

Quiz: next Wednesday

# VOCABULARY UNIT 12

# 1. insidious

- Intended to deceive or entrap; sly, treacherous
- Adjective
- Synonyms: cunning, underhanded, perfidious
- Antonyms: frank, ingenuous, aboveboard
- *The investigators uncovered an insidious scheme to rob people of their life savings.*

## 2. intimation

- a hint, indirect suggestion
- noun
- Synonyms: clue, indication, inkling
- *They were too proud to give an intimation of their financial difficulties.*

### 3. opulent

- wealthy, luxurious; ample; grandiose
- adjective
- Synonyms: rich, lavish, plentiful, abundant
- Antonyms: poverty-stricken, wretched, destitute
- *The tour guide showed us the opulent living quarters of the royal family.*

## 4. pliable

- easily bent, flexible; easily influenced
- adjective
- Synonyms: supple, adaptable, resilient
- Antonyms: rigid, inflexible, recalcitrant
- *Spools of pliable copper wire are standard equipment for many kinds of maintenance workers, including electricians.*

## 5. reiterate

- to say again, repeat
- verb
- Synonyms: restate, rehash, recapitulate
- *Effective speakers often reiterate an important statement for emphasis.*

## 6. stolid

- not easily moved mentally or emotionally; dull, unresponsive
- adjective
- Synonyms: impassive, phlegmatic
- Antonyms: emotional, oversensitive, high-strung
- *Stolid people can generally be expected to take most things in stride.*

## 7. tentative

- Experimental in nature, uncertain, hesitant
- Adjective
- Synonyms: provisional, inconclusive
- Antonyms: definite, conclusive, confirmed
- *Negotiators have come up with a tentative agreement that will keep both sides at the bargaining table past the strike deadline.*

## 8. unkempt

- Not combed; untidy; not properly maintained; unpolished, rude
- Adjective
- Synonyms: sloppy, disheveled, disordered, rough
- Antonyms: well-groomed, tidy, neat, natty
- *According to my parents, the latest fashions make me and my friends look unkempt.*

## 9. verbatim

- Word for word; exactly as written or spoken
- Adjective, adverb
- Synonyms: exact, precisely
- Antonyms: paraphrased
- *Newspapers often publish the verbatim text of an important speech.*

## 10. warily

- Cautiously, with great care
- Adverb
- Synonyms: carefully, prudently, gingerly
- Antonyms: recklessly, heedlessly, incautiously
- *The hikers made their way warily up the steep and rocky trail.*