

Vocabulary Introduction



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- **Anonymous:** (adj.) unnamed, without the name of the person involved (writer, composer, etc); unknown individuality or character
 - The detective received an _____ tip that helped to narrow the search for the thief.
 - ✦ Synonyms: nameless
- **Browse:** (v.) to nibble, graze; to read casually; to window shop
 - I like to _____ through a book before I buy it.
 - ✦ Synonyms: Skim, scan, dip into, graze
- **Dupe:** (n.) a person easily tricked or deceived; (v.) to deceive
 - He played the _____ in one of Shakespeare's comedies.
 - The villain in the play tried to _____ the hero out of his money.
 - ✦ Synonyms: fool, mislead, hoodwink, delude
- **Dynamic:** (adj.) active, energetic, forceful
 - The advertising agency was looking to hire a creative person with a _____ personality
 - ✦ Synonyms: vigorous, high-powered
- **Eradicate:** (v.) to root out, get rid of, destroy completely
 - The team of doctors and researchers worked tirelessly to _____ the disease
 - ✦ Synonyms: wipe out, uproot.

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- **Frustrate: (v.)** to prevent from accomplishing a purpose or fulfilling a desire; to cause feelings of discouragement
 - Nothing could _____ our plans to storm the fort.
 - ✦ Synonyms: thwart, foil, baffle, disappoint
- **Grim: (adj.)** stern, merciless; fierce, savage, cruel
 - Many Third World nations face the _____ prospect of famine
 - ✦ Synonyms: dreadful, frightful, ferocious
- **Inimitable: (adj.)** not capable of being copied or imitated
 - The young performer stole the show with her _____ charm.
 - ✦ Synonyms: matchless, incomparable, unique
- **Makeshift: (n.)** a temporary substitute for something else; (adj.) crude, flimsy, or temporary
 - The boards and cinder blocks are only a _____ until the bookcase arrives.
 - That army cot serves as a _____ bed for guests.
 - ✦ Synonyms: (n.) stopgap, substitute
- **Marginal: (adj.)** in, at, or near the edge or margin; only barely good, large, or important enough for purpose.
 - During times of economic hardship, many people have only a _____ standard of living
 - ✦ Synonyms: Borderline, minimal, peripheral

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- **Pending:** (adj.) waiting to be settled; (prep.) until
 - Curiosity about the _____ trial builds with each day.
 - Sentencing of the convicted criminal was postponed _____ the judge's decision.
 - ✦ Synonyms: Undecided, unsettled
- **Prescribe:** (v.) to order as a rule of course to be followed; to order for medical purposes
 - The doctor was quick to _____ complete bed rest.
 - ✦ Synonyms: specify, appoint, recommend
- **Preview:** (n.) something seen in advance; (v.) to view beforehand
 - The critics saw a _____ of the new movie.
 - The teacher wished to _____ the video before showing it to the class.
 - ✦ Synonyms: foretaste
- **Prominent:** (adj.) standing out so as to be easily seen; important well-known
 - Some famous authors are _____ figures in society.
 - ✦ Synonyms: Conspicuous, noticeable
- **Quaint:** (adj.) odd or old-fashioned in a pleasing way; clever, ingenious; skillfully made
 - My parents stayed at a _____ old inn in Vermont.
 - ✦ Synonyms: Picturesque, peculiar, strange, curious

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- **Reluctant: (adj.) unwilling, holding back**
 - The attorney called the _____ witness to the stand
 - ✦ Synonyms: hesitant, loath, disinclined
- **Scrimp: (v.) to handle very economically or stingily; to supply in a way that is small, short, or scanty.**
 - When the factory closed and other work was scarce, many people were forced to _____.
 - ✦ Synonym: economize
- **Snare: (v.) to trap, catch; (n.) a trap or entanglement**
 - They set a trap to _____ the rodents that were getting into the garden.
 - The unsuspecting spy was caught in a _____ set by the other side
 - ✦ Synonyms: Pitfall; entrap
- **Utmost (adj.) greatest, highest, farthest; (n.) the extreme limit**
 - The voters had the _____ regard for her ability as a leader
 - ✦ Synonyms: maximum, supreme, best
- **Vengeance : punishment in return for an injury or a wrong; unusual force or violence**
 - History is filled with examples or wronged rules seeking _____ against their enemies.
 - ✦ Synonyms: revenge, retaliation, reprisal