj.* **not according with** established **standards** of good form or taste: **indecorous**  
*s.* indelicate, malodorous, unbecoming, untoward  
*a.* prim, restrained, starchy, gracious, polished, refined

**776 extol**

*v.* to **praise** highly: **glorify**  
*s.* celebrate, eulogize, hymn, laud, magnify, panegyric  
*a.* decry

**777 subvert**

*v.* to **overturn** or **overthrow** from the foundation: **ruin**  
*s.* sabotage, undermine, wreck, overthrow, demolish

**778 largess**

*n.* **liberal giving** to or as if to an inferior: **generosity**

s. munificence, bounty, liberality, charity

**779 vanquish**

n. to overcome in battle: subdue completely: conquer

s. crush, defeat, overpower, subdue, subjugate

**780 probity**

n. adherence to the highest principles and ideals: uprightness

s. morality, rectitude, righteousness, virtue

## Unit 40

### Quick Preview

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| <input type="checkbox"/> perpetuate  | <input type="checkbox"/> champion   | <input type="checkbox"/> bridle     | <input type="checkbox"/> ingenuous   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> incriminate | <input type="checkbox"/> dearth     | <input type="checkbox"/> mitigate   | <input type="checkbox"/> eccentric   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> salutary    | <input type="checkbox"/> sordid     | <input type="checkbox"/> enormity   | <input type="checkbox"/> tempered    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> denote      | <input type="checkbox"/> illicit    | <input type="checkbox"/> opprobrium | <input type="checkbox"/> refulgence  |

### 781 aggregate

- i.* *v.* to **collect** or **gather** into a mass or whole
  - s.* agglomeration, aggregation, conglomeration
- ii.* *n.* the whole **sum** or amount
- iii.* *adj.* formed by the collection of units or particles into a body, mass, or amount: **collective**

### 782 perpetuate

- v.* to **make permanent** or cause to **last indefinitely**
- s.* eternalize, eternize, immortalize, conserve, preserve
- a.* annihilate, erase, expunge, obliterate

### 783 incriminate

- v.* to **charge with** or show evidence or proof of involvement in a **crime** or fault
- s.* accuse, criminate, impeach, inculcate, indict
- a.* exonerate, exculpate, absolve

### 784 salutary

- i.* *adj.* promoting health: **curative**
  - s.* healthful, hygienic, salubrious, saluiferous, wholesome, tonic
  - a.* debilitating, enfeebling, weakening, deleterious
- ii.* *adj.* producing a **beneficial** effect: **remedial**

### 785 denote

- v.* to serve as an **indication** of: **betoken, mean**

### 786 chauvinism

- adj.* excessive or **blind patriotism**

### 787 champion

- v.* to **act as** militant **supporter** of: **uphold, advocate**
- s.* advocate, backstop, side with, uphold
- a.* withstand, condemn, denounce, combat

### 788 dearth

- n.* an inadequate supply: **lack**



- s. privation, want, scarcity, exiguousness, meagerness, scanty, paucity
- a. excess, superfluity, surplus, lavishness, prodigality, profusion

**789 sordid**

- i. *adj.* **dirty**, **filthy**
  - s. foul, nasty, squalid
- ii. *adj.* marked by **baseness** or grossness: **vile**
  - s. despicable, ignoble, mean, scurvy, wretched
- iii. *adj.* meanly **avaricious**: **covetous**

**790 illicit**

- adj.* not permitted: **unlawful**
- s. criminal, illegal, illegitimate, wrongful

**791 circumvent**

- v. to manage to **get around** especially by ingenuity or stratagem
- s. skirt, sidestep, bypass, circumnavigate, detour

**792 bridle**

- v. to **restrain**, **check**, or control with or as if with a bridle
- s. check, constrain, curb, inhibit, withhold

**793 mitigate**

- v. to **make less severe** or painful: **alleviate**, **mollify**
- s. relieve, allay, alleviate, assuage, palliate, extenuate
- a. aggravate, augment, increase, intensify

**794 enormity**

- i. *n.* an **outrageous**, improper, vicious, or **immoral act**
  - s. atrocity, heinousness, monstrousness, depravity, flagrancy
- ii. *n.* the quality or state of **being huge**: **immensity**
  - s. enormousness, magnitude, tremendousness, vastness
  - a. diminutiveness, minuteness, tininess, triviality

**795 opprobrium**

- i. *n.* public **disgrace** or **ill fame** that follows from conduct considered grossly wrong or vicious
  - s. ignominy, infamy, obloquy, odium, disesteem
- ii. *n.* **contempt**, **reproach**

**796 implausible**

- adj.* **not reasonable**: provoking disbelief

**797 ingenuous**

- adj.* showing **innocent** or childlike simplicity and **candidness**

*s.* artless, naive, unaffected, unschooled  
*a.* covert, furtive, surreptitious, underhand, guileful, sly

**798 eccentric**

*adj.* **deviating** from conventional conduct especially in **odd** or **whimsical** ways: **strange**  
*s.* curious, erratic, idiosyncratic, odd, peculiar, queer

**799 tempered**

*adj.* qualified, **lessened**, or diluted by the mixture of an additional ingredient: **moderated**  
*s.* restrained, diluted, softened, pacified

**800 refulgence**

*n.* a radiant or **resplendent quality** or state: **brilliance**  
*s.* beam, effulgence, incandescence, luster, radiance

## Unit 41

### Quick Preview

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| <input type="checkbox"/> manifest | <input type="checkbox"/> impugn     | <input type="checkbox"/> industrious | <input type="checkbox"/> ebullience  |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> reticent | <input type="checkbox"/> impeccable | <input type="checkbox"/> insipid     | <input type="checkbox"/> nominal     |

### 801 manifest

- i.* *adj.* **easily understood** or recognized by the mind: **obvious**, **evident**  
*s.* apparent, distinct, palpable, patent, plain, straightforward  
*a.* implicit; obscure
- ii.* *v.* to **make evident** or certain by showing or displaying: **show**  
*s.* demonstrate, evince, exhibit, mark, proclaim

### 802 reprove

- v.* to **express disapproval** of: **censure**  
*s.* admonish, chide, rebuke, reprimand, reproach, reprehend

### 803 plumb

- i.* *v.* exactly **vertical** or true: **perpendicular**
- ii.* *v.* to **examine minutely** and critically

### 804 censor

- v.* to examine in order to **suppress** or **delete anything** considered **objectionable**  
*s.* bowdlerize, expurgate, screen, purify

### 805 reticent

- adj.* inclined to be **silent** or **uncommunicative** in speech: **reserved**  
*s.* taciturn, uncommunicative, cagey, discreet

### 806 impugn

- v.* to **assail** by words or arguments: **oppose** or **attack** as false or lacking integrity  
*s.* contradict, contravene, gainsay, negate, traverse  
*a.* advocate, authenticate, uphold

### 807 artless

- i.* *adj.* free from artificiality: **natural**
- ii.* *adj.* **free from guile** or craft: **sincerely simple**  
*a.* affected, cunning, sly, calculating, scheming, insincere

### 808 temperance

- n.* **moderation** in action, thought, or feeling: **restraint**

*a.* radicalness, extremeness, excess

**809 epitome**

- i.* *n.* a typical or ideal **example**: **embodiment**
- ii.* *n.* a **brief presentation** or statement of something: **summary**
  - s.* abstract, recapitulation, sum, synopsis

**810 impeccable**

- adj.* **free from fault** or blame: **flawless**
- s.* exquisite, immaculate, irreproachable, infallible
- a.* defective, deficient, faulty, culpable

**811 industrious**

- adj.* **constantly**, regularly, or habitually **active** or occupied: **diligent**
- s.* assiduous, operose, sedulous, persevering
- a.* indolent, slothful, idle, lethargic, sluggish

**812 misconstrue**

- v.* to **interpret** in the **wrong** way: **misunderstand**

**813 unanimous**

- adj.* formed with or **indicating agreement**: having the **consent** of all
- s.* consentaneous, consentient, solid, concordant, concurrent

**814 versed**

- adj.* acquainted or **familiar through** close association, study, or **experience**
- s.* practiced, seasoned, veteran, competent, *au courant*, versant

**815 insipid**

- i.* *adj.* **lacking taste** or savor: **tasteless**
  - s.* bland, unpalatable, flat, unappetizing, unsavory
- ii.* *adj.* **lacking** in qualities that **interest**, stimulate, or challenge: **dull**, **flat**
  - s.* banal, bland, inane, innocuous, jejune, sapless, vapid
  - a.* sapid, piquant, pungent, racy, gingery, spirited, provocative

**816 ebullience**

- n.* the quality of **lively** or **enthusiastic expression** of thoughts or feelings: **exuberance**
- s.* buoyancy, effervescence, animation, vitality, exhilaration, ferment

**817 renege**

- i.* *v.* to **go back on** a promise or commitment
- ii.* *v.* to **deny** or **renounce**

**818 commiserate**

*v.* to **feel** or express **sympathy**: **console**  
*s.* compassionate, ache, pity, sympathize

**819 trenchant**

- i.* *adj.* sharply perceptive: **sharp, keen**  
*s.* penetrating, biting, incisive, piercing
- ii.* *adj.* harsh or corrosive in tone: **caustic**  
*s.* mordacious, mordant, salty, scathing, scalding, scorching

**820 nominal**

*adj.* existing or being something **in name** or form **only**: **trifling, insignificant**

## Unit 42

### Quick Preview

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| <input type="checkbox"/> winsome     | <input type="checkbox"/> parsimonious | <input type="checkbox"/> thrifty     | <input type="checkbox"/> circuitous  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> compunction | <input type="checkbox"/> glib         | <input type="checkbox"/> robust      | <input type="checkbox"/> astute      |

### 821 squelch

- i.* *v.* to completely **suppress**: **quell**  
*s.* muffle, repress, shush, strangle
- ii.* *v.* to fall or stamp on so as to **crush**

### 822 deprecate

- i.* *v.* to **express disapproval** of  
*s.* discommend, discountenance, disfavor, frown, object
- ii.* *v.* to play down: **belittle**, **disparage**

### 823 enamor

- v.* to cause to **feel** a strong or **excessive interest** or fascination  
*s.* infatuate, bewitch, captivate, enchant, entrance

### 824 winsome

- adj.* generally **pleasing** and engaging often because of a childlike **charm** and innocence  
*s.* dulcet, engaging, winning

### 825 compunction

- n.* **anxiety** or **regret** arising from awareness **of guilt**: **qualm**  
*s.* penitence, attrition, contrition, penance, remorse, repentance, rue

### 826 incisive

- adj.* impressively **direct** and **decisive**  
*s.* biting, crisp, penetrating, trenchant, sharp  
*a.* diffuse, prolix, verbose, wordy

### 827 aggrandize

- i.* *v.* to **make** great or **greater**: **increase**, **enlarge**  
*s.* augment, boost, expand, magnify, multiply, amplify
- ii.* *v.* to **enhance** the power, wealth, position, or **reputation** of: **exalt**  
*s.* dignify, distinguish, ennoble, erect, glorify, magnify, sublime  
*a.* belittle, disparage, decry, depreciate

### 828 bleak

- i.* *adj.* **not hopeful** or encouraging: **depressing**  
*s.* gloomy, depressing, disheartening, dismal, dreary, somber
- ii.* *adj.* **lacking** in warmth, life, or **kindliness**: **grim**  
*s.* austere, dour, harsh, stringent

### 829 parsimonious

- adj.* **frugal** to the point of **stinginess**  
*s.* stingy, miserly, niggardly, penurious, tightfisted  
*a.* prodigal, profligate, spendthrift, extravagant

### 830 glib

- i.* *adj.* **lacking depth** and substance: **superficial**
- ii.* *adj.* marked by ease and **fluency** in speaking often to the point of being **insincere** or **deceitful**  
*s.* vocative, voluble, articulate, eloquent, vocal

### 831 solicitous

- i.* *adj.* **full of concern** or fears: **concerned**  
*s.* anxious, appetent, ardent, avid, keen
- ii.* *adj.* **meticulously** careful: **attentive**

### 832 discordant

- adj.* being **at variance**: **disagreeing**  
*s.* frictional, dissenting, jarring, dissonant

### 833 unremitting

- adj.* not remitting: **constant**, **incessant**  
*s.* continual, ceaseless, everlasting, interminable, perpetual

### 834 thrifty

- i.* *adj.* given to or marked by **economy** and good management: **frugal**, **sparing**  
*s.* economical, provident, prudent, conserving
- ii.* *adj.* **thriving** by industry and frugality: **prosperous**  
*s.* flourishing, booming, robust, blooming, burgeoning

### 835 robust

- i.* *adj.* having or **showing vigor**, **strength**, or firmness: **sturdy**  
*s.* concentrated, lusty, potent, vigorous
- ii.* *adj.* **rough**, **rude**

### 836 untoward

- i.* *adj.* **difficult to** guide, **manage**, or work with: **unruly**  
*s.* fractious, indocile, intractable, recalcitrant
- ii.* *adj.* not favorable: **adverse**, **unpropitious**

**837 laconic**

*adj.* **concise** to the point of seeming **rude** or mysterious  
*s.* compendiarly, compendious, curt, succinct, terse, brusque  
*a.* garrulous, glib, loquacious, verbose, wordy

**838 illustrious**

*adj.* **notably** or brilliantly **outstanding** because of dignity or achievements: **eminent**  
*s.* celebrated, distinguished, notable, prominent, renowned  
*a.* abject, disgraceful, ignoble, ignominious, infamous

**839 circuitous**

*adj.* **not** being forthright or **direct** in language or action: **indirect**  
*s.* circular, oblique, roundabout, tortuous

**840 astute**

*adj.* having or showing **shrewdness** and **perspicacity**: **perceptive**  
*s.* cagey, perspicacious, sagacious, prudent



## Unit 43

### Quick Preview

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| <input type="checkbox"/> ossify  | <input type="checkbox"/> doleful    | <input type="checkbox"/> inept       | <input type="checkbox"/> estimable |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> jocular | <input type="checkbox"/> stymie     | <input type="checkbox"/> filibuster  | <input type="checkbox"/> surrogate |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> qualm   | <input type="checkbox"/> pernicious | <input type="checkbox"/> mendacious  | <input type="checkbox"/> lambaste  |

### 841 ossify

- n.* to **become** hardened or **conventional** and **opposed to change**  
*s.* petrify, fossilize, solidify, harden

### 842 prolix

- adj.* marked by or using an **excess of words**  
*s.* wordy, diffuse, long-winded, redundant, verbose, windy

### 843 jocular

- adj.* given to **joking**: habitually jolly or **jocund**: **playful**  
*s.* witty, facetious, jocose, jovial, ludicrous  
*a.* earnest, grave, sober, solemn

### 844 salient

- adj.* **standing out** conspicuously: **prominent**, **noticeable**  
*s.* arresting, conspicuous, remarkable, signal, striking

### 845 qualm

- n.* a feeling of **uneasiness** about a point especially of conscience or propriety  
*s.* compunction, conscience, scruple, misgiving

### 846 doleful

- adj.* **full of grief** or affliction: **cheerless**, **sad**  
*s.* melancholy, dolorous, lamentable, lugubrious, mournful, plaintive, woeful  
*a.* blithe, blithesome, radiant, sparkling

### 847 archetype

- n.* a perfect **example**: **prototype**  
*s.* model, exemplar, mirror, paradigm, pattern

### 848 stymie

- v.* to **present** an **obstacle** to: stand in the way of  
*s.* hinder, hamper, thwart, impede, encumber, obstruct

### 849 inundate

*n.* to **cover with** or as if with a **flood**: **overflow**, **overwhelm**  
*s.* deluge, engulf, submerge, swamp

#### 850 pernicious

*adj.* highly **injurious** or **destructive**: **deadly**  
*s.* baneful, noxious, pestiferous, deleterious, detrimental

#### 851 inept

- i.* *adj.* lacking in fitness or aptitude: **unfit**, **incompetent**  
*s.* inapt, clumsy, gauche, ham-handed, maladroit
- ii.* *adj.* **not suitable** to the time, place, or occasion: **inappropriate** often to an absurd degree  
*s.* improper, malapropos, undue, unseemly

#### 852 renaissance

*n.* **rebirth**, **revival**  
*s.* reanimation, renascence, resurgence, resurrection, resuscitation, revivification

#### 853 filibuster

*n.* the use of extreme **dilatory tactics** in an attempt to **delay** or **prevent** action

#### 854 efficacy

*n.* the power to produce an **effect**  
*s.* capability, effectiveness, potency

#### 855 mendacious

*adj.* characterized by **deception** or **falsehood** or divergence from absolute truth: **dishonest**  
*s.* deceitful, knavish, shifty, erroneous, fallacious, spurious, prevaricating  
*a.* veracious

#### 856 estimable

*adj.* worthy of esteem: **reputable**  
*s.* commendable, laudable, meritorious, creditable, reputed, esteemed

#### 857 fulsome

- i.* *adj.* characterized by **abundance**: **copious**
- ii.* *adj.* aesthetically, morally, or generally **offensive**
- iii.* *adj.* **excessively** complimentary or **flattering**: **effusive**  
*s.* slick, unctuous, unctuous, hypocritical, glib, cloying

#### 858 surrogate

*v.* to put in the place of another: **substitute**  
*s.* replace, supplant, supersede, displace

**859 tact**

- n.* a keen **sense of what to do** in order to maintain good relations with others
- s.* diplomacy, poise, savoir faire, tactfulness, gallantry

**860 lambaste**

- v.* to **attack** verbally: **censure**
- s.* blister, castigate, drub, excoriate, scold

## Unit 44

### Quick Preview

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| <input type="checkbox"/> genial     | <input type="checkbox"/> tenable       | <input type="checkbox"/> lucrative  | <input type="checkbox"/> venerate    |

### 861 ineffable

- adj.* incapable of being expressed in words: **indescribable**  
*s.* unutterable, incommunicable, inenarrable

### 862 consummate

- i. adj.* **complete** in every detail: **perfect**  
*s.* accomplished, ripe, virtuosic, impeccable, superb, supreme  
*a.* callow, crude, uncouth, defective, deficient, inadequate
- ii. v.* to **finish** or complete: **achieve**  
*s.* conclude, halt, terminate, ultimate, wind up

### 863 tentative

- i. adj.* **not fully** worked out or **developed**: **uncertain**  
*s.* conditional, provisional, ad interim, makeshift, temporary  
*a.* conclusive, decisive, definitive, final
- ii. adj.* **unsettled** in mind or opinion: **hesitant**  
*s.* vacillating, faltering, halting, irresolute, wobbly

### 864 gainsay

- v.* to **declare** to be **untrue** or invalid: **deny**  
*s.* contradict, contravene, impugn, negate, negative, traverse

### 865 genial

- adj.* marked by or **diffusing sympathy** or **friendliness**  
*s.* gracious, affable, congenial, cordial  
*a.* discourteous, rude, uncivil

### 866 chicanery

- n.* **deception** by artful **subterfuge** or sophistry: **trickery**  
*s.* fraud, plot, filmflam  
*a.* forthrightness, integrity, probity, rectitude

### 867 spurn

- v.* to **reject with** disdain or **contempt**: **scorn**  
*s.* decline, disapprove, dismiss, reprobate, repudiate

*a.* embrace, crave, desire

**868 indefatigable**

*adj.* incapable of being exhausted: **untiring**

*s.* unflagging, weariless, assiduous, diligent, painstaking, sedulous

*a.* dilatory, lagging, procrastinating, indolent, lackadaisical, slothful, sluggish

**869 baleful**

*adj.* **deadly** or **pernicious** in influence: **sinister**

*s.* malefic, maleficent, malign, pernicious, foreboding

*a.* beneficent, auspicious, benign, propitious

**870 tenable**

*adj.* capable of being held, maintained, or defended: **defensible**, **reasonable**

*s.* impregnable, secure, condonable, plausible

*a.* vulnerable, precarious, inexcusable

**871 pretext**

*n.* a **fictitious reason** that is concocted in order to conceal the real reason

*s.* excuse, alibi, plea, ruse

**872 base**

*adj.* lacking or indicating the **lack of higher qualities** of mind or spirit: **ignoble**

*s.* despicable, sordid, squalid, wretched

*a.* noble, upright, virtuous, ethical

**873 antecedent**

*i.* *n.* a **model** or stimulus for later developments: **predecessor**

*s.* forerunner, ancestor, antecessor, precursor, prototype

*ii.* *adj.* **prior**, **preceding**

*s.* anterior, foregoing, precedent, previous

*a.* consequent; subsequent

**874 cosset**

*v.* to treat as a pet: **pamper**

*s.* cater to, coddle, humor, indulge, mollycoddle, spoil

**875 lucrative**

*adj.* producing wealth: **profitable**

*s.* advantageous, gainful, remunerative

**876 conspicuous**

*adj.* **obvious** to the eye or mind: **noticeable**

*s.* apparent, distinct, evident, manifest, patent, plain

*a.* covert, concealed

**877 succumb**

- i.* *v.* to **yield** to superior strength or force or overpowering appeal or desire  
*s.* bow, capitulate, submit, relinquish, resign
- ii.* *v.* to be **brought to an end** by the effect of destructive or disruptive forces: **die**  
*s.* decease, demise, expire, pass away, perish

**878 presumption**

- i.* *n.* an attitude or belief dictated by probability: **assumption**
- ii.* *n.* presumptuous or **bold attitude** or conduct: **audacity**  
*s.* effrontery, brashness, brass

**879 judicious**

*adj.* having, exercising, or characterized by **sound** judgment: **discreet**  
*s.* prudent, sage, sane, sapient, sensible

**880 venerate**

*v.* to **regard with** reverential **respect** or with admiring deference: **revere**  
*s.* adore, reverence, worship, esteem

## Unit 45

### Quick Preview

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| <input type="checkbox"/> exiguous | <input type="checkbox"/> ameliorate   | <input type="checkbox"/> callow     | <input type="checkbox"/> disseminate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> appease  | <input type="checkbox"/> loath        | <input type="checkbox"/> animosity  | <input type="checkbox"/> vilify      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> temerity | <input type="checkbox"/> superfluous  | <input type="checkbox"/> ponderable | <input type="checkbox"/> coalesce    |

### 881 terse

- adj.* devoid of superfluity: **concise**  
*s.* brief, compendious, curt, laconic, succinct  
*a.* circuitous; pleonastic, redundant, repetitious

### 882 retrieve

- i.* *v.* to **restore** or **revive**  
*s.* reactivate, rekindle, renew, renovate, resurrect, resuscitate, revitalize, revivify  
*ii.* *v.* to get back again: **regain**

### 883 exiguous

- adj.* excessively **scanty**: **inadequate**  
*s.* meager, scrimpy, skimpy, sparse  
*a.* ample, abundant, copious, bounteous

### 884 appease

- i.* *v.* to **bring** to a state of **peace** or quiet: **calm**  
*ii.* *v.* to cause to subside: **allay**, **pacify**  
*s.* alleviate, assuage, conciliate, mollify, placate, propitiate, sweeten

### 885 temerity

- n.* **unreasonable** or foolhardy **daring**: **rashness**, **recklessness**  
*s.* assurance, audacity, brashness, nerve  
*a.* caution, deliberation, judiciousness, prudence, heedfulness

### 886 staunch

- i.* *adj.* **steadfast** in loyalty or principle: **faithful**  
*s.* allegiant, ardent, loyal, resolute, firm  
*a.* shaky, mercurial, changeable  
*ii.* *v.* to **stop** or **check** in its course

### 887 intermittent

- adj.* coming and going at intervals: **not continuous**, **occasional**  
*s.* alternate, periodic, recurrent, sporadic, infrequent, rhythmic  
*a.* perpetual, everlasting, interminable, continuous, incessant

**888 ameliorate**

*n.* to **make better** or more tolerable: **improve**

*s.* amend, meliorate

*a.* impair, injure, mar, aggravate, deteriorate

**889 loath**

*adj.* **unwilling** to do something contrary to one's ways of thinking: **reluctant, disinclined**

*s.* averse, indisposed, uneager

**890 superfluous**

*adj.* exceeding what is sufficient or necessary: **extra, unnecessary**

*s. de trop*, excess, spare, supernumerary, surplus

*a.* deficient, scarce, wanting, scanty

**891 haphazard**

*adj.* marked by **lack of** plan, **order**, or direction: **random**

*s.* desultory, indiscriminate, irregular

*a.* deliberate, designed, intentional, willful, planned

**892 proponent**

*n.* one who **argues in favor of** something: **advocate**

*s.* exponent, champion, expounder, supporter

**893 callow**

*adj.* **lacking** adult **sophistication**: **immature**

*s.* juvenile, unfledged, inexperienced, unseasoned, unversed

**894 animosity**

*n.* **ill will** or **resentment** tending toward active **hostility**: **enmity**

*s.* animus, antagonism, antipathy, rancor

**895 ponderable**

*adj.* **significant** enough to be worth considering: **appreciable**

*s.* considerable, substantial, palpable

**896 dogmatic**

*adj.* characteristic of a **doctrine** or code of beliefs **accepted as authoritative**

*s.* dictatorial, authoritative, doctrinaire, magisterial

**897 becoming**

*adj.* attractively **suitable**: **fitting**

*s.* decorous, befitting, *comme il faut*, conforming, decent, seemly



**898 disseminate**

- v.* to **spread** abroad as though sowing seed
- s.* circulate, diffuse, disperse, propagate, radiate

**899 vilify**

- v.* to **utter** slanderous and **abusive statements** against: **defame**
- s.* malign, asperse, calumniate, defame, denigrate, traduce
- a.* commend, compliment, eulogize, acclaim, exalt, worship

**900 coalesce**

- v.* to **unite** into a whole: **fuse**
- s.* bracket, conjoin, cling, blend, merge, mingle

## Unit 46

### Quick Preview

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| <input type="checkbox"/> infelicitous | <input type="checkbox"/> misanthrope  | <input type="checkbox"/> concede     | <input type="checkbox"/> unexceptionable |

### 901 derivative

*adj.* lacking originality: **banal**

*s.* secondary, derivational, derived

*a.* original, novel

### 902 ignoble

*adj.* characterized by **baseness**, **lowness**, or **meanness**

*s.* abject, despicable, scurvy, sordid, vile, wretched

### 903 accolade

*n.* an expression of **praise**

*s.* honor, badge, distinction, kudos, laurels

### 904 balk

*v.* to **check** or **stop** by or as if by an obstacle: **block**

*s.* frustrate, baffle, circumvent, foil, thwart

### 905 infelicitous

*i.* *adj.* **not appropriate** or well-timed: **awkward**

*s.* inept, inappropriate, inapt, malapropos, deplorable, gauche

### 906 cardinal

*adj.* of **basic** importance: **main**, **primary**

*s.* essential, constitutive, fundamental, pivotal, vital

### 907 checkered

*i.* *adj.* marked by **alternation** or **contrast** of fortune

*s.* unpredictable, variable, volatile, up-and-down

*ii.* *adj.* marked by many **problems** or failures

*s.* problematic, awkward, knotty, difficult

### 908 inflammatory

*adj.* tending to **excite** anger, **disorder**, or tumult: **sedition**

*s.* incendiary, instigative, provocative, revolutionary

*a.* calming, moderating, soothing, temperate

**909 approbation**

- n.* an act of **approving** or **praising** formally or officially  
*s.* benediction, blessing, countenance, regard  
*a.* censure, condemnation, disapproval, reprehension

**910 misanthrope**

- n.* a person who hates or **distrusts humankind**  
*a.* philanthrope

**911 pithy**

- adj.* having substance and point: **tersely cogent**: **concise**  
*s.* compact, epigrammatic, succinct, curt, terse

**912 irrevocable**

- adj.* not possible to revoke: **unalterable**  
*s.* irreversible, nonreversible, established, immutable

**913 pensive**

- adj.* suggestive of **sad thoughtfulness**  
*s.* contemplative, meditative, pondering, reflecting, ruminative, speculative

**914 aver**

- v.* to **verify** or **prove to be true** in pleading a cause  
*s.* assert, affirm, avouch, avow, declare, depose, predicate, profess

**915 concede**

- v.* to **accept** as true, valid, or accurate especially grudgingly or **hesitantly**  
*s.* acknowledge, admit, cede, relinquish, waive

**916 exacting**

- i.* *adj.* **requiring** careful attention and **precision**  
*s.* rigid, rigorous, strict, hypercritical, fussy  
*ii.* *adj.* tryingly or unremittingly **severe in making demands**  
*s.* onerous, burdensome, demanding, exigent, oppressive, taxing

**917 motile**

- adj.* **exhibiting** or capable of **movement**

**918 sparse**

- adj.* of few and **scattered** elements, **not thickly** grown or settled: **meager**  
*s.* exiguous, scanty, scrimpy, skimpy, spare, scarce

**919 fathom**

- i.* *v.* to penetrate and come to **understand**  
*s.* appreciate, apprehend, cognize, comprehend
- ii.* *v.* to search into and **explore** very thoroughly: **probe**  
*s.* sound, plumb, investigate

**920 unexceptionable**

- adj.* **not open to** objection or **criticism**, beyond reproach: **unimpeachable**
- s.* decent, adequate, satisfactory, unimpeachable, exceptionable

## Unit 47

### Quick Preview

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| <input type="checkbox"/> apex        | <input type="checkbox"/> malleable   | <input type="checkbox"/> retiring     | <input type="checkbox"/> superannuated |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> candid      | <input type="checkbox"/> decimate    | <input type="checkbox"/> beguile      | <input type="checkbox"/> blatant       |

### 921 apex

- n.* the **highest** or culminating **point**: **acme**  
*s.* crest, culmination, crown, peak, summit, vertex

### 922 belligerent

- adj.* inclined to or **exhibiting** assertiveness, **hostility**, or **combativeness**  
*s.* bellicose, contentious, gladiatorial, pugnacious, quarrelsome, truculent  
*a.* pacific, pacifist, peaceful, conciliatory, amicable, dovish

### 923 endorse

- v.* to express **support** or approval of **publicly** and definitely: **approve**  
*s.* accredit, certify, sanction, attest, authenticate, champion, uphold  
*a.* deprecate, disapprove; anathematize, denounce

### 924 coterminous

- adj.* having the **same** or coincident **boundaries**

### 925 candid

- i.* *adj.* indicating or suggesting **sincere honesty** and absence of deception: **frank**  
*s.* openhearted, plain, straightforward,  
*a.* evasive, disguised, dissembled, reserved
- ii.* *adj.* **free from bias**, prejudice, or malice: **fair**  
*s.* dispassionate, impartial, aboveboard, forthright, scrupulous  
*a.* biased, colored, prejudiced

### 926 malleable

- i.* *adj.* **capable of being** altered or **controlled** by outside forces or influences  
*s.* adaptable, ductile, moldable, pliable, pliant, supple  
*a.* refractory, intractable, recalcitrant, unruly
- ii.* *adj.* **capable of being** extended or **shaped** by beating with a hammer: **plastic**

### 927 capricious

- adj.* governed or characterized by **unpredictable** change: **impulsive**  
*s.* arbitrary, erratic, fickle, vagarious, wayward, whimsical, volatile  
*a.* steadfast, constant, steady

**928 burgeon**

- v.* to **grow** and expand **rapidly: flourish**
- s.* augment, enlarge, mount, multiply, snowball, bloom

**929 acrimonious**

- adj.* **caustic, biting, or rancorous** especially in feeling, language, or manner
- s.* angry, indignant, ireful, wrathful, cranky, belligerent
- a.* irenic, peaceable, benign, benignant

**930 decimate**

- v.* to **cause** great **destruction** or harm to: **destroy**
- s.* demolish, wreck, slaughter, annihilate, exterminate, massacre

**931 retiring**

- adj.* reluctant to draw attention to yourself: **shy, reserved**
- s.* undemonstrative, aseptic, restrained, shrinking, withdrawn

**932 antithetical**

- adj.* being **in direct** and unequivocal **opposition: opposite**
- s.* antipodal, antipodean, converse, diametric, polar, reverse

**933 crystallize**

- v.* to cause to **take a definite form**
- s.* shape, solidify, form

**934 promulgate**

- v.* to **make known** or public by open declaration: **proclaim, declare**
- s.* advertise, announce, broadcast, disseminate, publish

**935 beguile**

- v.* to **deceive** by wiles
- s.* bluff, delude, mislead, take in

**936 superannuated**

- adj.* **no longer useful** or acceptable: **outmoded, old-fashioned**
- s.* antediluvian, outdated, antiquated, obsolescent, obsolete

**937 expunge**

- v.* to **efface** completely: **destroy, eliminate**
- s.* erase, annul, cancel, efface, obliterate, wipe out

**938 incessant**

- adj.* **continuing** or following **without interruption: unceasing**

- s.* ceaseless, continuous, everlasting, interminable, perpetual
- a.* intermittent, sporadic, recurrent, discontinuous

**939 contrived**

- adj.* **lacking** in **natural** or spontaneous **quality: artificial**
- s.* affected, factitious, feigned, spurious, unnatural
- a.* artless, genuine, spontaneous

**940 blatant**

- i.* *adj.* **noisy** especially in a vulgar or offensive manner: **clamorous**
  - s.* vociferous, boisterous, obstreperous, strident
- ii.* *adj.* completely **obvious** or **conspicuous** especially in a crass or **offensive** manner: **brazen**
  - s.* gaudy, flashy, garish, glaring, meretricious, tawdry

## Unit 48

### Quick Preview

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| <input type="checkbox"/> heyday    | <input type="checkbox"/> debacle   | <input type="checkbox"/> evince     | <input type="checkbox"/> fecund      |

### 941 truncate

- n.* to **shorten** by or as if by cutting off  
*s.* abbreviate, abridge, prune, curtail, syncopate  
*a.* enlarge, supplement, aggrandize, amplify, augment, dilate, inflate

### 942 impunity

- n.* exemption or **freedom from punishment**, harm, or loss  
*s.* exemption, immunity

### 943 fledgling

- n.* an immature or **inexperienced person**: **novice**  
*s.* apprentice, colt, neophyte, rookie, tyro

### 944 divagate

- n.* to wander or **stray from** a course or **subject**: **digress**  
*s.* depart, diverge, excursion, ramble, stray, wander

### 945 heyday

- n.* the **period of** one's greatest popularity, vigor, or **prosperity**  
*s.* blossom, florescence, flush, prime, springtime

### 946 sonorous

- i.* *adj.* full or **loud** in sound: **resonant**  
*s.* orotund, plangent, resounding, rotund, sonorant, vibrant
- ii.* *adj.* **imposing** or **impressive** in effect or style  
*s.* rhetorical, bombastic, euphuistic, grandiloquent, magniloquent, oratorical

### 947 insolvent

- adj.* **unable to pay debts** as they fall due in the usual course of business: **bankrupt**

### 948 hortatory

- adj.* **giving** advice and **encouragement**: **advisory**

### 949 cognizant

- adj.* **knowledgeable** of something especially through personal experience: **aware**



- s.* apprehensive, *au courant*, conscious, sentient, witting  
*a.* forgetful, oblivious, heedless, slighting

#### 950 debacle

- i.* *n.* a complete **failure**: **fiasco**  
*s.* collapse, defeat, defeasance, drubbing, overthrow, shellacking  
*ii.* *n.* a great **disaster**

#### 951 lassitude

- i.* *n.* a condition of **weariness** or debility: **fatigue**  
*s.* exhaustion, tiredness, weariness  
*ii.* *n.* a condition of **listlessness**: **languor**  
*s.* lethargy, dullness, hebetude, slumber, stupor, torpidity

#### 952 row

- v.* to engage in a disturbance: have a **quarrel**  
*s.* bicker, caterwaul, spat, squabble, tiff, wrangle

#### 953 loquacious

- adj.* given to fluent or **excessive talk**: **wordy**, **garrulous**  
*s.* chatty, prolix, verbose, wordy, jabbering  
*a.* concise, succinct, taciturn, terse, brusque, curt

#### 954 penchant

- n.* a strong and continued **inclination**: **liking**  
*s.* leaning, disposition, predilection, predisposition, proclivity, propensity, tendency

#### 955 evince

- v.* to **display** clearly: **reveal**, **show**  
*s.* demonstrate, exhibit, illustrate, manifest, proclaim, bespeak

#### 956 indigenous

- i.* *adj.* being produced, growing, living, or occurring **in a particular region** or environment: **native**  
*s.* aboriginal, autochthonous, endemic  
*a.* exotic, alien, extraneous, foreign  
*ii.* *adj.* **innate**, **inborn**  
*s.* congenital, connate, inborn, inherited, natural

#### 957 belittle

- v.* to speak slightingly of: **disparage**, **decry**  
*s.* depreciate, derogate, detract, diminish, dispraise, minimize  
*a.* aggrandize, magnify, boast, crow

#### 958 daunt

- v.* to lessen the courage of: **subdue**, **dismay**  
*s.* appall, cow, consternate, horrify, browbeat, bully, intimidate, foil  
*a.* hearten, buoy, impel, rally

**959 precipitous**

- i.* *adj.* very **steep**, perpendicular, or **overhanging** in rise or fall  
*ii.* *adj.* done **with** very great **haste** and **without** due **deliberation**  
*s.* precipitate, abrupt, hasty, headlong, impetuous, rushing

**960 fecund**

- adj.* intellectually **productive** or **inventive** to a marked degree: **fertile**  
*s.* fruitful, productive, proliferant, prolific, spawning  
*a.* sterile, barren

## Unit 49

### Quick Preview

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### 961 digress

- n.* to **turn aside** especially **from** the **main subject** of attention or course of argument: **swerve**  
*s.* depart, divagate, diverge, excursion, ramble, stray, wander

### 962 effervesce

- v.* to show **liveliness** or **exhilaration**: **exuberate**

### 963 gall

- i.* *v.* to **irritate** and **vex**  
*s.* aggravate, grate, inflame, provoke, rile, roil
- ii.* *v.* to fret and **wear away** by friction: **chafe**  
*s.* abrade, corrode, erode, excoriate, ruffle

### 964 ascendancy

- n.* governing or controlling **influence**: **domination**  
*s.* supremacy, preeminence, preponderance, prepotency, sovereignty

### 965 concomitant

- adj.* **accompanying** especially in a **subordinate** or incidental way  
*s.* accompanying, ancillary, attendant, coincident, collateral

### 966 covet

- v.* to **desire** inordinately or culpably  
*s.* crave, desiderate, want  
*a.* abjure, forswear, renounce

### 967 economical

- adj.* marked by careful, **efficient**, and prudent **use** of resources: **thrifty**  
*s.* sparing, canny, chary, frugal, provident, thrifty  
*a.* generous, lavish, wasteful, extravagant

### 968 hauteur

- n.* **overbearing pride** evidenced by a superior manner toward inferiors: **haughtiness**  
*s.* arrogance, disdain, haughtiness, loftiness, superciliousness

**969 insolent**

*adj.* exhibiting **boldness**, **effrontery**, or insultingly **contempt**; **impudent**

*s.* audacious, brazen, contumelious, impertinent, saucy

*a.* deferential, humble, meek, modest, unassertive, courteous

**970 ingratiate**

*v.* to **gain favor** or favorable acceptance for **by deliberate effort**

**971 smug**

*i. adj.* highly **self-satisfied**

*s.* complacent, priggish, conceited, superior

*ii. adj.* scrupulously **clean**, **neat**, or correct: **tidy**

**972 vociferous**

*adj.* marked by or given to **vehement** insistent **outcry**

*s.* blatant, boisterous, clamorous, obstreperous, strident

**973 quell**

*v.* to thoroughly overwhelm and **reduce to submission** or passivity: **pacify**

*s.* annihilate, extinguish, put down, quench, suppress, vanquish

*a.* abet, incite, instigate, foment

**974 riveting**

*adj.* having the power to **fix** the **attention**: **engrossing**, **fascinating**

*s.* enthralling, spellbinding, entrancing, mesmeric, exhilarating

**975 demean**

*v.* to **lower** in character, **status**, or reputation: **debase**

*s.* abase, humiliate, belittle, decry, derogate, detract, disparage, despise, scorn

**976 ambiguous**

*adj.* doubtful or **uncertain** especially from obscurity or indistinctness: **obscure**

*s.* equivocal, opaque, tenebrous, unintelligible, vague

*a.* explicit, lucid, perspicuous, categorical

**977 vituperate**

*v.* to **abuse** or **censure** severely or abusively: **berate**, **scold**

*s.* rail, revile, upbraid, condemn, lambaste, asperse, calumniate

**978 impute**

*v.* to **credit** to a person or a cause: **attribute**, **ascribe**

*s.* accredit, adduce, assign, credit

**979 hedge**

- i.* *v.* to hem in or **obstruct** with or as if with a barrier: **hinder**
- ii.* *v.* to **protect** oneself **from** losing or **failing** by a counterbalancing action
- iii.* *v.* to **evade** the **risk** of commitment especially by leaving open a way of retreat: **trim**
  - s.* equivocate, dodge, sidestep, tergiversate, weasel

**980 contiguous**

- i.* *adj.* **touching** along a boundary or at a point: **adjacent**
  - s.* abutting, adjoining, conterminous, juxtaposed
- ii.* *adj.* **next** or near in time or sequence

## Unit 50

### Quick Preview

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| <input type="checkbox"/> guile     | <input type="checkbox"/> luminous  | <input type="checkbox"/> axiomatic   | <input type="checkbox"/> cede        |

### 981 feckless

*adj.* generally **incompetent** and **ineffectual**: **weak**  
*s.* bootless, fruitless, futile, unavailing, inefficacious

### 982 exemplary

*adj.* serving **as** an **example**, especially deserving imitation: **commendable**  
*s.* typical, classic, paradigmatic, prototypical, quintessential

### 983 laborious

- i.* *adj.* **involving** or characterized by **hard** or toilsome **effort**: **labored**  
*s.* arduous, effortful, operose, strenuous, toilsome, uphill
- ii.* *adj.* devoted to labor: **industrious**

### 984 dissident

*n.* **disagreeing** especially **with** an **established** religious or political system, organization, or **belief**  
*s.* heretical, heterodox, nonconformist, sectarian, unorthodox

### 985 guile

*n.* deceitful **cunning**: **duplicity**  
*s.* deceit, cunning, dissemblance, dissimulation

### 986 embellish

*v.* to make beautiful with ornamentation: **decorate**, **adorn**  
*s.* beautify, bedeck, garnish, ornament, prank, trim  
*a.* bare, denude, divest, strip

### 987 elude

- i.* *v.* to **avoid** adroitly: **evade**  
*s.* escape, eschew, evade, shun, shy
- ii.* *v.* to **escape** the perception, **understanding**, or grasp of  
*s.* baffle, circumvent, frustrate, outwit

### 988 voluble

*adj.* characterized by ready or **rapid speech**: **glib**, **fluent**

**989 prevail**

- i.* *v.* to **gain ascendancy** through strength or superiority: **triumph**  
*s.* conquer, master, overcome, triumph, beat
- ii.* *v.* to be frequent: **predominate**  
*s.* dominate, domineer, preponderate, reign

**990 luminous**

- i.* *adj.* **emitting** or reflecting usually steady, suffused, or glowing **light**  
*s.* beaming, effulgent, incandescent, lucent, radiant, refulgent
- ii.* *adj.* notably or brilliantly **outstanding** because of dignity or achievements: **illustrious**

**991 facetious**

- adj.* **joking** or jesting often **inappropriately**: **waggish**  
*s.* witty, jocose, jocular, jesting, droll

**992 truculent**

- i.* *adj.* feeling or displaying ferocity: **cruel**  
*s.* fierce, barbarous, ferocious, inhumane, savage
- ii.* *adj.* **aggressively** self-assertive: **belligerent**  
*s.* bellicose, combative, contentious, gladiatorial, pugnacious, quarrelsome, scrappy

**993 enumerate**

- v.* to specify one after another: **count**, **list**

**994 provisional**

- adj.* serving for the time being: **temporary**  
*s.* conditional, provisionary, tentative, contingent, makeshift

**995 axiomatic**

- adj.* taken for granted: **self-evident**, **manifest**

**996 waver**

- v.* to **vacillate** irresolutely between choices: **hesitate**

**997 betray**

- v.* to **reveal** especially unintentionally: **show**, **indicate**  
*s.* reveal, disclose, divulge, unveil, manifest, evince

**998 irrefutable**

- adj.* impossible to refute: **incontrovertible**  
*s.* inarguable, incontestable, indisputable, indubitable, uncontestable

**999 convivial**

- adj.* relating to, occupied with, or fond of **feasting**, **drinking**, and **good company**

s. companionable, sociable, vivacious, jocund, jolly

**1000 cede**

v. to **yield** or **grant** typically by treaty: **surrender**

s. relinquish, abandon, resign, waive, yield



## Unit 51

### Quick Preview

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| <input type="checkbox"/> impromptu | <input type="checkbox"/> construe    | <input type="checkbox"/> inkling  | <input type="checkbox"/> assail      |

### 1001 err

- i.* *n.* to **make a mistake**  
*s.* miscalculate; lapse, stumble, offend, sin
- ii.* *n.* to **violate** an accepted **standard** of conduct  
*s.* deviate, stray, transgress, trespass

### 1002 desiccate

- n.* to preserve by **drying**: **dehydrate**  
*s.* exciccate, parch, sear, devitalize

### 1003 vacillate

- n.* to **waver** in mind, will, or feeling: **hesitate** in choice of opinions or courses: **stagger**

### 1004 genesis

- n.* the **origin** or coming into being of something  
*s.* commencement, dawn, outset, setout

### 1005 impromptu

- adj.* composed or uttered **without** previous **preparation**: **extemporaneous**  
*s.* extemporary, improvised, offhand, unrehearsed

### 1006 negligible

- adj.* so small or **unimportant** as to **warrant** little or **no attention**: **trifling**

### 1007 debauchery

- n.* extreme **indulgence** in sensuality  
*s.* depravity, corruption, decadence, dissolution

### 1008 crestfallen

- adj.* **feeling shame** or humiliation: **dejected**  
*s.* downcast, dejected, depressed, disconsolate  
*a.* elated

### 1009 replete

- adj.* fully or **abundantly provided** or filled: **full**

s. abounding, overflowing, rife, teeming, thronged

**1010 construe**

v. to **understand** or **explain** the sense or intention  
s. explicate, expound, interpret

**1011 manumit**

v. to **release** from slavery: **free**  
s. discharge, emancipate, liberate, unchain, unshackle

**1012 acerbic**

adj. **acid in** temper, mood, or **tone**  
s. sour, acidulous, tart, sarcastic, caustic, corrosive

**1013 sedulous**

adj. involving or accomplished **with** careful **perseverance** and **diligence**  
s. assiduous, diligent, industrious, operose, unremitting

**1014 abscond**

v. to **depart secretly** and hide oneself: **decamp**

**1015 inkling**

n. a **slight indication** or suggestion: **hint**  
s. clue, cue, indication, intimation, suggestion, telltale

**1016 capitulate**

v. to **surrender** and **cease resisting** often after negotiation of terms: **acquiesce**  
s. yield, buckle, cave, submit, succumb

**1017 undergird**

v. to **form the** basis or **foundation** of: **strengthen**, **support**  
s. bolster, brace, buttress, shore up, sustain, uphold

**1018 facile**

i. adj. **easily accomplished** or attained: **effortless**  
ii. adj. readily manifested and often **lacking sincerity** or depth: **superficial**  
iii. adj. **ready**, **fluent**

**1019 dictatorial**

adj. **oppressive** to or arrogantly **overbearing** toward others: **authoritative**  
s. doctrinaire, dogmatic, despotic, magisterial, totalitarian

**1020 assail**

v. to **attack violently** with blows or words

.s. aggress, assault, beset, strike, belabor, pummel

## Unit 52

### Quick Preview

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| <input type="checkbox"/> factious | <input type="checkbox"/> countermand | <input type="checkbox"/> redoubtable | <input type="checkbox"/> ruminate    |

### 1021 arch

- i.* *adj.* **principal**, **chief**
- ii.* *adj.* marked by a deliberate **playfulness**, irony, or impudence: **mischievous**, **saucy**  
*s.* impish, mischievous, playful, waggish

### 1022 ascetic

- i.* *adj.* practicing strict **self-denial** as a measure of personal and especially spiritual discipline
- ii.* *adj.* **austere** in appearance, manner, or attitude  
*s.* severe, astringent, mortified, stern, abstemious, forbearing

### 1023 belabor

- i.* *v.* to **attack** verbally  
*s.* baste, buffet, drub, lambaste, pound, thrash
- ii.* *v.* to **explain** or insist on **excessively**

### 1024 pirate

- v.* to take or **appropriate** without authorization

### 1025 factious

- adj.* **dissenting** with the majority opinion, or **arousing to** action or **rebellion**: **seditious**  
*s.* insubordinate, contumacious, insurgent, mutinous, rebellious  
*a.* cooperative, companionable, gregarious, acquiescent, compliant

### 1026 upbraid

- v.* to **criticize** severely or **reproach** severely: **scold**

### 1027 strident

- adj.* characterized by **harsh**, insistent, and **discordant sound**: **loud**, **vociferous**  
*s.* blatant, boisterous, clamorous, obstreperous

### 1028 eclectic

- adj.* composed of elements drawn from **various** sources: **heterogeneous**

### 1029 morose

- adj.* having a **sullen** and **gloomy** disposition: **melancholy**

- s. crabbed, dour, gloomy, saturnine, surly
- a. blithe, jocund, jolly, jovial

**1030 countermand**

- v. to **revoke** a command by a contrary order: **cancel**, **annul**

**1031 enervate**

- v. to **lessen** the vitality or **strength** of: **unnerve**
- s. emasculate, unstring, debilitate, devitalize, exhaust, fatigue, jade, weary
- a. activate, energize, vitalize, galvanize, stimulate

**1032 oscillate**

- v. to **vary** or **hesitate** between opposing beliefs, feelings, or theories: **swing**

**1033 rancorous**

- adj.* marked by **ill will**: deeply **malevolent**
- s. malicious, spiteful, malignant, spiteful, vicious, wicked

**1034 elucidate**

- v. to **make lucid** especially **by explanation** or analysis: **clarify**
- s. explain, illuminate, illustrate, exemplify, enlighten

**1035 redoubtable**

- i. adj.* **causing fear** or alarm: **formidable**
- s. fearful, appalling, dreadful, horrific
- ii. adj.* worthy of respect: **eminent**
- s. celebrated, distinguished, famed, illustrious, prominent, renowned

**1036 ingrained**

- adj.* forming a part of the essence or **firmly** fixed or **held**: **deep-rooted**
- s. inherent, congenital, inborn, inbred, indwelling, innate, intrinsic

**1037 deleterious**

- adj.* **harmful** often in a subtle or unexpected way: **pernicious**
- s. detrimental, injurious, mischievous, noxious
- a. salutary, advantageous, profitable, salubrious, wholesome

**1038 eminent**

- i. adj.* **standing out** so as to be readily perceived or noted: **conspicuous**
- ii. adj.* **exhibiting fame** especially in standing: **prominent**, **famous**
- s. celebrated, distinguished, famed, illustrious, notable, renowned

**1039 dwindle**

- v. to **become** steadily **less**: **shrink**, **decrease**

*s.* abate, diminish, lessen, taper, wane extenuate

**1040 ruminare**

*v.* to **go over in the mind** repeatedly and often casually or slowly: **reflect**

*s.* ponder, deliberate, meditate, excogitate

Unit 53

Quick Preview

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| <input type="checkbox"/> diminutive   | <input type="checkbox"/> misattribute | <input type="checkbox"/> futile      | <input type="checkbox"/> corroborate |

1041 **adulterate**

- v.* to **corrupt**, **debase**, or **make impure** by the addition of an inferior substance or element  
*s.* contaminate, taint, infect, mar  
*a.* purify, refine, fortify

1042 **demonstrable**

- adj.* **necessarily** or demonstrably **true**: **incontrovertible**

1043 **preclude**

- v.* to make impossible by necessary consequence: **rule out in advance**: **prevent**  
*s.* avert, deter, forestall, fend, obviate, ward

1044 **expurgate**

- v.* to **cleanse** of something morally harmful, offensive, or erroneous  
*s.* purify, cleanse, lustrate, censor, bowdlerize, screen

1045 **diminutive**

- adj.* **exceptionally** or notably **small**: **tiny**  
*s.* miniature, minute, teensy, weeny

1046 **fickle**

- adj.* **lacking** steadfastness, constancy, or **stability**: erratic and **changeable**: **inconstant**  
*s.* capricious, lubricious, mercurial, temperamental, ticklish, volatile

1047 **telling**

- adj.* **carrying** great **weight** and producing a marked effect: **effective**, **expressive**  
*s.* valid, cogent, convincing, solid, sound

1048 **extirpate**

- v.* to **destroy** completely: **wipe out**, **exterminate**  
*s.* annihilate, demolish, eradicate, exterminate, extinguish, uproot, efface

1049 **obfuscate**

- v.* to **make obscure**: **confuse**  
*s.* obscure, adumbrate, becloud, befog, murk, overcast

**1050 schism**

- n.* **division** of a group into opposing factions: **discord**, **disharmony**  
*s.* chasm, cleavage, cleft, split, divergence, breach, rupture

**1051 treacherous**

- adj.* likely to **betray trust**: **perfidious**, **faithless**  
*s.* disloyal, perfidious, recreant, traitorous

**1052 stationary**

- adj.* **fixed** in a station, course, or mode: **immobile**  
*s.* static, stagnant, unchanging

**1053 seclude**

- v.* to **remove** or separate **from** intercourse or **outside** influence: **isolate**  
*s.* cloister, sequester, retire, withdraw, confine, enclose, immure

**1054 obstinate**

- adj.* **perversely adhering** to an opinion in spite of reason, arguments, or persuasion: **intransigent**  
*s.* headstrong, incompilant, mulish, pertinacious, perverse, refractory, willful  
*a.* acquiescent, complaisant, submissive, pliable, pliant, yielding

**1055 futile**

- i.* *adj.* serving no useful purpose: completely **ineffective**  
*s.* abortive, bootless, fruitless, unproductive, vain  
*a.* efficacious, fruitful, beneficial, profitable, effective  
*ii.* *adj.* occupied with trifles: **frivolous**

**1056 reprobate**

- i.* *v.* to **condemn** strongly as unworthy, unacceptable, or evil: **criticize**  
*s.* censure, condemn, denounce, denunciate, reprehend  
*ii.* *v.* to **refuse** to accept: **reject**  
*s.* decline, disapprove, dismiss, repudiate, spurn  
*iii.* *adj.* morally **corrupt**: **depraved**  
*s.* immoral, iniquitous, sinful, vicious, wicked

**1057 ambience**

- n.* a **feeling** or **mood** associated with a particular place, person, or thing: **atmosphere**  
*s.* environment, climate, milieu, surroundings

**1058 docile**

- adj.* **easily** led or **managed**: **tractable**  
*s.* obedient, amenable, biddable, tractable, pliable, pliant



**1059 extinguish**

- i.* *v.* to reduce to ineffectiveness or bring to an end: **smother**
  - s.* annihilate, abate, abolish, eradicate, exterminate, extirpate, uproot
- ii.* *v.* to cause to **cease burning**: **quench**
  - s.* crush, annihilate, quash, quell, squash, suppress
  - a.* inflame

**1060 corroborate**

- v.* to **support** with evidence or authority: **confirm**
- s.* authenticate, justify, substantiate, validate, verify
- a.* invalidate, nullify, negate, contradict

Unit 54

Quick Preview

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| <input type="checkbox"/> demur         | <input type="checkbox"/> manifold   | <input type="checkbox"/> acquiesce  | <input type="checkbox"/> tacit       |

1061 unruly

*adj.* **not readily ruled**, disciplined, or managed: **intractable**  
*s.* fractious, indocile, indomitable, recalcitrant, untoward, contumacious

1062 partisan

*adj.* **exhibiting** blind, **prejudiced**, and unreasoning **allegiance** to a party, faction or cause  
*s.* biased, colored, jaundiced, partial, prejudiced, prepossessed, tendentious

1063 ascribe

*v.* to **refer to** a supposed **cause**, source, or author: **attribute**  
*s.* accredit, assign, credit, impute

1064 grandiloquent

*adj.* **lofty**, extravagantly colorful, pompous, or **bombastic** especially in language  
*s.* rhetorical, aureate, declamatory, euphuistic, magniloquent, sonorous, swollen

1065 demur

*v.* to take exception: **object**, **protest**  
*s.* balk, boggle, expostulate, remonstrate  
*a.* accede, succumb, concur, subscribe

1066 fulminate

*v.* to **utter** or send out with **denunciation**: **criticize**  
*s.* rail, rant, spout, harangue

1067 arbitrary

*adj.* existing seemingly **at random** or **by chance** or as a **capricious** and unreasonable act of will  
*s.* capricious, erratic, freakish, vagarious, wayward, whimsical  
*a.* circumspect, discreet, heedful, judicious, judicial, prudent

1068 deluge

*v.* to **overflow** with water: **inundate**  
*s.* flood, overwhelm, swamp, drown, submerge

1069 effrontery

- n.* shameless **boldness**: **insolence**  
*s.* brashness, brass, presumption, temerity

**1070 manifold**

- i.* *adj.* marked by **diversity** or **variety**  
*s.* diverse, multifarious, multifold, multiplex, polymorphic
- ii.* *v.* to make multiple: **multiply**  
*s.* aggrandize, augment, boost, compound, magnify

**1071 aboveboard**

- adj.* in a **straightforward** manner: **openly**  
*s.* forthright, straight, scrupulous, artless, ingenuous  
*a.* clandestine, covert, furtive, surreptitious, underhanded

**1072 dissipate**

- i.* *v.* to **cause to** spread thin or scatter and gradually **vanish**  
*s.* scatter, dispel, disperse, disintegrate
- ii.* *v.* to **spend** or use up **wastefully** or foolishly  
*s.* waste, blunder, consume, squander

**1073 auspicious**

- adj.* affording a **favorable** omen: **propitious**  
*s.* benign, fortunate, propitious, rosy  
*a.* ominous, portentous, adverse, antagonistic

**1074 maladroit**

- adj.* lacking adroitness: **inept**, **awkward**  
*s.* bumbling, clumsy, gauche, ham-handed, lumbering, tactless  
*a.* adroit, deft, dexterous, handy, cunning, ingenious

**1075 acquiesce**

- v.* to **accept**, comply, or submit tacitly or **passively**: **assent**  
*s.* accede, consent, subscribe, concur  
*a.* balk, demur, remonstrate, dissent

**1076 incipient**

- adj.* beginning to **come into being** or to become apparent  
*s.* initial, initiative, nascent, embryonic

**1077 propitiate**

- v.* to gain or **regain** the favor or **goodwill** of: **appease**, **conciliate**  
*s.* pacify, assuage, mollify, placate

**1078 efficacious**

*adj.* having the power to produce a desired effect: **effective**

**1079     austere**

*i.* *adj.* morally **strict**; **ascetic**

*ii.* *adj.* markedly simple or **unadorned**

*iii.* *adj.* **stern** and **cold** in appearance or manner: **somber**, **grave**

**1080     tacit**

*adj.* **implied** or indicated but **not actually expressed**

*s.* implicit, inarticulate, inferred, intimated, alluded