

Vocabulary Unit 3



1. adversary



- An enemy, opponent
- Noun
- Synonyms: antagonist, rival, foe
- Antonyms: friend, ally, supporter, confederate
- *A best friend off the tennis court can also be a fierce adversary on it.*

2. alienate



- To turn away; to make indifferent or hostile; to transfer, convey
- Verb
- Synonyms: separate, drive apart, estrange
- Antonyms: befriend, attract, captivate, reconcile
- *Gossiping and backbiting are bad habits that are bound to alienate friends.*

3. artifice



- A skillful or ingenious device; a clever trick; a clever skill; trickery
- Noun
- Synonyms: ruse, stratagem, contrivance
- *Even the most renowned art experts were completely taken in by the forger's artifice.*

4. coerce



- To compel, force
- Verb
- Synonyms: pressure, bully, intimate, constrain
- Antonyms: persuade, cajole
- *Dictators try to coerce their subjects into obedience by threatening them or their families with punishment.*

5. craven



- Adjective: cowardly
- Noun: a coward
- Synonyms: fearful, faithhearted
- Antonyms: brave, courageous, valiant
- *The who urged Great Britain to make peace with Hitler were criticized for their craven attitude.*

6. culinary



- Of or related to cooking or the kitchen
- Adjective
- *Cooking shows on television have helped many people to master the secrets of the culinary arts.*

7. delete



- To erase, wipe out, cut out
- Verb
- Synonyms: remove, cancel, expunge
- Antonyms: insert, add, retain, include
- *Crime labs can determine whether an attempt has been made to delete materials from audiotapes.*

8. demise



- A death, especially of a person in a lofty position
- Noun
- Synonyms: decease, passing away
- Antonyms: birth, beginning, commencement
- *Traditionally, the tolling of church bells has announced the demise of a monarch.*

9. exhilarate



- To enliven, cheer, give spirit or liveliness to
- Verb
- Synonyms: stimulate, excite, gladden
- Antonyms: discourage, dispirit, dishearten, inhibit
- *The first landing on the moor, in the summer of 1969, exhilarated the nation.*

10. fallow



- Adjective: plowed but not seeded; inactive; reddish-yellow
- Noun: left unseeded
- Verb: to plow but not seed
- Synonyms: unproductive, inert, dormant
- Antonyms: productive, fertile, prolific
- *After a month without a date, I decided my social life was definitely in a fallow period.*
- *In the drought-sticken region, there were millions of acres of fallow.*
- *Farmers often fallow a third of their fields each year to restore the chemical balance of the soil.*