

Unit 8

VOCABULARY INTRODUCTION

Unit 8: 1-5

- ⦿ **Abnormal: (adj.) not usual, not typical, strange**
 - For my sister, who is always late, being early for an appointment would constitute an _____ situation.
 - Synonyms: freakish, unnatural, irregular, anomalous
- ⦿ **Capsize: (v.) to turn bottom side up, upset**
 - Anyone watching could see that it was our inexperience that caused us to _____ the canoe.
 - Synonyms: overturn, upend, tip over
- ⦿ **Catastrophe: (n.) a large-scale disaster, misfortune, or failure**
 - During Cold War, the Unites States did everything possible to avoid a nuclear _____.
 - Synonyms: calamity, tragedy, cataclysm
- ⦿ **Decrease: (v.) to become or make less; (n.) a lessening**
 - The manager hopes that theft will _____ once the new security system is installed
 - Because of a sharp _____ in sales, the company had to lay off two-thirds of its workers
 - Synonyms: (v.) lessen, reduce, dwindle, diminish
- ⦿ **Disputations: (adj.) inclined to argue or debate; provoking debate**
 - The _____ senator had engaged in filibusters to block the passage of many a bill.
 - Synonyms: argumentative, quarrelsome, contentious

Unit 8: 6-10

- ⦿ Eject: (v.) to drive or throw out, evict
 - The security guards arrived to _____ the troublesome spectator from the stands.
 - Synonyms: oust, expel, kick out
- ⦿ Flourish: (v.) to grow, thrive, be prosperous; to wave in the air; (n.) a dramatic gesture; a fanfare of horns.
 - It is fortunate for lovers of the arts that paintings and opera still _____ in Italy.
 - Actors often enter the stage with a _____.
 - Synonyms: Prosper, burgeon, increase
- ⦿ Incentive: (n.) a reason for doing something; something that stimulates action.
 - Because career advancement is such a strong _____ adults are usually eager and hard-working students.
 - Synonyms: Stimulus, spur, motive, inducement
- ⦿ Insubordinate: (adj.) disobedient, rebellious
 - The _____ soldier repeatedly interrupted his commanding officer.
 - Synonyms: defiant, unruly, mutinous
- ⦿ Legible: (adj.) easily read
 - In keeping with the jokes, pharmacists will tell you that most doctor's handwriting is barely _____.
 - Synonyms: defiant, unruly, mutinous

Unit 8: 11-15

- **Nub:** (n.) the central point or heart of a matter; a knob.
 - After seemingly endless digressions, the speaker finally got to the _____ of his argument.
 - Synonyms: core, kernel, nucleus, crux
- **Onslaught:** (n.) a violent attack; a sudden rush of something
 - To prepare for the _____ of winter, we replenished our supply of firewood and rock salt.
 - Synonyms: assault, charge, foray, onset
- **Ordain:** (v.) to establish by law; to order or command; to appoint as a priest or minister; to destine
 - Ancient astrologers believed that the stars could _____ one's future
 - Synonyms: anoint, consecrate, enact, decree
- **Outstrip:** (v.) to get ahead of, do better than, exceed
 - By offering customers low prices and good terms, the new store hopes to _____ the competition.
 - Synonyms: outdo, outperform, outdistance, surpass
- **Pervade:** (v.) to spread throughout
 - Pollutants _____ the atmosphere of many of our nation's large cities.
 - Synonyms: saturate, permeate, diffuse, imbue

Unit 8 16-20

- Prudent: (adj.) cautious, careful, showing good sense
 - It pays to make _____ investments.
 - Synonyms: wary, sensible, judicious
- Quench: (v.) to put out, extinguish, end
 - The firefighters will _____ the flames with water.
 - Synonyms: douse, stifle, slake
- Remnant: (n.) a small part remaining behind
 - By the end of the war, the rebels had but a _____ of their former strength.
 - Synonyms: remainder, residue, leftover, fragment
- Simultaneous: (adj.) happening or existing at the same time.
 - The diplomats put on headphones so that they could listen to a _____ translation of the speech.
 - Synonyms: occurring at the same time, concurrent
- Swerve: (v.) to turn aside sharply; (n.) a sharp or sudden turn
 - Be aware that if you _____ too sharply, you may lose control of the car.
 - The sudden _____ of the bus caused some passengers to fall out of their seats.
 - Synonyms: (v.) veer, digress, sheer off.