

VOCABULARY UNIT 4

Introduction

Vocabulary Introduction 1-5

- ▣ Alliance: (n.) a jointing together for some common purpose
 - (see the word **all** in **alliance**; think of all together)
 - The two nations formed an _____ to defend each other in case of attack.
- ▣ Bewilder: (v.) to puzzle completely, confuse
 - (if someone is acting **wild** they may confuse you)
 - The captain continues to _____ his troops by giving contradictory orders
- ▣ Buffoon: (n.) a clown; a coarse, stupid person
 - Some students think that they need to play the _____ in order to entertain their classmates.

1-5 Continued

- ▣ Controversial: (adj.) arousing argument, dispute, or disagreement.
 - (The prefix **con** means to go against)
 - The school boards waited until all members were present before issuing the _____ proposal to ban after-school programs.

- ▣ Dishearten: (v.) to discourage
 - The prefix **dis** means opposite; thus, it's the opposite of what your heart wants
 - Do not let your low score on the math test _____ you.

Vocabulary Introduction 6-10

- ❑ Fruitless: (adj.) not producing the desired results, unsuccessful.
 - When their efforts to fight the infection with penicillin proved _____, the doctors tried a different antibiotic.
- ❑ Hostile: (adj.) unfriendly; unfavorable; warlike; aggressive
 - Relations between the two nations have been _____ for decades.
- ❑ Inflammable: (adj.) easily set on fire; easily angered or aroused.
 - Always be cautious when using _____ cleaning solvents.

6-10 Continued

- ▣ Inflict: (v.) to give or cause something unpleasant, impose
 - Despite all the jokes, doctors do not like to _____ pain on their patients.
- ▣ Malignant: (adj.) deadly, extremely harmful, evil; spiteful, malicious
 - (the prefix **mal** means really bad)
 - Much to the patient's relief, the X ray revealed no _____ growth.

Vocabulary Introduction 11-15

- ▣ Mortify: (v.) to hurt someone's feelings deeply; to cause embarrassment or humiliation; to subdue or discipline by self-denial or suffering
 - The teacher was _____ by the students' childish behavior on the field trip.
 - ▣ Synonyms: humiliate, embarrass, abash
- ▣ Orthodox: (adj.) in agreement with established or generally accepted beliefs or ways of doing things
 - Our principal, who believes in proven teaching methods, takes an _____ approach to education.
 - ▣ Synonyms: traditional, standard, customary

11-15 Continued

- ▣ 13. Procure (v.) to obtain through special effort; to bring about
 - The hospital held a raffle to _____ the necessary funds for the new children's wing.
 - ▣ Synonyms: gain, acquire, achieve
- ▣ 14. Scurry (v.) to run quickly, scamper, hurry
 - The reappearance of the teacher caused the students in the class to _____ back to their seats.
 - ▣ Synonyms: rush, dash, scramble
 - ▣ Antonyms: trudge, plod, creep, crawl
- ▣ 15. Sodden (adj.) soaked with liquid or moisture; expressionless, dull; spiritless, listless
 - All at once, and with much loud honking, the flock of geese rose from the _____ marshlands.
 - ▣ Synonyms: drenched, waterlogged, saturated
 - ▣ Antonyms: parched, arid

Vocabulary 16-20

- ▣ 16. Spirited (adj.) full of life and vigor; courageous
 - The royal soldiers put up a _____ defense against the invading army.
 - ▣ Synonyms: lively, animated, gallant
 - ▣ Antonyms: lifeless, dull , lackluster
- ▣ 17. Virtual (adj.) having a certain force or effect in fact but not in name; so close as to be equivalent to the real thing
 - To those who worked in the office, the bossy new manager was a _____ dictator.
 - ▣ Synonyms: functioning as, equivalent

16-20

- ▣ 18. void: (adj.) completely empty; having no legal force or effect; (n.) empty or unfilled space; (v.) to cancel or nullify.
 - I thought that poem was completely _____ of sense.
 - Grandmother's death left a great _____ in my grandfather's life.
 - Do you know how to _____ a check.
- ▣ 19. wayward (adj.) disobedient, willful; unpredictable, capricious
 - Tracking the _____ path of a comet is no easy matter.
 - ▣ Synonyms: perverse
 - ▣ Antonyms: docile, well-behaved, predictable

16-20

- ▣ 20. wince: (v.) to draw back suddenly, as though in pain or fear; (n.) the act of drawing back in this way
 - The dog's bite made the child _____ in pain.
 - The patient's _____ told the doctor to press more gently.
 - ▣ Synonyms: flinch, shudder, recoil.