

Vocabulary Unit 2



QUIZ NEXT WEDNESDAY

1. holocaust



- A large scale destruction, especially by fire; a vast slaughter; a burnt offering
- Noun
- Synonyms: conflagration, devastation, annihilation
- Antonyms: deluge, inundation
- *Journalists at the time were eager to interview survivors of the Chicago holocaust.*

2. impervious



- Not affected or hurt by; admitting of no passage or entrance
- Adjective
- Synonyms:
- Antonyms: porous, permeable, vulnerable
- *It is best to store flour in a container with a plastic cover that is impervious to moisture.*

3. impetus



- A moving force, impulse, stimulus
- Noun
- Synonyms: impulse, incentive, spur
- Antonyms: curb, hindrance, impediment, constraint
- *The coming of winter gave a new impetus to the appeals for food and clothing for needy families.*

4. jeopardy



- Danger
- Noun
- Synonyms: risk, hazard, peril
- Antonyms: safety, security
- *Experienced mountaineers know that a single mistake can put an entire expedition in serious jeopardy.*

5. meticulous



- Extremely careful; particular about details
- Adjective
- Synonyms: fastidious, painstaking, fussy
- Antonyms: careless, negligent, sloppy
- *If you have a full-time job outside the home, you may find it exceedingly difficult to be a meticulous housekeeper.*

6. nostalgia



- A longing for something past; homesickness
- Noun
- *Looking at old scrapbooks and reading old letters can bring on a vague sense of nostalgia for days gone by and friends no longer near.*

7. quintessence



- The purest essence or form of something; the most typical example
- Noun
- Synonyms: paragon, exemplar
- *Ricking one's own life to save the lives of others is considered the quintessence of selfless valor.*

8. retrogress



- To move backward; to return to an earlier condition
- Verb
- Synonyms: revert, degenerate, decline
- Antonyms: advance, evolve, progress
- *In the novel, the survivors of a nuclear explosion retrogress into a state of barbarism and anarchy.*

9. scrutinize



- To examine closely
- Verb
- Synonyms: inspect, pore over
- Antonyms: skim, scan, glance at
- *Lawyers are paid to scrutinize legal papers and explain the fine print to their clients.*

10. tepid



- Lukewarm; unenthusiastic, marked by an absence of interest
- adjective
- Synonyms: insipid, halfhearted, wishy-washy
- Antonyms: heated, excited, enthusiastic
- *A cup of tepid tea will not warm you up on a chilly morning.*