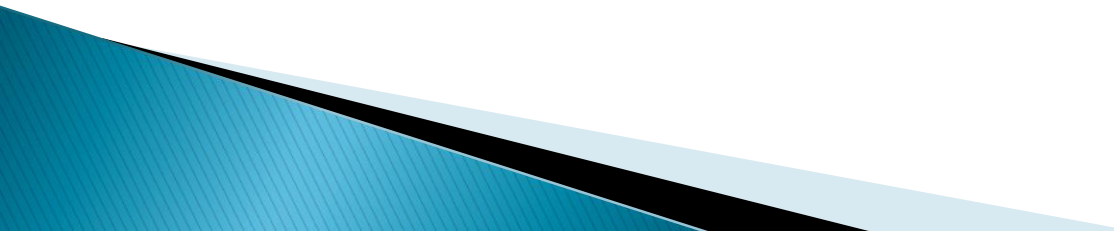


Vocabulary Unit 1

Quiz date: Wednesday, 8/8/12

1. adulterate

- ▶ To corrupt, make worse by the addition of something of lesser value
 - ▶ Verb
 - ▶ Synonyms: contaminate, pollute, sully
 - ▶ Antonyms: purify, purge, expurgate
 - ▶ *Hospitals take strict precautions to assure that nothing adulterates the blood supply.*
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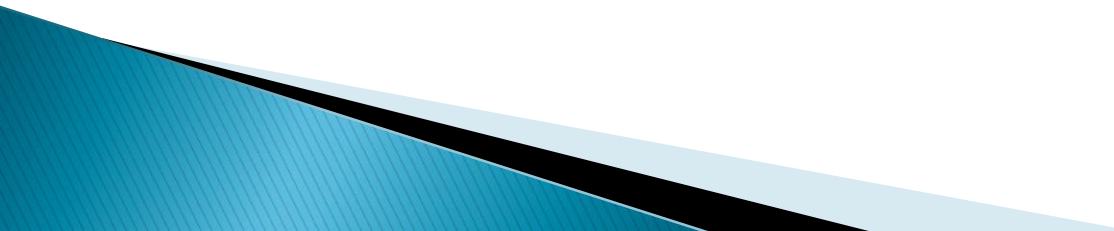
2. ambidextrous

- ▶ Able to use both hands equally well; very skillful; deceitful, hypercritical
- ▶ Adjective
- ▶ Synonyms: versatile, facile
- ▶ Antonyms: clumsy, all thumbs, maladroit
- ▶ *Occasionally a teacher will come across a child who displays ambidextrous abilities when taught to write.*

3. augment

- ▶ To make larger, increase
- ▶ Verb
- ▶ Synonyms: enlarge, supplement, amplify
- ▶ Antonyms: decrease, diminish
- ▶ *Many couples have to augment their income in order to pay the mortgage on a new home.*

4. bereft

- ▶ Deprived of; made unhappy through a loss
 - ▶ Adjective
 - ▶ Synonyms: bereaved
 - ▶ Antonyms: replete, well provided
 - ▶ *Individuals who live to be very old may eventually find themselves bereft of friends and family.*
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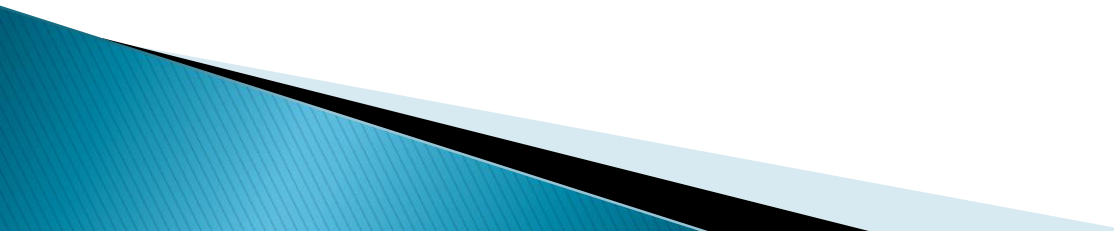
5. deploy

- ▶ To position or arrange; to utilize; to form up
- ▶ Verb
- ▶ Synonyms: station, organize
- ▶ *A bugle call is a signal used to deploy troops fro inspection, parade, or battle.*

6. dour

- ▶ Stern, unyielding, gloomy, ill-humored
- ▶ Adjective
- ▶ Synonyms: harsh, bleak, forbidding, saturnine
- ▶ Antonyms: cheery, inviting, genial
- ▶ *Dicken's Mr. Gradgrind in the novel Hard Times is an example of a character with a dour and sullen disposition.*

7. fortitude

- ▶ Courage in facing difficulties
 - ▶ Noun
 - ▶ Synonyms: resolve, steadfastness, mettle
 - ▶ Antonyms: fearfulness, timidity, faintheartedness
 - ▶ *The residents of the Mississippi delta showed remarkable fortitude during and after the flood that destroyed their homes and businesses.*
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8. gape

- ▶ To stare with open mouth; to open the mouth wide; to open wide
- ▶ Verb
- ▶ Synonyms: gawk, ogle
- ▶ *First-time visitors to Niagara Falls can be expected to gape at the spectacular sights nature has provided for them.*

9. gibe

- ▶ Verb: to utter taunting words
- ▶ Noun: an expression of scorn
- ▶ Synonyms: ridicule, mock, deride, jeer
- ▶ Antonyms: compliment, praise
- ▶ *The recruits rushed into battle so that no one could gibe at them for cowardice.*
- ▶ *Voters may reject a candidate who resorts to personal gibes instead of discussing the issues.*

10. guise

- ▶ An external appearance, cover, mask
 - ▶ Noun
 - ▶ Synonyms: costume, semblance, pretense
 - ▶ *The thieves gained entry to the home by presenting themselves in the guise of police officers.*
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