

Vocabulary Chart

Keep a list of words you have learned throughout the unit.

Word	Part of Speech	My Definition	Synonyms, Antonyms, and Similar Words (Word Family)	Picture and Source Sentence
dismal	adj.	Showing or causing gloom or depression	Dreary, depressing	The gray, dismal sky matched my mood after losing the biggest game of the season.
morose	adj.	Having a sullen or gloomy disposition	Gloomy, saddened	"Don't be so morose," my grandma said. "You'll have another chance to win during next week's match."
provision	n.	The act or process of providing or supplying something	Provide (word family)	Before going camping, we made sure that we had all of the necessary provisions to survive in the wilderness for three days.
mercy	n.	kind or forgiving treatment of someone who could be treated harshly	Forgiveness, compassion	I begged for mercy after coach made us run 15 sprints up the steep hill.

forbearance	n.	the quality of someone who is patient and able to deal with a difficult person or situation without becoming angry	Tolerance, patience	My mom showed forbearance for allowing me another chance to change my attitude before taking away my phone.
benevolence	n.	disposition to do good	kindness	The kind citizens had a benevolence that was unmatched and volunteered for hours to help with the clean-up efforts.
ponderous	adj.	Of a very great weight	Ponder (word family)	The ponderous chains locked the doors and ensured that no one could trespass on the old property.
penance	n.	Something that you do or are given to do in order to show that you are sad or sorry about doing something wrong	Atonement, amends	My penance for losing my mom's phone was to organize all of the things in our house so that I would not misplace anything again.
aspiration	n.	A strong desire to achieve something great	Goal, dream	My aspirations after graduation are to go to law school and become a civil rights attorney.

engross	v.	To hold the complete interest or attention of someone	Absorbed, engaged, riveted	I was engrossed by the television show that explained how the Egyptians mummified their dead and could not stop watching.
sordid	adj.	Involving or arousing moral distaste and contempt	dishonorable, sleazy, dirty	The man's sordid lifestyle left many fearing for what would happen to him if he didn't correct his behavior.
reproach	n.	An expression of disapproval	disgrace	The politician's sordid actions have brought reproach to the entire government.
prominent	adj.	Important and well-known	Important, well-known, distinguished	The meeting was attended by many prominent world leaders.

reminiscent	adj.	Reminding you of someone or something else	Similar to, evocative of	The old house with the red brick and the oak tree out front was reminiscent of my childhood home.
encapsulate	v.	To show or express the main idea of something	Capture, convey	This guidebook book encapsulates everything you need to know about visiting New Orleans.
Penitence	n.	A feeling of deep sadness because you have done something wrong	Remorse	I was overcome with penitence when I realized that my actions had cost my brother a chance to compete in his championship meet.
timidly	adv.	Lacking in self-assurance, bravery, or courage; easily alarmed	Shy	The little girl timidly approached her favorite singer to ask for her autograph.

doggedly	adv.	With persistence and determination	Dogged, determined	The man doggedly climbed higher on the mountain, pushing himself to go farther than anyone had hiked before.
reverently	adv.	Something done in a deeply respectful way	Respectful	The people in the church bowed their heads reverently when the minister began to pray.
relent	v.	To become less severe or intense	Slack, weaken, decrease	By evening, the rain finally relented and we were able to go back outside.
prostrate	adj.	stretched out with face on the ground in adoration or submission		He was lying prostrate on the field, his eyes closed, covered in bandages and in too much pain to speak or move.

refuge	n.	Shelter or protection from danger or distress	protection	My sister is my refuge. When I am desperate and I can't figure out what to do, she is always there to save me.
materialistic	adj.	Excessively concerned with material possessions; money-oriented	Material (word family)	I'm not a materialistic person; I don't care about having the most expensive, name-brand things and am happy buying my clothing used from thrift shops.