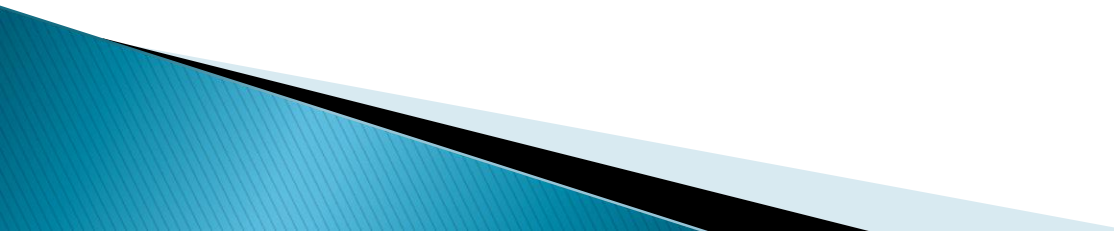


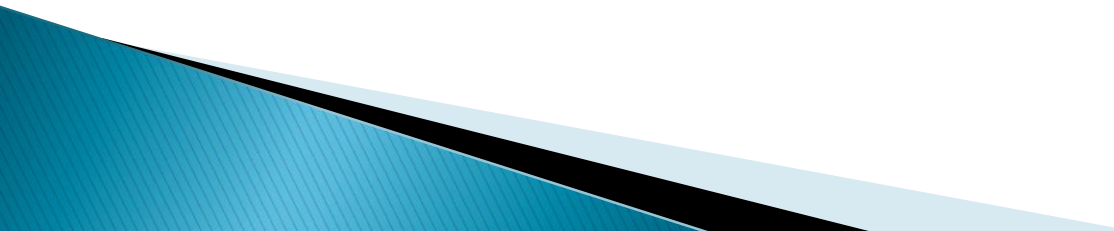
Vocabulary Unit 2.2

»» Quiz next Wednesday

1. adroit

- ▶ Skillful, expert in the use of the hands or mind
 - ▶ Adjective
 - ▶ Synonyms: clever, deft, dexterous
 - ▶ Antonyms: clumsy, inept, all thumbs
 - ▶ *Many rodeo performers are adroit at twirling a rope while on horseback.*
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2. amicable

- ▶ Peaceful, friendly
 - ▶ Adjective
 - ▶ Synonyms: congenial, neighborly, cordial
 - ▶ Antonyms: hostile, antagonistic
 - ▶ *Sometimes mediation by a neutral individual can lead to an amicable settlement of dispute.*
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3. averse

- ▶ Having a deep-seated distaste; opposed, unwilling
- ▶ Adjective
- ▶ Synonyms: disinclined, loath
- ▶ Antonyms: favorably disposed, eager, keen
- ▶ *You are not likely to become a marathon runner if you are averse to strenuous exercise.*

4. belligerent

- ▶ Adjective: Given to fighting, warlike; combative, aggressive
- ▶ Noun: one at war; one engaged in way
- ▶ Synonyms: assertive, truculent, pugnacious
- ▶ Antonyms: peaceful, conciliatory, placid
- ▶ *I did not expect such a belligerent answer to my request for directions.*
- ▶ *After each belligerent signed the peace treaty, the war was declared*

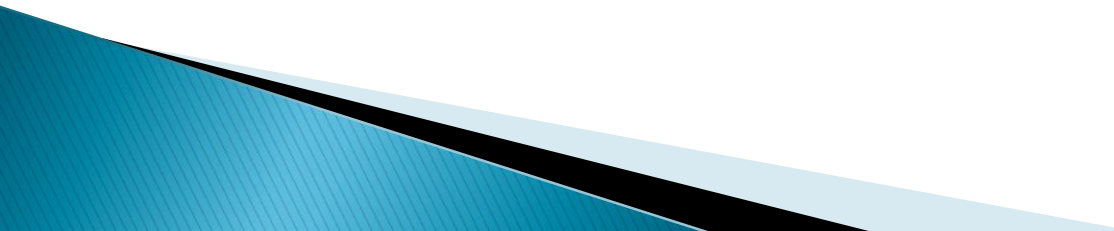
5. benevolent

- ▶ Kindly, charitable
- ▶ Adjective
- ▶ Synonyms: benign, well-meaning
- ▶ Antonyms: malicious, spiteful, malevolent
- ▶ *The newcomers had nothing but benevolent feelings toward all their neighbors.*

6. cursory

- ▶ Hasty, not thorough
- ▶ Adjective
- ▶ Synonyms: quick, superficial, perfunctory
- ▶ Antonyms: thorough, painstaking, careful
- ▶ *The mayor gave a final cursory glance at the text of her speech before mounting the podium.*

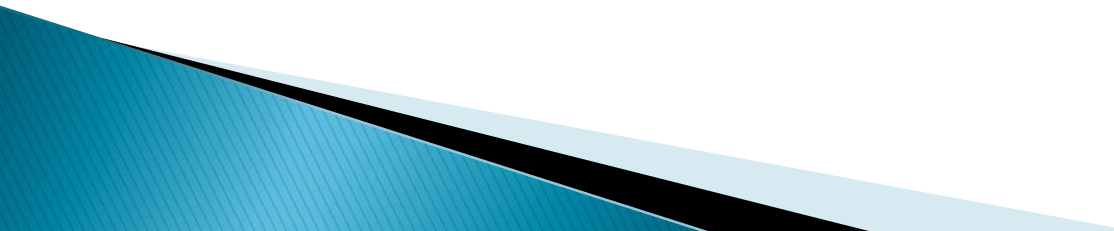
7. duplicity

- ▶ Treachery, deceitfulness
 - ▶ Noun
 - ▶ Synonyms: fraud, double-dealing, chicanery
 - ▶ *We found it difficult to believe that our good friend could be capable of such duplicity.*
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8. extol

- ▶ To praise extravagantly
- ▶ Verb
- ▶ Synonyms: glorify, applaud, acclaim, hail
- ▶ Antonyms: criticize, belittle, disparage
- ▶ *Many inspiring stories and plays have been written that extol the heroic deeds of Joan of Arc.*

9. feasible

- ▶ Possible, able to be done
 - ▶ Adjective
 - ▶ Synonyms: workable, practicable, viable
 - ▶ Antonyms: unworkable, impractical
 - ▶ *Our city needs to develop a feasible plan of action for dealing with storms and other emergencies.*
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10. grimace

- ▶ Noun: a wry face, facial distortion
- ▶ Verb: to make a wry face
- ▶ Synonyms: pained expression, facial contortion
- ▶ Antonyms: smile, grin, beam
- ▶ *The grimace of the refugee in the photograph reveals the pain of homelessness.*
- ▶ *Most people grimace at the mere sound of the dentist's drill.*