VOCABULARY INTRODUCTION

Unit 11

• Adequate: (adj.) sufficient, enough

- Be sure to allow ______ time to check in at the airport.
 - Synonyms: satisfactory, sufficing
- Ajar: (adj., adv.) partly open
 - That night, the children foolishly left the back gate _____, and the dog escaped.
- Dialogue: (n.) a conversation between two or more people; an interchange of opinions and ideas, free discussion
 - The witty _____ in the play kept the audience amused.
 - Synonyms: exchange of ideas

• Emblem: (n.) a symbol, sign, token

- Like the heart, the red rose is an _____ of love.
 - Synonyms: badge, token

• Gigantic: (Adj.) huge, giant, immense

When it fell to earth, the meteorite made a hole in the ground.

• Synonyms: enormous, colossal, mammoth

- Havoc: (n.) very great destruction, ruin; great confusion and disorder
 - The monkey created _____ at the fair as soon as it broke from its leash.
 - Synonyms: Devastation, harm disarray

- Hearth: (n.) the floor of a fireplace; the fireside as a symbol of the home and family
 - It was our custom to sit by the _____ and listen to my grandfather's stories.
 - Synonym: chimney corner

• Implore: (v.) to beg earnestly for

- The attorney proceeded to ______ the judge to show his client mercy.
 - Synonyms: entreat, beseech, pray

Infamous: (adj.) very wicked; disgraceful, shameful

- Because of the outlaw's deeds, the town was offering a large bounty for his capture.
 - Synonyms: scandalous, villainous, flagrant, heinous
- Innumerable: (adj.) too many to count, without number
 - The landlord heard _____ complaints about the noisy new tenant.
 - Synonyms: countless, beyond reckoning

- Lax: (adj.) not strict, careless; lacking discipline; not tense, relaxed
 - Some players took advantage of the new coach's somewhat _____ control of the team.
 - Synonyms: slack, negligent remiss
- Mar: (v.) to spoil, damage, injure
 - Spilled cleaning fluid will surely ______ the wooden table top.
 - Synonyms: scar, disfigure, deface
- Misdemeanor: (n.) a crime or offense that is less serious than a felony; any minor misbehavior or misconduct
 - He was not only fined for the _____ but also sentenced to serve 30 days in jail.
 - Synonyms: misdeed, petty offense or transgression

- Mull: (v.) to think about, ponder; to grind or mix; to heat and flavor with spices
 - The governor had some time to ______ over the bill before signing it into law.
 - Synonyms: consider, reflect on
- Narrative: (n.) a story, detailed report (adj.) having the quality or the nature of a story
 - The _____ of the West African captive gives us a vivid picture of the horrors aboard a slave ship.
 - Henry Wadsworth Longfellow is considered a _____ poet because of the stories he tells in his poems.
 - Synonyms: (n.) tale, chronicle
- Overture: (n.) an opening move toward negotiation or action; a proposal or offer; an introductory section or part
 - Our family enjoyed the ______ to the opera better than the rest of it.
 - Synonyms: Prelude, tender
- Pact: (n.) an agreement, treaty
 - All the nations signed the ______ after the war in an effort to ensure world peace.
 - Synonyms: compact, alliance, deal

- Stalemate: (n.) a situation in which further action by either of two opponents is impossible; (v.) to bring to a standstill
 - The negations ended in _____, as both sides refused to budge on the main issue.
 - Recent aggression on the part of one nation threatened to the peace talks.
 - Synonyms: (n.) standoff, draw; (v.) deadlock
- Vindictive: (adj.) bearing a grudge, feeling or showing a strong tendency towards revenge
 - The mayor was so ______ that he threatened to sue the newspaper for its unflattering remarks about his administration.
 - Synonyms: vengeful, spiteful, malicious
- Wilt: (v.) to become limp and drooping (as a flower0, wither; to lose strength and vigor
 - Intense heat or lack of water will _____ the flowers
 - Synonyms: sag, weaken, shrivel up