

# VOCABULARY INTRODUCTION

Unit 1

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## 1-5

1. Adjacent: (adj). Near, next to, adjoining
  - Boston and its \_\_\_\_\_ suburbs were severely flooded after three days of heavy rain.
2. Alight: (v.) to get down from, step down from; to come down from the air, land; (adj.) lighted up
  - The passengers hurried to \_\_\_\_\_ from the airplane.
  - The sky was \_\_\_\_\_ with a red glow as the fire raged in the distance.
3. Barren (adj.) not productive, bare
  - In contrast to the rich land we left behind, the plains appeared to be a \_\_\_\_\_ landscape.

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4. Disrupt: (v.) to break up, disturb
  - Even the loud demonstration on the street below was not enough to \_\_\_\_\_ the meeting.
5. Dynasty: (n). A powerful family or group of rulers that maintains its position or power for some time
  - The Han \_\_\_\_\_ of China was in power for about 400 years.

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## 6-10

6. Foretaste (n.) an advance indication, sample or warning.
  - *Think of foreshadowing or the word beFORE*
  - The eye-opening first scene of the new play gave the audience a \_\_\_\_\_ of things to come.
7. Germinate (v.) to begin to grow, come into being.
  - After he interrogated the suspect, suspicion began to \_\_\_\_\_ in the inspector's mind.
8. Humdrum (adj.) ordinary, dull, routine, without variation
  - *If something is humming it is dull and doesn't vary*
  - All household tasks are \_\_\_\_\_ according to my brother, who never helps with them.

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## 6-10 Cont.

9. Hurtle (v). To rush violently, dash headlong; to fling or hurl forcefully
  - *This is not hurdle; the object that they jump over in track and field!*
  - After separating from its booster rocket, the capsule began to \_\_\_\_\_ through space
10. Insinuate (v). To suggest or hint slyly; to edge into something indirectly
  - The attorney attempted to \_\_\_\_\_ that the witness's testimony was false.

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11. Interminable: (adj.) endless, so long as to seem endless
- We had an \_\_\_\_\_ wait in the hot crowded train station.
    - *Term means a specifically designated time and the prefix in means not... put them together and you get not a specific period of time*
12. Interrogate (v.) to ask questions, examine by questioning
- Two detectives helped the young, inexperienced officer to \_\_\_\_\_ the suspect
13. Recompense (v.) to pay back; to give a reward; (n.) a payment service, or injury
11. *Think of compensation; you can see that word in re**compense***
- My grandparents were happy to \_\_\_\_\_ the little girl who found their lost puppy.
  - As \_\_\_\_\_, the landlord offered all tenants a month free of rent.

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14. Renovate (v.) to repair, restore to good condition, make new again
  - *Think of “closed for renovations”*
  - The young couple brought in an architect and a contractor to help them \_\_\_\_\_ the old house.
15. Resume (n). A brief summary; a short written account of one's education, working experience, or qualifications for a job.
  - It is not resume as in continuing to do something
  - The job applicant gave a copy of her \_\_\_\_\_ to the person in charge of the employment agency

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16. Sullen (adj.) silent or brooding because of ill humor, anger or resentment; slow moving, sluggish.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ student sat down in the back of the classroom
17. Trickle (v.) to flow or fall by drops or in a small stream; (n.) a small irregular quantity of anything
- The water began to \_\_\_\_\_ from the rusty old pipe.
  - The runoff, which is quite heavy in the spring, dwindles to a \_\_\_\_\_ by late summer
18. Trivial (adj.) not important, minor; ordinary, commonplace
- Think of the game **Trivial Pursuit**, it asks minor questions that most people won't know
  - The general left all \_\_\_\_\_ details to subordinates.
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