

新 GRE 词汇进阶与巩固

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使用说明

Gradation: 词汇学习并不是一步到位，而需要一个循序渐进的过程，这种进阶体现在难度和熟练度两个维度。因此，希望各位考生首先确保自己有一定量的基础词汇（托福/雅思级别），再进行 GRE 词汇的学习；同时，我们提供的词汇也是按照难度递增而逐步呈现。

Repetition: 科学的进阶过程也并不能保证记忆的有效性，尤其是对于短期内的突击式记忆。最佳的记忆方式当然是通过大量的使用长期巩固，但是对于大多数备考时间有限的学生而言，这一点并不现实。所以，短期内的不断重复就显得尤为重要。

Efficiency: 句子填空真的是 GRE 的重点么？GRE 又真的是申请的重点么？作为填空老师，我自然希望大家重视这一门需要词汇量的学科；但是作为同样选择留学申请的学生，我确信知道，对于申请的大局而言，有太多比 GRE 更重要的事情。所以，有限的时间下，如何分配时间就显得尤为重要：我们需要的不是一个不顾一切的最高分，而是一个最有时间效率，最合理也最优化备考计划。

这次的 released 版本涵盖了 1080 个核心词条（包括英文释义/同反义词/对应的三种练习）

希望大家在使用的时候，尽可能的弱化“这个词如何翻译”的概念，而是试图去强化“这个词在句子中可以表达什么意思”或者“这个词有什么关键特征”等等，这不仅仅是考试的需求，更是大家转变思维方式，为国外的学习生活做准备的一个语言基础。因此标注为**粗体**/下划线的部分是需要大家尤其关注的。

单词怎么样算记住了呢？大家常规的做法或许是用卡片遮住释义，看能不能说出单词的解释。然而在实际考试中，我们要做的并不是去“默写”出选项的意思，而是要能够根据题干的

信息（即单词的“关键特征”）与选项做出匹配，是“连线题”而不是“主观题”。所以，主要大家能够完成每个 unit 之后的 4 组连线题，对于考试而言，这些单词就算是认识了。

第二种练习考察大家对于同反义的记忆，这种对于“异义词”的筛选，正是模拟大家在考场上筛选选项的思维过程，在“并不完全知道单词释义”的情况下，也要迅速做出选择。

第三种练习的考察分为两个层次：基本层面上，这些练习等于部分单词的例句（来自于西方的网络媒体），同时也是同义词替换的练习；更高层次上，我们希望通过这种练习，扩展学生的“输出”词汇：想到“短暂”这个概念，大家一定背过很多词，可是到了需要表达“短暂”的含义时，话到嘴/手边的就只有那么一两个单词；这样的练习强迫大家走出你所熟知的词汇 comfort zone，促使大家把仅仅“知道”的短期词汇转换成真正可以“运用”的长期词汇。这样的目标或许并不是 GRE 的考试要求，但是却一定是各位终究需要实现的学术能力。

目前发布的是《进阶与巩固》这本书的第一部分（1080 核心词汇）后续还会添加以下内容：

1. 大约 500 个进阶词汇及相应练习
2. 大约 100 个常见的 GRE 短语（包括部分常见的外来语短语）
3. 近一年考试中出现的新词（包括个别单词的生僻意思）
4. 部分关于词根词缀的讲解
5. 单词的中文注释和音标
6. 音频资料？（这个目前只是设想）

由于时间准备的相对仓促，加之暑期是上课的高峰期，因此这个版本的内容不免会出现疏漏或是欠妥当的地方，也希望各位试用版的读者能够给我们提出以下反馈意见，以及对于余下几个部分的建议和期待。

关于《进阶》一书的相关问题，大家可以联系我的工作邮箱 caotiancheng@xdf.cn，或者在 sina 微博@leoafun 私信留言；更多有关 GRE 备考的信息和资料，请关注@北京新东方 G 神团队。

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Unit 01

Quick Preview

<input type="checkbox"/> attrition	<input type="checkbox"/> irk	<input type="checkbox"/> underscore	<input type="checkbox"/> abstruse
<input type="checkbox"/> transmute	<input type="checkbox"/> steadfast	<input type="checkbox"/> hail	<input type="checkbox"/> lethargy
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<input type="checkbox"/> evanescent	<input type="checkbox"/> vindictive	<input type="checkbox"/> reverent	<input type="checkbox"/> supplicate

1 attrition

- i.* *n.* the act of **weakening** or **exhausting** by constant harassment, abuse, or attack
- ii.* *n.* the act of **rubbing** together: **friction**

2 transmute

- v.* to **change** or **alter** in form, appearance, or nature and especially **to a higher form**
- s.*¹ transform, convert, metamorphose, transfigure, transpose

3 hegemony

- n.* preponderant **influence** or **authority** over others: **domination**
- s.* ascendancy, dominion, predominance, preeminence

4 elusive

- i.* *adj.* **hard to comprehend** or define
- ii.* *adj.* tending to **evade grasp** or pursuit
- s.* elusory, evasive, intangible

5 evanescent

- adj.* tending to **vanish** like vapor: **transient**
- s.* transitory, ephemeral, fleeting, momentary; fugitive, volatile

6 irk

- v.* to **make** weary, **irritated**, or bored
- s.* annoy, abrade, gall, provoke

7 steadfast

- i.* *adj.* firmly **fixed** in place: **immovable**
- ii.* *adj.* **firm** in belief, determination, or adherence: **loyal**
- s.* adamant, inexorable, obdurate, relentless, rigid, unyielding; allegiant, ardent, resolute, staunch
- a.* vacillating, capricious

8 recrudescence

- n.* a **new outbreak** after a period of abatement or inactivity: **renewal**
- s.* returning, reacting, recurring, reverting

¹ *s.* = synonym, *a.* = antonym

a. repressing, suppressing; cessation, discontinuation

9 perfidy

n. the quality or state of being faithless or disloyal: treachery

s. perfidiousness, treason, infidelity

a. fidelity, fealty

10 vindictive

i. *adj.* disposed to seek revenge: vengeful

ii. *adj.* intended to cause anguish or hurt: spiteful

s. revengeful, vengeful

a. charitable, forgiving, merciful, relenting

11 underscore

v. to make evident: emphasize, stress

s. feature, italicize, play up, underline

12 hail

i. *v.* to greet with enthusiastic approval: acclaim, salute

s. commend, applaud, compliment, praise

a. belittle, depreciate, disparage, downgrade; berate, censure, condemn

ii. *n.* precipitation in the form of small balls or lumps

13 apposite

adj. highly pertinent or appropriate: apt

s. relevant, *ad rem*, applicable, apropos, germane

a. inapt; inept; casual, haphazard

14 forthright

adj. free from ambiguity or evasiveness: going straight to the point

s. straightforward, aboveboard; frank, candid, plain, undisguised

a. furtive, covert, surreptitious, underhand; deceitful, mendacious

15 reverent

adj. expressing or characterized by respect and honor: worshipful

16 abstruse

adj. difficult to comprehend: recondite

s. esoteric, hermetic, occult, profound

a. plain, manifest, lucid, perspicuous, palpable

17 lethargy

i. *n.* the quality or state of being lazy, sluggish, or indifferent

ii. *n.* abnormal drowsiness

s. apathy, disregard, heedlessness, insouciance, lassitude, listlessness; coma
a. aptness, promptness, alertness

18 vapid

adj. lacking liveliness, tang, briskness, or force: flat, dull

s. insipid, drivel, inane, innocuous, jejune, sapless

a. brisk, tangy, zesty; incisive, trenchant; pregnant, telling

19 recrimination

n. a retaliatory accusation

s. reproach, abuse, criticism, reproof

20 supplicate

v. to make an earnest and humble request

s. beg, appeal, beseech, crave, entreat, implore, importune, plead

Instant Review 01

1. Match the explanation on the left with the word on the right

Group 01

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|------------------------------------|-------|------------|
| 1. weakening, exhausting; friction | _____ | transmute |
| 2. change to a higher form | _____ | hegemony |
| 3. influence or dominance | _____ | evanescent |
| 4. hard to comprehend | _____ | elusive |
| 5. tending to vanish | _____ | attrition |

Group 02

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|----------------------------|-------|---------------|
| 1. make irritated | _____ | vindictive |
| 2. fixed; loyal | _____ | steadfast |
| 3. new outbreak | _____ | recrudescence |
| 4. disloyalty or treachery | _____ | perfidy |
| 5. seeking revenge | _____ | irk |

Group 03

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|----------------------------------|-------|------------|
| 1. emphasize | _____ | underscore |
| 2. acclaim or salute | _____ | reverent |
| 3. highly appropriate | _____ | hail |
| 4. free from ambiguity, straight | _____ | forthright |
| 5. showing respect | _____ | apposite |

Group 04

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|-----------------------------|-------|---------------|
| 1. difficult to comprehend | _____ | vapid |
| 2. laziness or indifference | _____ | supplicate |
| 3. lacking liveliness, flat | _____ | recrimination |
| 4. accusation | _____ | lethargy |
| 5. humbly request | _____ | abstruse |

2. Circle the word with different meanings from the rest of the group

Group 01

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|-------------------|------------|--------------|
| a. obdurate | staunch | capricious |
| b. reverting | repressing | recrudescent |
| c. perfidiousness | treason | fealty |
| d. vindictive | merciful | relenting |
| e. berate | hail | censure |

Group 02

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|---------------|---------|-----------|
| a. germane | casual | haphazard |
| b. mendacious | furtive | plain |

c. hermetic	manifest	occult
d. lassitude	lethargy	aptness
e. trenchant	jejune	pregnant

3. Replace the underlined word with another word you have just learned in this unit

Group 01

1. However both are experts on clay, so it's likely to be a war of exhaustion and not a quick-fire win for either player.
2. There is abundant evidence trans-nationalists plot to establish global domination and diminish our national sovereignty.
3. But we leave the page knowing that there were short-lived things that we have failed to describe and that, we suspect, may hold the key to the reality of the day.
4. The Director-General reaffirmed UNESCO's longstanding and persistent commitment to supporting the protection of Egyptian cultural heritage.
5. Nevertheless, President Karzai's disloyalty has created a rare opportunity to seek a national consensus that could include a much greater proportion of the Pashtun and other Afghan tribes.

Group 02

1. American policy to Vietnam, however, remained revengeful and was held hostage to families of MIAs.
2. It was one of those events that emphasize the conundrums of decision-making in a global marketplace.
3. This would not be a(n) appropriate moment to make the definitive judgment of whether to exile itself from America.
4. It sounds like a(n) complex topic, but it's actually pretty fundamental to the discussion of what the global economy should look like in the wake of the financial crisis.
5. In working from early Dorian models they introduced refinements of their own, with the result that they produced beautiful, but somewhat lifeless and academic types.

Unit 02

Quick Preview

<input type="checkbox"/> stalwart	<input type="checkbox"/> avert	<input type="checkbox"/> obscure	<input type="checkbox"/> noisome
<input type="checkbox"/> iconoclast	<input type="checkbox"/> trite	<input type="checkbox"/> magnate	<input type="checkbox"/> vacuous
<input type="checkbox"/> byzantine	<input type="checkbox"/> pragmatic	<input type="checkbox"/> preempt	<input type="checkbox"/> devolve
<input type="checkbox"/> sedentary	<input type="checkbox"/> imperturbable	<input type="checkbox"/> sanguine	<input type="checkbox"/> pellucid
<input type="checkbox"/> inviolable	<input type="checkbox"/> precedent	<input type="checkbox"/> invective	<input type="checkbox"/> indigent

21 stalwart

adj. marked by outstanding **strength** and **vigor** of body, mind, or spirit: **strong**

s. stout, sturdy, tenacious, tough

a. frail, feeble, weak

22 iconoclast

n. a person who **attacks settled beliefs** or institutions

23 byzantine

adj. intricately **involved: complicated**

s. labyrinthine, elaborate, intricate, involved, knotty, sophisticated

24 sedentary

adj. not migratory: **settled**

25 inviolable

adj. secure from violation or assault: **unassailable**

s. sacred, inviolate, sacrosanct, divine

26 avert

v. to **turn away** or aside in **avoidance: prevent**

s. deflect, divert; deter, forestall, obviate, preclude

a. advance, further, promote

27 trite

adj. **hackneyed** or **boring** from much use: **not original**

s. cliché, commonplace, hackneyed, stereotypical, threadbare, timeworn

a. novel, original, creative, imaginative; distinctive

28 pragmatic

adj. **practical** as opposed to idealistic: **realistic**

s. down-to-earth, hard-boiled, hardheaded

a. fantastic, idealistic, quixotic

29 imperturbable

adj. marked by extreme **calm**, **impassivity**, and **steadiness**: **serene**
s. collected, composed, nonchalant, unflappable, unruffled
a. choleric, touchy, discomfited, disconcerted, rattled, irascible

30 precedent

- i.* *adj.* **prior** in time, order, arrangement, or significance: **preceding**
s. antecedent, anterior, foregoing
- ii.* *n.* an **earlier occurrence** of something similar

31 obscure

- i.* *adj.* **not clearly** seen or easily distinguished: **dark** or **dim**
- ii.* *adj.* **not readily understood** or clearly expressed: **mysterious**
s. ambiguous, equivocal, murky, nebulous, opaque, unintelligible, vague
a. lucid, definite, explicit, obvious
- iii.* *adj.* relatively **unknown**, **not** prominent or **famous**: **remote**, **secluded**
a. celebrated, famed, distinguished, notable, renowned
- iv.* *v.* to **make dark**, dim, or indistinct
s. adumbrate, becloud, obfuscate, overshadow
a. illuminate, clarify, enlighten, elucidate, exemplify

32 magnate

n. a **person of** rank, **power**, influence, or distinction often in a specified area
s. baron, tycoon, personage

33 preempt

- i.* *v.* to **prevent from happening** or taking place: **forestall**, **preclude**
- ii.* *v.* to **seize upon** to the exclusion of others: **appropriate**
s. annex, arrogate, confiscate, expropriate, sequester

34 sanguine

adj. confidently **optimistic** and cheerful: **confident**
s. assured, secure, self-assured
a. pessimistic, gloomy, despairing

35 invective

adj. of, relating to, or characterized by **insult** or **abuse**
s. abusive, opprobrious, scurrilous, truculent, vituperative

36 noisome

- i.* *adj.* **noxious**, **harmful**
a. wholesome, salubrious, salutary
- ii.* *adj.* highly obnoxious or **objectionable**
s. offensive, disgusting, loathsome, nauseating, repulsive

37 vacuous

- i. adj. emptied of or lacking content: empty*
 - s. bare, vacant, void*
- ii. adj. marked by lack of ideas or intelligence: stupid, inane*
 - s. empty-headed, vacant, shallow, superficial*
- iii. adj. devoid of serious occupation: idle*

38 devolve

- i. v. to degenerate through a gradual change or evolution*
 - s. deteriorate, decay, decline, degenerate, downfall*
 - a. develop, progress, evolve*
- ii. v. to pass by transmission or succession*

39 pellucid

- i. adj. easy to understand*
 - s. lucent, lucid, luminous, translucent, transparent, transpicuous*
 - a. blurred, muddy, roily, turbid*
- ii. adj. admitting maximum passage of light without diffusion or distortion*

40 indigent

- adj. suffering from poverty: impoverished*
 - s. destitute, impecunious, impoverished, necessitous, needy, penurious*
 - a. affluent, opulent*

Instant Review 02

1. Match the explanation on the left with the word on the right

Group 01

- | | | |
|--|-------|------------|
| 1. with outstanding strength and vigor | _____ | stalwart |
| 2. one who attacks settled beliefs | _____ | sedentary |
| 3. intricately involved, complicated | _____ | inviolable |
| 4. not migratory, settled | _____ | iconoclast |
| 5. secure from violation | _____ | byzantine |

Group 02

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|------------------------------|-------|---------------|
| 1. turn away in avoidance | _____ | trite |
| 2. hackneyed, boring | _____ | precedent |
| 3. practical, not idealistic | _____ | pragmatic |
| 4. with extreme calm | _____ | imperturbable |
| 5. prior in time, preceding | _____ | avert |

Group 03

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|---|-------|-----------|
| 1. not readily understood; relatively unknown | _____ | sanguine |
| 2. a powerful person | _____ | preempt |
| 3. prevent from happening; seize upon | _____ | obscure |
| 4. confidently optimistic | _____ | magnate |
| 5. insulting, abusing | _____ | invective |

Group 04

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|-----------------------------------|-------|----------|
| 1. harmful; highly objectionable | _____ | vacuous |
| 2. lacking content; lacking ideas | _____ | pellucid |
| 3. degenerate; pass by succession | _____ | noisome |
| 4. easy to understand | _____ | indigent |
| 5. suffering from poverty | _____ | devolve |

2. Circle the word with different meanings from the rest of the group

Group 01

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|---------------|---------------|-------------|
| a. stout | tenacious | feeble |
| b. forestall | advance | obviate |
| c. hackneyed | stereotypical | distinctive |
| d. idealistic | hard-boiled | quixotic |
| e. choleric | composed | nonchalant |

Group 02

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|----------------|---------|-----------|
| a. elucidate | obscure | adumbrate |
| b. expropriate | bestow | sequester |

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|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| c. wholesome | salubrious | noisome |
| d. lucent | transpicuous | turbid |
| e. destitute | opulent | impecunious |

3. *Replace the underlined word with another word you have just learned in this unit*

Group 01

1. Benjamin had all the trappings of a showdown rather than a meeting between strong allies.
2. Businesses would experience an efficiency enhancement by eliminating the need to circumvent complicated tax regulations.
3. The charity also appealed for intervention by the international community to avoid the crisis.
4. If the material had been underplayed, or done as cool, sly satire, its moral and psychological patterns would have seemed obvious and commonplace.
5. The country will be ready to search for a new cooperative, practical approach to national problems.

Group 02

1. Through those dark and chaotic days, Roosevelt retained a surprisingly calm tranquility.
2. As the sampled voice disappears, Moran continues to build upon Piper's recitation, unraveling a surging and confident improvisation.
3. Back in medieval times, many complaints concerned misdirected, leaking or otherwise disgusting privies, as medieval cities had no infrastructure to cope with the disposal of human waste.
4. Charity, one of the oldest facilities in New Orleans, is a public hospital which accepts poor cases and those without medical insurance.
5. Keller might be sphinxlike in newsroom meetings, but he was quick to unleash abusive responses in e-mails to critics.

Unit 03

Quick Preview

<input type="checkbox"/> awry	<input type="checkbox"/> audacious	<input type="checkbox"/> turbid	<input type="checkbox"/> conflate
<input type="checkbox"/> uncanny	<input type="checkbox"/> gratuitous	<input type="checkbox"/> propitious	<input type="checkbox"/> precocious
<input type="checkbox"/> contemptuous	<input type="checkbox"/> flag	<input type="checkbox"/> lacerate	<input type="checkbox"/> avarice
<input type="checkbox"/> stupefy	<input type="checkbox"/> supplant	<input type="checkbox"/> impervious	<input type="checkbox"/> imprudent
<input type="checkbox"/> exemplify	<input type="checkbox"/> duplicate	<input type="checkbox"/> prepossessing	<input type="checkbox"/> deter

41 awry

- i.* *adj.* **off** the **correct** or expected **course**: **amiss**
s. astray, unfavorable, wrong, erroneous, faulty
- ii.* *adj.* in a turned or **twisted** position or direction: **askew**

42 uncanny

- adj.* being **beyond** what is **normal** or expected: **weird**
- s.* supernatural, supernormal

43 contemptuous

- adj.* manifesting, feeling, or **expressing disrespect**
- s.* disdainful, scornful, spiteful

44 stupefy

- i.* *v.* **astonish**, astound: **stun**
s. daze, benumb, paralyze, petrify
- ii.* *v.* to **make stupid**, groggy, or insensible: **dull**

45 exemplify

- i.* *v.* to show or **illustrate** by example
- ii.* *v.* to be an instance of or serve as an example: **embody**
s. epitomize, typify, demonstrate, symbolize, personify

46 audacious

- i.* *adj.* intrepidly **daring**: **adventurous**
s. brave, bold, courageous, dauntless, intrepid, valiant
a. cowardly, craven, gutless, pusillanimous
- ii.* *adj.* recklessly **bold**: **rash**
s. daredevil, foolhardy, reckless, brash, brazen, temerarious
a. cautious, chary, wary, judicious, prudent, circumspect, discreet

47 gratuitous

- i.* *adj.* costing nothing: **free**
s. complimentary, costless, gratis
- ii.* *adj.* **not called for** by the circumstances: **unwarranted**

s. baseless, groundless, unfounded, ungrounded, indefensible

48 flag

- i.* *v.* to **decline** in interest, attraction, or value
s. decline, deteriorate, languish, weaken, abate
- ii.* *v.* to **become unsteady**, feeble, or spiritless

49 supplant

- v.* to **take the place** of and serve as a **substitute** for
- s.* cut out, displace, usurp, replace, supersede

50 duplicate

- i.* *v.* to make a **copy** of
s. imitate, reduplicate, replicate, reproduce
- ii.* *n.* one that **resembles** or **corresponds** to another: **counterpart**
- iii.* *n.* either of two things **exactly alike**

51 turbid

- adj.* **deficient in clarity** or purity: foul, **muddy**
- s.* muddy, riley, roily, obscure
- a.* translucent, lucid, pellucid, transparent, undefiled, limpid

52 propitious

- i.* *adj.* favorably disposed: **benevolent**
- ii.* *adj.* being a good omen: **auspicious**
s. prosperous, benign, fortunate
a. adverse, unpropitious
- iii.* *adj.* tending to favor: **advantageous**

53 lacerate

- v.* to **cause** sharp mental or emotional **pain** to: **distress**

54 impervious

- i.* *adj.* not allowing entrance or passage: **impenetrable**
s. impassable, impenetrable, impermeable, unpierceable
a. pervious
- ii.* *adj.* **not** capable of being affected or **disturbed**

55 prepossessing

- adj.* tending to create a favorable impression: **attractive**
- s.* alluring, appealing, captivating, drawing, enchanting, engaging, mesmeric

56 conflate

- v.* to **bring together**: fuse, **combine**

57 precocious

- i. adj.* exceptionally early in development or occurrence
- ii. adj.* exhibiting mature qualities at an unusually early age
 - s.* advanced, forward, oversoon
 - a.* slow-witted, sluggish, retarded

58 avarice

- n.* excessive or insatiable desire for wealth or gain: greed, cupidity
- s.* cupidity, avariciousness, avidity, rapacity
- a.* prodigality, extravagance, bounty, liberality, munificence

59 imprudent

- adj.* not prudent: lacking discretion, wisdom, or good judgment
- s.* unwise, ill-advised, impolitic, indiscreet
- a.* judicious, expedient, advisable

60 deter

- v.* to turn aside, discourage, or prevent from acting: avert
- s.* dissuade, divert, forestall, obviate, preclude
- a.* abet, incite, instigate, provoke, stimulate

Instant Review 03

1. Match the explanation on the left with the word on the right

Group 01

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|----------------------------------|-------|--------------|
| 1. incorrect; twisted | _____ | uncanny |
| 2. beyond what is normal | _____ | stupefy |
| 3. expressing disrespect | _____ | awry |
| 4. make stupid; astonish | _____ | exemplify |
| 5. illustrate by example; embody | _____ | contemptuous |

Group 02

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|-----------------------------|-------|------------|
| 1. intrepidly daring; rash | _____ | supplant |
| 2. free; not called for | _____ | gratuitous |
| 3. become unsteady; decline | _____ | flag |
| 4. take the place of | _____ | duplicate |
| 5. copy; counterpart | _____ | audacious |

Group 03

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|--|-------|---------------|
| 1. deficient in clarity | _____ | turbid |
| 2. being a good omen; tending to favor | _____ | propitious |
| 3. cause pain, distress | _____ | prepossessing |
| 4. not allowing passage | _____ | lacerate |
| 5. tending to attract | _____ | impervious |

Group 04

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|------------------------------------|-------|------------|
| 1. bring together | _____ | precocious |
| 2. early; mature at an early age | _____ | imprudent |
| 3. excessive desire | _____ | deter |
| 4. lacking wisdom or judgment | _____ | conflate |
| 5. prevent from acting, discourage | _____ | avarice |

2. Circle the word with different meanings from the rest of the group

Group 01

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|-------------|------------|---------------|
| a. astray | correct | amiss |
| b. scornful | despiteful | reverent |
| c. paralyze | edify | petrify |
| d. valiant | craven | pusillanimous |
| e. flag | abate | balloon |

Group 02

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|---------------|------------|---------|
| a. turbid | pellucid | limpid |
| b. prosperous | auspicious | adverse |

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| c. alluring | repulsing | enchanted |
| d. advanced | precocious | sluggish |
| e. imprudent | judicious | expedient |

3. Replace the underlined word with another word you have just learned in this unit

Group 01

1. Phase one went well, then the young cashier stopped texting and all went wrong.
2. Tom Winsor told the Police Superintendents Conference that some lawyers spoke in disrespectful terms of the quality of police evidence.
3. Theissen believes BMW's difficulties during winter testing demonstrate the team's cohesive approach to Formula One.
4. Mr. Jardine said he was willing to put his hand up and shoulder all responsibility for making such a(n) daring bid.
5. At Nottingham Crown Court Mr. Justice Flaux said the attack was yet another example of mindless and unwarranted violence.

Group 02

1. The desire to transform the authentication process through science – to replace a subjective eye with objective tools – was not new.
2. Sodden ground gave rain nowhere to go but directly into streams, creeks and rivers that rushed a unclear red-brown past rural communities.
3. By the bleak standards of the Middle East, these changes make for a promising moment, though they do not mean that peace is nigh.
4. Mule's premature daughter Elizabeth excels at science and has been studying tarantulas since she was five.
5. What took place in 2009 therefore, was a massive socialization of the costs of foolish financial behavior.

Unit 04

Quick Preview

<input type="checkbox"/> ornate	<input type="checkbox"/> vaunted	<input type="checkbox"/> perplex	<input type="checkbox"/> kowtow
<input type="checkbox"/> fetid	<input type="checkbox"/> spendthrift	<input type="checkbox"/> avow	<input type="checkbox"/> deliberate
<input type="checkbox"/> castigate	<input type="checkbox"/> profuse	<input type="checkbox"/> malevolent	<input type="checkbox"/> allocate
<input type="checkbox"/> fetter	<input type="checkbox"/> paradigm	<input type="checkbox"/> idolatrous	<input type="checkbox"/> unstinting
<input type="checkbox"/> germane	<input type="checkbox"/> paucity	<input type="checkbox"/> abet	<input type="checkbox"/> goad

61 ornate

adj. elaborately or **excessively decorated**: **lavish**

s. baroque, flamboyant, florid, rococo, elaborate

a. austere, unembellished, unostentatious, restrained, subdued

62 fetid

adj. having a heavy **offensive smell**: **malodorous**

s. malodorous, fusty, noisome, putrid, smelly, stinking

a. aromatic, balmy, odorous, redolent, fragrant

63 castigate

v. to **subject to** severe punishment, reproof, or **criticism**: **punish**

s. chastise, lambaste, excoriate, scathe

64 fetter

i. n. a **chain** or **shackle** for the feet

ii. n. something that confines: **restraint**

iii. v. to **restrain** from motion, action, or progress: **shackle**

s. hamper, curb, entammel, hobble, leash

a. disencumber, disentangle, untangle, extricate

65 germane

adj. being at once **relevant** and appropriate: **fitting**

s. ad rem, applicable, apposite, apropos, pertinent

a. foreign, incompatible, incongruous, inconsonant

66 vaunted

adj. highly or widely **praised** or **boasted** about

67 spendthrift

n. a person who spends **improvidently** or **wastefully**

s. prodigal, profligate, squanderer

a. hoarder, miser

68 profuse

adj. exhibiting great **abundance**: **bountiful**
s. exuberant, lavish, lush, opulent, riotous, copious
a. exiguous, meager, slight, sparse, scanty

69 paradigm

n. an outstandingly clear or typical **example** or **archetype**: **model**
s. paragon, exemplar, ideal, pattern, standard

70 paucity

n. **smallness** of number or quantity: **fewness**, **dearth**
s. scarcity, insufficiency, poverty, scant

71 perplex

- i.* *v.* to **make unable to grasp** something **clearly** or to think logically about something: **puzzle**
s. befog, bewilder, confound, confuse, stumble
ii. *v.* to **make intricate** or involved: **complicate**
s. entangle, muddle, ravel, tangle

72 avow

v. to **declare** assuredly: **assert**
s. affirm, aver, depose, predicate
a. repudiate, withdraw

73 malevolent

adj. having, showing, or arising from intense often vicious **ill will**, spite, or **hatred**: **malicious**
s. spiteful, evil, malignant, spiteful, vicious, wicked
a. benignant, benevolent

74 idolatry

- i.* *n.* the **worship** of a physical object as a god
s. adoration, idolization,
ii. *n.* immoderate attachment or **devotion** to something

75 abet

- i.* *v.* to **actively** second and **encourage**: **incite**
s. foment, instigate, provoke, stir
a. forbid, prohibit, debar, deter, discourage
ii. *v.* to **assist** or **support** in the achievement of a purpose

76 kowtow

v. to **show** obsequious **deference**: **fawn**

77 deliberate

- i.* *adj.* characterized by **awareness of the consequences**: **voluntary**

- s.* intentional, willful, witting, meditated, conscious
- a.* forced, prescribed,
- ii.* *adj.* characterized by or resulting from **careful** and thorough **consideration**
 - s.* advised, aforethought, considered, designed, premeditated
 - a.* casual, desultory, haphazard, random, abrupt, impetuous, spontaneous
- iii.* *v.* to think about or **discuss** issues and decisions **carefully**: **ponder**
 - s.* speculate; meditate, revolve, ruminate

78 allocate

- v.* to **apportion** for a specific purpose or to particular persons or things: **distribute**
- s.* allot, admeasure, apportion, assign
- a.* reserve, sequester

79 unstinting

- i.* *adj.* **not** restricting or **holding back**
- ii.* *adj.* **giving** or being given freely or **generously**

80 goad

- i.* *n.* something that **urges** or **stimulates** into action: **spur**
 - s.* stimulus, catalyst, impetus, incentive, incitement
 - a.* curb
- ii.* *v.* to **incite** or **rouse** as if with a goad

Instant Review 04

1. Match the explanation on the left with the word on the right

Group 01

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|-----------------------------|-------|-----------|
| 1. excessively decorated | _____ | ornate |
| 2. having offensive smell | _____ | germane |
| 3. criticize, punish | _____ | fetter |
| 4. restrain; shackle | _____ | fetid |
| 5. relevant and appropriate | _____ | castigate |

Group 02

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|------------------------------|-------|-------------|
| 1. highly praised | _____ | vaunted |
| 2. one who spends wastefully | _____ | spendthrift |
| 3. exhibiting abundance | _____ | profuse |
| 4. typical example, model | _____ | paucity |
| 5. smallness or dearth | _____ | paradigm |

Group 03

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|--------------------------------|-------|------------|
| 1. make complicated; puzzle | _____ | perplex |
| 2. declare assuredly | _____ | malevolent |
| 3. showing intense hatred | _____ | idolatry |
| 4. immoderate devotion | _____ | avow |
| 5. actively encourage; support | _____ | abet |

Group 04

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|--------------------------------------|-------|------------|
| 1. show respect | _____ | unstinting |
| 2. aware; careful; carefully discuss | _____ | kowtow |
| 3. distribute | _____ | goad |
| 4. not holding back | _____ | deliberate |
| 5. urge or stimulate; stimulus | _____ | allocate |

2. Circle the word with different meanings from the rest of the group

Group 01

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|-----------------|---------------|-----------|
| a. baroque | subdued | rococo |
| b. malodorous | redolent | putrid |
| c. extricate | curb | entrammel |
| d. incompatible | <i>ad rem</i> | pertinent |
| e. profligate | squanderer | miser |

Group 02

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|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| a. exiguous | copious | scanty |
| b. depose | predicate | repudiate |

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| c. spiteful | benevolent | vicious |
| d. debar | foment | instigate |
| e. desultory | advised | haphazard |

3. *Replace the underlined word with another word you have just learned in this unit*

Group 01

1. This opulence resulted in the addition of the lavish mosaics at the east end of the cathedral.
2. You are right to criticize the politicians for their failure to deal with the problem but they are not the only villains.
3. For ad-supported apps specifically, the company will have some guidelines specifically targeted at making sure the ads are appropriate and relevant.
4. On one hand, the government initially had been perceived as balking at the IMF strictures by, for instance, endorsing a(n) wasteful budget.
5. As soon as it gets dark, those using telescopes will have Jupiter manifest its plentiful embellishment of atmospheric details.

Group 02

1. The lack of such assistance partly explains why their ambitions decline over time.
2. Brown's new enthusiasm for debate may puzzle even those who have worked closely with him.
3. German history is marked by charismatic leaders who wielded personal power for ill-willed ends.
4. Homosexual acts and gay marriages are already illegal in Nigeria but the draft law would also punish those who aid or encourage such marriages.
5. Specifically, the Administration has defended its public insurance option as a necessary competitive stimulus to the private health insurance industry.

Unit 05

Quick Preview

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| <input type="checkbox"/> autonomous | <input type="checkbox"/> recant | <input type="checkbox"/> canard | <input type="checkbox"/> gregarious |
| <input type="checkbox"/> foible | <input type="checkbox"/> culminate | <input type="checkbox"/> cupidity | <input type="checkbox"/> expound |
| <input type="checkbox"/> indolent | <input type="checkbox"/> oblique | <input type="checkbox"/> assimilate | <input type="checkbox"/> retract |
| <input type="checkbox"/> limpid | <input type="checkbox"/> deferential | <input type="checkbox"/> unnerve | <input type="checkbox"/> zealous |
| <input type="checkbox"/> assiduous | <input type="checkbox"/> malady | <input type="checkbox"/> alacrity | <input type="checkbox"/> obstreperous |

81 autonomous

- i.* *adj.* existing or capable of existing **independently**
- ii.* *adj.* having the right or power of **self-government**
 - a.* subordinated, affiliated, allied

82 foible

- n.* a **minor flaw** or shortcoming in character or behavior: **weakness**
- s.* fault, frailty, vice, imperfection

83 indolent

- i.* *adj.* **averse to** activity, **effort**, or movement: habitually **lazy**
 - s.* slothful, idle
 - a.* industrious, diligent, vigorous
- ii.* *adj.* causing little or **no pain**

84 limpid

- i.* *adj.* marked by transparency and **clarity**: **pellucid**
 - s.* transparent, translucent
- ii.* *adj.* absolutely serene and **untroubled**

85 assiduous

- adj.* marked by **careful** unremitting **attention** or **persistent** application
- s.* diligent, industrious, operose, sedulous
- a.* desultory, lax, remiss, slack, indolent, slothful

86 recant

- v.* to **withdraw** or **repudiate** formally and publicly: **renounce**
- s.* abjure, forswear, retract, withdraw

87 culminate

- v.* to **reach** the **highest** or a climactic or decisive **point**: **climax**

88 oblique

- i.* *adj.* neither perpendicular nor parallel: **inclined**
 - s.* leaning, pitched, sloped, tilted

ii. *adj.* not straightforward: **indirect**; **devious**, **underhanded**

s. circuitous, circular, roundabout

a. straightforward

89 deferential

adj. **showing** or expressing **respect** and esteem **to a superior** or an elder

s. respectful, duteous, dutiful, regardful

90 malady

i. *n.* a **disease** or disorder of the animal body

s. affection, infirmity, syndrome

ii. *n.* an unwholesome or **disordered condition**

91 canard

n. a groundless **rumor** or belief

s. falsehood, misrepresentation, prevarication

92 cupidity

n. **inordinate desire** for wealth: **avarice**, **greed**

s. avarice, avidity, rapacity, acquisitiveness

93 assimilate

i. *v.* to take into the mind and thoroughly **comprehend**

s. absorb, imbibe, incorporate, ingrain

ii. *v.* to **make similar**

iii. *v.* **compare**, liken

s. equate, match, paragon, parallel

94 unnerve

v. to **deprive of courage**, strength, or steadiness: **upset**

s. castrate, emasculate, enervate, enfeeble, sap

a. inspirit, invigorate, reinforce, strengthen, hearten

95 alacrity

n. **promptness** in response: cheerful **readiness**

s. dispatch, expedition, promptitude, briskness

a. dilatoriness, procrastination, vacillation, lethargy, sluggishness

96 gregarious

adj. **tending to associate** with others of one's kind: **social**, **sociable**

s. social, sociable

97 expound

i. *v.* to set forth: **state**

- ii.* *v.* to **explain** by setting forth **in** careful and often elaborate **detail**
s. construe, explicate, interpret

98 retract

- i.* *v.* take back, **withdraw**
s. recede, retreat, retrocede, retrograde
a. protract
- ii.* *v.* to **refuse to acknowledge** or accept: **disclaim**
s. abjure, forswear, unsay, disavow

99 zealous

- adj.* **filled with** or characterized by zeal or **passion**: **enthusiastic**
s. ardent, fervent, frenetic, infatuated, rabid
a. apathetic, halfhearted, indifferent, heedless, insouciant, negligent

100 obstreperous

- i.* *adj.* **stubbornly** resistant to control: **unruly**
s. disobedient, naughty, unruly
- ii.* *adj.* marked by unruly or aggressive **noisiness**: **clamorous**
s. vociferous, blatant, boisterous

Instant Review 05

1. Match the explanation on the left with the word on the right

Group 01

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|-----------------------------|-------|------------|
| 1. exhibiting independence | _____ | limpid |
| 2. minor flaw | _____ | indolent |
| 3. habitually lazy | _____ | foible |
| 4. clear or transparent | _____ | autonomous |
| 5. attentive and persistent | _____ | assiduous |

Group 02

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|----------------------------------|-------|-------------|
| 1. withdraw publicly | _____ | recant |
| 2. reach the highest point | _____ | oblique |
| 3. inclined; indirect | _____ | malady |
| 4. showing respect | _____ | deferential |
| 5. disordered condition; disease | _____ | culminate |

Group 03

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|-----------------------------------|-------|------------|
| 1. rumor | _____ | unnerve |
| 2. inordinate desire, greed | _____ | cupidity |
| 3. make similar; comprehend | _____ | canard |
| 4. deprive of courage | _____ | assimilate |
| 5. promptness, cheerful readiness | _____ | alacrity |

Group 04

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|-------------------------------------|-------|--------------|
| 1. tending to associate | _____ | zealous |
| 2. explain in detail | _____ | retract |
| 3. take back; refuse to acknowledge | _____ | obstreperous |
| 4. filled with passion | _____ | gregarious |
| 5. resistant to control | _____ | expound |

2. Circle the word with different meanings from the rest of the group

Group 01

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|-----------------|-------------|------------|
| a. subordinated | affiliated | autonomous |
| b. diligent | slothful | vigorous |
| c. remiss | industrious | sedulous |
| d. oblique | circuitous | roundabout |
| e. avidity | rapacity | charity |

Group 02

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|--------------------|----------|----------|
| a. enfeeble | hearten | sap |
| b. procrastination | dispatch | lethargy |

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| c. abjure | protract | disavow |
| d. heedless | insouciant | rabid |
| e. serene | vociferous | blatant |

3. Replace the underlined word with another word you have just learned in this unit

Group 01

1. The recording urges the northwest border region's largely self-governing tribes to fight government troops.
2. The right-wing media were quick to blame neglectful parents, a breakdown of moral values and an lazy underclass with no stake in society after decades of pampering on welfare.
3. However, Italians have long known about the magnetism of Calabria's powder-sand coastline, wooded hills and transparent lakes.
4. During the many years in which he was a member of "The Club" he was one of its most tireless frequenters, and his loss was acknowledged by a formal resolution.
5. Once passive and fatalistic, villagers are now better educated, more mobile, less respectful and ultimately more politically demanding

Group 02

1. Publicly, the White House insists the president already has told the truth and is dismissing talk that he will take back his earlier denials.
2. The prospect of Africa's most celebrated president losing her re-election might discourage investors.
3. The quickness with which the correction took place was admirable, but it was not fast enough to prevent the false information from being repeated elsewhere.
4. Meanwhile, after only three tweets, these sociable girls already have over 1500 Twitter followers.
5. The stubborn foreign merchants invoke the principles of free trade to justify opium exports to China.

Unit 06

Quick Preview

<input type="checkbox"/> perennial	<input type="checkbox"/> inquisitive	<input type="checkbox"/> voracious	<input type="checkbox"/> espouse
<input type="checkbox"/> protract	<input type="checkbox"/> contingent	<input type="checkbox"/> mollify	<input type="checkbox"/> quandary
<input type="checkbox"/> censure	<input type="checkbox"/> pristine	<input type="checkbox"/> polemical	<input type="checkbox"/> tractable
<input type="checkbox"/> pith	<input type="checkbox"/> lament	<input type="checkbox"/> accede	<input type="checkbox"/> whimsical
<input type="checkbox"/> tempestuous	<input type="checkbox"/> coeval	<input type="checkbox"/> heretical	<input type="checkbox"/> tantamount

101 perennial

- i.* *adj.* continuing **without interruption**: **constant**
s. continuing, enduring, inveterate, perdurable, perpetual
- ii.* *adj.* regularly **repeated** or renewed: **recurrent**

102 protract

- v.* to **prolong** in time or space: **continue**, **extend**
- s.* elongate, lengthen, stretch
- a.* curtail

103 censure

- v.* to **find fault** with and **criticize** as blameworthy
- s.* condemn, denounce, denunciate, reprehend, reprobate
- a.* applaud, compliment, approve, commend

104 pith

- i.* *n.* the **essential part** or the substantial quality: **core**
- ii.* *n.* **importance**
s. consequence, magnitude, significance

105 tempestuous

- adj.* of, relating to, or resembling a storm: **turbulent**
- s.* blustering, furious, raging, tumultuous, stormy
- a.* bridled, calm, restrained

106 inquisitive

- i.* *adj.* inordinately or **improperly curious** about the affairs of others
s. inquisitorial, nosy, prying, snoop
- ii.* *adj.* **given to** examination or **investigation**

107 contingent

- i.* *adj.* likely but **not certain** to happen: **possible**
- ii.* *adj.* happening **by chance** or unforeseen causes: **unpredictable**
s. accidental, fortuitous, incidental, odd

108 pristine

- i.* *adj.* **not** spoiled, **corrupted**, or polluted: **pure**
- ii.* *adj.* belonging to the **earliest** period or state: **original**

109 lament

- v.* to **express sorrow**, mourning, or regret for often demonstratively: **mourn**
- s.* deplore, bemoan, bewail, grieve
- a.* exult, rejoice

110 coeval

- adj.* of the same or **equal age**, antiquity, or duration: **contemporary**
- s.* coetaneous, coexistent, concurrent, simultaneous, synchronic

111 voracious

- adj.* having a huge appetite or **excessively eager**: **insatiable**
- s.* acquisitive, edacious, gluttonous, rapacious, ravenous

112 mollify

- i.* *v.* to **soothe** in temper or disposition: **appease**
- ii.* *v.* to **reduce** the rigidity or **intensity**: **assuage**, **soften**
 - s.* alleviate, allay, pacify, assuage, conciliate, placate, propitiate, mitigate, temper
 - a.* exasperate

113 polemical

- i.* *adj.* of, relating to, or being an argument: **controversial**
- ii.* *adj.* **engaged in** or addicted to **arguments**: **disputatious**
 - s.* contentious, argumentative, disputatious, litigious

114 accede

- v.* to **express approval** or give **consent**
- s.* assent, acquiesce, agree, consent, subscribe
- a.* demur, balk, withstand, expostulate

115 heretical

- adj.* characterized by **departure from accepted beliefs** or standards: **unorthodox**
- s.* dissident, heterodox, schismatic, sectarian
- a.* orthodox, conventional, established, conformist

116 espouse

- v.* to take up and **support** as a cause: **adopt**
- s.* embrace, approve, advocate, champion, uphold
- a.* repudiate

117 quandary

n. a state of **perplexity** or **doubt**

118 tractable

adj. capable of being **easily** handled, managed, or **controlled**: **docile**, **malleable**

s. obedient, amenable, docile, pliant, subdued

a. headstrong, willful, obstinate, refractory, intractable, unruly

119 whimsical

adj. subject to erratic behavior or **unpredictable change**: **arbitrary**

s. capricious, erratic, vagarious, wayward

a. calculable, predictable

120 tantamount

adj. **equivalent** in value, significance, or effect

s. duplicate, equal, identical, indistinguishable

Instant Review 06

1. Match the explanation on the left with the word on the right

Group 01

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|------------------------------------|-------|-------------|
| 1. continuing without interruption | _____ | tempestuous |
| 2. prolong or extend | _____ | protract |
| 3. find fault and criticize | _____ | pith |
| 4. essential part | _____ | perennial |
| 5. resembling a storm, turbulent | _____ | censure |

Group 02

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|--------------------------------------|-------|-------------|
| 1. improperly curious | _____ | pristine |
| 2. likely but not certain; by chance | _____ | lament |
| 3. not corrupted; original | _____ | contingent |
| 4. express sorrow | _____ | coeval |
| 5. of equal age | _____ | inquisitive |

Group 03

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|--|-------|-----------|
| 1. excessively eager | _____ | voracious |
| 2. reduce intensity; soothe | _____ | polemical |
| 3. engaged in arguments; controversial | _____ | mollify |
| 4. express approval | _____ | heretical |
| 5. departing from accepted beliefs | _____ | accede |

Group 04

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|-----------------------------|-------|------------|
| 1. support or adopt | _____ | whimsical |
| 2. state of perplexity | _____ | tractable |
| 3. easily controlled | _____ | tantamount |
| 4. erratic or unpredictable | _____ | quandary |
| 5. equivalent in value | _____ | espouse |

2. Circle the word with different meanings from the rest of the group

Group 01

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|---------------|--------------|------------|
| a. inveterate | sporadic | perpetual |
| b. denunciate | reprehend | commend |
| c. blustering | bridled | tumultuous |
| d. fortuitous | foreordained | contingent |
| e. rejoice | deplore | bewail |

Group 02

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|---------------|----------|------------|
| a. propitiate | mitigate | exasperate |
| b. acquiesce | demur | subscribe |

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| c. heterodox | conformist | sectarian |
| d. docile | obstinate | refractory |
| e. vagarious | wayward | calculable |

3. *Replace the underlined word with another word you have just learned in this unit*

Group 01

1. The era lent a martial urgency to the continuing task of thinking well about the world.
2. Most of us believe that the president's behavior and actions were wrong and he deserves criticism.
3. Finally, the roar of the Colorado River comes into earshot and a(n) turbulent rush of mint-green water races through the nadir of the canyon.
4. Situated in Western Wyoming, the Bridger-Teton National forest comprises 3.4 million acres of primitive mountain wilderness.
5. They have become an important market, eager consumers of cars, gadgets, appliances and other expensive goods.

Group 02

1. The company has made tweaks to its search engine to appease rivals and head off a possible legal clash with antitrust authorities.
2. Bakan's controversial portrait, also adapted into a two-and-a-half hour documentary, is a tale of Enron-esque corruption, the erosion of workers' rights, the unethical exploitation of the developing world and an unhealthy involvement in political process.
3. Abhisit has repeatedly said he will listen to the protesters but will not agree to their demands.
4. These differences tend to be much more controllable than ones centered on the domestic affairs of the host nation, no matter how much the latter may weigh on participating leaders.
5. Kids will delight in its impulsive, dangerous world – where grotesquery is the norm and anything can happen.

Unit 07

Quick Preview

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<input type="checkbox"/> banal	<input type="checkbox"/> constituent	<input type="checkbox"/> protean	<input type="checkbox"/> evasive
<input type="checkbox"/> obviate	<input type="checkbox"/> canonical	<input type="checkbox"/> decry	<input type="checkbox"/> diffident
<input type="checkbox"/> frugal	<input type="checkbox"/> eradicate	<input type="checkbox"/> extenuate	<input type="checkbox"/> jaded
<input type="checkbox"/> equanimity	<input type="checkbox"/> sage	<input type="checkbox"/> indict	<input type="checkbox"/> palliate

121 narcissism

- i.* *n.* **love of** or sexual desire for one's **own** body
- ii.* *n.* **egoism**, egocentrism
 - s.* conceit, self-admiration, vanity

122 banal

- adj.* **lacking originality**, freshness, or novelty: **trite**
- s.* insipid, hackneyed, pedestrian, bromidic, commonplace
- a.* original, zesty, novel

123 obviate

- i.* *v.* to anticipate and **prevent** or make unnecessary: **avert**
 - s.* deter, forestall, forefend, preclude, preempt
- ii.* *v.* to do away with: **eliminate**

124 frugal

- adj.* characterized by or reflecting **economy** in the use of resources: **sparing**
- s.* canny, chary, economical, thrifty, wary
- a.* wasteful, profligate, lavish, extravagant

125 equanimity

- n.* **evenness of mind** especially under stress: **calmness**
- s.* ataraxy, composure, placidity, serenity, tranquility
- a.* apprehension, excitability, agitation, perturbation

126 cow

- v.* to **destroy** the resolve or **courage** of: **intimidate**
- s.* bluster, browbeat, bully, hector
- a.* cower, fawn, toady

127 constituent

- i.* *n.* an essential part: **component**, **element**
- ii.* *n.* a member of a constituency

128 canonical

adj. conforming to a general rule or **accepted** procedure: **orthodox**
s. authoritative, sanctioned, recognized, established

129 eradicate

v. to **do away with** as completely as if by **pulling up** the roots: **annihilate**
s. abolish, exterminate, extinguish, extirpate, demolish
a. establish, inculcate, engender, propagate

130 sage

n. a mature or **venerable** man of **sound** judgment or **wisdom**

131 catalyst

n. an agent that **provokes** or **speeds** significant change or **action**: **stimulus**
s. goad, impetus, incentive, incitation, spur
a. inhibitor

132 protean

adj. **displaying** great diversity or **variety**: **versatile**
s. changeable, mutable, variable

133 decry

v. to **express** strong **disapproval** of: **depreciate**
s. condemn, devalue, downgrade, derogate, detract, minimize
a. extol, puff, acclaim, aggrandize, magnify

134 extenuate

v. to **lessen** the strength or **effect** of: **mitigate**
s. moderate, qualify, temper, palliate

135 indict

v. to **charge** with a fault or offense: **accuse**
s. criminate, impeach, incriminate, inculcate

136 wanting

- i.* *adj.* **not present** or in evidence: **absent**
- ii.* *adj.* **lacking** in ability or capacity: **deficient**
s. short, failing, scanty, scarce

137 evasive

adj. **tending** or intended **to evade**: **equivocal**
s. ambiguous, equivocating, prevaricative, shuffling, sly
a. categorical, explicit, candid, forthright

138 diffident

- i.* *adj.* hesitant in acting or speaking through lack of self-confidence
- ii.* *adj.* reserved, unassertive: shy
 - s.* bashful, demure, modest, retiring, self-effacing, timid
 - a.* assertive, assured, impudent, confident

139 jaded

- i.* *adj.* fatigued by overwork: exhausted
 - s.* wearied, weary, worn, worn-out
 - a.* refreshed
- ii.* *adj.* made dull, apathetic, or cynical by experience or by surfeit

140 palliate

- i.* *v.* to moderate the intensity of: alleviate
 - s.* extenuate, lighten, mitigate, qualify, temper
- ii.* *v.* to cover by excuses and apologies
 - s.* camouflage, prettify, varnish, veneer, whitewash

Instant Review 07

1. Match the explanation on the left with the word on the right

Group 01

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|----------------------------|-------|------------|
| 1. egoism; love of oneself | _____ | obviate |
| 2. lacking originality | _____ | narcissism |
| 3. anticipate and prevent | _____ | frugal |
| 4. economical or sparing | _____ | equanimity |
| 5. calmness of mind | _____ | banal |

Group 02

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|----------------------------------|-------|-------------|
| 1. destroy courage, intimidate | _____ | sage |
| 2. essential part | _____ | eradicate |
| 3. generally accepted | _____ | cow |
| 4. pull up the roots, annihilate | _____ | constituent |
| 5. man of wisdom | _____ | canonical |

Group 03

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|------------------------------|-------|-----------|
| 1. provoking agent, stimulus | _____ | protean |
| 2. displaying variety | _____ | indict |
| 3. express disapproval | _____ | extenuate |
| 4. lessen the strength | _____ | decry |
| 5. charge with faults | _____ | catalyst |

Group 04

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|----------------------------|-------|-----------|
| 1. not present, lacking | _____ | wanting |
| 2. tending to evade | _____ | palliate |
| 3. lacking self-confidence | _____ | jaded |
| 4. exhausted by overwork | _____ | evasive |
| 5. moderate the intensity | _____ | diffident |

2. Circle the word with different meanings from the rest of the group

Group 01

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|--------------|------------|-------------|
| a. hackneyed | pedestrian | zesty |
| b. thrifty | profligate | chary |
| c. agitation | serenity | tranquility |
| d. bully | fawn | hector |
| e. extirpate | demolish | inculcate |

Group 02

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|--------------|-----------|------------|
| a. inhibitor | incentive | impetus |
| b. extol | detract | aggrandize |

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|-----------------|---------------|-------------|
| c. equivocating | prevaricative | categorical |
| d. demure | retiring | impudent |
| e. temper | exasperate | extenuate |

3. Replace the underlined word with another word you have just learned in this unit

Group 01

1. This thing is enormous and all-pervading, evolving and ongoing, history-altering yet in many respects boring.
2. He has hope that improvements in helmet technology will solve much of the problem and remove the need for sweeping rule changes.
3. Retailers and other companies don't want to risk losing economical shoppers by raising prices.
4. The War Minister contemplated defeat with calmness and compared the potential destruction of Japan to the withering of a flower.
5. What also makes and made Cobain special is that he achieved recognized status with so little creative output.

Group 02

1. She said stronger-than-expected U.S. nonfarm payrolls data, released after Asian markets were closed, could provide that stimulus.
2. The many primary documents translated into English from throughout the Arabic-speaking world demonstrate its diverse sources.
3. There will be artists and critics who criticize the chilling effect this will have on galleries' willingness to sell appropriation art.
4. The recommendation to accuse him comes amid a flurry of corruption allegations against top-level Israeli politicians.
5. After a hard week hanging controls, I was somewhat exhausted and therefore relieved to see them running the show so smooth and independently.

Unit 08

Quick Preview

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| <input type="checkbox"/> sly | <input type="checkbox"/> commodious | <input type="checkbox"/> nascent | <input type="checkbox"/> profligate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> apprehension | <input type="checkbox"/> turpitude | <input type="checkbox"/> legacy | <input type="checkbox"/> subtle |
| <input type="checkbox"/> myriad | <input type="checkbox"/> sporadic | <input type="checkbox"/> disparate | <input type="checkbox"/> undermine |
| <input type="checkbox"/> variegated | <input type="checkbox"/> amalgamate | <input type="checkbox"/> parody | <input type="checkbox"/> obeisance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fractious | <input type="checkbox"/> nicety | <input type="checkbox"/> assuage | <input type="checkbox"/> disinterested |

141 sly

- i.* *adj.* clever in **concealing** one's aims or ends: **furtive**
- ii.* *adj.* **lacking** in straightforwardness and **candor**: **dissembling**
 - s.* artful, astute, crafty, cunning, calculating, stealthy
 - a.* candid, forthright, straightforward

142 apprehension

- i.* *n.* the result of apprehending mentally: **conception**
 - s.* conception, notion, perception, conceit
- ii.* *n.* **seizure** by legal process: **arrest**
- iii.* *n.* suspicion or **fear** especially of future evil: **foreboding**
 - s.* misgiving, premonition, presage, presentiment
 - a.* confidence, assurance, composure, equanimity, sangfroid

143 myriad

- adj.* both **numerous** and **diverse**
- s.* innumerable, countless, untold

144 commodious

- adj.* comfortably or conveniently **spacious**: **roomy**
- s.* ample, capacious
- a.* cramped, strait

145 fractious

- i.* *adj.* tending to be troublesome: **unruly**
 - s.* recalcitrant, indomitable, disobedient, obstinate
 - a.* docile, tractable, disciplinable, orderly
- ii.* *adj.* **quarrelsome**, **irritable**
 - s.* fretful, peevish, petulant, querulous
 - a.* peaceable

146 variegated

- adj.* **having** discrete markings of **different colors**: **various**
- s.* dappled, motley, multihued, polychromatic, checkered
- a.* solid

147 turpitude

n. inherent baseness: depravity

148 sporadic

adj. occurring occasionally, singly, or in irregular or random instances

s. intermittent, fitful, desultory, spotty

a. frequent, regular

149 amalgamate

v. to unite or to merge into a single body: mix

s. compound, fuse, meld, merge, mingle

a. decompose, disintegrate; disperse, dissipate, scatter

150 nicety

n. careful attention to details or delicate exactness: precision

s. distinction, refinement, delicacy

151 nascent

adj. coming or having recently come into existence: initial

s. incipient, initiative, introductory

152 legacy

i. *n.* a gift by will especially of money or other personal property: bequest

ii. *n.* something transmitted by an ancestor or predecessor or from the past: heritage

s. birthright, inheritance, patrimony

153 disparate

adj. markedly distinct in quality or character: different

s. dissimilar, distant, divergent

a. analogous, comparable, consonant

154 parody

n. a literary or musical work in which the style is closely imitated for comic effect or in ridicule

s. caricature, burlesque, travesty, spoof, ridicule

155 assuage

i. *v.* to lessen the intensity of: ease, pacify

s. relieve, allay, alleviate, mitigate, mollify, placate

a. exacerbate, magnify, intensify, augment

ii. *v.* to put an end to by satisfying: appease, quench

156 profligate

adj. wildly extravagant: prodigal

s. abandoned, dissolute, licentious, reprobate

157 subtle

- i. *adj.* **difficult to understand** or perceive: **obscure**
- ii. *adj.* having or marked by **keen insight** and ability to penetrate deeply and thoroughly
- iii. *adj.* **cunningly** made or contrived: **ingenious**

158 undermine

- v.* to **weaken** or **ruin** by degrees
- s. attenuate, blunt, debilitate, enfeeble, sap, sabotage, subvert

159 obeisance

- n.* a movement of the body made in token of **respect** or **submission**: **bow**
- s. deference, homage, reverence, allegiance

160 disinterested

- i. *adj.* **free from selfish** motive or **interest**: **unbiased**
 - s. detached, dispassionate, impersonal, poker-faced, impartial
 - a. biased, prejudiced, involved
- ii. *adj.* **not having** the mind or **feelings** engaged: **not interested**
 - s. indifferent, aloof, detached, withdrawn
 - a. fervent, impassioned

Instant Review 08

1. Match the explanation on the left with the word on the right

Group 01

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|-------------------------------|-------|--------------|
| 1. lacking candor; concealing | _____ | sly |
| 2. conception; seizure; fear | _____ | myriad |
| 3. numerous and diverse | _____ | fractious |
| 4. conveniently spacious | _____ | commodious |
| 5. unruly; quarrelsome | _____ | apprehension |

Group 02

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|--|-------|------------|
| 1. having different colors | _____ | variegated |
| 2. inherent baseness | _____ | turpitude |
| 3. occurring occasionally or irregularly | _____ | sporadic |
| 4. unite or merge | _____ | nicety |
| 5. attention to details | _____ | amalgamate |

Group 03

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|--|-------|-----------|
| 1. recently coming into existence | _____ | parody |
| 2. something transmitted from the past | _____ | nascent |
| 3. distinct or different | _____ | legacy |
| 4. imitation in ridicule | _____ | disparate |
| 5. lessen the intensity | _____ | assuage |

Group 04

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|---|-------|---------------|
| 1. wildly extravagant | _____ | undermine |
| 2. difficult to understand; with keen insight | _____ | subtle |
| 3. weaken or ruin | _____ | profligate |
| 4. respect or submission | _____ | obedience |
| 5. free from selfish interest | _____ | disinterested |

2. Circle the word with different meanings from the rest of the group

Group 01

- | | | |
|-----------------|-----------|------------|
| a. artful | cunning | candid |
| b. misgiving | composure | equanimity |
| c. cramped | capacious | strait |
| d. recalcitrant | docile | obstinate |
| e. mingle | disperse | dissipate |

Group 02

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|--------------|------------|-----------|
| a. nascent | autumnal | incipient |
| b. disparate | comparable | consonant |

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|----------------|----------|------------|
| c. alleviate | mitigate | exacerbate |
| d. deference | homage | defiance |
| e. impassioned | detached | withdrawn |

3. Replace the underlined word with another word you have just learned in this unit

Group 01

1. Wahid's signature leadership style is at one moment spontaneous and shocking, the next secretive and stealthy.
2. Around 75 international dealers will offer numerous objects from the medieval to the modern.
3. She says she can be a conciliator to unite disobedient political forces and an impoverished, skeptical electorate.
4. Besides, for someone of Mr. Levitt's iconoclasm and ingenuity, technical ineptitude is a much graver charge than moral depravity.
5. Some 55% live in poverty, their plight worsened this year by a late and irregular monsoon.

Group 02

1. With Epiphanes, his son, he was the leader of a philosophic school basing its theories mainly upon Platonism, and striving to combine Plato's Republic with the Christian ideal of human brotherhood.
2. A strength such that there is a delay of 4 or 5 minutes before any effect is apparent will be found suitable, but no great precision of adjustment is necessary.
3. Those living in countries with unequal income levels may desire a more equitable economic structure.
4. So he opted to practice restraint and let the passage of time ease her anger.
5. Gay rights campaigners celebrated the change, but opponents said it could be impractical and ruin marriage.

Unit 09

Quick Preview

<input type="checkbox"/> smattering	<input type="checkbox"/> colossal	<input type="checkbox"/> inimical	<input type="checkbox"/> fallacious
<input type="checkbox"/> obliging	<input type="checkbox"/> malodorous	<input type="checkbox"/> unforthcoming	<input type="checkbox"/> appreciable
<input type="checkbox"/> antic	<input type="checkbox"/> plaintive	<input type="checkbox"/> rescind	<input type="checkbox"/> untenable
<input type="checkbox"/> fastidious	<input type="checkbox"/> enthrall	<input type="checkbox"/> exponent	<input type="checkbox"/> impartial
<input type="checkbox"/> browbeat	<input type="checkbox"/> opulent	<input type="checkbox"/> peripatetic	<input type="checkbox"/> exculpate

161 smattering

n. superficial piecemeal knowledge

162 obliging

adj. willing to do favors: helpful

s. amiable, complaisant, good-tempered, lenient

163 antic

adj. characterized by clownish extravagance or absurdity: bizarre

s. grotesque, comical, farcical, ludicrous

a. prudent, grave, sedate, solemn, somber

164 fastidious

i. *adj.* having high and often capricious standards: difficult to please

ii. *adj.* reflecting a meticulous, sensitive, or demanding attitude: nice

s. squeamish, exacting, captious, hypercritical

a. cursory, hasty, perfunctory

165 browbeat

v. to intimidate or disconcert by a stern manner or arrogant speech: bully

s. bludgeon, cow, dragoon, hector

166 colossal

adj. of a bulk, extent, power, or effect suggesting the stupendous or incredible: huge

s. elephantine, gargantuan, gigantic, mammoth, titanic

167 malodorous

i. *adj.* having a bad odor

s. fetid, noisome, smelly, stinky

a. deodorized, fragrant, aromatic

ii. *adj.* highly improper: indecorous

s. indelicate, rough, ungodly, untoward

a. decent, seemly, becoming

168 plaintive

adj. **expressive of** suffering or **sadness**: **melancholy**

s. doleful, lamentable, lugubrious, mournful, rueful

169 enthrall

i. *v.* to **hold in** or reduce to **slavery**

s. enslave, subjugate, subdue

a. emancipate

ii. *v.* to hold spellbound: **charm**

s. fascinate, grip, hold, mesmerize, spellbind

a. bore, ennui, weary

170 opulent

adj. amply or **plentifully provided** or fashioned often to the point of ostentation: **wealthy**

s. lavish, prodigal, profuse; extravagant, ostentatious, pretentious

a. modest, simple, unpretentious

171 inimical

adj. having the disposition of an enemy: **hostile**, **harmful**

172 forthcoming

i. *adj.* characterized by openness, **candidness**, and **forthrightness**

ii. *adj.* being about to appear or to be produced or made **available**

s. imminent, approaching, upcoming

173 rescind

v. to **make void** by action of a superior authority: **repeal**, **cancel**

s. revoke, dismantle, lift, recall

174 exponent

n. one that **champions**, practices, or **exemplifies**

s. expounder, proponent, partisan, booster

a. antagonist, opponent

175 peripatetic

adj. **moving** or traveling **from place to place**: **itinerant**

s. ambulant, nomadic, vagabond, wandering

176 fallacious

i. *adj.* **tending to deceive** or mislead: **delusive**

s. misleading, beguiling, deceptive, delusory

a. veritable

ii. *adj.* embodying a fallacy: **illogical**

s. irrational, sophistic

a. sound, valid, reasoned

177 appreciable

adj. capable of being perceived or measured: perceptible

s. detectable, discernible, palpable, tangible

178 untenable

adj. not able to be defended: inexcusable

s. indefensible, inexplorable, unjustifiable

179 impartial

adj. not partial or biased: treating or affecting all equally: fair

s. dispassionate, equitable, nondiscriminatory

a. biased, colored, prejudiced

180 exculpate

v. to clear from alleged fault or guilt: absolve

s. acquit, exonerate, vindicate

a. inculcate, incriminate, accuse, indict

Instant Review 09

1. Match the explanation on the left with the word on the right

Group 01

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|------------------------------------|-------|------------|
| 1. superficial knowledge | _____ | smattering |
| 2. willing to help | _____ | obliging |
| 3. clownish or absurd | _____ | fastidious |
| 4. difficult to please; meticulous | _____ | browbeat |
| 5. intimidate or disconcert | _____ | antic |

Group 02

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|-------------------------------------|-------|------------|
| 1. bulky or huge | _____ | plaintive |
| 2. highly improper; with a bad odor | _____ | opulent |
| 3. showing suffering, melancholy | _____ | malodorous |
| 4. hold in slavery; charm | _____ | enthrall |
| 5. plentifully provided | _____ | colossal |

Group 03

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|-------------------------------|-------|-------------|
| 1. like an enemy; hostile | _____ | rescind |
| 2. candid and forthright | _____ | peripatetic |
| 3. make void, repeal | _____ | inimical |
| 4. one that champions | _____ | forthcoming |
| 5. moving from place to place | _____ | exponent |

Group 04

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|----------------------------------|-------|-------------|
| 1. tending to deceive; illogical | _____ | untenable |
| 2. capable of being perceived | _____ | impartial |
| 3. not able to be defended | _____ | fallacious |
| 4. not biased | _____ | exculpate |
| 5. clear from guilt | _____ | appreciable |

2. Circle the word with different meanings from the rest of the group

Group 01

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|------------------|---------------|--------------|
| a. grotesque | solemn | ludicrous |
| b. captious | hypercritical | perfunctory |
| c. fetid | aromatic | noisome |
| d. subjugate | subdue | emancipate |
| e. unpretentious | extravagant | ostentatious |

Group 02

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|--------------|-----------|------------|
| a. revoke | institute | dismantle |
| b. expounder | partisan | antagonist |

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|------------------|------------|-----------|
| c. sophistic | fallacious | sound |
| d. dispassionate | biased | colored |
| e. exonerate | inculcate | vindicate |

3. Replace the underlined word with another word you have just learned in this unit

Group 01

1. It also protects individuals' interests by helpful organizations to manage personal information appropriately.
2. *Book of Nonsense* (1846) kicked off the first of seven inventive publications that combined absurd drawing and verbal calisthenics.
3. Fanshawe feels our newfound gentility is a function of our more developed society and people should respect our more demanding sensibilities.
4. For more than 200 years paleontologists have speculated about how these giant cretaceous animals reproduced.
5. Onstage she's ever forthright: raunchy or sorrowful, insolent or exalted, underlining her tone with well-timed gestures.

Group 02

1. Jobs is an aesthete who can fascinate Apple fans with lectures about how liberal arts and technology intersect.
2. The media loved Rookman's flamboyance, his lavish philanthropy, his luxurious weddings and destructive divorces.
3. Ireland's recovery has led some economists to question whether the Keynesian orthodoxy that austerity is harmful to growth is necessarily true.
4. Mr. Chase played very defensively and was not at all forthright in his response to questions.
5. The book, most neutral readers would surely agree, is rambling, contradictory and often simply bizarre.

Unit 10

Quick Preview

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| <input type="checkbox"/> mellifluous | <input type="checkbox"/> clement | <input type="checkbox"/> sententious | <input type="checkbox"/> contentious |
| <input type="checkbox"/> benighted | <input type="checkbox"/> pedestrian | <input type="checkbox"/> ample | <input type="checkbox"/> incontrovertible |
| <input type="checkbox"/> circumspect | <input type="checkbox"/> cynical | <input type="checkbox"/> antedate | <input type="checkbox"/> delegate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> peruse | <input type="checkbox"/> flux | <input type="checkbox"/> idiosyncrasy | <input type="checkbox"/> mesmerize |
| <input type="checkbox"/> intrepid | <input type="checkbox"/> dispassionate | <input type="checkbox"/> exigent | <input type="checkbox"/> levity |

181 mellifluous

adj. having a **smooth** rich flow

s. euphonic, harmonious, mellow

a. blatant, boisterous, clamorous, obstreperous, strident, vociferous

182 benighted

adj. **existing in** a state of intellectual, moral, or social **darkness**: **unenlightened**

s. ignorant, illiterate, unlettered

a. informed, intelligent

183 circumspect

adj. **careful** to consider all circumstances and possible consequences: **cautious**

s. calculating, chary, considerate, discreet, prudent, wary

184 peruse

v. to **examine** or consider with attention and **in detail**: **study**

185 intrepid

adj. characterized by **resolute fearlessness**, fortitude, and endurance: **brave**

s. audacious, bold, dauntless, valiant, valorous

a. craven, gutless, cowardly, timid, timorous

186 clement

adj. inclined to be **merciful**: **lenient**

s. forbearing, charitable, indulgent, merciful

a. barbarous, austere, stern, rigid, rigorous, stringent

187 pedestrian

i. *adj.* lacking wit or imagination: **commonplace**

s. banal, dull, humdrum, monotonous, plodding, unimaginative

ii. *adj.* going or performed **on foot**

188 cynical

i. *adj.* contemptuously **distrustful of human nature** and motives

ii. *adj.* based on or reflecting a belief that human conduct is **motivated** primarily **by self-interest**

189 flux

- i.* *n.* a state of uncertainty about what should be done: fluctuation
- ii.* *n.* a continued flow: flood

190 dispassionate

- adj.* **not** affected by personal or emotional involvement: neutral
- s.* detached, disinterested, impersonal, imperturbable, unflappable
- a.* fervent, vehement, intemperate

191 sententious

- adj.* brief, aphoristic, or moralistic in expression: pithy
- s.* aphoristic, concise, epigrammatic, pithy, terse

192 ample

- adj.* generously sufficient to satisfy a requirement or need: plentiful
- s.* abundant, bountiful, copious; lavish, profuse
- a.* meager, scant, spare, sparse; miserable

193 antedate

- v.* to precede in time
- s.* antecede, forerun, predate

194 idiosyncrasy

- i.* *n.* an individualizing characteristic or quality
- ii.* *n.* characteristic peculiarity
- s.* singularity, eccentricity, distinction, characteristic

195 exigent

- i.* *adj.* requiring immediate aid or action: urgent
- s.* pressing, clamant, imperative, importunate
- ii.* *adj.* requiring or calling for much: demanding: onerous
- s.* burdensome, exacting, oppressive, taxing

196 contentious

- i.* *adj.* likely to cause controversy
- s.* controversial, provocative, divisive
- ii.* *adj.* exhibiting an often perverse and wearisome tendency to quarrels and disputes
- s.* argumentative, disputatious, litigious, polemical, bellicose, impetuous
- a.* amiable, complaisant, obliging, agreeable

197 incontrovertible

- adj.* not open to question: indisputable
- s.* certain, incontestable, indubitable, unequivocal, unexceptionable

198 delegate

- i.* *v.* to assign responsibility or authority: appoint
s. commission, charge, deputize, designate
- ii.* *n.* a person acting for another as a representative

199 mesmerize

- v.* to subject to hypnotic appeal: enthrall
- s.* fascinate, grip, spellbind, entrance, hypnotize

200 levity

- i.* *n.* excessive or unseemly frivolity: lightness
s. flippancy, frivolity, volatility
a. gravity, collection, sobriety
- ii.* *n.* lack of steadiness: changeableness

Instant Review 10

1. Match the explanation on the left with the word on the right

Group 01

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|-------------------------|-------|-------------|
| 1. smoothly flowing | _____ | peruse |
| 2. existing in darkness | _____ | mellifluous |
| 3. careful or cautious | _____ | intrepid |
| 4. examine in detail | _____ | circumspect |
| 5. resolutely fearless | _____ | benighted |

Group 02

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|-------------------------------------|-------|---------------|
| 1. merciful | _____ | pedestrian |
| 2. lacking imagination, commonplace | _____ | flux |
| 3. distrustful of human motives | _____ | dispassionate |
| 4. state of uncertainty; flood | _____ | cynical |
| 5. not involved in emotion | _____ | clement |

Group 03

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|-------------------------------|-------|--------------|
| 1. brief in expression | _____ | sententious |
| 2. generously sufficient | _____ | idiosyncrasy |
| 3. precede in time | _____ | exigent |
| 4. individualizing quality | _____ | antedate |
| 5. requiring immediate action | _____ | ample |

Group 04

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|--|-------|------------------|
| 1. causing controversy; tending to quarrel | _____ | mesmerize |
| 2. not open to question | _____ | levity |
| 3. assign responsibility | _____ | incontrovertible |
| 4. appeal or enthrall | _____ | delegate |
| 5. inappropriate frivolity | _____ | contentious |

2. Circle the word with different meanings from the rest of the group

Group 01

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|------------------|------------|-------------|
| a. euphonic | clamorous | mellow |
| b. informed | illiterate | unlettered |
| c. craven | timorous | valiant |
| d. barbarous | forbearing | stern |
| e. imperturbable | vehement | unflappable |

Group 02

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| a. sparse | lavish | profuse |
| b. exacting | oppressive | facile |

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| c. litigious | obliging | polemical |
| d. spellbind | entrance | repel |
| e. flippancy | gravity | frivolity |

3. *Replace the underlined word with another word you have just learned in this unit*

Group 01

1. Most people I know disciplined enough to save, to defer consumption, are also cautious about borrowing.
2. Dan McDougall is a(n) fearless, award-winning investigative reporter with a superb record in exposing human rights violations.
3. She wanted to dance again at carnival, listen to Celine Dion's smooth voice and play tennis on her Wii.
4. So there has rarely been greater need for a cool, impartial voice to sift through the facts.
5. Blue-ray disk producers face considerable competition and have sufficient reason to keep prices low.

Group 02

1. This tongue-drooping, slobbering habit has been Pelfrey's most noticeable individual quality over the years.
2. The lawsuit adds a powerfully urgent dimension to the issues we touched on last week.
3. The defendants were arrested last July during combative iron ore contract negotiations that later collapsed.
4. It may be massive and its products known for high quality, but it has yet to charm consumers.
5. When he finished with a final birdie, any seriousness of the incident gave way to lightness.

Unit 11

Quick Preview

<input type="checkbox"/> hoary	<input type="checkbox"/> pastoral	<input type="checkbox"/> volition	<input type="checkbox"/> subjugate
<input type="checkbox"/> allude	<input type="checkbox"/> aesthetic	<input type="checkbox"/> tyro	<input type="checkbox"/> resurgence
<input type="checkbox"/> degrade	<input type="checkbox"/> indifferent	<input type="checkbox"/> ostensible	<input type="checkbox"/> cryptic
<input type="checkbox"/> boon	<input type="checkbox"/> extemporaneous	<input type="checkbox"/> malapropos	<input type="checkbox"/> hyperbole
<input type="checkbox"/> rhetoric	<input type="checkbox"/> vigilant	<input type="checkbox"/> adventitious	<input type="checkbox"/> flout

201 hoary

adj. extremely **old**: **ancient**

s. antediluvian, antique, timeworn, venerable

202 allude

v. to make **indirect reference**: **refer**

s. advert, hint, imply, intimate

203 degrade

i. *v.* to bring to low esteem or into **disrepute**

s. abase, belittle, debase, detract, humiliate

a. uplift, elevate, boost

ii. *v.* to **lower** in grade, rank, or status: **demote**

204 boon

n. one that is **given** in answer **to** a **request**: **benefit**, **favor**

s. advantage, benediction, blessing

205 rhetoric

i. *n.* the art of **speaking** or writing **effectively**

ii. *n.* **insincere** or grandiloquent language

206 pastoral

i. *adj.* of or relating to the countryside: **rural**

s. bucolic, rustic, agrarian

ii. *adj.* pleasingly **peaceful** and innocent: **idyllic**

207 aesthetic

i. *adj.* of, relating to, or dealing with aesthetics or the **beautiful**

ii. *adj.* pleasing in appearance: **attractive**

208 indifferent

i. *adj.* marked by **impartiality**: **unbiased**

s. dispassionate, equitable, impersonal, unprejudiced

ii. *adj.* marked by a **lack of interest**, enthusiasm, or concern for something: **apathetic**

s. aloof, incurious, numb, pococurante, unconcerned

a. attentive, considerate, heedful, regardful

iii. *adj.* being neither good nor bad: **mediocre**

s. medium, fairish, intermediate, moderate

209 extemporaneous

adj. composed, performed, or uttered **on the spur of the moment**: **impromptu**

s. extemporary, impromptu, improvised, offhand, unrehearsed

a. projected, schemed, deliberated, premeditated

210 vigilant

adj. alertly **watchful** especially to avoid danger

s. attentive, alert, wary, heedful

211 volition

n. the **power of** choosing or **determining**: **will**

a. force, coercion, compulsion, duress

212 tyro

n. a **beginner** in learning: **novice**

s. apprentice, colt, neophyte, novitiate, rookie

213 ostensible

adj. plausible **rather than** demonstrably **true** or real: **apparent**

s. illusory, seeming

214 malapropos

adj. in an **inappropriate** or **inopportune** way: **improper**

s. inapt, unbefitting, undue, unseasonable, unseemly

a. apropos

215 adventitious

i. *adj.* coming from another source and **not inherent** or innate

ii. *adj.* arising or **occurring sporadically** or in other than the usual location

216 subjugate

v. to **bring under control** and governance as a subject: **conquer**, **subdue**

s. crush, enthrall, vanquish, compel

a. liberate

217 resurgence

n. a **rising again** into life, activity, or prominence: **renascence**

s. revival, reanimation, renaissance, resurrection, resuscitation

218 cryptic

adj. having or seeming to have a hidden or **ambiguous** meaning: **mysterious**
s. enigmatic, equivocal, nebulous, opaque, obscure

219 hyperbole

n. extravagant **exaggeration**
s. coloring, embellishment, embroidering, overstatement
a. depreciation, minimization, understatement

220 flout

v. to **treat with** contemptuous **disregard**: **scorn**
s. scoff, gibe, jeer, sneer
a. revere, esteem, regard

Instant Review 11

1. Match the explanation on the left with the word on the right

Group 01

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|---|-------|----------|
| 1. extremely old | _____ | rhetoric |
| 2. make indirect reference | _____ | hoary |
| 3. bring into disrepute | _____ | degrade |
| 4. favor given to a request | _____ | boon |
| 5. ability to effectively speak; grandiloquence | _____ | allude |

Group 02

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|--|-------|----------------|
| 1. pleasingly peaceful; rural | _____ | vigilant |
| 2. dealing with beauty | _____ | pastoral |
| 3. impartial, unbiased | _____ | indifferent |
| 4. performed on the spur of the moment | _____ | extemporaneous |
| 5. alertly watchful | _____ | aesthetic |

Group 03

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|--|-------|--------------|
| 1. power of determining | _____ | volition |
| 2. beginner | _____ | tyro |
| 3. plausible rather than demonstrably true | _____ | ostensible |
| 4. in an inappropriate way | _____ | malapropos |
| 5. not inherent | _____ | adventitious |

Group 04

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|-----------------------------|-------|------------|
| 1. bring under control | _____ | subjugate |
| 2. rising again | _____ | resurgence |
| 3. having ambiguous meaning | _____ | hyperbole |
| 4. extravagant exaggeration | _____ | flout |
| 5. treat with disregard | _____ | cryptic |

2. Circle the word with different meanings from the rest of the group

Group 01

- | | | |
|----------------|-----------|--------------|
| a. belittle | elevate | detract |
| b. incurious | heedful | pocourante |
| c. extemporary | impromptu | premeditated |
| d. attentive | wary | slack |
| e. unbecoming | apropos | unseemly |

Group 02

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|--------------|----------|----------|
| a. liberate | enthrall | vanquish |
| b. enigmatic | limpid | nebulous |

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|-------------------|---------------|--------------|
| c. understatement | embellishment | embroidering |
| d. scoff | gibe | revere |
| e. aloof | numb | regardful |

3. *Replace the underlined word with another word you have just learned in this unit*

Group 01

1. Gold-pawning may be a(n) ancient trade, but we take the credit for making it an organized business and giving it respectability.
2. The authors also refer to this by quizzically stating that other trials have had this effect as well.
3. An unwinding of skepticism in the options pits could translate into a contrarian benefit for PGN.
4. These solutions include adult male mentoring and rigorous academic sports, such as high-speed policy debate and unrehearsed speaking.
5. It has failed because ordinary citizens were watchful and reported suspicious activity to the authorities.

Group 02

1. Ultimately, the Fed and commercial banks cut off the monetary spigot, either by their own will or because the demand for money plummets.
2. This could have the spurious attraction that it would mitigate the apparent fall in Greek wages necessary for recovery.
3. In past days he provoked an uproar in Poland with a new book in which he accuses Germany of trying to conquer Poland.
4. Often, his colleagues and countrymen would then spend days deciphering and debating the great man's mysterious sayings.
5. In another article, the editors bragged of how inexpensive the operation was and continued to disregard authorities.

Unit 12

Quick Preview

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<input type="checkbox"/> rebuff	<input type="checkbox"/> discrete	<input type="checkbox"/> jingoism	<input type="checkbox"/> viable
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<input type="checkbox"/> expatiate	<input type="checkbox"/> miscreant	<input type="checkbox"/> lionize	<input type="checkbox"/> vitriolic

221 thoroughgoing

adj. **marked by** thoroughness or **zeal**: thorough, complete

s. exhaustive, complete, comprehensive, sweeping

222 rebuff

v. to **reject** or **criticize** sharply: snub

s. fend, rebut, repel, repulse, ward

223 infinitesimal

adj. immeasurably or incalculably small

224 eschew

v. to **avoid** habitually especially on moral or practical grounds: shun

s. escape, elude, evade, shun, shy

a. embrace, espouse

225 expatiate

i. *v.* to **move about freely** or at will: wander

ii. *v.* to **speak** or write at length or in detail

s. discourse, descant, dilate, dissertate

226 query

i. *n.* a question in the mind: doubt

ii. *v.* to **ask questions** about especially in order to resolve a doubt

s. examine, inquire, interrogate

227 discrete

adj. consisting of distinct or unconnected elements: discontinuous

s. distinct, diverse, separate, various

a. blended, fused, merged, mingled

228 accrete

v. to **grow** or become attached **by addition**: accumulation

s. accession, augmentation, increment

229 satire

- n.* a literary work holding up human vices and follies to **ridicule** or **scorn**
s. banter, mockery, persiflage, parody, spoof

230 miscreant

- i.* *n.* one who **behaves** criminally or **viciously**
ii. *adj.* **depraved**, **villainous**
s. vicious, degenerate, depraved, flagitious, infamous, nefarious, perverse

231 convoluted

- adj.* **highly complex** or **intricate**: **involved**
s. winding, meandering, sinuous, tortuous

232 jingoism

- adj.* **extreme chauvinism** or nationalism marked especially by a **belligerent** foreign **policy**

233 buttress

- v.* to **furnish** or shore up with a buttress: **support**, **strengthen**
s. bolster, shore up, sustain, uphold

234 dishearten

- v.* to cause to **lose spirit** or morale: **discourage**
s. chill, deject, demoralize, disparage, dispirit

235 lionize

- v.* to **treat** as an object **of great** interest or **importance**
s. glorify, idolize, celebrate, acclaim

236 furtive

- adj.* done by stealth: **surreptitious**, **sly**
s. clandestine, covert, stealthy, cloaked
a. forthright; barefaced, brazen, impudent, presumptuous

237 viable

- i.* *adj.* capable of **living**, growing, or developing
ii. *adj.* capable of working, **functioning**, or developing adequately: **feasible**
s. possible, doable, practicable, workable

238 dupe

- n.* one that is **easily deceived** or cheated: **fool**

239 exemplar

- n.* one that serves as a **model** or an **example**
s. archetype, paradigm, prototype

240 vitriolic

adj. marked by virulence of feeling or of speech: bitter

s. antagonistic, hostile, rancorous, virulent

Instant Review 12

1. Match the explanation on the left with the word on the right

Group 01

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|---------------------------------------|-------|---------------|
| 1. zealous or thorough | _____ | thoroughgoing |
| 2. reject or criticize | _____ | rebuff |
| 3. incalculably small | _____ | infinitesimal |
| 4. habitually avoid | _____ | expatiate |
| 5. move about freely; speak in detail | _____ | eschew |

Group 02

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|---|-------|-----------|
| 1. question or doubt | _____ | satire |
| 2. distinct or unconnected | _____ | query |
| 3. grow by addition | _____ | miscreant |
| 4. literary work that ridicules or scorns | _____ | discrete |
| 5. one who behaves criminally; depraved | _____ | accrete |

Group 03

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|------------------------------------|-------|------------|
| 1. highly complex | _____ | lionize |
| 2. extreme chauvinism | _____ | jingoist |
| 3. furnish or support | _____ | dishearten |
| 4. cause to lose spirit or courage | _____ | convoluted |
| 5. regard as important | _____ | buttress |

Group 04

- | | | |
|--------------------------------|-------|-----------|
| 1. done by stealth, sly | _____ | vitriolic |
| 2. capable of living | _____ | viable |
| 3. one that is easily deceived | _____ | furtive |
| 4. model or example | _____ | exemplar |
| 5. virulent in speech | _____ | dupe |

2. Circle the word with different meanings from the rest of the group

Group 01

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|------------------|------------|------------|
| a. shun | evade | espouse |
| b. distinct | blended | fused |
| c. blurt | dilate | dissertate |
| d. comprehensive | sweeping | fractional |
| e. nefarious | altruistic | perverse |

Group 02

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|---------------|-----------|--------|
| a. meandering | sinuous | plain |
| b. bolster | undermine | uphold |

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|----------------|-----------|--------------|
| c. deject | chill | hearten |
| d. clandestine | cloaked | presumptuous |
| e. munificent | rancorous | virulent |

3. Replace the underlined word with another word you have just learned in this unit

Group 01

1. The latest conclusions are based on a(n) in-depth analysis of Martian rock layers at Endurance Crater, as well as an earthly simulation that produced the same sorts of minerals seen on the Red Planet.
2. If they continue to reject the oversight request, they could be found in contempt of Congress.
3. As the U.S. regulatory burden rises, companies avoid domestic investment and new employees.
4. These distinct and often contradictory messages are the consequence of a fundamental misunderstanding.
5. The jets are launched by swirling disks around the young stars, which allow material to slowly accumulate onto the stars' surfaces.

Group 02

1. They demanded a ransom and developed a(n) complicated plan for dropping off the money without being caught.
2. Mr. Putin, meanwhile, hopes to support Russia's growth with a boost in spending on defense and infrastructure.
3. Democrats had FDR and later JFK to idolize, but you'd be hard-pressed to find a modern Republican with more continued popularity than The Gipper.
4. Others, dressed in white outfits, have also been seen holding secretive gatherings in the forest near the village.
5. The foreign secretary praised Liberal Democrat leader Nick Clegg for sticking with the coalition despite often bitter criticism from his party's supporters.

Unit 13

Quick Preview

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<input type="checkbox"/> ubiquitous	<input type="checkbox"/> detrimental	<input type="checkbox"/> incongruous	<input type="checkbox"/> reproach
<input type="checkbox"/> philanthropic	<input type="checkbox"/> refute	<input type="checkbox"/> odious	<input type="checkbox"/> entrenched
<input type="checkbox"/> augment	<input type="checkbox"/> derive	<input type="checkbox"/> impassive	<input type="checkbox"/> miser
<input type="checkbox"/> qualify	<input type="checkbox"/> exacerbate	<input type="checkbox"/> licentious	<input type="checkbox"/> encumber

241 articulate

- i.* *adj.* **expressing** oneself readily, **clearly**, or effectively: **vocal**
s. eloquent, fluent, smooth-spoken
- ii.* *v.* to **give clear** and effective **utterance**

242 ubiquitous

- adj.* existing or being **everywhere** at the same time: constantly encountered: **widespread**
- s.* omnipresent, allover, universal

243 philanthropic

- adj.* of, relating to, or characterized by philanthropy or **charity**: **humanitarian**
- s.* charitable, altruistic, benevolent, eleemosynary, humane

244 augment

- i.* *v.* to **make greater**, more numerous, larger, or more intense: **increase**
s. enlarge, expand, manifold, multiply, upsurge, wax
- ii.* *v.* to **supplement**

245 qualify

- i.* *v.* to **reduce** from a general **to** a particular or **restricted form**
- ii.* *v.* to **characterize** by naming an attribute: **describe**
s. distinguish, individualize, signalize, singularize
- iii.* *v.* to **fit by training**, skill, or ability for a special purpose
s. entitle, authorize

246 nebulous

- adj.* of, relating to, or resembling a nebula: **indistinct**, **vague**

247 detrimental

- adj.* obviously **harmful**: **damaging**
- s.* adverse, deleterious, injurious, mischievous, noxious

248 refute

- v.* to **prove wrong** or erroneous by argument or evidence: **disapprove**
- s.* confound, confute, controvert, disconfirm, rebut

249 derive

- n.* to take, receive, or obtain especially from a specified source
- s.* educe, evolve, excogitate; draw, collect

250 exacerbate

- n.* to make more violent, bitter, or severe
- s.* acerbate, embitter, envenom, exasperate, irritate, provoke
- a.* assuage, appease, mollify, pacify, placate, moderate

251 contrite

- adj.* feeling or showing sorrow and remorse for a sin or shortcoming: remorseful
- s.* attritional, compunctious, penitent, repentant

252 incongruous

- i.* *adj.* not harmonious or conforming: incompatible, disagreeing
 - s.* conflicting, discordant, discrepant, dissonant, inconsistent
 - a.* in consonant, congruent
- ii.* *adj.* lacking propriety: unsuitable
 - a.* appropriate, seemly

253 odious

- adj.* arousing or deserving hatred or repugnance: hateful
- s.* abhorrent, abominable, detestable, horrid

254 impassive

- i.* *adj.* unsusceptible to physical feeling: insensible
- ii.* *adj.* giving no sign of feeling or emotion: expressionless, apathetic
 - s.* phlegmatic, stoic, stolid, callous, hardened
 - a.* compassionate, sympathetic, tender, warmhearted

255 licentious

- adj.* lacking legal or moral restraints: reprobate
- s.* abandoned, dissolute, lascivious, libertine, libidinous
- a.* continent, chaste, decent, rigid

256 prescience

- n.* foreknowledge or anticipation of the course of events: foresight
- s.* prophecy, clairvoyance, precognition

257 reproach

- i.* *n.* to express disappointment in or displeasure with: reprove
 - s.* admonish, chide, rebuke, reprimand
- ii.* *n.* an expression of criticism or disapproval

258 entrenched

adj. solidly established or deep-rooted

s. inveterate, confirmed, deep-seated, settled

259 miser

n. one who is extremely stingy with money

s. niggard, penny pincher, scrooge, skinflint

260 encumber

i. *v.* to impede or hamper the function or activity of: hinder

s. obstruct, inhibit, block, fetter

ii. *v.* to weigh down or burden

s. cumber, load, saddle, weigh

Instant Review 13

1. Match the explanation on the left with the word on the right

Group 01

- | | | |
|---|-------|---------------|
| 1. expressing clearly | _____ | ubiquitous |
| 2. existing everywhere | _____ | qualify |
| 3. charitable or humanitarian | _____ | philanthropic |
| 4. make greater; supplement | _____ | augment |
| 5. reduce to a restricted form; fit; characterize | _____ | articulate |

Group 02

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|------------------------|-------|-------------|
| 1. indistinct or vague | _____ | refute |
| 2. obviously harmful | _____ | nebulous |
| 3. prove wrong | _____ | exacerbate |
| 4. receive or obtain | _____ | detrimental |
| 5. make more severe | _____ | derive |

Group 03

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|--------------------------------------|-------|-------------|
| 1. showing sorrow for a sin | _____ | odious |
| 2. not harmonious; lacking propriety | _____ | licentious |
| 3. arousing hatred | _____ | incongruous |
| 4. feeling no emotion; insensible | _____ | impassive |
| 5. lacking moral restraints | _____ | contrite |

Group 04

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|----------------------------------|-------|------------|
| 1. foreknowledge or anticipation | _____ | reproach |
| 2. express disappointment | _____ | prescience |
| 3. deep-rooted | _____ | miser |
| 4. extremely stingy person | _____ | entrenched |
| 5. impede or hamper | _____ | encumber |

2. Circle the word with different meanings from the rest of the group

Group 01

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|----------------|-------------|--------------|
| a. omnipresent | ubiquitous | endemic |
| b. altruistic | misanthrope | eleemosynary |
| c. deleterious | salubrious | nocuous |
| d. confound | confute | converge |
| e. mollify | envenom | exasperate |

Group 02

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|-----------|-------------|------------|
| a. seemly | discordant | discrepant |
| b. stoic | impassioned | callous |

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|--------------|------------|------------|
| c. dissolute | lascivious | chaste |
| d. admonish | chide | embolden |
| e. transient | inveterate | entrenched |

3. *Replace the underlined word with another word you have just learned in this unit*

Group 01

1. The citizens of Britain now have to clearly express what kind of police service they want.
2. But the navigation system can seem outdated in a modern era where touchscreens are everywhere.
3. His support for democratic and charitable causes was in my experience always without hesitation and reserve.
4. Many of India's richest have allegedly used political and regulatory connections to expand their fortunes.
5. The process of designing cards even seems to have a clarifying effect on those with more vague personas.

Group 02

1. The recent increases in oil prices are likely to have particularly harmful effects on most LDCs.
2. The president's actions abroad can worsen existing worries about its role in the world.
3. The tone is unequivocally regretful and resoundingly condemnatory toward the wrongdoing within his organization.
4. Pay scale, perhaps the least suspect of the three, simply suffers from small and inconsistent sample sizes.
5. With these incentives firmly rooted, the last thing Americans will have to worry about is deflation.

Unit 14

Quick Preview

<input type="checkbox"/> pungent	<input type="checkbox"/> munificent	<input type="checkbox"/> penury	<input type="checkbox"/> connoisseur
<input type="checkbox"/> compound	<input type="checkbox"/> cohesion	<input type="checkbox"/> glut	<input type="checkbox"/> benign
<input type="checkbox"/> delineate	<input type="checkbox"/> descry	<input type="checkbox"/> copious	<input type="checkbox"/> impudent
<input type="checkbox"/> patent	<input type="checkbox"/> diligent	<input type="checkbox"/> restive	<input type="checkbox"/> eloquent
<input type="checkbox"/> rile	<input type="checkbox"/> unprecedented	<input type="checkbox"/> acme	<input type="checkbox"/> fawn

261 pungent

- i.* *adj.* causing a sharp or **irritating** sensation: **acrid**
- ii.* *adj.* marked by a **sharp** incisive quality: **caustic**
 - s.* piquant, poignant, racy, spicy, zesty

262 compound

- i.* *v.* to **put together** so as to form a whole: **combine**
 - s.* associate, bracket, coadunate, coalesce
- ii.* *v.* to **settle amicably**: adjust by agreement
- iii.* *adj.* composed of or resulting from **union of separate elements**, ingredients, or parts
 - s.* complex, composite
- iv.* *n.* something formed by a **union** of elements or parts: **mixture**
 - s.* alloy, amalgam, blend, composite, fusion

263 delineate

- v.* to **describe**, portray, or set forth with accuracy or **in detail**: **represent**
- s.* depict, interpret, limn, portray, render

264 patent

- i.* *adj.* **readily visible** or intelligible: **obvious**, **evident**
 - s.* apparent, distinct, manifest, palpable, plain
- ii.* *n.* an official document conferring a right or **privilege**

265 rile

- v.* to **make** agitated and **angry**: **upset**, **irritate**
- s.* aggravate, inflame, nettle, peeve, pique, provoke

266 munificent

- adj.* characterized by great liberality or **generosity**: **liberal**
- s.* bountiful, freehanded, unsparing

267 cohesion

- n.* the act or state of **sticking together** tightly: **unity**
- s.* adherence, bond, cling, coherence

268 descry

- n.* to catch sight of: discover
- s.* see, discern, distinguish, perceive, detect

269 diligent

- adj.* characterized by steady, earnest, and energetic effort: painstaking
- s.* assiduous, industrious, sedulous, persevering
- a.* laggard, desultory, dilatory

270 unprecedented

- adj.* having no previous example: novel, unexampled

271 penury

- i.* *n.* a cramping and oppressive lack of resources: severe poverty
 - s.* destitution, impecuniousness, impoverishment, indigence
- ii.* *n.* extreme and often niggardly frugality

272 glut

- i.* *n.* an excessive quantity: oversupply
 - s.* excess, surfeit, surplus, plethora
- ii.* *v.* to eat gluttonously

273 copious

- i.* *adj.* plentiful in number
 - s.* abundant, ample, bountiful, exuberant, lush
 - a.* meager, exiguous, scanty, sparse, slight
- ii.* *adj.* taking place on a large scale

274 restive

- i.* *adj.* stubbornly resisting control: balky
 - s.* ornery, perverse, wayward, wrongheaded
- ii.* *adj.* marked by impatience or uneasiness: fidgety
 - s.* restless, nervy, uptight

275 acme

- n.* the highest point or stage: apex
- s.* apogee, culmination, peak, pinnacle, zenith

276 connoisseur

- n.* one who understands the details, technique, or principles of an art: expert
- a.* abecedarian, amateur, dabbler, tyro

277 benign

- i.* *adj.* having no significant effect: harmless

- ii. *adj.* showing **kindness** and gentleness: **gracious**
a. malevolent, malicious, malignant, spiteful; acrid, caustic, mordant

278 impudent

- adj.* marked by **contemptuous** or cocky **boldness** or disregard of others: **insolent**
s. audacious, bodacious, brazen, impertinent, brassy

279 eloquent

- adj.* marked by forceful and **fluent expression**: **articulate**
s. vocal, potent, smooth-spoken, voluble

280 fawn

- v. to **court favor** by a cringing or **flattering** manner
s. blandish, cajole, coax, wheedle

Instant Review 14

1. Match the explanation on the left with the word on the right

Group 01

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|---|-------|-----------|
| 1. causing sharp irritation; caustic | _____ | rile |
| 2. put together; settle amicably; mixture | _____ | pungent |
| 3. describe in detail | _____ | patent |
| 4. readily visible | _____ | delineate |
| 5. make angry | _____ | compound |

Group 02

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|-----------------------------|-------|---------------|
| 1. liberal or generous | _____ | unprecedented |
| 2. sticking together | _____ | munificent |
| 3. catch sight of | _____ | diligent |
| 4. with steady effort | _____ | descry |
| 5. without previous example | _____ | cohesion |

Group 03

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|--|-------|---------|
| 1. poverty; extreme frugality | _____ | restive |
| 2. eat gluttonously; oversupply | _____ | penury |
| 3. plentiful; on a large scale | _____ | glut |
| 4. resisting control, stubborn; uneasy | _____ | copious |
| 5. the highest point | _____ | acme |

Group 04

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|---|-------|-------------|
| 1. expert | _____ | impudent |
| 2. no significant effect; kind and gracious | _____ | fawn |
| 3. contemptuously bold | _____ | eloquent |
| 4. fluently expressive | _____ | connoisseur |
| 5. court favor, flatter | _____ | benign |

2. Circle the word with different meanings from the rest of the group

Group 01

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|----------------|----------|-----------|
| a. poignant | soothing | racy |
| b. alloy | amalgam | component |
| c. discreet | manifest | palpable |
| d. industrious | sedulous | dilatory |
| e. aggravate | peeve | assuage |

Group 02

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|----------------|----------|-----------|
| a. destitution | opulence | indigence |
| b. scanty | surplus | plethora |

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| c. lush | ample | meager |
| d. perverse | amenable | wayward |
| e. abecedarian | connoisseur | dabbler |

3. *Replace the underlined word with another word you have just learned in this unit*

Group 01

1. For Rooney, it all came down to the writing, the words: simple and succinct, sometimes sharp, and sometimes funny.
2. Such turmoil would anger other nations, put further downward pressure on the euro.
3. However, the more important step is hard-working and consistent implementation of these conventions at the national level.
4. Such efforts toward harmony are what made Lear, creating unique solutions to new artistic challenges.
5. It is hard to see such an eventuality having anything less than horrendous implications, including default, chaos and widespread poverty.

Group 02

1. This has created a global excess of solar panels and accelerated the decline in prices.
2. The big question for the workers of the 21st-century would be how to spend their abundant amounts of free time.
3. In Germany, the move was largely aimed at keeping the potentially uneasy working classes quiet.
4. Four months ago, he had undergone surgery to remove a(n) nonthreatening tumor located between his lungs.
5. Nick Naylor, the chief spokesman for the tobacco lobby in Washington, is handsome and likable, a mixture of swagger and impolite candor.

Unit 15

Quick Preview

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<input type="checkbox"/> firebrand	<input type="checkbox"/> discern	<input type="checkbox"/> opaque	<input type="checkbox"/> imperious
<input type="checkbox"/> prodigious	<input type="checkbox"/> lighthearted	<input type="checkbox"/> demonstrative	<input type="checkbox"/> abject
<input type="checkbox"/> bolster	<input type="checkbox"/> abash	<input type="checkbox"/> lucid	<input type="checkbox"/> divulge
<input type="checkbox"/> staid	<input type="checkbox"/> lethargic	<input type="checkbox"/> exalt	<input type="checkbox"/> amenable

281 tawdry

adj. **cheap** and **gaudy** in appearance or quality
s. tasteless, garish, meretricious

282 firebrand

n. one that **creates unrest** or strife: **agitator**

283 prodigious

- i.* *adj.* resembling or befitting a prodigy: **strange, unusual**
s. astonishing, astounding, spectacular, staggering
- ii.* *adj.* **extraordinary in bulk**, quantity, or degree: **enormous**
s. colossal, gigantic, immense, mammoth, tremendous

284 bolster

v. to **support** with or as if with a bolster: **reinforce**
s. buttress, reinforce, sustain, uphold

285 staid

adj. marked by settled **sedateness** and often prim **self-restraint**: **sober**
s. serious, grave, solemn, somber, decorous

286 cavil

v. to **raise trivial** and frivolous **objection**
s. carp, nitpick, quibble, hypercriticize

287 discern

- i.* *v.* to **detect** or **see**
s. behold, descry, perceive
- ii.* *v.* to **recognize** or identify **as** separate and **distinct**: **discriminate**
s. differentiate, distinguish, extricate, separate

288 lighthearted

- i.* *adj.* **free from** care, **anxiety**, or seriousness: **happy-go-lucky**
s. carefree, insouciant, lightsome, joyful, buoyant, effervescent
a. heavyhearted, downcast, dispirited, depressed

ii. *adj.* cheerfully **optimistic** and hopeful: **easygoing**

289 abash

- v.* to **destroy** the self-possession or **self-confidence** of: **disconcert**
s. embarrass, confound, discomfit, faze, rattle
a. embolden, reassure

290 lethargic

- i. *adj.* of, relating to, or characterized by **tiredness**: **sluggish**
s. dormant, inert, phlegmatic, torpid, lackadaisical
ii. *adj.* **indifferent**, **apathetic**

291 putrefy

- i. *v.* to make rotten: **decay**
s. crumble, decompose, disintegrate, rot, taint
ii. *v.* to morally **corrupt**

292 opaque

- i. *adj.* **blocking** the passage of radiant energy and especially **light**
ii. *adj.* **hard to understand** or explain: **obscure**
s. ambiguous, equivocal, tenebrous, unintelligible, vague

293 demonstrative

- adj.* inclined to **display feelings** openly: **effusive**
s. affectionate, outpouring, outspoken, extroverted
a. constrained, reserved, restrained, retiring, introverted

294 lucid

- i. *adj.* **suffused with light**: **luminous**
s. effulgent, incandescent, lustrous, radiant, refulgent
ii. *adj.* having full use of one's faculties: **sane**
iii. *adj.* clear to the understanding: **intelligible**
s. apprehensible, comprehensible, fathomable, graspable

295 exalt

- i. *v.* to elevate by **praise** or in estimation: **glorify**
s. aggrandize, dignify, distinguish, ennoble, magnify
a. abase, humiliate, belittle, decry, depreciate, derogate, detract, disparage, minimize
ii. *v.* to **raise high**: **elevate**

296 warrant

- i. *v.* to **declare** or **maintain** with certainty
s. argue, assert, contend, vindicate
ii. *v.* to **guarantee** especially in respect of the quality or quantity specified: **certify**

iii. *v.* to **give sanction** to: **authorize**

297 imperious

- i. *adj.* marked by **arrogant** assurance: **domineering**
s. bossy, high-handed, overbearing, peremptory
- ii. *adj.* intensely compelling: **urgent**

298 abject

- i. *adj.* cast **down** in spirit: **spiritless**
s. gloomy, wretched, dismal, miserable
a. lighthearted, carefree, blithe, casual
- ii. *adj.* expressing or offered in a **humble** and often ingratiating spirit: **servile**

299 divulge

- v.* to **make known** a confidence or secret: **reveal**
- s.* betray, disclose, , give away, unclose

300 amenable

- i. *adj.* readily **brought to** yield, **submit**, or cooperate: **obedient**
s. biddable, docile, tractable, tame, malleable
a. recalcitrant, refractory, mulish, obstinate, truculent
- ii. *adj.* liable to be brought to account: **answerable**, **responsive**

Instant Review 15

1. Match the explanation on the left with the word on the right

Group 01

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|---------------------------------|-------|------------|
| 1. cheap and gaudy | _____ | tawdry |
| 2. agitator | _____ | staid |
| 3. strange or unusual; enormous | _____ | prodigious |
| 4. support | _____ | firebrand |
| 5. sedate and self-restraint | _____ | bolster |

Group 02

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|---|-------|--------------|
| 1. raise trivial objection | _____ | lethargic |
| 2. detect or see; recognize as distinct | _____ | discern |
| 3. free from anxiety; optimistic | _____ | cavil |
| 4. destroy self-confidence | _____ | lighthearted |
| 5. tired, sluggish | _____ | abash |

Group 03

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|---------------------------------------|-------|---------------|
| 1. make rotten; corrupt | _____ | putrefy |
| 2. blocking light; hard to understand | _____ | opaque |
| 3. displaying feelings | _____ | lucid |
| 4. suffused with light; intelligible | _____ | exalt |
| 5. elevate by praise; raise high | _____ | demonstrative |

Group 04

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|---|-------|-----------|
| 1. maintain with certainty; give sanction | _____ | warrant |
| 2. arrogantly assured | _____ | imperious |
| 3. cast down, spiritless | _____ | divulge |
| 4. make known, reveal | _____ | amenable |
| 5. brought to submit; responsible | _____ | abject |

2. Circle the word with different meanings from the rest of the group

Group 01

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|---------------|---------------|------------|
| a. pedestrian | prodigious | staggering |
| b. grave | licentious | somber |
| c. embolden | discomfit | faze |
| d. inert | lackadaisical | vigorous |
| e. ambiguous | equivocal | clear-cut |

Group 02

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|-----------------|--------------|-------------|
| a. affectionate | retiring | introverted |
| b. dingy | incandescent | lustrous |

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|---------------|----------|-------------|
| c. aggrandize | minimize | distinguish |
| d. wretched | dismal | blithe |
| e. refractory | tamed | mulish |

3. *Replace the underlined word with another word you have just learned in this unit*

Group 01

1. It's hard to remember that in the early 1930s libraries banned these books as cheap and sensationalist distractions from real literature.
2. Black holes are known to release a(n) enormous amount of energy when they swallow matter.
3. GeoFIA is expected to underpin water master planning and support scientific research in the country.
4. Versatile, carefree, boastful and pleasure-loving, he contrasts with the nobler and more intellectual character of Averroes.
5. Anemic children do not look very different from others, but they often become tired and have a reduced capacity for learning.

Group 02

1. As often with the EU, the details are frequently incomprehensible and many questions remain unanswered.
2. The association wasn't as overt on her first CD, but Olenius now seems a more outgoing and confident singer.
3. He spoke for 90 minutes without notes and drew a standing ovation for his clear presentation.
4. Today, a resurgent nationalism has continued to gloss over the more shameful parts of Italian history, while at the same time allowing fascist apologists to glorify Italy's most notorious 20th leader.
5. That's just a fact, and journalists have the obligation to point out which side is more responsive to compromise.

Unit 16

Quick Preview

<input type="checkbox"/> enigmatic	<input type="checkbox"/> dovetail	<input type="checkbox"/> pontificate	<input type="checkbox"/> edify
<input type="checkbox"/> presumptuous	<input type="checkbox"/> catholic	<input type="checkbox"/> egregious	<input type="checkbox"/> commensurate
<input type="checkbox"/> ignominious	<input type="checkbox"/> complicity	<input type="checkbox"/> reconcile	<input type="checkbox"/> dispense
<input type="checkbox"/> complementary	<input type="checkbox"/> remonstrate	<input type="checkbox"/> retort	<input type="checkbox"/> errant
<input type="checkbox"/> nonplus	<input type="checkbox"/> erudite	<input type="checkbox"/> resolute	<input type="checkbox"/> saturate

301 enigmatic

adj. of, relating to, or resembling an enigma: **mysterious**

s. cryptic, dark, mystifying

302 presumptuous

adj. **overstepping due bounds**: **arrogant**

s. brash, presuming, self-assertive, pretentious, smug

a. deferential, dutiful, submissive, appropriate, proper

303 ignominious

adj. **deserving** of **shame** or infamy: **despicable**, **dishonorable**

s. discreditable, disgraceful, reprehensible, discomfiting

a. reputable, glorious, respectable

304 complementary

adj. **mutually supplying** each other's lack

305 nonplus

i. *n.* a state of **bafflement** or perplexity: **quandary**

ii. *v.* to cause to be **at a loss** as to what to say, think, or do: **perplex**

s. baffle, stymie, confound, puzzle

306 dovetail

v. to skillfully **fit** or **combine** to form a whole: **harmonize**

s. agree, accord, correspond, jibe

307 catholic

adj. **comprehensive**, **universal**; especially **broad** in sympathies, tastes, or interests

s. cosmic, cosmopolitan, ecumenical, planetary, worldwide

a. parochial, provincial

308 complicity

n. **association** or participation in or as if **in a wrongful act**

s. collusion, connivance

309 remonstrate

- v.* to present and **urge** reasons **in opposition**: **expostulate**
- s.* object, expostulate, inveigh, protest

310 erudite

- adj.* possessing or **displaying knowledge**: **learned**
- s.* scholarly, lettered, studious, literate

311 pontificate

- v.* to **speak** or express opinions in a **pompous or dogmatic** way: **swagger**

312 egregious

- adj.* conspicuously **bad**: **flagrant**

313 reconcile

- i.* *v.* to **make consistent** or congruous: **harmonize**
 - s.* accommodate, attune, coordinate, integrate
 - a.* estrange, alienate
- ii.* *v.* to **cause to** submit to or **accept** something unpleasant

314 retort

- i.* *v.* to answer by a **counter argument**
 - s.* reply, rejoinder, riposte
- ii.* *v.* to **retaliate**

315 resolute

- adj.* marked by **firm** determination: **resolved**, **faithful**
- s.* decided, decisive, staunch, steadfast

316 edify

- v.* to **instruct** and improve especially in moral and religious knowledge: **uplift**; **enlighten**, **inform**
- s.* illuminate, irradiate, uplift, elucidate

317 commensurate

- adj.* **corresponding** in size, extent, amount, or degree: **proportionate**
- s.* proportional, commensurable, symmetrical

318 dispense

- i.* *v.* to prepare and **distribute**
 - s.* disburse, disperse, divide, partition
- ii.* *v.* to give dispensation to: **exempt**
 - s.* absolve, discharge, privilege, relieve

319 errant

- i.* *adj.* **moving** about aimlessly or **irregularly**
s. aberrant, erratic, devious, stray, rambling
- ii.* *adj.* behaving wrongly: **fallible**
s. aberrant, erring, unreliable

320 saturate

- i.* *v.* to **satisfy** fully: **satiate**
- ii.* *v.* to **fill completely** with something that permeates or pervades: **permeate**
s. impenetrate, interpenetrate, penetrate, pervade

Instant Review 16

1. Match the explanation on the left with the word on the right

Group 01

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|---------------------------------|-------|---------------|
| 1. mysterious | _____ | presumptuous |
| 2. overstepping due bounds | _____ | nonplus |
| 3. deserving shame | _____ | ignominious |
| 4. mutually supplying | _____ | enigmatic |
| 5. state of bafflement; perplex | _____ | complementary |

Group 02

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|------------------------------------|-------|-------------|
| 1. skillfully combine | _____ | remonstrate |
| 2. broad in tastes or interests | _____ | erudite |
| 3. participation in a wrongful act | _____ | dovetail |
| 4. urge in opposition | _____ | complicity |
| 5. displaying knowledge, learned | _____ | catholic |

Group 03

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|-------------------------------------|-------|-------------|
| 1. pompously speak | _____ | retort |
| 2. conspicuously bad | _____ | resolute |
| 3. make consistent; cause to accept | _____ | reconcile |
| 4. answer by a counter argument | _____ | pontificate |
| 5. firm, determined | _____ | egregious |

Group 04

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|------------------------------------|-------|--------------|
| 1. morally instruct | _____ | saturate |
| 2. corresponding in size or degree | _____ | errant |
| 3. prepare and distribute; exempt | _____ | edify |
| 4. moving irregularly | _____ | dispense |
| 5. fill completely; satisfy | _____ | commensurate |

2. Circle the word with different meanings from the rest of the group

Group 01

- | | | |
|------------------|--------------|------------|
| a. deferential | smug | submissive |
| b. reprehensible | discomfiting | reputable |
| c. parochial | cosmopolitan | ecumenical |
| d. expostulate | acquiesce | inveigh |
| e. erudite | lettered | uninformed |

Group 02

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|------------|-----------|-------------|
| a. attune | alienate | integrate |
| b. staunch | steadfast | vacillating |

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|-----------------|--------------|---------------|
| c. edify | irradiate | perplex |
| d. asymmetrical | proportional | commensurable |
| e. stock | devious | stray |

3. Replace the underlined word with another word you have just learned in this unit

Group 01

1. Since then he has been a(n) mysterious figure at the periphery of the profession.
2. By this royal reform they completely isolated the monarchy, in the arrogant pride of omnipotence, upon the ruins of the Church and the aristocracy, despite both the university and the parliament of Paris.
3. An outstanding all-round performance by England produced an astonishingly one-sided final and condemned South Africa to a(n) shameful defeat.
4. His detention appeared to combine with the Egyptian military leadership's repeated efforts to deflect blame for protests and violence onto alleged foreign agents and saboteurs.
5. Frustration was boiling over among the home fans, and one spectator came on to the pitch to protest with a linesman before he was ushered away.

Group 02

1. During performances lasting up to eight hours, a male or female singer, accompanied by a single barrel drum, improvises on texts that combine rural and scholarly literary expressions.
2. The post-DSK outbreak of zero tolerance may embolden victims to expose more ill-famed behavior.
3. Mr. Howard's popularity rose, because he was seen to be taking such a(n) firm stand.
4. Today, we're delving into the world of mobile displays, where we're aiming to entertain and enlighten, and hopefully save you from making regrettable decisions.
5. Yearly raises were awarded perfunctorily and many managers came to expect frequent promotions with proportionate salary increases.

Unit 17

Quick Preview

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<input type="checkbox"/> complacent	<input type="checkbox"/> avid	<input type="checkbox"/> self-effacing	<input type="checkbox"/> travesty
<input type="checkbox"/> virulent	<input type="checkbox"/> thwart	<input type="checkbox"/> pertinent	<input type="checkbox"/> meticulous
<input type="checkbox"/> stringent	<input type="checkbox"/> maxim	<input type="checkbox"/> vestige	<input type="checkbox"/> verbose
<input type="checkbox"/> captious	<input type="checkbox"/> insatiable	<input type="checkbox"/> pugnacious	<input type="checkbox"/> engender

321 evenhanded

adj. without partiality: **fair**

s. unbiased, equitable, unprejudiced, impartial

322 complacent

adj. marked by **contentment**: **self-satisfied**

s. priggish, self-contented, smug

a. humble, modest, diffident

323 virulent

i. *adj.* full of hatred: **malignant**

s. bitter, antagonistic, hostile, rancorous, vitriolic

ii. *adj.* extremely **poisonous**

s. mephitic, toxicant, venomous

324 stringent

adj. marked by **rigor**, **strictness**, or **severity** especially with regard to standard: **strict**

s. rigid, draconian, ironhanded, severe

325 captious

adj. marked by an often ill-natured inclination to **stress faults** and **raise objections**

s. carping, caviling, censorious, faultfinding, hypercritical

a. appreciative, judicious, knowledgeable

326 stolid

adj. having or **expressing** little or **no sensibility**: **unemotional**

s. impassive, apathetic, phlegmatic, stoic

a. sensitive

327 avid

i. *adj.* characterized by **enthusiasm** and vigorous pursuit: **eager**

s. agog, appetent, ardent, keen

a. aloof, averse, disinclined, indisposed, loath

ii. *adj.* **desirous** to the point of greed, urgently **eager**: **greedy**

s. covetous, craving, importunate, gluttonous

328 thwart

- i.* *v.* to run counter to so as to effectively oppose or baffle: contravene
 - s.* frustrate, baffle, balk, curb, restrain, stymie
 - a.* aid, abet, encourage
- ii.* *v.* to defeat the hopes or aspirations of: frustrate

329 maxim

- n.* a general truth, fundamental principle, or rule of conduct
- s.* aphorism, axiom, dictum

330 insatiable

- adj.* incapable of being satisfied: quenchless
- s.* exigent, clamorous, yearning

331 expiation

- n.* the act of making atonement
- s.* compensation, correction, rectification, remedy

332 self-effacing

- adj.* reluctant to draw attention to oneself: retiring
- s.* humble, modest, meek, unassuming

333 pertinent

- adj.* having a clear decisive relevance to the matter in hand: relevant
- s. ad rem*, applicable, apposite, apropos, germane

334 vestige

- n.* a trace, mark, or visible sign left by something vanished or lost
- s.* memento, relic, trace, remains

335 pugnacious

- adj.* having a quarrelsome or combative nature: belligerent
- s.* bellicose, combative, contentious, gladiatorial, truculent
- a.* bland, mild, peaceful, dovish

336 prevaricate

- v.* to deviate from the truth: equivocate
- s.* lie, falsify, palter, garble

337 travesty

- n.* a burlesque translation or literary or artistic imitation usually grotesquely incongruous in style, treatment, or subject matter
- s.* caricature, burlesque, parody

338 meticulous

adj. marked by extreme **care** in the consideration or treatment **of details**: **careful**

s. heedful, painstaking, punctilious, scrupulous, thorough

339 verbose

adj. containing **more** words **than necessary**: **wordy**

s. diffuse, long-winded, prolix, redundant, windy

a. concise, laconic

340 engender

v. to **cause to exist** or to develop: **produce**

s. breed, hatch, induce, provoke, arouse

Instant Review 17

1. Match the explanation on the left with the word on the right

Group 01

- | | | |
|--|-------|------------|
| 1. without partiality, fair | _____ | virulent |
| 2. self-satisfied | _____ | stringent |
| 3. extremely poisonous; full of hatred | _____ | evenhanded |
| 4. rigorous, strict, severe | _____ | complacent |
| 5. tending to stress faults | _____ | captious |

Group 02

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|---------------------------------|-------|------------|
| 1. expressing no sensibility | _____ | thwart |
| 2. enthusiastic; urgently eager | _____ | stolid |
| 3. run counter to, oppose | _____ | maxim |
| 4. general truth | _____ | insatiable |
| 5. incapable of being satisfied | _____ | avid |

Group 03

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|--------------------------------|-------|---------------|
| 1. making atonement | _____ | vestige |
| 2. reluctant to draw attention | _____ | self-effacing |
| 3. having decisive relevance | _____ | pugnacious |
| 4. remaining trace or mark | _____ | pertinent |
| 5. quarrelsome or combative | _____ | expiation |

Group 04

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|----------------------------|-------|-------------|
| 1. deviate from the truth | _____ | verbose |
| 2. burlesque imitation | _____ | travesty |
| 3. careful about details | _____ | prevaricate |
| 4. wordy | _____ | meticulous |
| 5. cause to exist, produce | _____ | engender |

2. Circle the word with different meanings from the rest of the group

Group 01

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|-------------|------------|-----------|
| a. priggish | diffident | smug |
| b. tonic | toxicant | venomous |
| c. caviling | censorious | judicious |
| d. averse | agog | appetent |
| e. curb | stymie | abet |

Group 02

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|------------------|--------------|------------|
| a. meek | high-profile | unassuming |
| b. <i>ad rem</i> | germane | extraneous |

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| c. dovish | gladiatorial | truculent |
| d. perfunctory | painstaking | punctilious |
| e. diffuse | laconic | prolix |

3. Replace the underlined word with another word you have just learned in this unit

Group 01

1. The stimulus program obviously contributed greatly to the deficit, but, to be impartial in our consideration of counter-factual, we must acknowledge that the fiscal deficits might have been worse without the spending.
2. But the industry was both self-satisfied and overly concerned about upsetting the existing CD distribution chain.
3. Genetic drift could turn H1N1 into something far more dangerous and deadly than ever before.
4. He showed an unexpected aptitude for arcane derivative strategies and developed a(n) enthusiastic interest in trading.
5. The hackers were angered by officials who blocked cellphone signals to obstruct a protest last week.

Group 02

1. All were traits she developed in him that made him the perfect warrior, unsatisfied for blood, merciless and ambitious.
2. His goals and detours forged a(n) modest humor and grace that friends and historians liken to his grandfather's.
3. We see ourselves as an incubator of sorts for innovative public-private partnerships around relevant issues.
4. His two-decade-long duel with Manu Chhabria, a(n) aggressive self-made tycoon based in Dubai, was already a part of industry folklore.
5. Built with careful craftsmanship and superb artistic detail, the home has an air of timelessness and modern ease.

Unit 18

Quick Preview

<input type="checkbox"/> inviolate	<input type="checkbox"/> wry	<input type="checkbox"/> uncompromising	<input type="checkbox"/> resignation
<input type="checkbox"/> creed	<input type="checkbox"/> chary	<input type="checkbox"/> commend	<input type="checkbox"/> irascible
<input type="checkbox"/> squalid	<input type="checkbox"/> malingering	<input type="checkbox"/> spartan	<input type="checkbox"/> inchoate
<input type="checkbox"/> obdurate	<input type="checkbox"/> lissome	<input type="checkbox"/> efface	<input type="checkbox"/> impend
<input type="checkbox"/> prudent	<input type="checkbox"/> erratic	<input type="checkbox"/> galvanize	<input type="checkbox"/> alleged

341 inviolate

adj. **not violated** or profaned: **pure**
s. sacred, inviolable, sacrosanct, intact

342 creed

n. a set of fundamental **beliefs**; a guiding **principle**

343 squalid

adj. marked by **filthiness** and degradation **from neglect** or poverty: **sordid**
s. dirty, foul, slovenly, dingy, base, ignoble

344 obdurate

adj. **stubbornly persistent** in wrongdoing: **adamant**
s. dogged, inexorable, relentless, rigid, uncompromising, unyielding
a. relenting, submitting

345 prudent

- i.* *adj.* marked by **wisdom** or judiciousness: **wise**
s. judicious, sane, sapient, sensible, tactical
- ii.* *adj.* marked by circumspection: **discreet**
- iii.* *adj.* **provident**, **frugal**

346 wry

- i.* *adj.* having a bent or **twisted** shape or condition
- ii.* *adj.* wrongheaded, **stubborn**
- iii.* *adj.* cleverly and often **ironically** or grimly **humorous**: **sardonic**
- iv.* *v.* to **twist** or writhe

347 chary

adj. hesitant and **vigilant** about dangers and risks: **discreetly cautious**
s. calculating, circumspect, discreet, guarded, wary

348 malinger

v. to **pretend** or exaggerate incapacity or **illness** to avoid duty or work

349 lissome

adj. moving and **bending with ease**: lithe
s. flexible, supple, limber, lithesome, nimble

350 erratic

- i.* *adj.* characterized by **lack of** consistency, **regularity**, or uniformity: **arbitrary**
s. capricious, vagarious, wayward, whimsical, mercurial, volatile
a. static, fixed, stable, unmoving, stationary
- ii.* *adj.* **deviating from** what is ordinary or **standard**: **eccentric**
s. anomalous, bizarre, idiosyncratic, peculiar, queer

351 uncompromising

adj. making **no** concessions or **compromises**: **inflexible**, **unyielding**

352 commend

- i.* *v.* to mention with **approbation**: **praise**
s. acclaim, applaud, compliment, hail, extol
a. censure, chide, admonish, reprehend, reprobate, rebuke, reprimand, reproach
- ii.* *v.* to **recommend** as worthy of confidence or notice

353 spartan

adj. marked by **simplicity**, frugality, or **avoidance of luxury** and comfort

354 efface

v. to **eliminate** or cause to vanish: **erase**
s. annul, cancel, expunge, obliterate, eradicate, extirpate

355 galvanize

v. to **stimulate** or **excite** as if by an electric shock: **provoke**
s. innervate, stimulate, activate, energize, vitalize

356 resignation

- i.* *n.* the quality or state of being **resigned**: **submissiveness**
s. acquiescence, compliance, conformity, meekness, modesty
- ii.* *n.* an act or instance of resigning something: **surrender**

357 irascible

adj. marked by **hot temper** and easily provoked anger: **irritable**
s. cantankerous, choleric, ireful, stomachy
a. amiable, complaisant, obliging

358 inchoate

adj. being only **partly in existence** or operation: **incipient**, **immature**

359 impend

- i.* *v.* to be **about to occur**
 - s.* loom, forthcoming
- ii.* *v.* to hover threateningly: **menace**

360 alleged

- i.* *adj.* **questionably true** or of a specified kind: **supposed**, **so-called**
 - s.* ostensible, pretended, purported
 - a.* authentic, *bona fide*, genuine, veritable
- ii.* *adj.* **asserted** to be true or to exist

Instant Review 18

1. Match the explanation on the left with the word on the right

Group 01

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|---------------------------|-------|----------------|
| 1. not violated, pure | _____ | uncompromising |
| 2. belief or principle | _____ | squalid |
| 3. filthy or sordid | _____ | obdurate |
| 4. stubbornly persistent | _____ | inviolable |
| 5. wise, discreet, frugal | _____ | creed |

Group 02

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|--|-------|----------|
| 1. twisted; stubborn | _____ | wry |
| 2. discreetly cautious | _____ | malinger |
| 3. pretend to be ill | _____ | lissome |
| 4. bending with ease | _____ | erratic |
| 5. lacking regularity; deviating from standard | _____ | chary |

Group 03

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|-------------------------------|-------|-----------|
| 1. inflexible or unyielding | _____ | spartan |
| 2. approbate; recommend | _____ | prudent |
| 3. avoiding luxury, simple | _____ | galvanize |
| 4. cause to vanish, eliminate | _____ | efface |
| 5. stimulate or excite | _____ | commend |

Group 04

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|---------------------------------|-------|-------------|
| 1. submissiveness; surrendering | _____ | resignation |
| 2. hot-tempered or irritable | _____ | irascible |
| 3. partly in existence | _____ | inchoate |
| 4. be about to occur | _____ | impend |
| 5. questionably true | _____ | alleged |

2. Circle the word with different meanings from the rest of the group

Group 01

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|----------------|------------|------------|
| a. profaned | sacrosanct | intact |
| b. inexorable | relenting | relentless |
| c. sapient | imprudent | tactical |
| d. circumspect | wary | rash |
| e. limber | taut | nimble |

Group 02

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|--------------|----------|------------|
| a. mercurial | volatile | stationary |
| b. hail | chide | admonish |

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|-----------------|------------------|-----------|
| c. innervate | sap | vitalize |
| d. cantankerous | ireful | obliging |
| e. ostensible | <i>bona fide</i> | purported |

3. Replace the underlined word with another word you have just learned in this unit

Group 01

1. Russian officials say Mr. Magnitsky received inadequate medical care during his 11 months in prison in neglected conditions.
2. And when the Chinese rulers finally crack down on opium, the stubborn traders turn fiercely protectionist, insisting that their government should intervene.
3. It seems wise to decide that such belligerent nations should not have a nuclear capability.
4. Instead of watching the grandstanding and tribal chauvinism with ironic amusement, we have become active participants.
5. He frequently refers to the phenomenon as a "new paradigm", although he remains cautious of how durable it will prove.

Group 02

1. Still, day-to-day price moves in the gold market have been irregular and more unpredictable recently.
2. She was happy with the old diesel trains with their simple but clean carriages.
3. It helped stimulate a movement led by women that would help make our society a more equal place.
4. The technological innovation that begets new application of knowledge happens in ways that are immature and difficult to predict or manage.
5. Along with the hypocrisy of power, Lou dramatizes a society of surveillance and internal espionage, in which deceit and pretense serve the spirit of freedom, fear and despair wipe out identity and warp morality.

Unit 19

Quick Preview

<input type="checkbox"/> dilemma	<input type="checkbox"/> vitiate	<input type="checkbox"/> inimitable	<input type="checkbox"/> supposition
<input type="checkbox"/> arduous	<input type="checkbox"/> unimpeachable	<input type="checkbox"/> inclement	<input type="checkbox"/> ephemeral
<input type="checkbox"/> recur	<input type="checkbox"/> modest	<input type="checkbox"/> hackneyed	<input type="checkbox"/> confound
<input type="checkbox"/> affinity	<input type="checkbox"/> tenacious	<input type="checkbox"/> nadir	<input type="checkbox"/> disabuse
<input type="checkbox"/> squander	<input type="checkbox"/> puerile	<input type="checkbox"/> phlegmatic	<input type="checkbox"/> caustic

361 dilemma

- n.* state of **perplexity** especially as requiring a choice between **equally unfavorable options**
s. predicament, bewilderment, perplexity

362 arduous

- adj.* marked by **great** labor or **effort**: **strenuous**
s. effortful, labored, laborious, toilsome

363 recur

- i.* *v.* to **occur again** after an interval: occur time after time
ii. *v.* to **come up again** for consideration

364 affinity

- i.* *n.* an **attraction** to or **liking** for something or someone
a. antipathy, aversion, repugnance, repulsion
ii. *n.* **likeness** based on relationship or causal **connection**: **resemblance**
s. analogy, comparison, semblance, similarity

365 squander

- i.* *v.* to **spend extravagantly** or foolishly: **dissipate**, **waste**
ii. *v.* to **lose** through negligence or inaction
iii. *v.* to cause to **disperse**: **scatter**

366 vitiate

- i.* *v.* to **make faulty** or defective: **impair**
s. injure, blemish, mar, spoil, tarnish
ii. *v.* to **debase in** moral or aesthetic **status**
iii. *v.* to make ineffective: **abolish**
s. abrogate, annihilate, annul, invalidate, negate, nullify

367 unimpeachable

- adj.* reliable **beyond** a **doubt** or not liable to accusation: **irreproachable**

368 modest

- i.* *adj.* **limited** in size, amount, or scope

- ii. *adj.* **not bold** or self-assertive: unpretentious
s. humble, meek, unassuming, moderate, temperate, retiring
a. presumptuous, barefaced, brazen, impudent

369 tenacious

- adj.* persistent in maintaining, adhering to, or seeking something valued or desired: stalwart
s. dogged, obstinate, pertinacious, resolute, steadfast, persevering

370 puerile

- adj.* displaying or suggesting a **lack of maturity**: childish
s. juvenile, infantile, silly, immature

371 inimitable

- adj.* not capable of being imitated: matchless

372 inclement

- adj.* lacking mildness, especially physically severe: stormy
s. brutal, intemperate, rigorous, rugged

373 hackneyed

- adj.* lacking in freshness or **originality**: trite
s. commonplace, clichéd, antediluvian, antiquated, archaic, obsolete, outmoded

374 nadir

- n.* the lowest point
a. crest, peak, acme, pinnacle, zenith

375 phlegmatic

- adj.* having or showing a **slow** and **stolid** temperament: impassive
s. apathetic, stoic, stolid, aloof, lethargic

376 supposition

- n.* something that is supposed: hypothesis

377 ephemeral

- adj.* lasting a very **short** time: transient
s. evanescent, fleeting, fugacious, momentary, transitory, volatile
a. perpetual, enduring, eternal, everlasting

378 confound

- i. *v.* to **throw into** confusion or **perplexity**: confuse
s. puzzle, befog, bewilder, perplex, baffle
ii. *v.* to **fail to discern differences** between: mix up

379 disabuse

- v.* to **free from** error, fallacy, or **misconception**
- s.* purge, rectify, liberate, undeceive

380 caustic

- i.* *adj.* capable of destroying or eating away by chemical action: **corrosive**
- ii.* *adj.* marked by **incisive sarcasm**: **scathing**
 - s.* acerbic, mordacious, mordant, trenchant, sarcastic
 - a.* genial, cordial, gracious, suave, urbane

Instant Review 19

1. Match the explanation on the left with the word on the right

Group 01

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|---|-------|----------|
| 1. state of perplexity | _____ | squander |
| 2. requiring great effort | _____ | recur |
| 3. occur again | _____ | dilemma |
| 4. attraction or liking | _____ | arduous |
| 5. spend extravagantly; cause to disperse | _____ | affinity |

Group 02

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|--------------------------------------|-------|---------------|
| 1. abolish; impair; debase in status | _____ | vitiate |
| 2. reliable beyond doubt | _____ | unimpeachable |
| 3. not bold; limited | _____ | tenacious |
| 4. persistently maintaining | _____ | puerile |
| 5. lacking maturity | _____ | modest |

Group 03

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|----------------------------------|-------|------------|
| 1. not capable of being imitated | _____ | phlegmatic |
| 2. lacking mildness, stormy | _____ | nadir |
| 3. lacking originality | _____ | inimitable |
| 4. the lowest point | _____ | inclement |
| 5. showing slow temperament | _____ | hackneyed |

Group 04

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|---|-------|-------------|
| 1. hypothesis | _____ | supposition |
| 2. lasting a very short time | _____ | ephemeral |
| 3. confuse; fail to discern differences | _____ | disabuse |
| 4. free from misconception | _____ | confound |
| 5. chemically corrosive; sarcastic | _____ | caustic |

2. Circle the word with different meanings from the rest of the group

Group 01

- | | | |
|-------------|------------|--------------|
| a. facile | laborious | toilsome |
| b. blemish | rejuvenate | mar |
| c. meek | impudent | unassuming |
| d. dogged | wavering | pertinacious |
| e. juvenile | infantile | autumnal |

Group 02

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|-----------------|-----------|-------------|
| a. brutal | temperate | rigorous |
| b. antediluvian | obsolete | avant-garde |

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| c. crest | nadir | zenith |
| d. impassioned | lethargic | impassive |
| e. fugacious | volatile | perpetual |

3. Replace the underlined word with another word you have just learned in this unit

Group 01

1. Progress has been made in restructuring the financial system, but it has been a(n) strenuous exercise.
2. It meshed well with Russia's traditional primary focus on relations with the United States and was reinforced by apparent ideological similarity.
3. Sometimes they waste their money, and prolonged absences from home can make their families break down.
4. Now he is up against powerful business conglomerates, tough unions and a weakened but still persistent opposition.
5. The school's website says that it has been in existence for 150 years and has always maintained a standard of unquestionable integrity.

Group 02

1. Maybe Rolfe and Troob's supposed innocence shouldn't come as a surprise given the childish, frat boy tenor of their tome.
2. Human anatomy and formal structure, as well as light, shade and dramatic brushstrokes, have produced a(n) unmatched masterpiece.
3. Burke said he initially delayed the race by several minutes due to harsh weather.
4. While male leaders are allowed to have complex personalities, powerful women are often summed up by clichéd stereotypes that undermine them and their power.
5. In them *the Man of Sorrows* motif is thoroughly purged of its spiritual intensity and most of its sorrow, leaving us with several startlingly worldly and unemotional depictions of Christ, whose greatest suffering is now a wayward lock of hair or a becoming pallor.

Unit 20

Quick Preview

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| <input type="checkbox"/> laud | <input type="checkbox"/> taciturn | <input type="checkbox"/> stoic | <input type="checkbox"/> differentiate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> gratis | <input type="checkbox"/> supercilious | <input type="checkbox"/> intricate | <input type="checkbox"/> abjure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> enmity | <input type="checkbox"/> interpolate | <input type="checkbox"/> quotidian | <input type="checkbox"/> philistine |
| <input type="checkbox"/> disparage | <input type="checkbox"/> empirical | <input type="checkbox"/> mercurial | <input type="checkbox"/> banish |
| <input type="checkbox"/> conversant | <input type="checkbox"/> deride | <input type="checkbox"/> antiquated | <input type="checkbox"/> acquisitive |

381 laud

- n.* to **praise** or **extol**
s. celebrate, eulogize, extol, hymn, magnify, panegyryze
a. revile, condemn, curse, execrate, objurgate

382 gratis

- adj.* **without charge** or recompense: **free**, **gratuitous**

383 enmity

- n.* positive, active, and typically mutual **hatred** or **ill will**
s. animosity, antagonism, antipathy, hostility, rancor
a. amity, amicability, cordiality, comity, empathy

384 disparage

- v.* to **lower** or **depreciate** in rank or **reputation**: **degrade**
s. decry, abuse, belittle, depreciate, derogate, detract, minimize
a. applaud, acclaim, approbate

385 conversant

- adj.* **having knowledge** or experience: **familiar**
s. abreast, acquainted, *au courant*, *au fait*, informed, versed

386 taciturn

- adj.* temperamentally **disinclined to talk**: **silent**
s. reserved, reticent, laconic, dour
a. garrulous, chatty, loquacious, unrestrained

387 supercilious

- i.* *adj.* coolly and patronizingly **haughty**: **arrogant**
s. arrogant, cavalier, overbearing, superior
a. humble, deferential, submissive, obsequious, subservient
ii. *adj.* expressive of contempt: **contemptuous**
s. scornful, derisive, disdainful, sneering

388 interpolate

- i.* *v.* to alter or **corrupt by inserting** new or foreign matter
- ii.* *v.* to **insert** between other things or parts: **intercalate**

389 empirical

- adj.* **relying on experience** or observation often **without due regard for** system and **theory**
- s.* experimental, observational, factual
- a.* conjectural

390 deride

- v.* to **laugh at** contemptuously: **ridicule**
- s.* lout, mock, scout, taunt

391 stoic

- adj.* **not** affected by or **showing** passion or **feeling**
- s.* impassive, apathetic, phlegmatic, stolid, detached, resigned

392 intricate

- adj.* having many **complexly interrelating** parts or elements: **complicated**
- s.* complex, byzantine, elaborate, involved, knotty, labyrinthine, sophisticated

393 quotidian

- adj.* occurring every day: **commonplace**, **ordinary**
- s.* ordinary, everyday, routine, plain

394 mercurial

- adj.* characterized by rapid and **unpredictable changeableness** of mood
- s.* inconstant, capricious, fickle, lubricious, temperamental, volatile

395 antiquated

- adj.* **outmoded** or discredited by reason of age: **old**
- s.* antique, archaic, outmoded, passé

396 differentiate

- v.* to **express** the specific **distinguishing quality** of: **discriminate**
- s.* discern, discriminate, distinguish, separate
- a.* confuse, confound, mistake

397 abjure

- i.* *v.* to **renounce** upon oath or to **reject** solemnly
- s.* forswear, recant, retract, withdraw
- ii.* *v.* to **abstain** from: **avoid**

398 philistine

- i.* *adj.* **guided by materialism** and is usually disdainful of intellectual or artistic values: **uncultured**

ii. *adj.* one **uninformed** in a special area of knowledge

399 banish

v. to **drive out** or **remove** from a home or place of usual resort or continuance: **dispel**

s. eject, deport, displace, exile, expatriate, expulse

400 acquisitive

adj. strongly **desirous** of acquiring and possessing: **covetous**

s. avid, greedy, avaricious, grasping

a. abnegating, self-denying, eschewing, forbearing

Instant Review 20

1. Match the explanation on the left with the word on the right

Group 01

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|--------------------------------|-------|------------|
| 1. praise or extol | _____ | laud |
| 2. without charge, free | _____ | gratis |
| 3. hatred or ill will | _____ | enmity |
| 4. lower or depreciate | _____ | disparage |
| 5. having experience, familiar | _____ | conversant |

Group 02

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|--------------------------|-------|--------------|
| 1. disinclined to talk | _____ | taciturn |
| 2. patronizingly haughty | _____ | supercilious |
| 3. corrupt by inserting | _____ | interpolate |
| 4. relying on experience | _____ | empirical |
| 5. laugh at | _____ | deride |

Group 03

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|-----------------------------|-------|------------|
| 1. not showing feeling | _____ | stoic |
| 2. complexly interrelating | _____ | quotidian |
| 3. occurring every day | _____ | mercurial |
| 4. unpredictably changeable | _____ | intricate |
| 5. outmoded or old | _____ | antiquated |

Group 04

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|-------------------------------------|-------|---------------|
| 1. express distinguishing qualities | _____ | philistine |
| 2. reject solemnly; avoid | _____ | differentiate |
| 3. guided by materialism; uniformed | _____ | acquisitive |
| 4. drive out | _____ | banish |
| 5. desirous or greedy | _____ | abjure |

2. Circle the word with different meanings from the rest of the group

Group 01

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|--------------|-----------|------------|
| a. hymn | objurgate | panegyryze |
| b. amity | comity | rancor |
| c. acclaim | approbate | abuse |
| d. abreast | versed | maladroit |
| e. garrulous | reticent | laconic |

Group 02

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|-----------------|-------------|------------|
| a. cavalier | overbearing | obsequious |
| b. experimental | conjectural | empirical |

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| c. deride | mock | tout |
| d. unfaltering | fickle | lubricious |
| e. forswear | acquiesce | recant |

3. *Replace the underlined word with another word you have just learned in this unit*

Group 01

1. The Chosun Ilbo newspaper attributed the move partly to the resurfacing of long-standing hostility between corporate Japan and Korea.
2. They have been showing up to games wearing T-shirts that depreciate the policy, and occasionally voicing their displeasure from the stands during games.
3. They were often the most educated men in a given place, familiar not only with scripture but with ancient tongues and the touchstones of English literature.
4. But Charles, a gruff, sometimes reserved boy with a disinclination to show his sensitivity, soon grew disenchanted with the spotlight.
5. As was the way with many radio reporters, I'd always regarded TV with a mix of contemptuous disdain and barely concealed envy.

Group 02

1. Ozon plainly worships the idea of the grand dame, and the movie allows him both to honor and ridicule his own devotion.
2. Jazz drummers leading their own bands often feature complex rhythms and brisk, driving momentum.
3. It is this juxtaposition of the commonplace with the bleeding edge that makes the Peckham scene so refreshing.
4. He is a political John McEnroe, known for both his unpredictable temperament and his tactical brilliance.
5. It is perhaps little wonder that Savonarola remains such a fascinating figure, capable of being portrayed as the acme of either self-denying sanctity or uncultured heresy.

Unit 21

Quick Preview

<input type="checkbox"/> saturnine	<input type="checkbox"/> savvy	<input type="checkbox"/> brazen	<input type="checkbox"/> minatory
<input type="checkbox"/> ethereal	<input type="checkbox"/> affectation	<input type="checkbox"/> percipient	<input type="checkbox"/> solvent
<input type="checkbox"/> ancillary	<input type="checkbox"/> sanction	<input type="checkbox"/> egoism	<input type="checkbox"/> discourse
<input type="checkbox"/> veneer	<input type="checkbox"/> querulous	<input type="checkbox"/> ambivalence	<input type="checkbox"/> blandish
<input type="checkbox"/> expansive	<input type="checkbox"/> relegate	<input type="checkbox"/> desecrate	<input type="checkbox"/> moribund

401 saturnine

adj. of a **gloomy** or **surly** disposition: **sullen**

s. dour, glum, melancholy, morose, surly

a. joyful, lighthearted, blithe, jocund, jovial

402 ethereal

i. *adj.* lacking material substance: **immaterial**, **intangible**

s. celestial, unsubstantial, gossamer, delicate

ii. *adj.* **unworldly**, **spiritual**

403 ancillary

adj. furnishing **added** support: **auxiliary**

s. additional, subordinate, subsidiary, supplementary, collateral

404 veneer

i. *n.* a **superficial** or deceptively attractive **appearance**, display, or effect: **gloss**

s. mask, cover, disguise, facade, veil

ii. *v.* to **conceal**, as a defect, under a superficial and deceptive attractiveness

s. palliate, gloss over, sugarcoat, varnish

405 expansive

i. *adj.* characterized by high spirits, generosity, or **readiness to talk**: **open**

s. demonstrative, extroverted, gregarious, effusive, gushy

a. constrained, reserved, reticent, taciturn

ii. *adj.* marked by or indicative of exaggerated euphoria and **delusions of self-importance**

iii. *adj.* having a great expanse or extent: **sizable**, **extensive**

406 savvy

n. the **cognitive condition** of someone who understands: practical **know-how**

407 affectation

n. the act of taking on an attitude **not natural** to oneself or **not genuinely** felt: **artificiality**

s. mannerism, ostentation, pretentiousness

408 sanction

- i.* *n.* explicit or official approval, **permission**, or ratification: **approbation**
s. endorsement, fiat, consent, ratification
a. interdiction, debarment, prohibition, disapprobation
- ii.* *n.* an economic or military **coercive measure** for forcing a nation to desist or yield to adjudication
- iii.* *v.* to **give** effective or authoritative **approval** or consent to: **approve**

409 querulous

- adj.* habitually **complaining**
- s.* irritable, fractious, peevish, petulant

410 relegate

- i.* *v.* to send into exile: **banish**
s. deport, exile, expatriate, expel, expulse, ostracize
- ii.* *v.* to **assign to** a place of **insignificance** or of oblivion

411 brazen

- adj.* marked by **contemptuous** boldness: **insolent**
- s.* audacious, barefaced, bold, contumelious, impertinent

412 percipient

- adj.* **capable of** or characterized by **perception**: **discerning**
- s.* insightful, keen, perceptive, observant, shrewd

413 egoism

- n.* a doctrine that individual **self-interest** is the actual motive of all conscious action

414 ambivalence

- n.* simultaneous and **contradictory attitudes** or feelings toward an object, person, or action

415 desecrate

- v.* to **treat disrespectfully**, irreverently, or outrageously: **profane**
- s.* ravage, depredate, devastate, devour, pillage, violate

416 minatory

- adj.* having a **menacing** quality: **threatening**

417 solvent

- i.* *adj.* able to **pay** all legal **debts**
- ii.* *adj.* that dissolves or can **dissolve**

418 discourse

- i.* *n.* verbal interchange of ideas: **conversation**
- ii.* *n.* connected **speech** or **writing**

419 blandish

v. to act or speak in a **flattering** or coaxing manner: **cajole**

s. coax, flatter, beguile, charm

a. threaten

420 moribund

adj. being in the state of **dying** or **inactivity**

s. expiring, decadent, deteriorating, regressing

a. booming, flourishing, prospering, thriving, viable

Instant Review 21

1. Match the explanation on the left with the word on the right

Group 01

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|----------------------------------|-------|-----------|
| 1. gloomy or surly | _____ | veneer |
| 2. lacking material substance | _____ | saturnine |
| 3. furnishing added support | _____ | expansive |
| 4. deceptive appearance; conceal | _____ | ethereal |
| 5. ready to talk | _____ | ancillary |

Group 02

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|---|-------|-------------|
| 1. cognitive condition | _____ | savvy |
| 2. unnatural attitude | _____ | sanction |
| 3. permission; coercive punishment | _____ | relegate |
| 4. habitually complaining | _____ | querulous |
| 5. assign to insignificant position; banish | _____ | affectation |

Group 03

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|---|-------|-------------|
| 1. contemptuously bold | _____ | percipient |
| 2. capable of perception | _____ | egoism |
| 3. the valuing of self-interest | _____ | desecrate |
| 4. simultaneous and contradictory attitudes | _____ | brazen |
| 5. disrespectfully treat | _____ | ambivalence |

Group 04

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|------------------------------------|-------|-----------|
| 1. menacing | _____ | solvent |
| 2. able to pay debts | _____ | moribund |
| 3. conversation; speech or writing | _____ | minatory |
| 4. speak in a flattering manner | _____ | discourse |
| 5. inactive and dying | _____ | blandish |

2. Circle the word with different meanings from the rest of the group

Group 01

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|---------------|-------------|-----------------|
| a. morose | sullen | blithe |
| b. celestial | tangible | gossamer |
| c. prime | collateral | ancillary |
| d. gregarious | effusive | reticent |
| e. mannerism | spontaneity | pretentiousness |

Group 02

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|----------------|--------------|--------------|
| a. endorsement | debarment | ratification |
| b. audacious | contumelious | pertinent |

c. callous	shrewd	perceptive
d. pillage	ravage	sanctify
e. menace	coax	beguile

3. *Replace the underlined word with another word you have just learned in this unit*

Group 01

1. The Colonel, heavy, gloomy, his hooded eyes veiling an expression of amused avidity that Elvis sometimes thought he alone could read, had stayed in constant touch with him throughout his army hitch.
2. It's a smart performance that doesn't overemphasize the wispy, immaterial nature of the music.
3. The wholesale interdiction of narcotic drugs, too, has been responsible for an enormous amount of additional crime and corruption.
4. After the protests end, residents will still have to cope with service shortcomings that belie the city's metropolitan mask.
5. He recommended disapproval because the United States cannot afford to approve the addition of torture.

Group 02

1. He also offered harsh criticism for what he viewed as unashamed disregard for intellectual property rights.
2. The recent discussions reflect hesitation within the administration over whether the counterinsurgency approach was merited.
3. One suspects that, in dealing with this complaining woman, George became an overly controlled personality and learned to master his temper and curb his tongue.
4. We are not going to stand by and let a gang of half-wits violate burial grounds in Enfield and if we catch anyone trying, we'll act quickly and then be pushing for the strongest possible sanction in the courts
5. The internet will surely influence teaching, and for-profit companies are bound to shake up a(n) drying marketplace.

Unit 22

Quick Preview

<input type="checkbox"/> perfunctory	<input type="checkbox"/> timorous	<input type="checkbox"/> ribald	<input type="checkbox"/> schism
<input type="checkbox"/> rankle	<input type="checkbox"/> refractory	<input type="checkbox"/> ostentatious	<input type="checkbox"/> mundane
<input type="checkbox"/> impertinent	<input type="checkbox"/> discomfit	<input type="checkbox"/> sagacious	<input type="checkbox"/> tenuous
<input type="checkbox"/> fervent	<input type="checkbox"/> perturb	<input type="checkbox"/> haughty	<input type="checkbox"/> bemoan
<input type="checkbox"/> proscribe	<input type="checkbox"/> veracity	<input type="checkbox"/> impregnable	<input type="checkbox"/> capacious

421 perfunctory

- i.* *adj.* characterized by **routine** or **superficiality**: **mechanical**
- ii.* *adj.* **lacking in interest** or enthusiasm
 - s.* cursory, superficial, indifferent, unconcerned
 - a.* cordial, genial, hearty

422 rankle

- v.* to **cause anger**, irritation, or deep bitterness
- s.* fester, irk, vex, aggravate, exasperate, irritate, plague, torment

423 impertinent

- i.* *adj.* given to or characterized by **insolent rudeness**
 - s.* audacious, discourteous, ill-bred, uncivil
- ii.* *adj.* not pertinent: **irrelevant**
 - s.* extraneous, foreign, immaterial, inapplicable, inapposite

424 fervent

- adj.* exhibiting or marked by **great intensity of feeling**: **zealous**
- s.* impassioned, ardent, fervid, perfervid

425 proscribe

- v.* to **condemn** or **forbid** as harmful or unlawful: **prohibit**
- s.* ban, bar, exclude, veto
- a.* sanction, approve, approbate, endorse

426 timorous

- adj.* of a **timid** disposition: **fearful**

427 refractory

- adj.* **resisting control** or authority: **stubborn**, **obstinate**
- s.* headstrong, intractable, mulish, perverse, unyielding
- a.* malleable, supple, pliable, ductile

428 discomfit

- i.* *v.* to **frustrate** the plans of: **thwart**

- ii. *v.* to **put into** a state of **perplexity** and embarrassment: **disconcert**
s. embarrass, abash, confound, rattle

429 perturb

- i. *v.* to **disturb** greatly in mind: **disquiet**
s. agitate, discombobulate, dismay
a. compose, settle
- ii. *v.* to throw into confusion: **disorder**

430 veracity

- n.* **conformity with truth** or fact: **accuracy**
s. veridicality, verity, factualness
a. equivocation, deception, insincerity

431 ribald

- adj.* humorously **vulgar**: **crude**, **offensive**

432 ostentatious

- adj.* marked by **conspicuous** or vainglorious and sometimes **pretentious** display: **showy**
s. flamboyant, orchidaceous, swank

433 sagacious

- adj.* of **keen** and **farsighted** penetration and judgment: **discerning**
s. insightful, perceptive, shrewd, judicious astute

434 haughty

- adj.* blatantly and **disdainfully proud**: **arrogant**
s. conceited, overbearing, supercilious, superior

435 impregnable

- adj.* incapable of being taken by assault: **unconquerable**, **unassailable**
s. invincible, indomitable, inexpugnable, undefeatable

436 schism

- n.* **division** of a group into opposing factions: **separation**
s. discordance, divergence, breach, split, rupture, chasm

437 mundane

- adj.* characterized by the **practical**, transitory, and **ordinary**: **commonplace**, **earthly**
s. earthly, worldly, profane, secular, temporal

438 tenuous

- i. *adj.* having **little** substance or **strength**: **flimsy**, **weak**
- ii. *adj.* **not dense**: **rare**

439 bemoan

v. to express deep grief or distress over: deplore

s. bewail, grieve, lament, moan, weep

a. exult, applaud, jubilate, rejoice

440 capacious

adj. capable of containing a great deal: spacious

s. ample, commodious, roomy

a. exiguous, cramped, confined

Instant Review 22

1. Match the explanation on the left with the word on the right

Group 01

- | | | |
|---------------------------------|-------|-------------|
| 1. routine or superficial | _____ | fervent |
| 2. cause anger | _____ | impertinent |
| 3. insolent or rude; irrelevant | _____ | perfunctory |
| 4. intense in feeling | _____ | proscribe |
| 5. condemn or forbid | _____ | rankle |

Group 02

- | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------|------------|
| 1. timid or fearful | _____ | veracity |
| 2. resisting control, stubborn | _____ | timorous |
| 3. frustrate; put into perplexity | _____ | refractory |
| 4. disturb the mind; disorder | _____ | perturb |
| 5. conformity with truth | _____ | discomfit |

Group 03

- | | | |
|----------------------------------|-------|--------------|
| 1. humorously vulgar | _____ | haughty |
| 2. conspicuous and pretentious | _____ | impregnable |
| 3. keen and farsighted | _____ | ostentatious |
| 4. disdainfully proud | _____ | ribald |
| 5. unconquerable or unassailable | _____ | sagacious |

Group 04

- | | | |
|----------------------------|-------|-----------|
| 1. division or separation | _____ | tenuous |
| 2. practical and ordinary | _____ | mundane |
| 3. having little strength | _____ | schism |
| 4. express deep grief | _____ | capacious |
| 5. containing a great deal | _____ | bemoan |

2. Circle the word with different meanings from the rest of the group

Group 01

- | | | |
|---------------|-------------|------------|
| a. cursory | perfunctory | cordial |
| b. extraneous | pertinent | inapposite |
| c. ardent | impassive | perfidious |
| d. veto | sanction | approbate |
| e. mulish | perverse | ductile |

Group 02

- | | | |
|-----------------|----------|---------|
| a. agitate | perturb | compose |
| b. speciousness | veracity | verity |

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|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| c. flamboyant | ostentatious | self-effacing |
| d. bewail | jubilate | lament |
| e. ample | exiguous | commodious |

3. *Replace the underlined word with another word you have just learned in this unit*

Group 01

1. My potential employer asked me a few more routine questions and then saw me to the door.
2. On various message boards, people post enthusiastic messages expressing hope and admiration for the struggling racehorse.
3. Both U (universal) and PG (parental guidance) film ratings ban "potentially dangerous behavior which young children are likely to copy".
4. Unfortunately, the world always proves to be more complex and incontrollable than the theories of even the best economists.
5. The web, which makes it easier to spread stories true or false, also makes it easier to check their accuracy.

Group 02

1. The writer and director Bobcat Goldthwait turns an almost unredeemably vulgar comedy into a peculiarly moving drama.
2. But Russians are increasingly unhappy with the wide gaps between a(n) showy oligarch class and the millions who live in poverty.
3. His style alternates between smooth self-confidence and arrogant aggression, and today was heavily loaded with the latter.
4. There was talk of a possible split between the older, more economically advanced states and the newer, less developed ones.
5. You can always create new layers of exclusivity when a previous layer becomes thin or evaporates.

Unit 23

Quick Preview

<input type="checkbox"/> novel	<input type="checkbox"/> ineluctable	<input type="checkbox"/> collude	<input type="checkbox"/> appropriate
<input type="checkbox"/> privation	<input type="checkbox"/> ebullient	<input type="checkbox"/> pine	<input type="checkbox"/> flush
<input type="checkbox"/> inscrutable	<input type="checkbox"/> impalpable	<input type="checkbox"/> taxing	<input type="checkbox"/> broadside
<input type="checkbox"/> exhilarate	<input type="checkbox"/> objugation	<input type="checkbox"/> intractable	<input type="checkbox"/> inured
<input type="checkbox"/> discursive	<input type="checkbox"/> categorical	<input type="checkbox"/> precursor	<input type="checkbox"/> constraint

441 novel

- adj.* **new** and **not** resembling something **formerly known** or used
s. modernistic, neoteric, newfangled
a. customary, habitual, commonplace, routine

442 privation

- n.* **lack** of what is needed for existence: **deprivation, poverty**
s. dispossession, divestiture, destitution, indigence, penury

443 inscrutable

- adj.* **not readily** investigated, interpreted, or **understood**: **mysterious**
s. arcane, cabalistic, impenetrable, numinous

444 exhilarate

- v.* to **make cheerful** and excited: **delight**
s. elate, commove, stimulate, animate, invigorate, vitalize

445 discursive

- adj.* moving from topic to topic **without order**: **rambling**
s. digressive, excursive

446 ineluctable

- adj.* **not** to be **avoided**, changed, or resisted: **inevitable**
s. ineludible, inescapable, inerasable, unavoidable

447 ebullient

- adj.* having or **showing liveliness** and enthusiasm: **boiling**
s. exuberant, brash, effervescent, vivacious
a. languid, indolent, lethargic

448 impalpable

- i.* *adj.* **incapable of being felt** by touch: **intangible**
s. imperceptible, imponderable, indiscernible, insensible
ii. *adj.* **not** readily **discerned** by the mind

449 objurgation

n. a harsh rebuke: censure

s. execration, anathematization, curse, castigation

450 categorical

adj. not modified or restricted by reservations: absolute, unqualified

a. conjectural, hypothetical, supposititious, conditional, contingent

451 collude

v. to join in a secret agreement to do an unlawful or wrongful act: conspire

s. plot, cogitate, connive, contrive

452 pine

i. *v.* to lose vigor, health, or flesh: languish

ii. *v.* to yearn intensely and persistently especially for something unattainable: long

s. ache, crave, hanker, suspire

453 taxing

adj. involving, imposing, or constituting a burden: onerous, wearing

s. onerous, burdensome, exacting, exigent, oppressive

454 intractable

adj. not easily governed, managed, or directed: unruly

s. fractious, indomitable, recalcitrant

a. docile, obedient, compliant, submissive

455 precursor

n. one that precedes and indicates the approach of another: predecessor

s. antecedent, forerunner, harbinger, herald

456 appropriate

i. *v.* to take exclusive possession of: annex

s. arrogate, assume, preempt, usurp

ii. *v.* to take or make use of without authority or right

iii. *adj.* especially suitable or compatible: fitting

s. apt, befitting, felicitous, apposite, germane, pertinent

457 flush

i. *n.* a sudden increase or expansion

ii. *adj.* of a ruddy healthy color or full of life and vigor: lusty

s. ruddy, glowing, rubicund, sanguine

iii. *v.* to cleanse or wash out with or as if with a rush of liquid

458 broadside

- i.* *adv.* with the side forward or toward a given point: **sideways**
- ii.* *n.* a volley of **abuse** or **denunciation**: **barrage**
 - s.* burst, cannonade, salvo, volley

459 inured

- adj.* **accustomed** to accept something undesirable
- s.* familiarized, habituated, wonted

460 constraint

- n.* a **constraining** condition, agency, or **force**: **check**
- s.* restriction, circumscription, confinement, cramp, restraint

Instant Review 23

1. Match the explanation on the left with the word on the right

Group 01

- | | | |
|---------------------------|-------|-------------|
| 1. not formerly known | _____ | discursive |
| 2. lack or poverty | _____ | exhilarate |
| 3. not readily understood | _____ | inscrutable |
| 4. make cheerful | _____ | novel |
| 5. talking without order | _____ | privation |

Group 02

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|-----------------------------|-------|-------------|
| 1. not to be avoided | _____ | objurgation |
| 2. showing enthusiasm | _____ | ineluctable |
| 3. incapable of being felt | _____ | impalpable |
| 4. harsh rebuke | _____ | ebullient |
| 5. not restricted, absolute | _____ | categorical |

Group 03

- | | | |
|---------------------------|-------|-------------|
| 1. join to do, conspire | _____ | collude |
| 2. lose vigor; yearn | _____ | intractable |
| 3. involving great burden | _____ | pine |
| 4. not easily governed | _____ | precursor |
| 5. one that precedes | _____ | taxing |

Group 04

- | | | |
|---|-------|-------------|
| 1. take exclusive possession; illegally use | _____ | inured |
| 2. sudden increase; full of vigor | _____ | flush |
| 3. abuse or denunciation | _____ | constraint |
| 4. accustomed | _____ | broadside |
| 5. constraining condition | _____ | appropriate |

2. Circle the word with different meanings from the rest of the group

Group 01

- | | | |
|-----------------|-------------|---------------|
| a. neoteric | routine | habitual |
| b. destitution | indigence | sumptuousness |
| c. elate | vitiate | commove |
| d. effervescent | vivacious | languid |
| e. categorical | conjectural | contingent |

Group 02

- | | | |
|-----------|---------|--------|
| a. hanker | pine | spurn |
| b. facile | onerous | taxing |

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|--------------------|--------------|--------------|
| c. fractious | compliant | recalcitrant |
| d. germane | pertinent | inapt |
| e. circumscription | emancipation | confinement |

3. *Replace the underlined word with another word you have just learned in this unit*

Group 01

1. In its way, it tells the story of all the fathers who lived through war and poverty, then strove to build a good life for their children.
2. Ancient, mysterious and potent, fantasy genre magic is consequently studied, safeguarded and revered.
3. In the time of e-mails and laptops we are already lacking the long rambling letters that people once sent.
4. This lack of fun runners and spectators meant there was a less lively atmosphere, despite a number of bands playing.
5. Mrs. Dunwoody said the committee had received a(n) definite assurance that the issue had not been raised at the meeting.

Group 02

1. Human cells grown in the lab survive longer after being exposed to tough conditions.
2. At his migraine center in Michigan, some patients with uncontrollable pain are admitted and observed around the clock.
3. The People's Daily commentary marks the latest verbal attacks by Chinese state media against U.S. and European economies struggling with massive debt and high unemployment
4. The rapid pace of planned steps, synchronized to bring all along the road to peace, surprised those so accustomed to failure.
5. The need for tight fiscal control in the forecast period will remain a(n) restriction on growth.

Unit 24

Quick Preview

<input type="checkbox"/> immutable	<input type="checkbox"/> embryonic	<input type="checkbox"/> heterogeneous	<input type="checkbox"/> dissolution
<input type="checkbox"/> attest	<input type="checkbox"/> incandescent	<input type="checkbox"/> affable	<input type="checkbox"/> conjecture
<input type="checkbox"/> droll	<input type="checkbox"/> autocratic	<input type="checkbox"/> perspicacious	<input type="checkbox"/> tangential
<input type="checkbox"/> cosmopolitan	<input type="checkbox"/> genteel	<input type="checkbox"/> adduce	<input type="checkbox"/> innocuous
<input type="checkbox"/> peevish	<input type="checkbox"/> rarefy	<input type="checkbox"/> monotonous	<input type="checkbox"/> hubris

461 immutable

adj. **not capable of** or susceptible to **change**: **inflexible**

s. inalterable, unalterable, unmodifiable

a. variable, fluctuating, mutable

462 attest

v. to be proof of: **manifest**, **testify**

s. certify, corroborate, substantiate, verify, sustain, uphold, warrant

a. confute, controvert, refute, gainsay

463 droll

adj. having a **humorous**, whimsical, or **odd** quality: **absurd**

s. farcical, ludicrous, ridiculous, preposterous

464 cosmopolitan

adj. having **worldwide** rather than limited or provincial scope or bearing: **universal**

s. catholic, cosmic, ecumenical, planetary, pluralistic

a. insular, parochial, provincial

465 peevish

adj. marked by **ill temper** or **querulous** in temperament or mood: **fretful**

s. irritable, fractious, fretful, petulant, querulous

466 embryonic

adj. being in an **early stage** of development: **incipient**, **rudimentary**

s. nascent, sprouting, emergent

467 incandescent

i. *adj.* strikingly **bright**, radiant, or clear: **refulgent**

s. beaming, effulgent, luminous, radiant

ii. *adj.* characterized by glowing **zeal**: **ardent**

468 autocratic

adj. of, relating to, or being an autocracy: **absolute**, **despotic**

s. arbitrary, autarchic, monocratic, tyrannical

a. deferential, submissive, yielding, forbearing, lenient

469 genteel

adj. elegant or graceful in manner or appearance; free from vulgarity or rudeness: polite

s. cultivated, cultured, polished, refined, urbane

a. coarse, crude, discourteous, uncouth, vulgar

470 rarefy

v. to make rare, thin, porous, or less dense: attenuate

471 heterogeneous

adj. consisting of dissimilar or diverse ingredients or constituents: mixed

s. miscellaneous, assorted, conglomerate, motley

a. homogeneous, uniform, monolithic

472 affable

adj. characterized by ease and friendliness: gracious

s. congenial, cordial, genial, sociable

a. reserved, taciturn, reticent, withdrawn

473 perspicacious

adj. of acute mental vision or discernment: keen, shrewd

s. astute, cagey, sagacious

474 adduce

v. to offer as example, reason, or proof in discussion or analysis

s. allege, cite, offer, tender

475 monotonous

adj. tediously uniform or unvarying: dull

s. dreary, humdrum, pedestrian

476 dissolution

i. *n.* termination or destruction by breaking down, disrupting, or dispersing: decay, disintegration

s. disunion, division, divorce, partition, rupture

ii. *n.* death, decease

477 conjecture

n. a conclusion deduced by surmise or guesswork

s. theory, speculation, supposition

478 tangential

adj. of little relevance: divergent, digressive

479 innocuous

- i.* *adj.* producing no injury: harmless
s. pernicious, injurious, troublesome
- ii.* *adj.* **not** likely to give offense or to arouse strong feelings or hostility: inoffensive, insipid
s. banal, bland, inane, jejune

480 hubris

- n.* exaggerated pride or self-confidence: arrogant
- s. cavalier, haughty, overbearing, supercilious

Instant Review 24

1. Match the explanation on the left with the word on the right

Group 01

- | | | |
|------------------------------|-------|--------------|
| 1. not capable of change | _____ | peevish |
| 2. manifest or testify | _____ | immutable |
| 3. absurdly humorous | _____ | droll |
| 4. worldwide | _____ | cosmopolitan |
| 5. ill-tempered or querulous | _____ | attest |

Group 02

- | | | |
|-------------------------------|-------|--------------|
| 1. incipient or rudimentary | _____ | autocratic |
| 2. strikingly bright; zealous | _____ | embryonic |
| 3. absolute or despotic | _____ | genteel |
| 4. elegant or graceful | _____ | incandescent |
| 5. make less dense | _____ | rarefy |

Group 03

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|--------------------------|-------|---------------|
| 1. diverse and mixed | _____ | perspicacious |
| 2. friendly and gracious | _____ | monotonous |
| 3. keen and shrewd | _____ | heterogeneous |
| 4. offer | _____ | affable |
| 5. tediously uniform | _____ | adduce |

Group 04

- | | | |
|--|-------|-------------|
| 1. destruction by breaking down; death | _____ | conjecture |
| 2. conclusion by guess | _____ | dissolution |
| 3. of little relevance | _____ | hubris |
| 4. producing no injury; not arousing hostility | _____ | innocuous |
| 5. exaggerated pride | _____ | tangential |

2. Circle the word with different meanings from the rest of the group

Group 01

- | | | |
|----------------|-----------|--------------|
| a. corroborate | gainsay | warrant |
| b. ludicrous | judicious | preposterous |
| c. catholic | insular | parochial |
| d. nascent | sprouting | moribund |
| e. effulgent | luminous | murky |

Group 02

- | | | |
|---------------|----------|-----------|
| a. submissive | yielding | arbitrary |
| b. urbane | uncouth | coarse |

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|----------------|------------|------------|
| c. homogeneous | motley | monolithic |
| d. affable | taciturn | reticent |
| e. humdrum | pedestrian | variegated |

3. *Replace the underlined word with another word you have just learned in this unit*

Group 01

1. Her ambition has been cloaked by a(n) elegant Southern manner many women like.
2. Today, while individual leagues retain some national characteristics, the game is much more diverse, with a variety of styles, tactics and philosophies on display.
3. Crews of insightful humans are becoming adept at spotting the "unexpected" inside the labs, and outside as well.
4. It is a small window of relief from the long days in the camp, which are by turns repetitive and anxious.
5. Newspapers and periodicals, while free to express their own views, must distinguish clearly between comment, guesswork and fact.

Group 02

1. Is state sovereignty an absolute and unchangeable principle, or does our understanding of it need to evolve?
2. We move southward into North Carolina, where many battle sites confirm the war's harsh legacy.
3. He reacted to my iPad travails with what I have come to recognize as his characteristically odd sense of humor.
4. Odessa was pluralistic long before the post-Soviet advent of international cuisine now prevalent in the city.
5. The package sensibly reflects the potential supply and take-up of a(n) emergent technology.

Unit 25

Quick Preview

<input type="checkbox"/> dolorous	<input type="checkbox"/> verdant	<input type="checkbox"/> magnanimous	<input type="checkbox"/> decorum
<input type="checkbox"/> perquisite	<input type="checkbox"/> abstemious	<input type="checkbox"/> exonerate	<input type="checkbox"/> meteoric
<input type="checkbox"/> provident	<input type="checkbox"/> obtuse	<input type="checkbox"/> synthesis	<input type="checkbox"/> debonair
<input type="checkbox"/> plucky	<input type="checkbox"/> penurious	<input type="checkbox"/> adept	<input type="checkbox"/> archaic
<input type="checkbox"/> acumen	<input type="checkbox"/> hedonism	<input type="checkbox"/> fatuous	<input type="checkbox"/> enjoin

481 dolorous

adj. **causing**, marked by, or expressing misery or **grief**: **melancholy**
s. doleful, lamentable, lugubrious, mournful, plaintive, rueful, woeful

482 perquisite

n. a **privilege**, **gain**, or **profit** incidental to regular salary or wages

483 provident

- i.* *adj.* **making provision** for the future: **prudent**
s. canny, chary
- ii.* *adj.* **frugal**, **saving**
s. sparing, economical, thrifty

484 plucky

adj. marked by **courage** and **determination**: **spirited**
s. bold, courageous, dauntless, doughty, gutsy
a. timid, timorous, diffident, coy

485 acumen

n. **keenness** and depth of perception, **discernment**, or discrimination
s. wit, astuteness, discrimination, penetration, perspicacity
a. obtuseness

486 verdant

- i.* *adj.* **unripe in experience** or judgment: **inexperienced**
- ii.* *adj.* **green** in tint or color

487 abstemious

adj. marked by **restraint** especially in the consumption of food or alcohol: **self-denying**
s. abstentious, abstinent, continent, sober, temperate

488 obtuse

- i.* *adj.* **not** pointed or **acute**: **blunt**
- ii.* *adj.* **lacking sharpness** or quickness of sensibility or intellect: **insensitive**, **stupid**

489 penurious

- i. adj.* marked by or suffering from **poverty**: **impoverished**
s. beggared, destitute, impecunious, indigent, needy
- ii. adj.* given to or marked by **extreme** stinting **frugality**: **tightfisted**
s. miserly, niggardly, parsimonious, stingy

490 hedonism

- n.* the doctrine that **pleasure** or happiness **is** the sole or **chief** good in life
- s.* intemperance, self-indulgence, debauchery

491 magnanimous

- n.* showing or suggesting **nobility** of feeling and **generosity** of mind: **noble**
- s.* benevolent, chivalrous, greathearted, lofty
- a.* measly, paltry, petty, picayune

492 exonerate

- v.* to **clear from** accusation or **blame**: **exculpate**
- s.* absolve, acquit, vindicate
- a.* incriminate, inculcate, accuse

493 synthesis

- n.* the composition or **combination** of parts or elements so as to form a whole: **mixture**
- s.* amalgamation, fusion, blend

494 adept

- adj.* thoroughly **proficient**: **expert**
- s.* crack, masterful, adroit, deft, dexterous
- a.* awkward, clumsy, inept, maladroit, dilettantish

495 fatuous

- adj.* complacently or inanely **foolish**: **silly**
- s.* asinine, unwitty, imbecile, moronic
- a.* sensible, judicious, prudent, sage, sapient

496 decorum

- n.* **propriety** and **good taste** in conduct or appearance
- s.* decency, dignity, etiquette, propriety, seemliness

497 meteoric

- adj.* resembling a meteor in speed or in **sudden** and **temporary** brilliance

498 debonair

- i. adj.* **having** a sophisticated **charm**: **urbane**
- s.* suave, elegant, refined, courteous

a. bucolic, vulgar, crude, uncouth

ii. *adj.* having a **cheerful**, lively, and self-confident air: **lighthearted**, **nonchalant**

499 archaic

adj. of, relating to, or characteristic of an **earlier** or more **primitive** time: **antiquated**

s. old-fashioned, antiquated, antique, passé

500 enjoin

i. *v.* to **direct** or impose by authoritative **order** or with urgent admonition: **command**

s. bid, charge, order, dictate, prescribe

a. acquiesce, comply, conform, submit, yield

ii. *v.* **forbid**, **prohibit**

s. ban, inhibit, interdict, outlaw, taboo

Instant Review 25

1. Match the explanation on the left with the word on the right

Group 01

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|------------------------------|-------|------------|
| 1. causing grief | _____ | provident |
| 2. privilege or gain | _____ | plucky |
| 3. making provision; saving | _____ | perquisite |
| 4. courageous and determined | _____ | dolorous |
| 5. plaintive, rueful | _____ | acumen |

Group 02

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|---------------------------------|-------|------------|
| 1. unripe in experience; green | _____ | abstemious |
| 2. restraint in consumption | _____ | hedonism |
| 3. not acute or sharp | _____ | obtuse |
| 4. poor; extreme frugal | _____ | penurious |
| 5. doctrine of pleasure-seeking | _____ | verdant |

Group 03

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|-------------------------|-------|-------------|
| 1. generously noble | _____ | synthesis |
| 2. clear from blame | _____ | magnanimous |
| 3. combination | _____ | fatuous |
| 4. proficient or expert | _____ | exonerate |
| 5. foolish or silly | _____ | adept |

Group 04

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|----------------------------------|-------|----------|
| 1. propriety and good taste | _____ | meteoric |
| 2. sudden and temporary | _____ | enjoin |
| 3. charming; cheerful | _____ | decorum |
| 4. primitive or antiquated | _____ | debonair |
| 5. direct by authoritative order | _____ | archaic |

2. Circle the word with different meanings from the rest of the group

Group 01

- | | | |
|-------------------|------------|-------------|
| a. lugubrious | jovial | plaintive |
| b. provident | frugal | spendthrift |
| c. timorous | doughty | gusty |
| d. discrimination | obtuseness | penetration |
| e. abstinent | continent | indulgent |

Group 02

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|---------------|------------|-------------|
| a. prosperous | destitute | impecunious |
| b. benevolent | chivalrous | picayune |

c. absolve	inculcate	vindicate
d. clumsy	deft	dilettantish
e. suave	courteous	bucolic

3. *Replace the underlined word with another word you have just learned in this unit*

Group 01

1. The couple also attends the church's workshops on emergency planning, food storage and other practices that make up so-called foresighted living.
2. If a handset powerhouse or brave startup can leverage this potential new mode of communication, the rewards could include achievements well worth unlocking.
3. An even-tempered, down-to-earth Chicago native, he is known for his street savvy, lawyerly insight and good judgment.
4. No sooner had the measure passed, then the man went home well pleased with himself for his constituency was made up of pious, self-denying Baptists.
5. The Clinton administration provided seed money for both initiatives despite its tight-fisted approach to military procurement, recognizing that most of the spending would occur after it had left office.

Group 02

1. Access to these highly accurate tests helps convict the guilty and free the innocent.
2. The ubiquitous foodstuff on the Kenyan coast is a(n) combination of local and foreign ingredients.
3. If one becomes skillful producing something cheaply which others want, then they willingly trade.
4. In the House of Representatives the normal protocols of appropriateness and maturity are regularly turned on their heads.
5. On the surface, the spike in his polling comes on the heels of Perry's temporary rise and equally short-lived fall.

Unit 26

Quick Preview

<input type="checkbox"/> latent	<input type="checkbox"/> aloof	<input type="checkbox"/> jovial	<input type="checkbox"/> placate
<input type="checkbox"/> quixotic	<input type="checkbox"/> hermetic	<input type="checkbox"/> flippant	<input type="checkbox"/> effusive
<input type="checkbox"/> pervasive	<input type="checkbox"/> moot	<input type="checkbox"/> predilection	<input type="checkbox"/> raffish
<input type="checkbox"/> urbane	<input type="checkbox"/> cacophony	<input type="checkbox"/> beleaguer	<input type="checkbox"/> myopic
<input type="checkbox"/> affluent	<input type="checkbox"/> officious	<input type="checkbox"/> execrate	<input type="checkbox"/> inveigle

501 latent

adj. present though **not now** visible, obvious, **active**, or symptomatic: **potential**

s. abeyant, lurking, dormant, quiescent

a. patent, dynamic, operative, vitalized

502 quixotic

adj. foolishly **impractical** especially in the pursuit of ideals

s. idealistic, unrealistic, naïve

503 pervasive

adj. **pervading** or tending to pervade: **universal**

s. omnipresent, ubiquitous, prevalent

504 urbane

adj. notably **polite** or **polished** in manner: **suave**

s. genteel, debonair, cultivated, polished, refined

505 affluent

adj. having a generously **sufficient** and typically increasing supply of **material possessions**

s. wealthy, opulent, sumptuous

a. impecunious, straitened

506 aloof

adj. removed or **distant** either physically or **emotionally**

s. indifferent, detached, solitary, withdrawn, standoffish

a. affable, companionable, gregarious, sociable

507 hermetic

i. *adj.* relating to or characterized by **occultism** or **abstruseness**: **recondite**

s. abstruse, esoteric, occult, profound

ii. *adj.* **impervious** to external influence: **secluded**

s. cloistered, recluse, sequestered, removed

508 moot

i. *adj.* **deprived of** practical **significance**: **inconsequent**

ii. *adj.* subjected to discussion: **disputed**, **debatable**

iii. *v.* to **bring up** for discussion: **broach**

509 cacophony

n. harsh or **discordant sound**: **dissonance**

s. discordance, stridency, disharmony

510 officious

adj. **volunteering** one's services **where** they are **neither asked nor needed**: **meddlesome**

s. impertinent, intrusive, obtrusive

511 jovial

adj. markedly **good-humored** especially as evidenced by jollity and conviviality: **merry**

s. blithesome, gay, jocund, lighthearted, mirthful

a. dour, morose, saturnine, sullen; grave, solemn, staid

512 flippant

adj. **lacking** proper **respect** or seriousness: **playful**

s. frivolous, flip, facetious, mischievous

513 predilection

n. an established **preference** for something: **inclination**

s. disposition, penchant, predisposition, proclivity, propensity

514 beleaguer

i. *v.* to **surround** so as to force to give up: **besiege**

ii. *v.* to **cause worry** or distress to: **beset**

s. annoy, harass, plague, besiege

515 execrate

v. to **declare** to be **evil** or detestable: **denounce**

s. censure, reprehend, reprove, anathematize, objugate

a. commend, extol, acclaim, eulogize

516 placate

v. to **soothe** or **mollify** especially by concessions: **pacify**

s. appease, assuage, conciliate, mollify, propitiate, tranquilize

a. incense, infuriate, pique, provoke, enrage

517 effusive

adj. marked by the **expression of** great or excessive **emotion** or enthusiasm

s. gushing, expansive, outpouring, demonstrative, extroverted

a. reserved, restrained, reticent, taciturn, bashful, shy

518 raffish

adj. marked by or suggestive of flashy vulgarity or crudeness

519 myopic

adj. lacking foresight or discernment: near-sighted

520 inveigle

v. to acquire by ingenuity or flattery: lure

s. allure, bait, decoy, entice, entrap, seduce

Instant Review 26

1. Match the explanation on the left with the word on the right

Group 01

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|---|-------|-----------|
| 1. not now active, potential | _____ | urbane |
| 2. foolishly impractical | _____ | quixotic |
| 3. tending to pervade | _____ | pervasive |
| 4. polite or polished | _____ | latent |
| 5. having sufficient material possessions | _____ | affluent |

Group 02

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|----------------------------------|-------|-----------|
| 1. emotionally distant | _____ | officious |
| 2. occult or abstruse | _____ | moot |
| 3. insignificant; bring up | _____ | hermetic |
| 4. discordant sound | _____ | cacophony |
| 5. volunteering where not needed | _____ | aloof |

Group 03

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|------------------------------|-------|--------------|
| 1. good-humored or merry | _____ | beleaguer |
| 2. lacking proper respect | _____ | execrate |
| 3. preference or inclination | _____ | flippant |
| 4. surround; cause worry | _____ | jovial |
| 5. declare as evil | _____ | predilection |

Group 04

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|--------------------------|-------|----------|
| 1. soothe or mollify | _____ | myopic |
| 2. expressive of emotion | _____ | raffish |
| 3. vulgar or crude | _____ | placate |
| 4. lacking foresight | _____ | inveigle |
| 5. acquire by flattery | _____ | effusive |

2. Circle the word with different meanings from the rest of the group

Group 01

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|---------------|-------------|------------|
| a. abeyant | lurking | patent |
| b. idealistic | pragmatic | quixotic |
| c. unique | omnipresent | ubiquitous |
| d. genteel | debonair | uncouth |
| e. opulent | straitened | sumptuous |

Group 02

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|---------------|----------|-------------|
| a. gregarious | solitary | standoffish |
| b. saturnine | sullen | mirthful |

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|-----------------|------------|-------------|
| c. anathematize | eulogize | objurgate |
| d. pique | propitiate | tranquelize |
| e. taciturn | bashful | gushing |

3. *Replace the underlined word with another word you have just learned in this unit*

Group 01

1. Early steps toward unifying the brigades under a common command have brought out potential divisions among rebel leaders.
2. Optimism at this point may seem unrealistic, but there are plenty of reasons to be hopeful.
3. The way excessive retouching has become universal in our society is contributing to that problem.
4. In time, the emerging middle class will buy more cars to fit their increasingly wealthy lifestyles.
5. Sitting too far back, beyond the point at which your eyes can resolve said resolution, renders resolution somewhat insignificant.

Group 02

1. But there has been some good news, drowned out in a news sense perhaps by the confusing disharmony emanating from the Eurozone.
2. One of the most colorful characters in football, the pocket-sized Strachan is famed for his cheerful nature and post-match repartee with journalists.
3. Called iris Immortality, it is one of a small but expanding number of garden perennials that defy the tendency for once-a-year flowers.
4. His move, announced Thursday, is seen by some observers as an effort to calm anti-government sentiment.
5. Their collaboration on the same opera in Florence last year drew enthusiastic accolades from critics.

Unit 27

Quick Preview

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| <input type="checkbox"/> pinnacle | <input type="checkbox"/> portentous | <input type="checkbox"/> conducive | <input type="checkbox"/> inequity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> vindicate | <input type="checkbox"/> ostracize | <input type="checkbox"/> impermeable | <input type="checkbox"/> neophyte |
| <input type="checkbox"/> advent | <input type="checkbox"/> equivocate | <input type="checkbox"/> dissemble | <input type="checkbox"/> specious |
| <input type="checkbox"/> rebuke | <input type="checkbox"/> reprisal | <input type="checkbox"/> propensity | <input type="checkbox"/> endemic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> conciliate | <input type="checkbox"/> plod | <input type="checkbox"/> bereave | <input type="checkbox"/> stricture |

521 pinnacle

- n.* the **highest point** of development or achievement: **acme**, **summit**
s. apex, apogee, culmination, meridian, zenith

522 vindicate

- i.* *v.* to **provide justification** or defense for: **defend**
s. confirm, maintain, substantiate, warrant, second
- ii.* *v.* to **free from** allegation or **blame**: **exculpate**
s. absolve, acquit, exonerate, confute
a. convict, accuse, calumniate
- iii.* *v.* **avenge**

523 advent

- n.* **coming into being** or use: **introduction**

524 rebuke

- i.* *v.* to **criticize** sharply: **reprimand**, **reprove**
s. admonish, chide, reprimand, reproach
- ii.* *n.* an expression of strong **disapproval**: **reprimand**
s. admonishment, admonition, chiding, reproach, reproof

525 conciliate

- i.* *v.* to **make compatible**: **reconcile**
a. antagonize, alienate, disaffect, estrange
- ii.* *v.* to **appease** or **pacify**
s. assuage, mollify, placate, propitiate
a. foment, pique, provoke, stimulate

526 portentous

- i.* *adj.* **eliciting amazement** or wonder: **prodigious**
- ii.* *adj.* of, relating to, or constituting a **sign of evil**

527 ostracize

- v.* to **exile** or **exclude** from a group by common consent: **banish**
s. deport, exile, expatriate, expel, expulse, oust

a. harbor, haven, refuge, shelter

528 equivocate

n. to use **ambiguous** language especially with **intent to deceive**
s. falsify, palter, prevaricate

529 reprisal

n. a **retaliatory act: revenge**
s. retaliation, avengement, counterblow, retribution, vengeance

530 plod

i. *n.* to **work** laboriously and **monotonously: drudge**
ii. *n.* to walk or **proceed slowly** or tediously: **trudge**

531 conducive

adj. **tending to promote** or assist: **beneficial**
s. contributing, favorable, advantageous, salutary

532 impermeable

adj. not permitting passage: **impervious**
s. impassable, impenetrable, unpierceable

533 dissemble

n. to **hide** under a false appearance: **disguise**
s. camouflage, cloak, dissimulate, mask
a. demonstrate, evidence, evince, manifest

534 propensity

n. an often intense natural **inclination** or preference: **leaning**
s. disposition, penchant, predilection, predisposition, proclivity

535 bereave

n. to **deprive** of or **take away** especially by force
s. disinherit, dispossess, divest

536 inequity

n. **injustice** by virtue of not conforming with rules or standards: **unfairness**

537 neophyte

n. any **new participant** in some activity: **beginner**
s. tyro, novice, apprentice, colt, novitiate, rookie

538 specious

adj. having a **false** look of truth or genuineness: **sophistic**

s. counterfactual, erroneous; apparent, seeming

539 endemic

adj. characteristic of or **prevalent in a particular field**, area, or environment: **indigenous**

s. native, aboriginal, autochthonous

a. pandemic; extraneous, extrinsic, exotic

540 stricture

i. *n.* something that closely restrains or limits: **restriction**

s. circumscription, cramp, limitation, stint

ii. *n.* an adverse **criticism**: **censure**

s. animadversion, aspersion, obloquy, slam, slur

Instant Review 27

1. Match the explanation on the left with the word on the right

Group 01

- | | | |
|---|-------|------------|
| 1. the highest point | _____ | vindicate |
| 2. provide justification; free from blame | _____ | rebuke |
| 3. coming into being | _____ | pinnacle |
| 4. sharply criticize | _____ | conciliate |
| 5. make compatible; appease | _____ | advent |

Group 02

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|--|-------|------------|
| 1. eliciting amazement; being a sign of evil | _____ | reprisal |
| 2. exile or exclude | _____ | portentous |
| 3. use ambiguous language to deceive | _____ | plod |
| 4. retaliatory act | _____ | ostracize |
| 5. monotonously work; slowly proceed | _____ | equivocate |

Group 03

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|--------------------------------|-------|-------------|
| 1. tending to promote | _____ | bereave |
| 2. not permitting passage | _____ | conducive |
| 3. hide under false appearance | _____ | dissemble |
| 4. inclination or preference | _____ | impermeable |
| 5. deprive of by force | _____ | propensity |

Group 04

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|------------------------------------|-------|-----------|
| 1. injustice | _____ | stricture |
| 2. new participant | _____ | specious |
| 3. seemingly true, false | _____ | neophyte |
| 4. prevalent in a particular field | _____ | inequity |
| 5. restriction; criticism | _____ | endemic |

2. Circle the word with different meanings from the rest of the group

Group 01

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|----------------|----------|------------|
| a. culmination | meridian | nadir |
| b. absolve | convict | exonerate |
| c. admonish | chide | abet |
| d. foment | assuage | placate |
| e. deport | harbor | expatriate |

Group 02

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|-------------|-------------|------------|
| a. palter | prevaricate | articulate |
| b. manifest | camouflage | cloak |

c. tyro	doyen	apprentice
d. sophistic	specious	plausible
e. aboriginal	pandemic	indigenous

3. *Replace the underlined word with another word you have just learned in this unit*

Group 01

1. Today, the Palestinian people lack effective courts of law and have no means to defend and justify their rights.
2. But if the criticism was supposed to sting, the White House appeared surprisingly unruffled.
3. There is no point in trying to soften or be ambiguous about what is in this report.
4. But as regulators slowly proceed through the mammoth task of coming up with the rules to implement Dodd-Frank, competitors say the big ratings houses are successfully protecting some of their most valuable advantages.
5. It's a beautiful bounty unprecedented in scope, but not one contributing to producing lasting superlatives.

Group 02

1. They are positioning well to the left of Labour, but are using their impressive chameleon skills to hide in the Tory marginals.
2. Twitter, with its inclination to mock just about everything, was an especially fertile ground for divisiveness.
3. Right now there is a surplus of college graduates, with many graduates demeaning the value of a college education with false degrees from bogus diploma mills.
4. With floods causing a poor harvest last year, local malnutrition could tip over into renewed famine.
5. Likewise, Islamic leaders reinforce archetypes of Gotham's lawless streets, of hedonistic and decadent Westerners lacking communal and family values.

Unit 28

Quick Preview

<input type="checkbox"/> nettle	<input type="checkbox"/> imperative	<input type="checkbox"/> recalcitrant	<input type="checkbox"/> muted
<input type="checkbox"/> check	<input type="checkbox"/> complaisant	<input type="checkbox"/> humdrum	<input type="checkbox"/> unassailable
<input type="checkbox"/> tortuous	<input type="checkbox"/> arrant	<input type="checkbox"/> inert	<input type="checkbox"/> intimate
<input type="checkbox"/> gullible	<input type="checkbox"/> denigrate	<input type="checkbox"/> bromide	<input type="checkbox"/> meander
<input type="checkbox"/> cursory	<input type="checkbox"/> cumbersome	<input type="checkbox"/> placid	<input type="checkbox"/> emulate

541 nettle

- v.* to **arouse** to sharp but transitory **annoyance** or anger: **irritate**
s. exasperate, peeve, pique, provoke, rile, roil

542 check

- i.* *v.* to **restrain** or **diminish** the action or force of: **control**
s. bridle, constrain, curb, inhibit, withhold
ii. *v.* to **halt** through caution, uncertainty, or fear: **stop**

543 tortuous

- i.* *adj.* marked by **repeated twists**, bends, or turns: **winding**
s. anfractuous, flexuous, meandering, serpentine, sinuous
ii. *adj.* **circuitous**, **involved**

544 gullible

- adj.* **easily** duped or **cheated**
s. credulous, naive, susceptible
a. astute

545 cursory

- adj.* rapidly and often **superficially** performed or produced: **hasty**
s. shallow, sketchy, casual, desultory, haphazard, random
a. careful, meticulous, scrupulous, painstaking

546 imperative

- i.* *adj.* **not to be avoided** or evaded: **necessary**
s. essential, indispensable, necessitous, prerequisite, fundamental
ii. *adj.* **having power to** restrain, **control**, and direct: **masterful**
s. bossy, domineering, high-handed, imperious, overbearing, peremptory
a. begging, entreating, imploring

547 complaisant

- adj.* marked by an **inclination to please** or oblige: **amiable**
s. lenient, obliging, accommodating, agreeable, submissive
a. harsh, rigorous, stern, firm

548 arrant

adj. being notoriously without moderation: extreme

s. shameless, barefaced, blatant, brazen, impudent, unabashed, unblushing

549 denigrate

v. to attack the reputation or deny the importance of: defame, belittle

s. malign, asperse, calumniate, scandalize, vilify

550 cumbersome

adj. difficult to handle or use especially because of size or weight: ponderous

s. unwieldy, cumbrous, unhandy, slow-moving

551 recalcitrant

adj. difficult to manage or operate: unruly

s. fractious, obstinate, withstanding

a. tractable, amenable

552 humdrum

adj. dull and lacking excitement: monotonous

s. dreary, pedestrian, plodding, stodgy

553 inert

adj. very slow to move or act: sluggish

s. inactive, idle, passive, inanimate

a. animated, alert, dynamic, vigilant, watchful, operative

554 bromide

n. a commonplace or hackneyed statement or notion

s. banality, cliché, platitude, prosaicism, truism

555 placid

adj. serenely free of interruption or disturbance: calm

s. halcyon, irenic, collected, serene, tranquil

a. roiled, choleric

556 muted

i. *adj.* toned down: low-key, subdued

ii. *adj.* being mute: silent, muffled

557 unassailable

adj. not assailable: not liable to doubt, attack, or question

s. invincible, impregnable, inexpugnable, unconquerable

558 intimate

- i.* *v.* to communicate delicately and indirectly: hint
s. suggest, connote, imply, insinuate
- ii.* *v.* to make known especially publicly or formally: announce
- iii.* *adj.* marked by very close association, contact, or familiarity

559 meander

- i.* *v.* to wander aimlessly or casually without urgent destination: ramble
s. drift, gallivant, roam, stray, vagabond
- ii.* *n.* a winding path or course: labyrinth

560 emulate

- v.* to strive to equal or excel: match
- s.* rival, compete, outvie

Instant Review 28

1. Match the explanation on the left with the word on the right

Group 01

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|------------------------------------|-------|----------|
| 1. arouse annoyance or anger | _____ | tortuous |
| 2. restrain or diminish; halt | _____ | nettle |
| 3. repeatedly twisting; circuitous | _____ | gullible |
| 4. easily deceived | _____ | cursory |
| 5. superficially performed, hasty | _____ | check |

Group 02

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|--|-------|-------------|
| 1. not to be avoided; masterful | _____ | arrant |
| 2. inclined to please | _____ | complaisant |
| 3. without moderation, extreme | _____ | cumbersome |
| 4. attack reputation | _____ | denigrate |
| 5. difficult to handle because of size | _____ | imperative |

Group 03

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|--------------------------------|-------|--------------|
| 1. difficult to manage, unruly | _____ | recalcitrant |
| 2. dull and lacking excitement | _____ | placid |
| 3. slow to move or act | _____ | inert |
| 4. a commonplace statement | _____ | humdrum |
| 5. free of disturbance | _____ | bromide |

Group 04

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|-----------------------------------|-------|--------------|
| 1. low-key | _____ | emulate |
| 2. not liable to question | _____ | intimate |
| 3. indirectly communicate | _____ | meander |
| 4. aimlessly wander; winding path | _____ | muted |
| 5. strive to equal | _____ | unassailable |

2. Circle the word with different meanings from the rest of the group

Group 01

- | | | |
|---------------|------------|-------------|
| a. bridle | unleash | curb |
| b. meandering | serpentine | unswerving |
| c. astute | credulous | susceptible |
| d. desultory | meticulous | haphazard |
| e. lenient | obliging | rigorous |

Group 02

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|------------|----------|---------|
| a. brazen | impudent | abashed |
| b. asperse | extol | vilify |

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|-------------|------------|------------|
| c. amenable | fractious | obstinate |
| d. dreary | pedestrian | entrancing |
| e. animated | inert | vigilant |

3. *Replace the underlined word with another word you have just learned in this unit*

Group 01

1. But the progress of the idea since then has been slow and twisted, including a small trial in Bristol and delayed legislation.
2. The authorities worry that credulous members of the public may react too hastily to their genomic information.
3. Even a(n) hasty review of SpaceX programs and plans reveals reasons for doubt.
4. So it was necessary that the casting for Captain America maintain that perfect trend.
5. The Sultan himself has been faced more recently with a new and unusual challenge within his normally calm court.

Group 02

1. Gay rights groups say the current form is "discriminatory" but family values campaigners say the changes belittle the roles of mothers and fathers.
2. The group first started using synthesizers and drum machines because amps were too expensive and weighty.
3. Wahid appears to have tamed even the most unruly military officers, and he continues to command popular respect and authority.
4. His life had been the straightforward, unexciting routine of a religious family, father and grandfather both Baptist ministers.
5. Algeria has struggled to develop industries outside of hydrocarbons in part because of high costs and an inactive state bureaucracy.

Unit 29

Quick Preview

<input type="checkbox"/> convention	<input type="checkbox"/> lugubrious	<input type="checkbox"/> inherent	<input type="checkbox"/> discord
<input type="checkbox"/> comity	<input type="checkbox"/> provincial	<input type="checkbox"/> resolve	<input type="checkbox"/> adamant
<input type="checkbox"/> debunk	<input type="checkbox"/> juxtaposed	<input type="checkbox"/> abate	<input type="checkbox"/> vehement
<input type="checkbox"/> remunerate	<input type="checkbox"/> panacea	<input type="checkbox"/> forestall	<input type="checkbox"/> leery
<input type="checkbox"/> zenith	<input type="checkbox"/> inexorable	<input type="checkbox"/> carnal	<input type="checkbox"/> expedite

561 convention

- i.* *n.* a general **agreement** about basic principles or procedures
s. canon, precept, custom, practice
- ii.* *n.* an **assembly** of persons met for a common purpose

562 comity

- n.* **friendly** social **atmosphere**: social **harmony**
- s.* accord, concord, amity, camaraderie, companionship
- a.* enmity, animosity, antagonism, hostility, rancor

563 debunk

- v.* to **expose** the sham or **falseness** of
- s.* uncloak, undress, unmask, unshroud

564 remunerate

- v.* to **pay** an equivalent to **for** a service, loss, or expense: **recompense**
- s.* compensate, indemnify, recompense, reimburse, requite

565 zenith

- n.* the **highest point**: **acme**
- s.* apex, apogee, capstone, culmination, meridian, pinnacle
- a.* nadir

566 lugubrious

- adj.* **exaggeratedly** or affectedly **mournful**: **gloomy**
- s.* melancholy, doleful, lamentable, plaintive, rueful, woeful
- a.* facetious, blithe, jocund, jovial

567 provincial

- i.* *adj.* **limited** in outlook: **narrow**
s. insular, parochial, sectarian
a. catholic, cosmic, universal, cosmopolitan
- ii.* *adj.* **lacking** the **polish** of urban society: **unsophisticated**

568 juxtaposed

- v.* placed **side by side**: **adjacent**
s. abutting, adjoining, conterminous, contiguous

569 panacea

- n.* a **remedy for all** ills or difficulties: **cure-all**

570 inexorable

- adj.* **not to be** persuaded, moved, or **stopped**: **relentless**
s. adamant, dogged, obdurate, rigid, uncompromising

571 inherent

- adj.* involved in the constitution or **essential** character of something: **intrinsic**
s. elemental, inborn, inbred, ingrained, innate
a. adventitious, superficial, fortuitous, extraneous, extrinsic

572 resolve

- i.* *n.* fixity of purpose: **resoluteness**
s. decidedness, firmness, resolution
ii. *v.* to **deal with** successfully: **clear up**: **solve**

573 abate

- v.* to **reduce in** degree or **intensity**: **moderate**
s. subside, halt, diminish, vitiate

574 forestall

- v.* to exclude or **hinder by prior** occupation or **measures**: **prevent**
s. avert, deter, fend off, obviate, preclude
a. court, invite, woo, promote

575 carnal

- i.* *adj.* relating to or given to crude **bodily** pleasures and appetites
s. corporal, corporeal, fleshly, somatic
ii. *adj.* **worldly**
s. material, substantial, mundane, earthly, earthy

576 discord

- v.* to **disagree** or clash
s. conflict, disaccord, jar, mismatch

577 adamant

- adj.* unshakable or **insistent** especially in maintaining a position or opinion: **unyielding**
s. inexorable, obdurate, rigid, unswayable
a. relenting, complaisant, obliging, subdued, submissive

578 vehement

adj. intensely emotional: impassioned, fervid

s. intense, exquisite, fierce, furious, vicious, violent

579 leery

adj. openly distrustful and unwilling to confide: suspicious

s. wary, circumspect, cautious, dubious

580 expedite

v. to accelerate the process or progress of: speed up

s. accelerate, hasten, precipitate

Instant Review 29

1. Match the explanation on the left with the word on the right

Group 01

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|--|-------|------------|
| 1. general agreement; assembly of people | _____ | zenith |
| 2. friendly atmosphere | _____ | remunerate |
| 3. expose falseness | _____ | debunk |
| 4. pay for loss | _____ | convention |
| 5. the highest point | _____ | comity |

Group 02

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|--------------------------------------|-------|------------|
| 1. exaggeratedly mournful | _____ | inexorable |
| 2. limited or narrow; lacking polish | _____ | juxtapose |
| 3. placed side by side | _____ | lugubrious |
| 4. remedy for all | _____ | panacea |
| 5. not to be stopped | _____ | provincial |

Group 03

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|---|-------|-----------|
| 1. essential or intrinsic | _____ | resolve |
| 2. resoluteness; successfully deal with | _____ | forestall |
| 3. reduce in intensity | _____ | inherent |
| 4. hinder by prior measures, prevent | _____ | carnal |
| 5. | _____ | abate |

Group 04

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|--------------------------------------|-------|----------|
| 1. relating to bodily pleasures | _____ | vehement |
| 2. disagree | _____ | leery |
| 3. unshakable or insistent | _____ | expedite |
| 4. intensely emotional | _____ | discord |
| 5. unwilling to confide, distrustful | _____ | adamant |

2. Circle the word with different meanings from the rest of the group

Group 01

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|----------------|------------|----------|
| a. canon | precept | heresy |
| b. camaraderie | enmity | amity |
| c. nadir | apogee | capstone |
| d. facetious | melancholy | doleful |
| e. catholic | cosmic | insular |

Group 02

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|-----------------|-----------|------------|
| a. adamant | dogged | malleable |
| b. adventitious | ingrained | fortuitous |

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| c. firmness | resolution | vacillation |
| d. court | forfend | obviate |
| e. relenting | inexorable | obliging |

3. *Replace the underlined word with another word you have just learned in this unit*

Group 01

1. How ironic that a president who got elected on the promise of bipartisan harmony has produced nothing but partisan rancor.
2. Profits reflect the efficient usage of capital in manners that others willingly pay.
3. Martin Starr is a morosely unattractive Russian-lit major who complains about everything in the gloomy drone of a campus coffee-shop wit.
4. History was distorted under Gadhafi's rule, creating a peculiar universe in which Libya was placed side by side with a hostile world trying to destroy its post-colonial achievements.
5. Policing is complex and it would be a mistake to imagine that the policy alone offers some simple cure-all.

Group 02

1. There will be more very hot days, more chance of drought, and a(n) unstoppable rise in sea levels.
2. Unfortunately all self-regulatory organizations are subject to a(n) inborn and insurmountable conflict of interest
3. Women tend to suffer most from headaches during menstruation but they tend to decline during pregnancy and after menopause.
4. The investments in clean energy that prevent a climate meltdown will aid our recovery from the global financial meltdown.
5. Replays clearly showed Robinson leading with his helmet, something the league has been resolute about eliminating.

Unit 30

Quick Preview

<input type="checkbox"/> diatribe	<input type="checkbox"/> choleric	<input type="checkbox"/> wax	<input type="checkbox"/> debase
<input type="checkbox"/> annihilate	<input type="checkbox"/> idyllic	<input type="checkbox"/> rudimentary	<input type="checkbox"/> plummet
<input type="checkbox"/> implacable	<input type="checkbox"/> stem	<input type="checkbox"/> neologism	<input type="checkbox"/> nettlesome
<input type="checkbox"/> irresolute	<input type="checkbox"/> antithesis	<input type="checkbox"/> factitious	<input type="checkbox"/> excel
<input type="checkbox"/> plethora	<input type="checkbox"/> quiescent	<input type="checkbox"/> anachronism	<input type="checkbox"/> analogous

581 diatribe

- n.* ironic or satirical **criticism**
s. tirade, harangue

582 annihilate

- i.* *v.* to cause to **be** of **no effect**: **nullify**
s. abolish, abrogate, annul, invalidate, negate, vitiate
- ii.* *v.* to cause to **cease to exist**: **kill**
s. decimate, demolish, eliminate, slaughter, exterminate, massacre

583 implacable

- adj.* **not** capable of being **appeased**, significantly changed, **or mitigated**
s. grim, ironfisted, merciless, ruthless, unflinching
a. peaceable, tractable, tolerant

584 irresolute

- adj.* **uncertain** how to act or proceed: **vacillating**
s. faltering, halting, tentative

585 plethora

- n.* extreme **excess**: **superfluity**
s. overabundance, overflow, surfeit, surplus
a. scarcity, shortage, dearth, paucity, exiguity

586 choleric

- adj.* **easily moved to** often unreasonable or excessive **anger**: **hot-tempered**
s. irascible, cranky, stomachy, testy, touchy
a. serene, tranquil, composed, nonchalant, placid

587 idyllic

- adj.* **pleasing** or **picturesque** in natural simplicity: **peaceful**

588 stem

- i.* *v.* to **check** or **go counter** to
s. stanch, arrest, control

- ii. *v.* to **occur** or develop **as a consequence**: have or trace an origin: **spring**
s. derive, emanate, originate, proceed

589 antithesis

- n.* the direct opposite: **opposition**, **contrast**
s. antagonism, con, contradistinction, contraposition, antipode

590 quiescent

- adj.* marked by **inactivity** or repose: **tranquilly** at rest: **latent**
s. abeyant, dormant, lurking, potential
a. active, operative, revived

591 wax

- v.* to **increase** in size, numbers, strength, prosperity, or intensity
s. augment, mount, multiply, upsurge
a. wane

592 rudimentary

- adj.* consisting in first principles: **fundamental**, **elementary**

593 neologism

- n.* a **new word**, usage, or expression

594 factitious

- i. *adj.* produced **by humans** rather than by natural forces: **artificial**
ii. *adj.* produced **by** special **effort**: **sham**
s. affected, counterfeited, feigned, pretended
a. authentic, *bona fide*, genuine, artless, spontaneous

595 anachronism

- i. *n.* the state or condition of **being** chronologically **out of place**
ii. *n.* an artifact or person that **belongs to another time**

596 debase

- v.* to **lower in status**, esteem, quality, or character
s. abase, degrade, humiliate, sink
a. acclaim, laud; refresh, rejuvenate, restore

597 plummet

- v.* to **drop sharply** and abruptly: **plunge**
s. descend, dump, precipitate, collapse
a. skyrocket, soar, ascend

598 nettlesome

adj. **causing** vexation or **annoyance**: **irritating**
s. thorny, prickly, spiny

599 excel

v. to **surpass** in accomplishment or achievement
s. exceed, outdo, outshine, outstrip, transcend

600 analogous

adj. **showing** an analogy or a **likeness** that permits one to draw an analogy
s. akin, kindred, consonant, parallel, uniform

Instant Review 30

1. Match the explanation on the left with the word on the right

Group 01

- | | | |
|----------------------------------|-------|------------|
| 1. ironic criticism | _____ | plethora |
| 2. cause to be ineffective | _____ | irresolute |
| 3. not capable of being appeased | _____ | implacable |
| 4. uncertain how to act | _____ | annihilate |
| 5. extreme excess | _____ | diatribe |

Group 02

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|---------------------------------------|-------|------------|
| 1. easily moved to anger | _____ | stem |
| 2. pleasing or picturesque | _____ | quiescent |
| 3. go counter; occur as a consequence | _____ | idyllic |
| 4. direct opposite | _____ | choleric |
| 5. inactive and tranquil | _____ | antithesis |

Group 03

- | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------|-------------|
| 1. increase | _____ | anachronism |
| 2. fundamental or elementary | _____ | factitious |
| 3. new word | _____ | neologism |
| 4. produced by effort; artificial | _____ | rudimentary |
| 5. being chronologically out of place | _____ | wax |

Group 04

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|----------------------|-------|------------|
| 1. lower in status | _____ | analogous |
| 2. drop sharply | _____ | debase |
| 3. causing annoyance | _____ | excel |
| 4. surpass | _____ | nettlesome |
| 5. showing likeness | _____ | plummet |

2. Circle the word with different meanings from the rest of the group

Group 01

- | | | |
|-------------|------------|------------|
| a. grim | tractable | ironfisted |
| b. plethora | dearth | paucity |
| c. composed | nonchalant | stomachy |
| d. stanch | arrest | catalyze |
| e. abeyant | operative | lurking |

Group 02

- | | | |
|--------------|----------|-------------|
| a. augment | wax | wane |
| b. bona fide | affected | spontaneous |

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|------------|-----------|---------------|
| c. acclaim | abase | laud |
| d. descend | ascend | precipitate |
| e. kindred | consonant | idiosyncratic |

3. Replace the underlined word with another word you have just learned in this unit

Group 01

1. The material is deeply angry, crying out against unspecified wrongs done to Cho in a(n) criticism laced with profanity.
2. According to Marxist eschatology, French workers and their German counterparts should have joined forces to wipe out the bourgeois.
3. Mr. Saleh had enjoyed long periods of support from the US and West by casting himself as a(n) ironfisted enemy of al-Qaeda and other extremists.
4. Government interjects itself into a(n) excess of industries in cancerous cronyism metastasizing throughout Washington.
5. As peaceful as this area looked, water shortages had become a huge problem, particularly affecting the main source of income here, agriculture.

Group 02

1. Ironically, many see the software giant as the opposition of everything that Linux stands for.
2. In a rare departure from their normally inactive mode, business leaders protested vehemently to officials that the situation was getting desperate.
3. Anyone with a(n) basic knowledge of biomechanics knows getting beat with a nightstick can't be good for you.
4. If you take a late afternoon game drive, temperatures can drop sharply as the sun descends.
5. Similar features, which provide increased leverage while digging, are found on the similar bones in modern-day armadillos.

Unit 31

Quick Preview

<input type="checkbox"/> anomaly	<input type="checkbox"/> respite	<input type="checkbox"/> veritable	<input type="checkbox"/> fortuitous
<input type="checkbox"/> martial	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> disaffected	<input type="checkbox"/> besiege
<input type="checkbox"/> snub	<input type="checkbox"/> remiss	<input type="checkbox"/> attenuate	<input type="checkbox"/> craven
<input type="checkbox"/> slapdash	<input type="checkbox"/> pious	<input type="checkbox"/> exorbitant	<input type="checkbox"/> involved
<input type="checkbox"/> flounder	<input type="checkbox"/> equitable	<input type="checkbox"/> occlude	<input type="checkbox"/> underwrite

601 anomaly

- n.* the quality of **being different**, **abnormal**, peculiar, or not easily classified: **irregularity**
s. incongruity, variance, deviation, divergence

602 martial

- adj.* relating to an army or to **military** life
s. warlike, bellicose, belligerent, combative, pugnacious, mettlesome
a. civilian, irenic, pacific, dovish

603 snub

- i.* *v.* to **check** or stop with a cutting retort: **rebuke**
ii. *v.* to **treat with contempt** or neglect
s. ostracize, snob

604 slapdash

- adj.* marked by **lack of** plan, **order**, or direction: **random**
s. desultory, indiscriminate haphazard, slipshod

605 flounder

- v.* to **proceed** or act **clumsily** or ineffectually: **struggle**
s. wallow, blunder, lurch, stumble

606 respite

- i.* *v.* to **put off** or **delay**: **reprieve**
ii. *n.* an interval of **rest** or relief: **break**
s. intermission, lull, recess, rest

607 abstain

- v.* to **refrain** deliberately and often **with** an effort of **self-denial** from an action or practice
s. forbear, withhold, abnegate, forgo
a. indulge, gratify, regale, sate, satiate

608 remiss

- adj.* **negligent** in the performance of work or duty: **careless**, **lax**
s. behindhand, delinquent, derelict, slack

a. scrupulous, meticulous, heedful, attentive

609 pious

- i.* *adj.* marked by or **showing reverence** for deity and devotion to divine worship: **devout**
s. godly, holy, pietistic, prayerful, religious
- ii.* *adj.* showing **loyal** reverence for a person or thing: **dutiful**

610 equitable

adj. having or **exhibiting equity**: **dealing fairly** and equally with all concerned
s. dispassionate, impartial, impersonal, unbiased, uncolored, unprejudiced

611 veritable

adj. being in fact the thing named and **not false**, unreal, or imaginary
s. authentic, *bona fide*, genuine, indubitable
a. imaginary, artificial, factitious, counterfeit, spurious

612 disaffected

adj. **discontented** and **resentful** especially against authority: **rebellious**
s. disgruntled, alienated, estranged, disobedient

613 attenuate

v. to **lessen** the amount, **force**, magnitude, or value of: **weaken**
s. thin, extenuate, wiredraw, sap, enfeeble
a. amplify, dilate, distend, inflate, augment

614 exorbitant

adj. **exceeding** the customary or appropriate **limits** in intensity, quality, amount, or size: **excessive**
s. extravagant, immoderate, inordinate, undue, unmeasurable

615 occlude

v. to close up or **block** off: **obstruct**
s. choke, clog, congest, hinder, impede

616 fortuitous

adj. occurring **by chance**: **accidental**
s. accidental, casual, contingent, incidental, odd
a. deliberate, measured, considered, intentional

617 besiege

- i.* *v.* to **surround** with armed forces: **beleaguer**, **blockade**
- ii.* *v.* to **cause worry** or distress to: **beset**
s. annoy, harass, plague, besiege

618 craven

adj. **lacking** the least bit of **courage**: contemptibly **fainthearted**: **cowardly**
s. gutless, pusillanimous, timid, timorous

619 involved

adj. **difficult** to deal with because of **complexity** or **disorder**: **complex**
s. byzantine, daedal, elaborate, intricate, knotty, labyrinthine, sophisticated

620 underwrite

v. to subscribe to: **agree**
s. guarantee, endorse, back

Instant Review 31

1. Match the explanation on the left with the word on the right

Group 01

- | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------|----------|
| 1. abnormality or irregularity | _____ | snub |
| 2. military | _____ | slapdash |
| 3. check or stop; treat with contempt | _____ | martial |
| 4. lacking plan or order | _____ | flounder |
| 5. clumsily proceed | _____ | anomaly |

Group 02

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|-----------------------------|-------|-----------|
| 1. put off or delay | _____ | respite |
| 2. refrain with self-denial | _____ | remiss |
| 3. negligent or careless | _____ | pious |
| 4. showing reverence | _____ | equitable |
| 5. exhibiting equity, fair | _____ | abstain |

Group 03

- | | | |
|---------------------------------|-------|-------------|
| 1. not false | _____ | attenuate |
| 2. discontented and resentful | _____ | disaffected |
| 3. lessen the force | _____ | exorbitant |
| 4. exceeding appropriate limits | _____ | occlude |
| 5. block off | _____ | veritable |

Group 04

- | | | |
|--------------------------|-------|------------|
| 1. occurring by chance | _____ | besiege |
| 2. surround; cause worry | _____ | craven |
| 3. lacking courage | _____ | fortuitous |
| 4. difficult or complex | _____ | involved |
| 5. agree | _____ | underwrite |

2. Circle the word with different meanings from the rest of the group

Group 01

- | | | |
|--------------|------------|------------|
| a. bellicose | irenic | pugnacious |
| b. ostracize | snub | revere |
| c. haphazard | slipshod | systematic |
| d. abnegate | indulge | gratify |
| e. derelict | scrupulous | slack |

Group 02

- | | | |
|---------------|------------------|----------|
| a. factitious | <i>bona fide</i> | spurious |
| b. amplify | extenuate | enfeeble |

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|---------------|--------------|----------|
| c. undue | exorbitant | moderate |
| d. contingent | deliberate | measured |
| e. knotty | labyrinthine | plain |

3. *Replace the underlined word with another word you have just learned in this unit*

Group 01

1. He said that the journal itself was careless in publishing the study without mentioning these limitations.
2. The House of Lords is highly efficient and effective at processing the often chaotic legislation sent to it by the Commons.
3. As firms struggle across East Asia, soaking investors and throwing millions out of jobs, there is another side to the grim picture.
4. The break was brief, with anti-government fighting breaking out in the north in 1999.
5. And the withdrawal that comes when alcoholics refrain from drinking has been linked to the same danger.

Group 02

1. Similarly, excessive taxation of expatriate employees may also discourage the transfer of knowledge and skills.
2. Fair trade deals require competition rules, and developing countries stand to gain from such rules.
3. An internal coup could be launched by dissatisfied groups in the military or government.
4. Women, I believe, will lessen the economic gender gap that now exists and move into positions of leadership.
5. To the Minotaur, humanity consisted of loud noises and a series of weak and fearful acts.

Unit 32

Quick Preview

<input type="checkbox"/> tender	<input type="checkbox"/> ploy	<input type="checkbox"/> chivalrous	<input type="checkbox"/> bombastic
<input type="checkbox"/> ravenous	<input type="checkbox"/> peripheral	<input type="checkbox"/> recondite	<input type="checkbox"/> feign
<input type="checkbox"/> conflagration	<input type="checkbox"/> buck	<input type="checkbox"/> cogent	<input type="checkbox"/> extrapolate
<input type="checkbox"/> tout	<input type="checkbox"/> infeasible	<input type="checkbox"/> transient	<input type="checkbox"/> surfeit
<input type="checkbox"/> tumult	<input type="checkbox"/> frivolous	<input type="checkbox"/> asperity	<input type="checkbox"/> punctilious

621 tender

- i.* *n.* to **present** for acceptance: **offer**
s. extend, pose, proffer, propose
- ii.* *adj.* **showing care** or softer emotions: **fond**, **considerate**
s. compassionate, responsive, lenient, solicitous, affectionate
- iii.* *adj.* **easily broken**, cut, or damaged: **delicate**, **fragile**

622 ravenous

- adj.* very **eager** or **greedy** for food, satisfaction, or gratification: **rapacious**
- s.* voracious, edacious, gluttonous, ravaging

623 conflagration

- i.* *n.* a large disastrous **fire**
- ii.* *n.* **conflict**, **war**

624 tout

- v.* to **advertise** in strongly positive terms: **promote**, **talk up**
- s.* herald, trumpet, proclaim, publicize, acclaim

625 tumult

- n.* **disorderly agitation** of a crowd: **commotion**, **riot**
- s.* clamor, convulsion, ferment, upheaval, turmoil, uproar, hurly-burly

626 ploy

- n.* a **tactic** intended to embarrass or frustrate an opponent: **stratagem**
- s.* artifice, device, gambit, maneuver, ruse, wile

627 peripheral

- i.* *adj.* on or **near an edge** or constituting an **outer** boundary
s. outlying, marginal, fringe
- ii.* *adj.* **auxiliary**, **supplementary**

628 buck

- v.* to refuse assent: **oppose**, **resist**
- s.* combat, dispute, duel, repel, traverse, withstand

629 infeasible

adj. not capable of being annulled or voided or undone

630 frivolous

- i.* *adj.* of little weight or importance
s. inconsequential, trivial, petty, negligible
- ii.* *adj.* lacking in seriousness: playful
s. giddy, flighty, shallow, superficial

631 chivalrous

- i.* *adj.* valiant, brave
- ii.* *adj.* marked by honor, generosity, and courtesy
s. benevolent, greathearted, lofty, magnanimous

632 recondite

adj. difficult for one of ordinary understanding or knowledge to comprehend: abstruse
s. esoteric, hermetic, occult, runic, cryptic
a. facile, straightforward, plain

633 cogent

adj. appealing forcibly to the mind or reason: convincing
s. valid, solid, sound, telling
a. ineffective, inefficacious, feeble, impotent, bootless

634 transient

adj. passing especially quickly into and out of existence: transitory
s. ephemeral, evanescent, fleeting, fugacious, momentary, volatile
a. perpetual, perdurable, permanent, substantial

635 asperity

- i.* *n.* something that is hard to endure: rigor, severity
s. difficulty, rigor, austerity, inclemency, stringency
- ii.* *n.* roughness of surface: unevenness
- iii.* *n.* roughness of manner or of temper: harshness
s. acrimony, acerbity, mordancy, keenness, sharpness
a. amenity, suavity, urbanity, courtesy, gallantry

636 bombastic

adj. marked by or given to pretentious speech or writing: pompous, overblown
s. rhetorical, flatulent, grandiloquent, magniloquent, swollen

637 feign

v. to give a false appearance of: pretend, dissemble

s. assume, affect, bluff, counterfeit, pretend, simulate

638 extrapolate

n. to inter or predict by projecting past experience or known data: deduce

639 surfeit

n. an overabundant supply: excess

s. overabundance, overflow, plethora, superfluity, surplus

640 punctilious

adj. marked by or concerned about precise accordance with the details of conventions: careful

s. conscientious, fussy, heedful, meticulous, painstaking, punctual, scrupulous

Instant Review 32

1. Match the explanation on the left with the word on the right

Group 01

- | | | |
|---|-------|---------------|
| 1. present; showing care; easily broken | _____ | tumult |
| 2. eager or greedy | _____ | tout |
| 3. disastrous fire; conflict | _____ | tender |
| 4. strongly advertise | _____ | ravenous |
| 5. disorderly agitation | _____ | conflagration |

Group 02

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|--|-------|--------------|
| 1. tactic or stratagem | _____ | buck |
| 2. near an edge; supplementary | _____ | frivolous |
| 3. oppose or resist | _____ | indefeasible |
| 4. not capable of being annulled | _____ | peripheral |
| 5. of little importance; lacking seriousness | _____ | ploy |

Group 03

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|--|-------|------------|
| 1. generous and courteous; brave | _____ | transient |
| 2. difficult to comprehend | _____ | recondite |
| 3. convincing | _____ | cogent |
| 4. passing quickly | _____ | chivalrous |
| 5. roughness of temper; severity; unevenness | _____ | asperity |

Group 04

- | | | |
|----------------------------|-------|-------------|
| 1. pretentious and pompous | _____ | bombastic |
| 2. pretend | _____ | extrapolate |
| 3. infer or predict | _____ | feign |
| 4. overabundant supply | _____ | punctilious |
| 5. concerned about details | _____ | surfeit |

2. Circle the word with different meanings from the rest of the group

Group 01

- | | | |
|---------------|--------------|-------------|
| a. solicitous | affectionate | phlegmatic |
| b. edacious | gluttonous | temperate |
| c. belittle | trumpet | proclaim |
| d. turmoil | serenity | hurly-burly |
| e. duel | assent | traverse |

Group 02

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|------------|---------------|----------|
| a. trivial | consequential | petty |
| b. lofty | magnanimous | picayune |

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|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| c. esoteric | hermetic | facile |
| d. telling | impotent | bootless |
| e. fleeting | permanent | fugacious |

3. *Replace the underlined word with another word you have just learned in this unit*

Group 01

1. Julia is a woman facing both the long slide into old age and eager hordes of young actresses yearning to take her place.
2. The theory touched off another kind of conflict within the physics community.
3. Krumholz said campaigns should provide comprehensive disclosure of advisers' backgrounds even as they promote their expertise.
4. The prospect of Europe falling back into recession has increased amid the recent disorder of dismal economic data.
5. However, David was a marginal figure at Inter last season, rarely playing in the first team.

Group 02

1. Kosilek says that for her, sex reassignment surgery is a medical necessity, not a(n) playful desire to change her appearance.
2. In fact, I had never been one of those suave, generous playboys who are always looking for the slightest excuse to buy women presents or send them flowers, though perhaps I longed to be.
3. Once again, while we differ, I enjoy your writing and the challenge of putting together a(n) convincing argument to debate you.
4. Short-lived global amnesia can resolve itself quickly and usually doesn't leave any permanent damage.
5. Pairing Bacon with Soutine, this show reveals the enormous gap between the pretentious and the sublime.

Unit 33

Quick Preview

<input type="checkbox"/> garrulous	<input type="checkbox"/> emend	<input type="checkbox"/> static	<input type="checkbox"/> ponderous
<input type="checkbox"/> intransigent	<input type="checkbox"/> salubrious	<input type="checkbox"/> duplicity	<input type="checkbox"/> obsequious
<input type="checkbox"/> retrospect	<input type="checkbox"/> blithe	<input type="checkbox"/> immaterial	<input type="checkbox"/> discriminate
<input type="checkbox"/> variance	<input type="checkbox"/> mettlesome	<input type="checkbox"/> amorphous	<input type="checkbox"/> turgid
<input type="checkbox"/> prolific	<input type="checkbox"/> steep	<input type="checkbox"/> implicate	<input type="checkbox"/> impetuous

641 garrulous

adj. given to prosy, rambling, or **tedious loquacity**: **pointlessly** or annoyingly **talkative**: **wordy**

s. chatty, loquacious, prolix, verbose, windy

a. taciturn, reticent, concise, terse, blunt, brusque, curt

642 intransigent

adj. **refusing to compromise** or to abandon an extreme position or attitude: **uncompromising**

s. obstinate, pertinacious, willful, inflexible

a. pliable, yielding, compliant, tractable

643 retrospect

i. n. a **review** of or meditation **on past** events

ii. v. to refer back: **reflect**

s. bethink, recall, recollect, reminisce, retain, revive

644 variance

i. n. the fact, quality, or state of **being variable** or variant: **difference, variation**

s. change, deviation, fluctuation

ii. n. the fact or state of being **in disagreement**: **dissension, dispute**

s. discord, conflict, contention, dissent, dissidence, strife

645 prolific

adj. marked by **abundant** inventiveness or **productivity**: **fertile**

s. fecund, fruitful, productive, spawning

a. barren, sterile

646 emend

v. to **correct** usually by textual alterations

s. amend, rectify, emendate, polish, retouch

647 salubrious

adj. favorable to or **promoting health** or well-being: **healthful**

s. hygienic, salutary, salubrious, wholesome, bracing

a. deleterious, injurious, venomous, lethal

648 blithe

- i.* *adj.* of a **happy lighthearted** character or disposition: merry
 - s.* cheerful, lightsome, sunny, jocund
 - a.* atrabilious, morose, melancholy, sullen
- ii.* *adj.* **lacking due thought** or consideration: casual, heedless

649 mettlesome

- adj.* full of courage: spirited, courageous
- s.* fiery, gingery, high-hearted, gutsy, plucky

650 steep

- i.* *adj.* mounting or falling precipitously
- ii.* *adj.* being or characterized by a rapid and intensive decline or increase
 - s.* abrupt, arduous, precipitate, precipitous, sheer
- iii.* *adj.* extremely or excessively high

651 static

- i.* *adj.* showing little change
- ii.* *adj.* standing or fixed in one place: stationary
 - s.* stagnant, rigid, sticky, inert
 - a.* dynamic, erratic, fluctuating

652 duplicity

- n.* the **belying** of one's true intentions by deceptive words or action: deceit
- s.* cunning, guile, perfidy, treachery

653 immaterial

- i.* *adj.* of no substantial consequence: unimportant
 - s.* irrelevant, extraneous, impertinent, inapposite
- ii.* *adj.* not consisting of matter: incorporeal

654 amorphous

- i.* *adj.* having no definite form: shapeless
 - s.* formless, inchoate, unshaped
- ii.* *adj.* **lacking** organization or unity

655 implicate

- i.* *v.* to **involve as** a consequence, corollary, or natural inference: imply
- ii.* *v.* to **bring into** intimate or incriminating connection: accuse
 - s.* incriminate, convict
 - a.* absolve, acquit, exculpate, exonerate, vindicate

656 ponderous

- i.* *adj.* unwieldy or clumsy because of weight and size: heavy

- s.* cumbersome, hefty, massive, weighty, elephantine
- ii. *adj.* oppressively or unpleasantly **dull**: **lifeless**
- s.* dreary, humdrum, monotonous, pedestrian, insipid, vapid

657 obsequious

- adj.* marked by or exhibiting a **fawning** attentiveness: **subservient**
- s.* menial, obeisant, servile, deferential, sycophantic, toadying

658 discriminate

- v.* to mark or **perceive** the distinguishing or **peculiar features**: **differentiate**
- s.* distinguish, extricate, separate
- a.* confound

659 turgid

- adj.* **excessively embellished** in style or language: **bombastic**, **pompous**
- s.* inflated, flatulent, tumescent, rhetorical, grandiloquent

660 impetuous

- adj.* marked by **impulsive** vehemence or **passion**: **precipitate**
- s.* abrupt, hasty, headlong, precipitous

Instant Review 33

1. Match the explanation on the left with the word on the right

Group 01

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|-----------------------------|-------|--------------|
| 1. tediously loquacious | _____ | variance |
| 2. refusing to compromise | _____ | retrospect |
| 3. review of past; reflect | _____ | prolific |
| 4. difference; disagreement | _____ | intransigent |
| 5. abundant and productive | _____ | garrulous |

Group 02

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|-----------------------------------|-------|------------|
| 1. correct | _____ | steep |
| 2. promoting health | _____ | salubrious |
| 3. happy and lighthearted | _____ | mettlesome |
| 4. full of courage | _____ | emend |
| 5. rapidly declining; precipitous | _____ | blithe |

Group 03

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|--|-------|------------|
| 1. showing little change; fixed | _____ | static |
| 2. belying of true intentions by deception | _____ | implicate |
| 3. inconsequential or unimportant | _____ | immaterial |
| 4. having no definite form; lacking unity | _____ | duplicity |
| 5. infer or imply; involve | _____ | amorphous |

Group 04

- | | | |
|--|-------|--------------|
| 1. clumsy because of size; unpleasantly dull | _____ | discriminate |
| 2. fawning or subservient | _____ | impetuous |
| 3. distinguish the difference | _____ | obsequious |
| 4. excessively embellished | _____ | ponderous |
| 5. impulsive and passionate | _____ | turgid |

2. Circle the word with different meanings from the rest of the group

Group 01

- | | | |
|----------------|--------------|--------------|
| a. prolix | brusque | curt |
| b. pliable | yielding | pertinacious |
| c. recollect | project | reminisce |
| d. fecund | sterile | spawning |
| e. deleterious | salutiferous | wholesome |

Group 02

- | | | |
|--------------|----------|--------|
| a. lightsome | morose | jocund |
| b. gingery | timorous | plucky |

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| c. stagnant | inert | dynamic |
| d. humdrum | vibrant | pedestrian |
| e. distinguish | extricate | confound |

3. Replace the underlined word with another word you have just learned in this unit

Group 01

1. The image of Mr. Rajaratnam created by the calls is in contrast to his talkative public persona as a smooth-talking, savvy stock trader widely known on Wall Street.
2. CAL's problems were caused mainly by a(n) uncompromising corporate culture rooted in military heroism and risk-taking.
3. Aldous Huxley was a tremendously productive writer, but he produced only one story for young readers.
4. There are those who would not only vilify foods considered less than healthful, but prohibit them.
5. It aims to bring an end to wanton acts of destruction and the casual self-delusion that keeps too many from seeing the perilous state of the earth and its people.

Group 02

1. It's dropping rapidly for LCD TVs, while prices for plasma sets remain relatively fixed.
2. Human-rights groups accuse Chinese authorities of deception in such efforts to police the Internet.
3. The Stewart brothers agreed to turn state evidence and accuse other suspects in return for reduced jail sentences.
4. Throughout the trial, John Dowd seemed like a great aging elephant, slow and clumsy but still capable of inflicting damage.
5. With its comforting array of British character actors and its kindly, not to say flattering, approach to a royal triumph over circumstance, it touches the most conservative chords of period drama.

Unit 34

Quick Preview

<input type="checkbox"/> adroit	<input type="checkbox"/> succinct	<input type="checkbox"/> founder	<input type="checkbox"/> esoteric
<input type="checkbox"/> onerous	<input type="checkbox"/> volatile	<input type="checkbox"/> circumscribe	<input type="checkbox"/> vanguard
<input type="checkbox"/> proliferate	<input type="checkbox"/> piquant	<input type="checkbox"/> impede	<input type="checkbox"/> antipathy
<input type="checkbox"/> venial	<input type="checkbox"/> sentimental	<input type="checkbox"/> heterodox	<input type="checkbox"/> precarious
<input type="checkbox"/> precipitate	<input type="checkbox"/> artifice	<input type="checkbox"/> belie	<input type="checkbox"/> amiable

661 adroit

adj. having or **showing skill**, cleverness, or resourcefulness in handling situations: **dexterous**

s. deft, handy, nimble, canny

a. maladroit, clumsy, inept, awkward, gauche

662 onerous

adj. **involving**, imposing, or constituting a **burden**: **troublesome**

s. exacting, exigent, grievous, oppressive, taxing

663 proliferate

v. to **increase** in number as if by proliferating: **multiply**

s. thrive, flourish, boom, burgeon

664 venial

adj. **meriting no** particular **censure** or notice: **excusable**, **remittable**

a. outrageous, heinous

665 precipitate

i. *adj.* exhibiting violent or **unwise speed**: **hasty**

s. abrupt, headlong, impetuous, precipitous,

ii. *v.* to **bring about** especially **abruptly**: **trigger**

666 succinct

adj. marked by **compact precise** expression without wasted words: **concise**

s. compendary, compendious, curt, laconic, terse

a. discursive

667 volatile

adj. characterized by or subject to **rapid** or **unexpected change**

s. capricious, fickle, mercurial, unstable, protean, variable

668 piquant

i. *adj.* having a **lively** arch charm: **pungent**

s. peppery, poignant, racy, snappy, zesty

a. banal, jejune, inane

ii. *adj.* agreeably **stimulating** to the palate: **spicy**

669 sentimental

adj. having an **excess of emotion** or sensibility

s. maudlin, mawkish, moist, gushy, sappy

670 artifice

i. *n.* false or **insincere behavior**

ii. *n.* an artful **stratagem**: **trick**

s. device, feint, gambit, maneuver, ploy

iii. *n.* **clever** or artful **skill**: **ingenuity**

s. cunning, artfulness, slyness, adroitness, shrewdness

671 founder

i. *v.* to come to grief: **fail**

ii. *v.* to become **submerged**: **sink**

672 circumscribe

v. to **constrict** the range or activity of definitely and clearly: **limit**

s. bar, confine, fetter, hamper, trammel, shackle

a. amplify, dilate, distend, inflate, swell

673 impede

v. to interfere with or **slow** the progress of: **hinder**

s. bar, block, brake, obstruct

674 heterodox

adj. **contrary to** an acknowledged standard, a **traditional form**: **unconventional**

s. heretical, dissident, nonconformist, sectarian, unorthodox

675 belie

i. *v.* to run counter to: **contradict**

s. contravene, negative, controvert

ii. *v.* to **show to be false** or wrong: **disprove**

a. attest, verify

iii. *v.* to give a false impression of: **disguise**

s. mask, cloak, camouflage, veneer, masquerade

676 esoteric

adj. **requiring** or exhibiting **knowledge** that is restricted to a small group: **recondite**

s. abstruse, hermetic, occult, profound

677 vanguard

n. the **forefront** of an action or movement: **front**

s. frontline, precursor, precursor

678 antipathy

n. settled aversion or dislike: distaste, enmity

s. animosity, animus, antagonism, hostility, rancor

a. affection, partiality, predilection, prepossession, attachment

679 precarious

i. adj. dependent on uncertain premises: dubious

s. ambiguous, equivocal, indecisive, uncertain

ii. adj. characterized by a lack of security or stability that threatens with danger

680 amiable

adj. being friendly, sociable, and congenial: gracious

s. complaisant, lenient, mild, obliging

Instant Review 34

1. Match the explanation on the left with the word on the right

Group 01

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|---|-------|-------------|
| 1. showing skill, dexterous | _____ | venial |
| 2. involving burden | _____ | proliferate |
| 3. increase or multiply | _____ | precipitate |
| 4. meriting no censure, excusable | _____ | onerous |
| 5. unwisely speedy, hasty; bring about abruptly | _____ | adroit |

Group 02

- | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-------------|
| 1. precise and concise | _____ | volatile |
| 2. rapidly changeable | _____ | succinct |
| 3. lively; stimulating | _____ | sentimental |
| 4. having excessive emotion | _____ | piquant |
| 5. insincere behavior; clever skill | _____ | artifice |

Group 03

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|---|-------|--------------|
| 1. fail; submerge | _____ | belie |
| 2. constrict the range, limit | _____ | circumscribe |
| 3. slow the progress, hinder | _____ | founder |
| 4. contrary to tradition | _____ | heterodox |
| 5. show to be false; contradict; disguise | _____ | impede |

Group 04

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|-----------------------------------|-------|------------|
| 1. requiring knowledge, recondite | _____ | vanguard |
| 2. forefront | _____ | precarious |
| 3. aversion or dislike | _____ | esoteric |
| 4. uncertain or dubious | _____ | antipathy |
| 5. friendly and gracious | _____ | amiable |

2. Circle the word with different meanings from the rest of the group

Group 01

- | | | |
|---------------|-------------|-----------|
| a. deft | nimble | maladroit |
| b. thrive | succumb | bourgeon |
| c. outrageous | heinous | venial |
| d. discursive | compendious | curt |
| e. mercurial | stationary | protean |

Group 02

- | | | |
|------------|----------|-------|
| a. jejune | poignant | racy |
| b. maudlin | mawkish | stoic |

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|--------------|----------|-----------|
| c. amplify | trammel | shackle |
| d. heretical | orthodox | sectarian |
| e. attest | verify | belie |

3. *Replace the underlined word with another word you have just learned in this unit*

Group 01

1. The early drawings are technically skillful but generic and dated.
2. Directing and controlling underwater heritage investigations is a demanding and burdensome responsibility for archaeologists.
3. Cheap deals are expected to multiply as more companies compete for last-minute business from travelers using mobile apps.
4. Canon is also concerned that the introduction of alien climates may also trigger the introduction of alien pests.
5. Video is a great medium to get your story out in a(n) brief yet compelling way.

Group 02

1. Doubts about the Ivory Coast's cocoa production have led to increasingly unstable cocoa prices.
2. The conservative party won a clear victory in parliamentary elections with a strong showing that critics worry might be used to further consolidate its power and to restrict civil liberties and its political opposition.
3. The threat of higher taxes and the foreboding implications of heavy handed regulation repel capital and obstruct its power.
4. After the protests end, residents will still have to cope with service shortcomings that contradict the city's metropolitan veneer.
5. But the president's standing in these states, like elsewhere, has grown risky as the economy has slumped.

Unit 35

Quick Preview

<input type="checkbox"/> apathetic	<input type="checkbox"/> euphoria	<input type="checkbox"/> carp	<input type="checkbox"/> surreptitious
<input type="checkbox"/> venal	<input type="checkbox"/> melancholy	<input type="checkbox"/> calumny	<input type="checkbox"/> concur
<input type="checkbox"/> empathy	<input type="checkbox"/> dilatory	<input type="checkbox"/> coda	<input type="checkbox"/> discretion
<input type="checkbox"/> arrogant	<input type="checkbox"/> hamper	<input type="checkbox"/> forbear	<input type="checkbox"/> usurp
<input type="checkbox"/> repudiate	<input type="checkbox"/> inane	<input type="checkbox"/> prodigal	<input type="checkbox"/> proclivity

681 apathetic

- i.* *adj.* having or **showing** little or **no** feeling or **emotion**: **spiritless**
s. impassive, phlegmatic, stoic, stolid
- ii.* *adj.* **having** little or **no interest** or concern: **indifferent**

682 venal

- adj.* open to **corrupt** influence and especially bribery: **mercenary**
- s.* infamous, nefarious, vicious, ignoble, sordid, unscrupulous

683 empathy

- n.* **understanding** and entering into **another's feelings**

684 arrogate

- v.* to **claim** or seize **without justification**: **assume**
- s.* appropriate, annex, commandeer, confiscate, preempt, sequester

685 repudiate

- i.* *v.* to **refuse to accept**: **decline**
s. dismiss, refuse, reprobate, spurn, renounce
a. avow, confess, adopt
- ii.* *v.* to **reject as untrue** or unjust: **deny**

686 euphoria

- n.* a feeling of well-being or **elation**
- s.* exaltation, exhilaration, ecstasy, frenzy

687 melancholy

- i.* *n.* **depression** of spirits: **dejection**
- ii.* *adj.* causing or tending to **cause sadness** or depression of mind or spirit: **dismal**
s. doleful, lamentable, lugubrious, mournful, plaintive, rueful, woeful
a. cheerful, joyful, lighthearted, gay, vivacious

688 dilatory

- adj.* characterized by **procrastination** or **delaying**: **tardy**
- s.* deliberate, laggard, leisurely

a. diligent, assiduous, industrious, meticulous

689 hamper

- v.* to **restrict** the movement of by bonds or obstacles: **impede**, **encumber**
s. handicap, hinder, obstruct, frustrate, retard, check

690 inane

- adj.* **lacking significance**, meaning, or point: **empty**, **insubstantial**
s. insipid, jejune, sapless, vapid

691 carp

- v.* to **find fault** or **complain** querulously: **faultfind**
s. moan, grumble, grouse, gripe

692 calumny

- n.* a **misrepresentation** intended to **harm** another's **reputation**: **detraction**
s. backstabbing, belittlement, defamation, depreciation, disparagement
a. encomium, panegyric, tribute, compliment, eulogy

693 coda

- n.* a **concluding** or summarizing **part**: **ending**

694 forbear

- i.* *v.* to **hold oneself back** from especially with an effort: **abstain**
s. forgo, eschew, sacrifice, withhold
ii. *v.* to **control oneself** when provoked

695 prodigal

- adj.* characterized by **profuse** or **wasteful** expenditure: **lavish**
s. exuberant, lush, luxuriant, opulent, riotous
a. stingy, frugal, thrifty, sparing

696 surreptitious

- adj.* done, made, or acquired **by stealth**: **clandestine**
s. covert, furtive, stealthy, sneaky
a. brazen

697 concur

- i.* *v.* to express agreement: **agree**
s. accede, jibe, harmonize, concord, concert
ii. *v.* to **act together** to a common end or single effect
s. unite, combine, conjoin, cooperate, league
iii. *v.* to **happen together**: **coincide**

698 discretion

- i.* *n.* the quality of being **discreet**: circumspection
- ii.* *n.* power of free decision or latitude of choice within certain legal bounds
- iii.* *n.* ability to make responsible decisions

699 usurp

- i.* *v.* to seize and hold in possession by force or without right: appropriate
 - s.* arrogate, assume, commandeer, preempt
 - a.* abdicate
- ii.* *v.* to take the place of by or as if by force: supplant

700 proclivity

- n.* an inclination or predisposition toward something
- s.* leaning, disposition, penchant, predilection, propensity

1. Match the explanation on the left with the word on the right

Group 01

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|-------------------------------------|-------|-----------|
| 1. showing no emotion | _____ | venal |
| 2. corrupted | _____ | repudiate |
| 3. understanding another's feelings | _____ | empathy |
| 4. claim without justification: | _____ | arrogate |
| 5. refuse to accept | _____ | apathetic |

Group 02

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|--------------------------------|-------|------------|
| 1. feeling of elation | _____ | melancholy |
| 2. depression; causing sadness | _____ | inane |
| 3. delaying or procrastinating | _____ | hamper |
| 4. restrict movement, impede | _____ | euphoria |
| 5. lacking significance, empty | _____ | dilatory |

Group 03

- | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------|----------|
| 1. find fault and complain | _____ | prodigal |
| 2. misrepresentation intended to harm | _____ | forbear |
| 3. concluding part | _____ | coda |
| 4. control oneself; abstain | _____ | carp |
| 5. profuse or wasteful | _____ | calumny |

Group 04

- | | | |
|---|-------|---------------|
| 1. done by stealth | _____ | concur |
| 2. act together; agree | _____ | discretion |
| 3. discreetness; power of free decision | _____ | proclivity |
| 4. seize and hold | _____ | surreptitious |
| 5. inclination | _____ | usurp |

2. Circle the word with different meanings from the rest of the group

Group 01

- | | | |
|---------------|------------|-------------|
| a. impassive | phlegmatic | impassioned |
| b. scrupulous | nefarious | vicious |
| c. avow | spurn | renounce |
| d. lugubrious | plaintive | gay |
| e. assiduous | laggard | industrious |

Group 02

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|-----------------|--------------|----------|
| a. backstabbing | belittlement | encomium |
| b. exuberant | stingy | lush |

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| c. brazen | covert | furtive |
| d. abdicate | arrogate | assume |
| e. jibe | harmonize | diverge |

3. Replace the underlined word with another word you have just learned in this unit

Group 01

1. In a rare acknowledgment of corruption, the late Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi once said that 75% of the government's development funds were eaten up by corrupted politicians and officials.
2. They would completely deny the examples of unfairness and rudeness identified in the Age Concern report.
3. Senegal's victory over Bolivia was greeted with quiet satisfaction rather than wild joy by supporters and the local press.
4. Maybe the Journal has whipped itself into a modish frenzy and will grow sad about the missing honorifics.
5. Poor transport conditions and insufficient refining capacity already block fuel distribution in East Africa.

Group 02

1. In my opinion, the site gets a bad rap from people being dumb enough to post embarrassing pictures and write meaningless comments.
2. U.S. banks also complain that though pay restrictions haven't been formally memorialized, the Dodd-Frank regulatory overhaul has started to impose sweeping restrictions on the industry.
3. The general lack of transparency in the system provides policy makers in Beijing with a much greater capacity to hold back if banks end up with a large proportion of nonperforming loans on their books.
4. Fact and the Film Distributors' Association launched guidelines to help cinema staff and police catch people making secret recordings.
5. Doctors will have caution over what medicines they allow nurses and pharmacists to prescribe.

Unit 36

Quick Preview

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|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> unflappable | <input type="checkbox"/> nonchalant | <input type="checkbox"/> spurious | <input type="checkbox"/> creditable |
| <input type="checkbox"/> prosaic | <input type="checkbox"/> impecunious | <input type="checkbox"/> incense | <input type="checkbox"/> redolent |
| <input type="checkbox"/> tendentious | <input type="checkbox"/> elaborate | <input type="checkbox"/> hound | <input type="checkbox"/> posit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> discreet | <input type="checkbox"/> adulation | <input type="checkbox"/> frustrate | <input type="checkbox"/> salute |
| <input type="checkbox"/> unequivocal | <input type="checkbox"/> imbibe | <input type="checkbox"/> countenance | <input type="checkbox"/> noxious |

701 unflappable

adj. marked by **assurance** and **self-control**: **composed**

s. collected, imperturbable, nonchalant, unruffled

702 prosaic

i. *adj.* belonging to or suitable to the **everyday** world: **ordinary**

s. commonplace, mundane, workday

ii. *adj.* **dull**, **unimaginative**

s. drab, lackluster, lusterless, tedious

703 tendentious

adj. marked by a **tendency** in favor of a particular point of view: **biased**

s. colored, jaundiced, partial, partisan, prejudiced, warped

704 discreet

i. *adj.* **showing** discernment or **good judgment** in conduct: **prudent**

s. cautious, calculating, chary, circumspect, gingerly, guarded, wary

ii. *adj.* **unobtrusive**, **unnoticeable**

705 unequivocal

i. *adj.* leaving **no doubt**: **clear**, **unambiguous**

s. evident, manifest, palpable, patent, univocal

ii. *adj.* **unquestionable**

s. categorical, positive, incontestable, incontrovertible, indisputable

706 nonchalant

adj. having an air of **easy unconcern** or indifference: **cool**

s. collected, composed, imperturbable, unflappable, unruffled

a. anxious, careful, concerned, solicitous

707 impecunious

adj. having very little or **no money** usually habitually: **penniless**

s. destitute, impoverished, indigent, necessitous, penurious

a. affluent, flush, prosperous

708 elaborate

- i.* *adj.* **planned** or carried out **with** great **care**
- ii.* *adj.* marked by **complexity**, fullness of **detail**, or ornateness: **detailed**
s. embellished, ornate; byzantine, intricate, involved, knotty, labyrinthine
- iii.* *v.* to **expand** something **in detail**

709 adulation

- n.* **excessive** or slavish **admiration** or **flattery**
- s.* blandishment, blarney, incense
- a.* abuse

710 imbibe

- i.* *v.* to **receive** into the mind and retain: **assimilate**
s. absorb, assimilate, incorporate
- ii.* *v.* to **drink**

711 spurious

- adj.* outwardly similar to something **without** having its **genuine qualities**: **false**
- s.* apocryphal, counterfeit, bogus, phony, sham, specious
- a.* authentic, genuine, unaffected

712 incense

- i.* *v.* to **arouse** the extreme **anger** or indignation of: **irritate**
s. enrage, infuriate, ire, madden, umbrage
a. placate, pacify, conciliate, appease
- ii.* *n.* pleasing attention: **flattery**
s. adulation, blandishment, blarney, cajolery

713 hound

- i.* *n.* a mean or **despicable person**
- ii.* *v.* to drive or affect by persistent **harassing**: **bait**
s. badger, bullyrag, heckle, hector

714 frustrate

- i.* *v.* to **impede** or **obstruct**
s. balk, thwart, counteract, hinder, check, halt
- ii.* *v.* to **induce** feelings of **discouragement** in

715 countenance

- i.* *v.* to extend **approval** or **toleration** to: **sanction**
s. advocate, approbate, applaud, commend, champion, uphold
- ii.* *n.* **calm expression** or mental **composure**

716 creditable

- i.* *adj.* **worthy of belief**
- ii.* *adj.* sufficiently good to **bring esteem** or praise
s. respectable, estimable, reputable, reputed

717 redolent

- i.* *adj.* exuding fragrance: **aromatic, odorous**
s. ambrosial, balmy, fragrant, perfumed, savory
- ii.* *adj.* serving to bring to mind: **evocative**
s. reminiscent, remindful, suggestive

718 posit

- v.* to **assume** or affirm the existence of: **postulate**
- s.* presuppose, premise, presume

719 salute

- i.* *v.* to **express commendation** of: **praise**
- ii.* *v.* to **give a sign of respect**, courtesy, or goodwill to: **greet**

720 noxious

- adj.* constituting a **harmful** or **destructive** influence: **pernicious**
- s.* baneful, deadly, pestiferous, pestilent, pestilential
- a.* innocuous, salutary, sanitary

Instant Review 36

1. Match the explanation on the left with the word on the right

Group 01

- | | | |
|--|-------|-------------|
| 1. assured and self-controlled | _____ | discreet |
| 2. ordinary; unimaginative | _____ | prosaic |
| 3. biased | _____ | tendentious |
| 4. showing good judgment; unnoticeable | _____ | unequivocal |
| 5. leaving no doubt | _____ | unflappable |

Group 02

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|---|-------|-------------|
| 1. easy and unconcerned | _____ | nonchalant |
| 2. poor | _____ | impecunious |
| 3. planned with care; complex or detailed | _____ | imbibe |
| 4. excessive admiration | _____ | elaborate |
| 5. receive and retain | _____ | adulation |

Group 03

- | | | |
|---|-------|-------------|
| 1. not genuine | _____ | countenance |
| 2. arouse anger; flattery | _____ | frustrate |
| 3. despicable person; persistently harass | _____ | hound |
| 4. impede or obstruct; discourage | _____ | incense |
| 5. approve or tolerate; calmness | _____ | spurious |

Group 04

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|--|-------|------------|
| 1. worthy of belief | _____ | creditable |
| 2. exuding fragrance; bringing to mind | _____ | salute |
| 3. assume or postulate | _____ | noxious |
| 4. commend; greet | _____ | posit |
| 5. harmful or destructive | _____ | redolent |

2. Circle the word with different meanings from the rest of the group

Group 01

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|---------------|-------------|------------|
| a. collected | flappable | nonchalant |
| b. drab | lustrous | tedious |
| c. jaundiced | detached | partisan |
| d. solicitous | collected | composed |
| e. indigent | necessitous | flush |

Group 02

- | | | |
|----------|--------------|---------|
| a. abuse | blandishment | blarney |
| b. phony | unaffected | sham |

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| c. placate | infuriate | ire |
| d. balmy | malodorous | savory |
| e. baneful | salutary | pestiferous |

3. Replace the underlined word with another word you have just learned in this unit

Group 01

1. Jeter is normally the most collected player in the game, but the march to 3000 unnerved him.
2. These places sounded altogether more exotic than the ordinary localities to which Junior was accustomed.
3. One of those singled out was Kader Asmal who told the BBC in 2002 that the allegations had no evidence, were biased and amounted to a dangerous strategy.
4. This allows the device to remain concealed in a(n) unnoticeable location away from your computers.
5. But its overall conclusion that global warming is undeniable remains beyond reproach.

Group 02

1. Some previous games in the series became preoccupied with detailed story lines and slower-paced exploration.
2. Indeed, public adoration has allowed Estrada to weather growing criticism of his alleged cronyism and limited legislative priorities.
3. Foreign critics of Burma rightly decry her treatment and that of other dissidents, many of whom are in jail on false charges.
4. He characterizes anybody who disagrees with him as an irredeemably corrupt human being who holds opinions no rational person would tolerate.
5. Ms. Kudrow takes a surprisingly stringent approach, and I praise her attempt, if not the result.

Unit 37

Quick Preview

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| <input type="checkbox"/> admonish | <input type="checkbox"/> exposition | <input type="checkbox"/> artful | <input type="checkbox"/> entice |
| <input type="checkbox"/> reservation | <input type="checkbox"/> churlish | <input type="checkbox"/> transitory | <input type="checkbox"/> unconscionable |
| <input type="checkbox"/> tarnish | <input type="checkbox"/> celerity | <input type="checkbox"/> exhort | <input type="checkbox"/> pervade |
| <input type="checkbox"/> unalloyed | <input type="checkbox"/> bellicose | <input type="checkbox"/> succor | <input type="checkbox"/> waive |
| <input type="checkbox"/> arcane | <input type="checkbox"/> fallacy | <input type="checkbox"/> paradox | <input type="checkbox"/> congenial |

721 admonish

- i.* *n.* to **express** warning or **disapproval** to especially in a gentle and earnest manner: **reprove**
s. chide, rebuke, reprimand, reproach, forewarn
- ii.* *n.* to **give** friendly earnest **advice** or encouragement to

722 reservation

- i.* *n.* an unstated **doubt** that prevents you from accepting something wholeheartedly: **misgiving**
- ii.* *n.* the setting of limiting conditions or **withholding from complete exposition**

723 tarnish

- n.* to dull or **destroy** the **luster** of or **bring disgrace** on: **sully**, **stain**
- s.* contaminate, defile, pollute, stain, taint

724 unalloyed

- adj.* **not** alloyed or **mixed**: unqualified, **pure**
- s.* absolute, sheer, unadulterated, undiluted, unmitigated, unqualified

725 arcane

- adj.* **requiring** secret or **mysterious knowledge**: **secret**
- s.* cabalistic, impenetrable, inscrutable, numinous, unaccountable

726 exposition

- i.* *n.* discourse **designed to** convey information or **explain** what is difficult to understand
s. explanation, exegesis, explication, interpretation
- ii.* *n.* a public **exhibition** or show

727 churlish

- i.* *adj.* **difficult to** work with or **deal with**: **intractable**
- ii.* *adj.* of, resembling, or characteristic of a **rude** ill-bred person: **vulgar**
s. boorish, cloddish, clownish, coarse, loutish, uncultured, unpolished

728 celerity

- n.* **rapidity** of motion or action: **alacrity**
- s.* dispatch, expedition, hustle, swiftness
- a.* sluggishness, lethargy, sloth, indolence

729 bellicose

- adj.* favoring or **inclined to start** quarrels or **wars**: **belligerent**
s. combative, contentious, gladiatorial, pugnacious, truculent
a. pacifist, dovish, soothing, conciliatory

730 fallacy

- i.* *n.* a **false** or mistaken **idea**
ii. *n.* deceptive appearance: **deception**
s. delusion, equivocation, sophism, speciousness, spuriousness

731 artful

- i.* *adj.* **adroit in** attaining an end usually by **insinuating** or indirect means: **wily**, **sly**
s. astute, crafty, cunning, foxy, guileful, wily
i. *adj.* **using** or characterized by art and **skill**: **dexterous**

732 transitory

- adj.* of **brief** duration: **temporary**, **transient**
s. ephemeral, fleeting, fugacious, fugitive, momentary, volatile

733 exhort

- v.* to **incite by** argument or **advice**: **urge** strongly
s. prod, goad, prompt, propel, spur
a. block, deter, impede

734 succor

- v.* to go to the **aid** of: **relieve**
s. assist, comfort, lift, support, nourish

735 paradox

- n.* a **self-contradictory statement** that at first seems true: **contradiction**

736 entice

- v.* to **attract artfully** or adroitly or by arousing hope or desire: **tempt**, **lure**
s. allure, bait, decoy, entrap, inveigle, seduce
a. alarm, fright, terrify, scare

737 unconscionable

- i.* *adj.* **not** guided or **controlled by conscience**: **unscrupulous**
s. conscienceless, unprincipled
ii. *adj.* **excessive**, **unreasonable**
s. exorbitant, extravagant, immoderate, inordinate, undue

738 pervade

- v.* to become **diffused throughout** every part of: **permeate**
s. impregnate, penetrate, percolate, saturate, transfuse

739 waive

- i.* *v.* to **refrain from** pressing or **enforcing**: **forgo**
s. relinquish, abandon, resign, surrender, yield
- ii.* *v.* to **put off** from immediate consideration: **postpone**
s. defer, delay, postpone, shelve, suspend

740 congenial

- i.* *adj.* existing or associated together **harmoniously**
s. amicable, consonant, agreeable, compatible, congruous
- ii.* *adj.* **having** the **same** nature, disposition, or **tastes**: **kindred**

1. Match the explanation on the left with the word on the right

Group 01

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|-------------------------------------|-------|-------------|
| 1. express disapproval; give advice | _____ | unalloyed |
| 2. unstated doubt, misgiving | _____ | tarnish |
| 3. destroy luster or bring disgrace | _____ | reservation |
| 4. not mixed | _____ | arcane |
| 5. requiring mysterious knowledge | _____ | admonish |

Group 02

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|-----------------------------------|-------|------------|
| 1. explanation; exhibition | _____ | fallacy |
| 2. difficult to deal with; vulgar | _____ | exposition |
| 3. rapidity of motion | _____ | churlish |
| 4. inclined to start wars | _____ | celerity |
| 5. false idea; deception | _____ | bellicose |

Group 03

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|---------------------------------------|-------|------------|
| 1. adroit in insinuating; using skill | _____ | transitory |
| 2. brief and temporary | _____ | succor |
| 3. incite by advice | _____ | paradox |
| 4. aid or relieve | _____ | exhort |
| 5. self-contradictory statement | _____ | artful |

Group 04

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|---|-------|----------------|
| 1. artfully attract | _____ | waive |
| 2. not controlled by conscience; excessive | _____ | unconscionable |
| 3. diffuse throughout | _____ | pervade |
| 4. refrain from enforcing; put off | _____ | entice |
| 5. existing harmoniously; having similar tastes | _____ | congenial |

2. Circle the word with different meanings from the rest of the group

Group 01

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|-----------------|----------|------------|
| a. contaminate | defile | sanitize |
| b. absolute | alloyed | sheer |
| c. boorish | polished | coarse |
| d. sluggishness | dispatch | expedition |
| e. gladiatorial | pacifist | pugnacious |

Group 02

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|------------|--------|---------|
| a. artless | crafty | cunning |
| b. propel | spur | deter |

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|---------------|----------|------------|
| c. entrap | inveigle | fright |
| d. relinquish | resign | redeem |
| e. amicable | inimical | compatible |

3. Replace the underlined word with another word you have just learned in this unit

Group 01

1. Carlos Santana on Sunday used baseball's annual Civil Rights Game as a platform to warn Georgia and Arizona for their new immigration laws.
2. Many women do not, however, feel absolute pride with their educational and professional accomplishments.
3. In a supposedly enlightened egalitarian age, the tone of this article is, unfortunately, decidedly mysterious.
4. Multitouch, whether on laptops or desktops, remains a pale shadow of its input elders, particularly when compared in terms of responsiveness, ease and logicity of use, and speed of feedback.
5. Some admired him for his refusal to court favor and his insistence on being his own man but sometimes his rude stubbornness did him no favors.

Group 02

1. The Kaiser opened the site, now known as the Military History Museum, to boast of Germany's aggressive military culture, which ultimately culminated in two world wars and the Holocaust.
2. Her songs brimmed with skillful guitar, string and piano arrangements, creating an almost symphonic sound.
3. The key conclusion of this theory is that short-term changes in income have little long-term effect on consumer spending behavior.
4. Below the monastery is a ramshackle village of poor Muslims, who regularly walk up to help the monks with manual labor and, in turn, to receive their aid and support.
5. For many decades, the great flaw in the American health-care system was its unreasonable gaps in coverage.

Unit 38

Quick Preview

<input type="checkbox"/> boorish	<input type="checkbox"/> arbiter	<input type="checkbox"/> palatable	<input type="checkbox"/> importune
<input type="checkbox"/> imminent	<input type="checkbox"/> eulogy	<input type="checkbox"/> foolhardy	<input type="checkbox"/> puissant
<input type="checkbox"/> languish	<input type="checkbox"/> vexation	<input type="checkbox"/> consonant	<input type="checkbox"/> rash
<input type="checkbox"/> pliant	<input type="checkbox"/> culpable	<input type="checkbox"/> chastise	<input type="checkbox"/> indulge
<input type="checkbox"/> aberrant	<input type="checkbox"/> jubilant	<input type="checkbox"/> recapitulate	<input type="checkbox"/> scrupulous

741 boorish

adj. **rude** and insensitive: **uncouth**

s. churlish, cloddish, clownish, loutish, lowbred, rugged

a. cultivated, refined, suave, urbane, courteous, genteel

742 imminent

adj. ready to take place: **incoming**

s. impending, proximate, approaching, brewing, pending

743 languish

i. *v.* to be or **become** feeble, **weak**, or enervated: **decline**

s. deteriorate, enfeeble, fade, flag, weaken

ii. *v.* to **become dispirited**

744 pliant

i. *adj.* **supple** enough to bend freely or repeatedly without breaking: **pliable**

s. plastic, ductile, malleable, moldable, supple

ii. *adj.* **easily influenced**: **yielding**

745 aberrant

adj. **deviating from** the right or **normal** way: **abnormal**

s. anomalous, atypical, deviant, heteroclite, preternatural

746 arbiter

n. a **person** or agency whose judgment or opinion is considered **authoritative**

747 eulogy

n. a **commendatory** oration or **writing** especially in honor of one deceased: **encomium**

s. citation, panegyric, salutation, tribute, adulation

a. vilification

748 vexation

i. *n.* the act of harassing or **worrying**: **troubling**

ii. *n.* the quality or state of **being annoyed**: **irritation**

s. aggravation, irking, provocation, vexing

749 culpable

adj. meriting condemnation or blame especially as wrong or harmful: blameworthy
s. amiss, censurable, reprehensible, sinful, unholy

750 jubilant

adj. filled with or expressing great joy or triumph: exultant
s. exulting, ecstatic, euphoric, triumphal, triumphant

751 palatable

adj. agreeable or acceptable to the taste or the mind
s. appetizing, flavorsome, gusty, relishing, sapid, savory

752 foolhardy

adj. foolishly adventurous and bold: rash
s. audacious, daredevil, reckless, temerarious, venturous
a. chary, circumspect, wary, discreet, judicious, prudent

753 consonant

adj. being in agreement or harmony: free from elements making for discord: consistent
s. accordant, concurrent, agreeable, compatible, congruous
a. discrepant

754 chastise

- i.* *v.* to censure severely: castigate
s. chasten, baste, belabor, thrash
- ii.* *v.* to inflict punishment on: punish
s. discipline

755 recapitulate

v. to restate briefly: summarize
s. epitomize, sum, recap, reiterate

756 importune

v. to beg, urge, or solicit persistently or troublesomely
s. appeal, beseech, entreat, implore, plead, supplicate

757 puissant

adj. having strength or power: powerful
s. forceful, mighty, potent, commanding, ruling

758 rash

adj. marked by or proceeding from undue haste or lack of deliberation or caution: adventurous
s. brash, ill-advised, madcap, reckless, impetuous, impulsive

a. cautious, considerate, wary, circumspect, chary, level-headed

759 indulge

- i.* *v.* to yield to the desire of: **humor**
s. cater to, gratify, please, regale, cosset, coddle
- ii.* *v.* to **treat with** excessive **leniency**, generosity, or consideration

760 scrupulous

- i.* *adj.* having **moral integrity**: acting in strict regard for what is considered proper: **conscientious**
s. upright, fair-minded, upstanding, principled
- ii.* *adj.* punctiliously **exact**: **painstaking**
s. conscionable, fussy, heedful, meticulous, painstaking, punctilious

1. Match the explanation on the left with the word on the right

Group 01

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|------------------------------|-------|----------|
| 1. rude or uncouth | _____ | pliant |
| 2. ready to take place | _____ | languish |
| 3. become weak or dispirited | _____ | imminent |
| 4. easily influenced; supple | _____ | boorish |
| 5. deviating from normality | _____ | aberrant |

Group 02

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|-------------------------|-------|----------|
| 1. authoritative person | _____ | vexation |
| 2. commendatory writing | _____ | jubilant |
| 3. worrying; irritation | _____ | eulogy |
| 4. meriting blame | _____ | culpable |
| 5. filled with joy | _____ | arbiter |

Group 03

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|------------------------------------|-------|--------------|
| 1. agreeable or acceptable | _____ | recapitulate |
| 2. foolishly adventurous | _____ | palatable |
| 3. in agreement; free from discord | _____ | foolhardy |
| 4. severely censure; punish | _____ | consonant |
| 5. restate or summarize | _____ | chastise |

Group 04

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|---|-------|------------|
| 1. troublesomely urge | _____ | scrupulous |
| 2. powerful | _____ | rash |
| 3. lacking caution, hasty | _____ | puissant |
| 4. yield to the desire; treat with leniency | _____ | indulge |
| 5. having moral integrity; painstaking | _____ | importune |

2. Circle the word with different meanings from the rest of the group

Group 01

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|----------------|--------------|-----------|
| a. loutish | urbane | rugged |
| b. deteriorate | balloon | flag |
| c. rigid | ductile | malleable |
| d. panegyric | vilification | tribute |
| e. amiss | censurable | acquitted |

Group 02

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|--------------|------------|-------------|
| a. discreet | judicious | temerarious |
| b. agreeable | discrepant | congruous |

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|---------------|------------|-------------|
| c. impuissant | potent | commanding |
| d. cosset | coddle | afflict |
| e. heedless | meticulous | painstaking |

3. Replace the underlined word with another word you have just learned in this unit

Group 01

1. Ever since the Pilgrims crashed the Wampanoag tribe's Thanksgiving dinner, Americans have been earning a reputation as ill-mannered international travelers.
2. There's no immediate threat of the government being overthrown, but the enemies have gained momentum.
3. They say the extra freedom and money will help the best to become better, while the not-so-good worsen and fall further behind.
4. The documents suggest that extremists find youths easier to recruit than adults and that they become more compliant disciples of militant Islam.
5. The sandbox I like playing in the most is exactly where these odd and sometimes anomalous findings surface.

Group 02

1. Under California law, though, criminals can be equally guilty even if they don't commit the actual murder.
2. They were in delighted mood after the victory announcement early on Friday morning.
3. Scientists do not know what accounts for all these animal casualties, and until they do, it would be impulsive to pursue experiments in humans.
4. The participation of developing countries in international financial decision-making processes must be consistent with their growing importance in global trade and financial relations
5. For the 30 years of his father's iron-fisted rule, information in Syria was handled with thorough care.

Unit 39

Quick Preview

<input type="checkbox"/> credulous	<input type="checkbox"/> indignation	<input type="checkbox"/> disenfranchise	<input type="checkbox"/> extol
<input type="checkbox"/> elicit	<input type="checkbox"/> sanctimonious	<input type="checkbox"/> torpid	<input type="checkbox"/> subvert
<input type="checkbox"/> exasperate	<input type="checkbox"/> foment	<input type="checkbox"/> colloquial	<input type="checkbox"/> largess
<input type="checkbox"/> serene	<input type="checkbox"/> presage	<input type="checkbox"/> patronize	<input type="checkbox"/> vanquish
<input type="checkbox"/> stigma	<input type="checkbox"/> excoriate	<input type="checkbox"/> unseemly	<input type="checkbox"/> probity

761 credulous

adj. **ready to believe** especially on slight or uncertain evidence

s. naive, unsophisticated, dupable, gullible

a. suspicious, skeptical, distrustful

762 elicit

v. to draw forth or **bring out**: **educe**

s. evince, evoke, extort, extract, milk

a. eschew, forego, abandon

763 exasperate

v. to **excite** the **anger** or annoyance of: **enrage**, **irritate**

s. aggravate, gall, nettle, peeve, pique, rile, roil

a. appease, mollify

764 serene

adj. marked by or suggestive of **utter calm** and unruffled repose or **quietude**

s. collected, composed, placid, poised, tranquil

a. agitated, disquieted, upset

765 stigma

n. a mark of **shame** or discredit: **stain**

s. besmirchment, disfigurement, smudge, smutch, taint, disgrace

766 indignation

n. **anger** aroused by something unjust, unworthy, or mean

s. fury, ire, rage, wrath

767 sanctimonious

adj. **hypocritically** pious or **devout**: **hypocritical**

s. canting, pharisaical, self-righteous

768 foment

v. to **promote** the growth or development of: **rouse**, **incite**

s. abet, instigate, provoke, stir, whip, goad, spur

a. quell, repress, suppress

769 presage

v. to **give** an omen or **prediction** of: **foreshadow**

s. augur, forebode, portend, harbinger, herald, prefigure, prognosticate

770 excoriate

i. *v.* to **wear off** the skin of: **abrade**

s. chafe, fret, gall, rub

ii. *v.* to **censure** scathingly

s. lambaste, castigate, scarify, scathe, scourge

771 disenfranchise

v. to **deprive of** a franchise, of a legal **right**, or of some privilege or immunity

s. marginalize, exclude, subjugate, disqualify

772 torpid

i. *adj.* **lacking** in **energy** or vigor: **dull**

s. apathetic, lethargic, listless, slumberous

a. vigorous, vital, spirited

ii. *adj.* **sluggish** in functioning or acting

773 colloquial

adj. used in or characteristic of familiar and **unacceptably informal** conversation: **vernacular**

774 patronize

i. *v.* to act as patron of: **provide** aid or **support** for

ii. *v.* to adopt an air of **condescension** toward: **treat haughtily** or coolly

775 unseemly

adj. **not according with** established **standards** of good form or taste: **indecorous**

s. indelicate, malodorous, unbecoming, untoward

a. prim, restrained, starchy, gracious, polished, refined

776 extol

v. to **praise** highly: **glorify**

s. celebrate, eulogize, hymn, laud, magnify, panegyryze

a. decry, deprecate, belittle, disparage, denounce

777 subvert

v. to **overturn** or **overthrow** from the foundation: **ruin**

s. sabotage, undermine, wreck, overthrow, demolish

778 largess

n. **liberal giving** to or as if to an inferior: **generosity**
s. munificence, bounty, liberality, charity

779 vanquish

n. to overcome in battle: **subdue** completely: **conquer**
s. crush, defeat, overpower, subdue, subjugate

780 probity

n. **adherence to** the highest **principles** and ideals: **uprightness**
s. morality, rectitude, integrity, righteousness, virtue

1. Match the explanation on the left with the word on the right

Group 01

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|-------------------------|-------|------------|
| 1. ready to believe | _____ | stigma |
| 2. bring out, educe | _____ | serene |
| 3. excite anger, enrage | _____ | exasperate |
| 4. calm and quiet | _____ | elicit |
| 5. shame or stain | _____ | credulous |

Group 02

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|------------------------------|-------|---------------|
| 1. anger | _____ | sanctimonious |
| 2. hypocritically devout | _____ | presage |
| 3. promote or rouse | _____ | indignation |
| 4. give prediction | _____ | foment |
| 5. wear off, abrade; censure | _____ | excoriate |

Group 03

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|--|-------|----------------|
| 1. deprive of legal right | _____ | colloquial |
| 2. lacking energy; sluggish | _____ | disenfranchise |
| 3. unacceptably informal | _____ | patronize |
| 4. provide aid, support; haughtily treat | _____ | torpid |
| 5. not according with standards | _____ | unseemly |

Group 04

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|---|-------|----------|
| 1. highly praise | _____ | extol |
| 2. overturn or overthrow | _____ | largess |
| 3. liberal giving, generosity | _____ | probity |
| 4. completely subdue | _____ | subvert |
| 5. adherence to principles, uprightness | _____ | vanquish |

2. Circle the word with different meanings from the rest of the group

Group 01

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|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| a. dupable | gullible | skeptical |
| b. eschew | forego | extract |
| c. gall | mollify | peeve |
| d. agitated | poised | tranquil |
| e. abet | instigate | quell |

Group 02

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|--------------|------------|-------------|
| a. subjugate | disqualify | enfranchise |
| b. apathetic | vigorous | lethargic |

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|--------------|-----------|------------|
| c. prim | untoward | starchy |
| d. hymn | deprecate | panegyryze |
| e. rectitude | integrity | iniquity |

3. *Replace the underlined word with another word you have just learned in this unit*

Group 01

1. BBC's website will allow people to find out what is held where, and perhaps bring about information about private collections.
2. The development is likely to madden many Nigerians given the immense burden it brings to the arena.
3. Wood paneling, thick carpets, and pastoral landscapes in heavy frames offer a(n) peaceful contrast to the hubbub below.
4. At first, there had been signs of a panic among the bondholders and of a dangerous anger among the public.
5. Now, instead of organizing parent-trigger campaigns, the nonprofit is focusing on developing parent leaders to rouse their own change.

Group 02

1. The drop-off in commodity prices underscored a growing concern among investors that geopolitical uncertainties could foreshadow a weaker economic outlook.
2. This is the same behavior for which they criticize households who accumulated too much mortgage and credit card debt.
3. Ms. McNeill led the debate and told MSPs that the move would exclude hundreds of people who did not have access to the internet.
4. And I don't think the American people will look very kindly on that type of inappropriate departure from this longstanding bipartisan tradition.
5. The theory is that honesty canteens will teach young Indonesians habits of morality that will discourage them from sliding into corrupt practices later in life.

Unit 40

Quick Preview

<input type="checkbox"/> aggregate	<input type="checkbox"/> exuberant	<input type="checkbox"/> circumvent	<input type="checkbox"/> implausible
<input type="checkbox"/> perpetuate	<input type="checkbox"/> champion	<input type="checkbox"/> bridle	<input type="checkbox"/> ingenuous
<input type="checkbox"/> incriminate	<input type="checkbox"/> dearth	<input type="checkbox"/> mitigate	<input type="checkbox"/> eccentric
<input type="checkbox"/> salutary	<input type="checkbox"/> sordid	<input type="checkbox"/> enormity	<input type="checkbox"/> tempered
<input type="checkbox"/> denote	<input type="checkbox"/> illicit	<input type="checkbox"/> opprobrium	<input type="checkbox"/> refulgence

781 aggregate

- i.* *v.* to **collect** or **gather** into a mass or whole
s. agglomeration, aggregation, conglomeration
- ii.* *n.* the whole **sum** or amount
- iii.* *adj.* formed by the collection of units or particles into a body, mass, or amount: **collective**

782 perpetuate

- v.* to **make permanent** or cause to **last indefinitely**
- s.* eternalize, eternize, immortalize, conserve, preserve
- a.* annihilate, erase, expunge, obliterate

783 incriminate

- v.* to **charge with** or show evidence or proof of involvement in a **crime** or fault
- s.* accuse, criminate, impeach, inculcate, indict
- a.* exonerate, exculpate, absolve

784 salutary

- i.* *adj.* **promoting health**: **curative**
s. healthful, hygienic, salubrious, salutiferous, wholesome, tonic
a. debilitating, enfeebling, weakening, deleterious
- ii.* *adj.* producing a **beneficial** effect: **remedial**

785 denote

- v.* to serve as an **indication** of: **betoken**, **mean**

786 exuberant

- i.* *adj.* produced **in** extreme **abundance**: **plentiful**
s. profuse, lavish, lush, luxuriant, opulent
a. scanty, spare, scarce, exiguous
- ii.* *adj.* joyously **unrestrained** and **enthusiastic**: **flamboyant**
s. brash, ebullient, effervescent, vivacious, zestful
a. austere, constrained, inhibited, repressed, subdued

787 champion

- v.* to **act as** militant **supporter** of: **uphold**, **advocate**

- s.* advocate, backstop, side with, uphold
- a.* withstand, condemn, denounce, combat

788 dearth

- n.* an inadequate supply: **lack**
- s.* privation, want, scarcity, exiguousness, meagerness, scanty, paucity
- a.* excess, superfluity, surplus, lavishness, prodigality, profusion

789 sordid

- i.* *adj.* **dirty** or **filthy**
 - s.* foul, nasty, squalid
- ii.* *adj.* marked by **baseness** or grossness: **vile**
 - s.* despicable, ignoble, mean, scurvy, wretched
- iii.* *adj.* meanly **avaricious**: **covetous**

790 illicit

- adj.* not permitted: **unlawful**
- s.* criminal, illegal, illegitimate, wrongful

791 circumvent

- v.* to manage to **get around** especially by ingenuity or stratagem: **bypass**
- s.* skirt, sidestep, circumnavigate, detour

792 bridle

- v.* to **restrain**, **check**, or control with or as if with a bridle
- s.* check, constrain, curb, inhibit, withhold

793 mitigate

- v.* to **make less severe** or painful: **alleviate**, **mollify**
- s.* relieve, allay, alleviate, assuage, palliate, extenuate
- a.* aggravate, augment, increase, intensify

794 enormity

- i.* *n.* an **outrageous**, improper, vicious, or **immoral act**
 - s.* atrocity, heinousness, monstrousness, depravity, flagrancy
- ii.* *n.* the quality or state of **being huge**: **immensity**
 - s.* enormousness, magnitude, tremendousness, vastness
 - a.* diminutiveness, minuteness, tininess, triviality

795 opprobrium

- i.* *n.* public **disgrace** or **ill fame** that follows from conduct considered grossly wrong or vicious
 - s.* ignominy, infamy, obloquy, odium, disesteem
- ii.* *n.* **contempt**, **reproach**

796 implausible

adj. **not reasonable**: provoking disbelief

797 ingenuous

adj. showing **innocent** or childlike simplicity and **candidness**

s. artless, naive, unaffected, unschooled

a. covert, furtive, surreptitious, underhand, guileful, sly

798 eccentric

adj. **deviating** from conventional conduct especially in **odd** or **whimsical** ways: **strange**

s. curious, erratic, idiosyncratic, odd, peculiar, queer

799 tempered

adj. qualified, **lessened**, or diluted by the mixture of an additional ingredient: **moderated**

s. restrained, diluted, softened, pacified

800 refulgence

n. a radiant or **resplendent quality** or state: **brilliance**

s. beam, effulgence, incandescence, luster, radiance

1. Match the explanation on the left with the word on the right

Group 01

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|---------------------------------|-------|-------------|
| 1. collect or gather; sum | _____ | aggregate |
| 2. make permanent | _____ | denote |
| 3. charge with crime | _____ | incriminate |
| 4. promoting health; beneficial | _____ | perpetuate |
| 5. indicate or betoken | _____ | salutary |

Group 02

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|--|-------|-----------|
| 1. abundant; unrestrained and enthusiastic | _____ | sordid |
| 2. uphold or advocate | _____ | illicit |
| 3. inadequate supply | _____ | dearth |
| 4. dirty; base; avaricious | _____ | exuberant |
| 5. unlawful | _____ | champion |

Group 03

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|-------------------------|-------|------------|
| 1. get around | _____ | opprobrium |
| 2. restrain or check | _____ | mitigate |
| 3. make less severe | _____ | enormity |
| 4. immoral act; huge | _____ | circumvent |
| 5. disgrace or ill fame | _____ | bridle |

Group 04

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|-----------------------------------|-------|-------------|
| 1. not reasonable | _____ | tempered |
| 2. innocent and candid | _____ | refulgence |
| 3. deviating from convention, odd | _____ | ingenuous |
| 4. lessened or moderated | _____ | implausible |
| 5. resplendent quality | _____ | eccentric |

2. Circle the word with different meanings from the rest of the group

Group 01

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|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| a. aggregation | conglomeration | segregation |
| b. annihilate | eternize | expunge |
| c. impeach | exculpate | absolve |
| d. hygienic | salubrious | deleterious |
| e. brash | subdued | effervescent |

Group 02

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|---------------|----------|----------|
| a. withstand | backstop | denounce |
| b. meagerness | plethora | paucity |

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| c. scurvy | wretched | gallant |
| d. aggravate | palliate | extenuate |
| e. magnitude | diminutiveness | triviality |

3. *Replace the underlined word with another word you have just learned in this unit*

Group 01

- Others argue that the companies don't collect personally identifiable data, only collective data from many users.
- The Kims are also accused of wanting to continue their influence through their children.
- On Thursday, French media, citing unnamed sources, reported that investigators had found nothing to accuse the former managers, who deny wrong-doing.
- Asians, who have prospered greatly from the postwar growth of exports, must think Americans are nuts to protest something as self-evidently beneficial as free trade.
- The new company continued to benefit from Brazil's lively domestic economy, with stable growth and a swelling middle class.

Group 02

- There is no shortage of workforce in the country, but there is a lack of committed and dedicated workers.
- Businesses would experience an efficiency enhancement by eliminating the need to bypass byzantine tax regulations.
- Rather than restrain government bureaucracy, Obama wishes to encumber success even as private income provides the fountain from which his public redistribution schemes flow.
- On-going and increased efforts to moderate climate change through reduction in greenhouse gases are therefore crucial.
- Fischer became an American idol, but his later life was dominated by his erratic, strange behavior.

Unit 41

Quick Preview

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|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> manifest | <input type="checkbox"/> impugn | <input type="checkbox"/> industrious | <input type="checkbox"/> ebullience |
| <input type="checkbox"/> reprove | <input type="checkbox"/> artless | <input type="checkbox"/> misconstrue | <input type="checkbox"/> renege |
| <input type="checkbox"/> plumb | <input type="checkbox"/> temperance | <input type="checkbox"/> unanimous | <input type="checkbox"/> commiserate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> censor | <input type="checkbox"/> epitome | <input type="checkbox"/> versed | <input type="checkbox"/> trenchant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> reticent | <input type="checkbox"/> impeccable | <input type="checkbox"/> insipid | <input type="checkbox"/> nominal |

801 manifest

- i.* *adj.* **easily understood** or recognized by the mind: **obvious**, **evident**
s. apparent, distinct, palpable, patent, plain, straightforward
a. implicit, obscure
- ii.* *v.* to **make evident** or certain by showing or displaying: **show**
s. demonstrate, evince, exhibit, mark, proclaim

802 reprove

- v.* to **express disapproval** of: **censure**
s. admonish, chide, rebuke, reprimand, reproach, reprehend

803 plumb

- i.* *v.* exactly **vertical** or true: **perpendicular**
- ii.* *v.* to **examine minutely** and critically

804 censor

- v.* to examine in order to **suppress** or **delete anything** considered **objectionable**
s. bowdlerize, expurgate, screen, purify

805 reticent

- adj.* inclined to be **silent** or **uncommunicative** in speech: **reserved**
s. taciturn, cagey, discreet, inhibited, reserved
a. garrulous, chatty, loquacious, voluble

806 impugn

- v.* to **assail** by words or arguments: **oppose** or **attack** as false or lacking integrity
s. contradict, contravene, gainsay, negate, traverse
a. advocate, authenticate, uphold

807 artless

- i.* *adj.* free from artificiality: **natural**
- ii.* *adj.* **free from guile** or craft: **sincerely simple**
a. affected, cunning, sly, calculating, scheming, insincere

808 temperance

n. **moderation** in action, thought, or feeling: **restraint**

a. radicalness, extremeness, excess

809 epitome

i. *n.* a typical or ideal **example**: **embodiment**

ii. *n.* a **brief presentation** or statement of something: **summary**

s. abstract, recapitulation, sum, synopsis

810 impeccable

adj. **free from fault** or blame: **flawless**

s. exquisite, immaculate, irreproachable, infallible

a. defective, deficient, faulty, culpable

811 industrious

adj. **constantly**, regularly, or habitually **active** or occupied: **diligent**

s. assiduous, operose, sedulous, persevering

a. indolent, slothful, idle, lethargic, sluggish

812 misconstrue

v. to **interpret** in the **wrong** way: **misunderstand**

813 unanimous

adj. formed with or **indicating agreement**: having the **consent** of all

s. consentaneous, consentient, solid, concordant, concurrent

814 versed

adj. acquainted or **familiar through** close association, study, or **experience**

s. practiced, seasoned, veteran, competent, *au courant*, versant

815 insipid

i. *adj.* **lacking taste** or savor: **tasteless**

s. bland, unpalatable, flat, unappetizing, unsavory

ii. *adj.* **lacking** in qualities that **interest**, stimulate, or challenge: **dull**, **flat**

s. banal, bland, inane, innocuous, jejune, sapless, vapid

a. sapid, piquant, pungent, racy, gingery, spirited, provocative

816 ebullience

n. the quality of **lively** or **enthusiastic expression** of thoughts or feelings: **exuberance**

s. buoyancy, effervescence, animation, vitality, exhilaration, ferment

817 renege

i. *v.* to **go back on** a promise or commitment

ii. *v.* to **deny** or **renounce**

818 commiserate

- v.* to **feel** or express **sympathy**: **console**
- s.* compassionate, ache, pity, sympathize

819 trenchant

- i.* *adj.* **sharply perceptive**: **keen**
 - s.* penetrating, biting, incisive, piercing
- ii.* *adj.* **harsh** or corrosive **in tone**: **caustic**
 - s.* mordacious, mordant, salty, scathing, scalding, scorching

820 nominal

- adj.* existing or being something **in name** or form **only**: **trifling**, **insignificant**

Instant Review 41

1. Match the explanation on the left with the word on the right

Group 01

- | | | |
|---|-------|----------|
| 1. easily understood; make evident | _____ | reticent |
| 2. express disapproval | _____ | reprove |
| 3. vertical; minutely examine | _____ | plumb |
| 4. examine and delete objectionable content | _____ | manifest |
| 5. silent or uncommunicative | _____ | censor |

Group 02

- | | | |
|-----------------------------|-------|------------|
| 1. oppose or attack | _____ | temperance |
| 2. free from guile; natural | _____ | impugn |
| 3. moderation | _____ | impeccable |
| 4. example; summary | _____ | epitome |
| 5. free from fault | _____ | artless |

Group 03

- | | | |
|--------------------------------|-------|-------------|
| 1. habitually active, diligent | _____ | versed |
| 2. misunderstand | _____ | unanimous |
| 3. indicating agreement | _____ | misconstrue |
| 4. familiar through experience | _____ | insipid |
| 5. lacking taste or interest | _____ | industrious |

Group 04

- | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------|-------------|
| 1. lively or enthusiastic expression | _____ | trenchant |
| 2. go back on; break | _____ | renege |
| 3. feel sympathy | _____ | nominal |
| 4. harsh in tone; sharply perceptive | _____ | ebullience |
| 5. only in name | _____ | commiserate |

2. Circle the word with different meanings from the rest of the group

Group 01

- | | | |
|-----------------|------------|------------|
| a. palpable | patent | implicit |
| b. bowdlerize | adulterate | expurgate |
| c. taciturn | cagey | voluble |
| d. authenticate | contravene | gainsay |
| e. exquisite | culpable | immaculate |

Group 02

- | | | |
|--------------|------------|------------|
| a. assiduous | lethargic | sedulous |
| b. unanimous | discrepant | concurrent |

c. seasoned	verdant	<i>au courant</i>
d. bland	racy	innocuous
e. penetrating	biting	blunt

3. Replace the underlined word with another word you have just learned in this unit

Group 01

1. She is intrigued to see how her experience on the Cape Farewell Expedition will demonstrate itself in her music.
2. Einstein's claim encouraged other researchers to explore the secrets of the atom, eventually opening the way for nuclear power and atomic weapons.
3. The problem is so severe that even normally quiet officials will openly admit the problem.
4. So natural is her approach, with its ambling conversation and hovering, on-the-spot camerawork, and so generous are her actors that we wind up half-believing what is, by any standard, a ridiculous conceit.
5. While other owners and league executives branded Davis a renegade, friends and former players found him the representation of loyalty.

Group 02

1. Although he admits knowing little about the technical side of software, his marketing instincts are flawless.
2. The cabinet draft makes clear that future bailouts need the common approval of all euro-zone members.
3. But the Lancet uses language that is likely to be impenetrable to anyone not experienced in the scientific literature.
4. Rovers looked shell-shocked for the remainder of the half and a woeful sliced effort from Hoilett just before the break summed up a(n) boring display that drew loud boos from the home fans at half-time.
5. The Catholic Church, which is still recovering from its pedophile scandal, is much less harsh on gay marriage than it is about abortion.

Unit 42

Quick Preview

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| <input type="checkbox"/> squelch | <input type="checkbox"/> incisive | <input type="checkbox"/> solicitous | <input type="checkbox"/> untoward |
| <input type="checkbox"/> deprecate | <input type="checkbox"/> aggrandize | <input type="checkbox"/> discordant | <input type="checkbox"/> laconic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> enamor | <input type="checkbox"/> bleak | <input type="checkbox"/> unremitting | <input type="checkbox"/> illustrious |
| <input type="checkbox"/> winsome | <input type="checkbox"/> parsimonious | <input type="checkbox"/> thrifty | <input type="checkbox"/> circuitous |
| <input type="checkbox"/> compunction | <input type="checkbox"/> glib | <input type="checkbox"/> robust | <input type="checkbox"/> astute |

821 squelch

- i.* *v.* to completely **suppress**: **quell**
s. muffle, repress, shush, strangle
- ii.* *v.* to fall or stamp on so as to **crush**

822 deprecate

- i.* *v.* to **express disapproval** of
s. discommend, discountenance, disfavor, frown, object
a. commend, accredit, endorse, sanction, approbate, countenance
- ii.* *v.* to play down: **belittle**, **disparage**

823 enamor

- v.* to cause to **feel** a strong or **excessive interest** or fascination
- s.* infatuate, bewitch, captivate, enchant, entrance

824 winsome

- adj.* generally **pleasing** and engaging often because of a childlike **charm** and innocence
- s.* dulcet, engaging, winning

825 compunction

- n.* **anxiety** or **regret** arising from awareness **of guilt**: **qualm**
- s.* penitence, attrition, contrition, penance, remorse, repentance, rue

826 incisive

- adj.* impressively **direct** and **decisive**
- s.* biting, crisp, penetrating, trenchant, sharp
- a.* diffuse, prolix, verbose, wordy

827 aggrandize

- i.* *v.* to **make** great or **greater**: **increase**, **enlarge**
s. augment, boost, expand, magnify, multiply, amplify
- ii.* *v.* to **enhance** the power, wealth, position, or **reputation** of: **exalt**
s. dignify, distinguish, ennoble, erect, glorify, magnify, sublime
a. belittle, disparage, decry, depreciate

828 bleak

- i.* *adj.* **not hopeful** or encouraging: **depressing**
s. gloomy, depressing, disheartening, dismal, dreary, somber
- ii.* *adj.* **lacking** in warmth, life, or **kindliness**: **grim**
s. austere, dour, harsh, stringent

829 parsimonious

- adj.* **frugal** to the point of **stinginess**
s. stingy, miserly, niggardly, penurious, tightfisted
a. prodigal, profligate, spendthrift, extravagant

830 glib

- i.* *adj.* **lacking depth** and substance: **superficial**
- ii.* *adj.* marked by ease and **fluency** in speaking often to the point of being **insincere** or **deceitful**
s. vocative, voluble, articulate, eloquent, vocal

831 solicitous

- i.* *adj.* **full of concern** or fears: **concerned**
s. anxious, appetent, ardent, avid, keen
- ii.* *adj.* **meticulously** careful: **attentive**

832 discordant

- adj.* being **at variance**: **disagreeing**
s. frictional, dissenting, jarring, dissonant
a. concordant, harmonious, accordant, congruous

833 unremitting

- adj.* not remitting: **constant**, **incessant**
s. continual, ceaseless, everlasting, interminable, perpetual

834 thrifty

- i.* *adj.* given to or marked by **economy** and good management: **frugal**, **sparing**
s. economical, provident, prudent, conserving
- ii.* *adj.* **thriving** by industry and frugality: **prosperous**
s. flourishing, booming, robust, blooming, burgeoning

835 robust

- i.* *adj.* having or **showing vigor**, **strength**, or firmness: **sturdy**
s. concentrated, lusty, potent, vigorous
- ii.* *adj.* **rough**, **rude**

836 untoward

- i.* *adj.* **difficult to** guide, **manage**, or work with: **unruly**
s. fractious, indocile, intractable, recalcitrant

ii. *adj.* not favorable: **adverse**, **unpropitious**

837 laconic

adj. **concise** to the point of seeming **rude** or mysterious
s. compendiarly, compendious, curt, succinct, terse, brusque
a. garrulous, glib, loquacious, verbose, wordy

838 illustrious

adj. **notably** or brilliantly **outstanding** because of dignity or achievements: **eminent**
s. celebrated, distinguished, notable, prominent, renowned
a. abject, disgraceful, ignoble, ignominious, infamous

839 circuitous

adj. **not** being forthright or **direct** in language or action: **indirect**
s. circular, oblique, roundabout, tortuous

840 astute

adj. having or showing **shrewdness** and **perspicacity**: **perceptive**
s. cagey, perspicacious, sagacious, prudent

Instant Review 42

1. Match the explanation on the left with the word on the right

Group 01

- | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------|-------------|
| 1. completely suppress; crush | _____ | winsome |
| 2. express disapproval; belittle | _____ | squelch |
| 3. feel excessive interest; fascinate | _____ | enamor |
| 4. pleasing and charming | _____ | deprecate |
| 5. anxiety or regret | _____ | compunction |

Group 02

- | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------|--------------|
| 1. direct and decisive | _____ | aggrandize |
| 2. make greater; enhance reputation | _____ | bleak |
| 3. not hopeful; lacking kindliness | _____ | glib |
| 4. lacking depth | _____ | incisive |
| 5. insincerely fluent | _____ | parsimonious |

Group 03

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|---|-------|-------------|
| 1. full of concern; carefully attentive | _____ | discordant |
| 2. at variance | _____ | robust |
| 3. constant or incessant | _____ | solicitous |
| 4. economical or frugal; thriving | _____ | thrifty |
| 5. showing vigor and strength | _____ | unremitting |

Group 04

- | | | |
|-----------------------------|-------|-------------|
| 1. difficult to manage | _____ | astute |
| 2. rudely concise | _____ | circuitous |
| 3. notably outstanding | _____ | illustrious |
| 4. indirect | _____ | laconic |
| 5. shrewd and perspicacious | _____ | untoward |

2. Circle the word with different meanings from the rest of the group

Group 01

- | | | |
|---------------|-----------|------------|
| a. sanction | approve | frown |
| b. contrition | serenity | penance |
| c. diffuse | trenchant | sharp |
| d. dignify | erect | belittle |
| e. dismal | dreary | heartening |

Group 02

- | | | |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| a. penurious | tightfisted | spendthrift |
| b. taciturn | articulate | eloquent |

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|-----------------|-------------|--------------|
| c. frictional | unanimous | jarring |
| d. intermittent | unremitting | interminable |
| e. prominent | renowned | ignominious |

3. Replace the underlined word with another word you have just learned in this unit

Group 01

1. But with each website that launched advertising deeply discounted meals and massages, I became more fascinated with saving money.
2. His strikingly humane U.S. debut views the enslavement of humankind and individual human loneliness with the same charming intimacy, in the process making them feel strangely related.
3. Thailand's Special Forces don't suffer from ageism, and they had no regret in killing all of the rebels.
4. He grabbed a megaphone to voice his support, though things continue to look depressing.
5. Investors should always guard against the superficial assertions of pundits who claim they can detect bubbles before they burst.

Group 02

1. Vivian was to be polite and helpful, in terms of offering water or coffee or directing them to the rest rooms in the hallway, but not overly attentive and definitely not optimistic in any way.
2. Moosa said he would not be surprised if some time down the line, disagreeing voices rise up in Tunisia to advocate for what they view as genuine Sharia.
3. Backward castes found a political voice and an apparent sense of empowerment under Lalu Prasad Yadav's long rule, but those years also dragged the state into the dark pit of crime, violence and continuous poverty.
4. When savings are melting away being sparing can sometimes be the road to ruin.
5. But even in periods of the relatively strong global growth there will be weak spots.

Unit 43

Quick Preview

<input type="checkbox"/> ossify	<input type="checkbox"/> doleful	<input type="checkbox"/> inept	<input type="checkbox"/> estimable
<input type="checkbox"/> prolix	<input type="checkbox"/> archetype	<input type="checkbox"/> renaissance	<input type="checkbox"/> fulsome
<input type="checkbox"/> jocular	<input type="checkbox"/> stymie	<input type="checkbox"/> filibuster	<input type="checkbox"/> surrogate
<input type="checkbox"/> salient	<input type="checkbox"/> inundate	<input type="checkbox"/> strain	<input type="checkbox"/> tact
<input type="checkbox"/> qualm	<input type="checkbox"/> pernicious	<input type="checkbox"/> mendacious	<input type="checkbox"/> lambaste

841 ossify

n. to **become** hardened or **conventional** and **opposed to change**: **fix**
s. petrify, fossilize, solidify, harden

842 prolix

adj. marked by or using an **excess of words**
s. wordy, diffuse, long-winded, redundant, verbose, windy
a. taciturn, reticent, reserved, introverted

843 jocular

adj. given to **joking**: habitually jolly or **jocund**: **playful**
s. witty, facetious, jocose, jovial, ludicrous
a. earnest, grave, sober, solemn

844 salient

adj. **standing out** conspicuously: **prominent**, **noticeable**
s. arresting, conspicuous, remarkable, signal, striking

845 qualm

n. a feeling of **uneasiness** about a point especially of conscience or propriety
s. compunction, conscience, scruple, misgiving

846 doleful

adj. **full of grief** or affliction: **cheerless**, **sad**
s. melancholy, dolorous, lamentable, lugubrious, mournful, plaintive, woeful
a. blithe, blithesome, radiant, sparkling

847 archetype

n. a perfect **example**: **prototype**
s. model, exemplar, mirror, paradigm, pattern

848 stymie

v. to **present** an **obstacle** to: stand in the way of: **block**
s. hinder, hamper, thwart, impede, encumber, obstruct

849 inundate

- n.* to **cover with** or as if with a **flood**: **overflow**, **overwhelm**
s. deluge, engulf, submerge, swamp

850 pernicious

- adj.* highly **injurious** or **destructive**: **deadly**
s. baneful, noxious, pestiferous, deleterious, detrimental

851 inept

- i.* *adj.* **lacking** in fitness or **aptitude**: **unfit**, **incompetent**
s. inapt, clumsy, gauche, ham-handed, maladroit
ii. *adj.* **not suitable** to the time, place, or occasion: **inappropriate** often to an absurd degree
s. improper, malapropos, undue, unseemly

852 renaissance

- n.* **rebirth**, **revival**
s. reanimation, renascence, resurgence, resurrection, resuscitation, revivification

853 filibuster

- n.* the use of extreme **dilatory tactics** in an attempt to **delay** or **prevent** action

854 strain

- i.* *v.* to **make** violent **efforts**: **strive**
ii. *v.* to **make** great difficulty or **resistance**: **balk**
s. demur, boggle, scruple, stumble

855 mendacious

- adj.* characterized by **deception** or **falsehood** or divergence from absolute truth: **dishonest**
s. deceitful, knavish, shifty, erroneous, fallacious, spurious, prevaricating
a. veracious

856 estimable

- adj.* worthy of esteem: **reputable**
s. commendable, laudable, meritorious, creditable, reputed, esteemed

857 fulsome

- i.* *adj.* characterized by **abundance**: **copious**
ii. *adj.* aesthetically, morally, or generally **offensive**
iii. *adj.* **excessively** complimentary or **flattering**: **effusive**
s. slick, unctuous, unctuous, hypocritical, glib, cloying

858 surrogate

- v.* to put in the place of another: **substitute**
s. replace, supplant, supersede, displace

859 tact

- n.* a keen sense of what to do in order to maintain good relations with others
- s.* diplomacy, poise, savoir faire, tactfulness, gallantry

860 lambaste

- v.* to attack verbally: censure
- s.* blister, castigate, drub, excoriate, scold

Instant Review 43

1. Match the explanation on the left with the word on the right

Group 01

- | | | |
|-----------------------------|-------|---------|
| 1. become opposed to change | _____ | salient |
| 2. using excessive words | _____ | qualm |
| 3. joking and playful | _____ | prolix |
| 4. standing out, noticeable | _____ | ossify |
| 5. uneasy | _____ | jocular |

Group 02

- | | | |
|-------------------------------|-------|------------|
| 1. full of grief, cheerless | _____ | stymie |
| 2. perfect example | _____ | pernicious |
| 3. present obstacle | _____ | inundate |
| 4. cover with flood, overflow | _____ | doleful |
| 5. injurious or destructive | _____ | archetype |

Group 03

- | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------|-------------|
| 1. lacking aptitude; not suitable | _____ | renaissance |
| 2. rebirth or revival | _____ | mendacious |
| 3. prevent with dilatory tactics | _____ | inept |
| 4. make efforts; resist | _____ | filibuster |
| 5. deceptive and false | _____ | strain |

Group 04

- | | | |
|------------------------|-------|-----------|
| 1. worthy of esteem | _____ | estimable |
| 2. abundant or copious | _____ | fulsome |
| 3. substitute | _____ | lambast |
| 4. sense of what to do | _____ | surrogate |
| 5. verbally attack | _____ | tact |

2. Circle the word with different meanings from the rest of the group

Group 01

- | | | |
|----------------|-----------|-------------|
| a. introverted | diffuse | long-winded |
| b. petrify | fossilize | soften |
| c. facetious | playful | grave |
| d. conspicuous | discreet | signal |
| e. compunction | easiness | scruple |

Group 02

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|---------------|------------|-----------|
| a. lugubrious | blithesome | plaintive |
| b. thwart | endorse | encumber |

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|--------------|-----------|---------------|
| c. baneful | innocuous | pestiferous |
| d. demur | strain | conjoin |
| e. veracious | spurious | prevaricating |

3. *Replace the underlined word with another word you have just learned in this unit*

Group 01

1. But Hu has never attacked the fundamental problem that undermines every well-intentioned edict from Beijing, a(n) fossilized bureaucracy that feeds simultaneously on graft and economic growth.
2. Brian Johnston was the catalyst for an upsurge in the popularity of the program, his humorous style brilliantly complementing the descriptive Arlott.
3. The project has been made more noticeable by the controversies over weather forecasting during the winter.
4. The opposition is expected to intensify its efforts to obstruct government initiatives in the legislature.
5. Authorities warned of widespread and prolonged power outages, flash flooding and storm surges that could flood low-lying communities and possibly submerge subway systems.

Group 02

1. As the crisis enters its third week, the Manila administration looks incompetent and ineffective.
2. Though the act failed to overcome a(n) obstruction last year in the Senate, its supporters remain undeterred.
3. Some reckon its failure to unearth masses of new information is down to a mix of dishonest reticence on the part of key witnesses and the pusillanimity of their inquisitors.
4. None is as large and long-running as Khan's, which is run by the reputable Dr. Mansur Khan, a retired professor and longtime educator, and his wife, also a former teacher.
5. McGeehan's departure had been widely expected and Wasps owner paid flattering tribute to the coaching legend.

Unit 44

Quick Preview

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| <input type="checkbox"/> ineffable | <input type="checkbox"/> chicanery | <input type="checkbox"/> pretext | <input type="checkbox"/> conspicuous |
| <input type="checkbox"/> consummate | <input type="checkbox"/> spurn | <input type="checkbox"/> base | <input type="checkbox"/> succumb |
| <input type="checkbox"/> tentative | <input type="checkbox"/> indefatigable | <input type="checkbox"/> antecedent | <input type="checkbox"/> presumption |
| <input type="checkbox"/> gainsay | <input type="checkbox"/> baleful | <input type="checkbox"/> cosset | <input type="checkbox"/> judicious |
| <input type="checkbox"/> genial | <input type="checkbox"/> tenable | <input type="checkbox"/> lucrative | <input type="checkbox"/> venerate |

861 ineffable

- adj.* incapable of being expressed in words: **indescribable**
s. unutterable, incommunicable, inenarrable

862 consummate

- i. adj.* **complete** in every detail: **perfect**
s. accomplished, ripe, virtuosic, impeccable, superb, supreme
a. callow, crude, uncouth, defective, deficient, inadequate
- ii. v.* to **finish** or complete: **achieve**
s. conclude, halt, terminate, ultimate, wind up

863 tentative

- i. adj.* **not fully** worked out or **developed**: **uncertain**
s. conditional, provisional, *ad interim*, makeshift, temporary
a. conclusive, decisive, definitive, final
- ii. adj.* **unsettled** in mind or opinion: **hesitant**
s. vacillating, faltering, halting, irresolute, wobbly

864 gainsay

- v.* to **declare** to be **untrue** or invalid: **deny**
s. contradict, contravene, impugn, negate, negative, traverse

865 genial

- adj.* marked by or **diffusing sympathy** or **friendliness**
s. gracious, affable, congenial, cordial
a. discourteous, rude, uncivil

866 chicanery

- n.* **deception** by artful **subterfuge** or sophistry: **trickery**
s. fraud, plot, waffle
a. forthrightness, integrity, probity, rectitude

867 spurn

- v.* to **reject with** disdain or **contempt**: **scorn**
s. decline, disapprove, dismiss, reprobate, repudiate

a. embrace, crave, desire

868 indefatigable

adj. incapable of being exhausted: **untiring**

s. unflagging, weariless, assiduous, diligent, painstaking, sedulous

a. dilatory, lagging, procrastinating, indolent, lackadaisical, slothful, sluggish

869 baleful

adj. **deadly** or **pernicious** in influence: **sinister**

s. malefic, maleficent, malign, pernicious, foreboding

a. beneficent, auspicious, benign, propitious

870 tenable

adj. capable of being held, maintained, or defended: **defensible**, **reasonable**

s. impregnable, secure, condonable, plausible

a. vulnerable, precarious, inexcusable

871 pretext

n. a **fictitious reason** that is concocted in order to conceal the real reason

s. excuse, alibi, plea, ruse

872 base

adj. indicating the **lack of higher qualities** of mind or spirit: **ignoble**

s. despicable, sordid, squalid, wretched

a. noble, upright, virtuous, ethical

873 antecedent

i. *n.* a **model** or stimulus for later developments: **predecessor**

s. forerunner, ancestor, antecessor, precursor, prototype

ii. *adj.* **prior**, **preceding**

s. anterior, foregoing, precedent, previous

a. consequent; subsequent

874 cosset

v. to **treat with** excessive **indulgence**: **pamper**

s. cater to, coddle, humor, indulge, mollycoddle, spoil

875 lucrative

adj. producing wealth: **profitable**

s. advantageous, gainful, remunerative

876 conspicuous

adj. **obvious** to the eye or mind: **noticeable**

s. apparent, distinct, evident, manifest, patent, plain

a. covert, concealed

877 succumb

- i.* *v.* to **yield** to superior strength or force or overpowering appeal or desire
s. bow, capitulate, submit, relinquish, resign
- ii.* *v.* to be **brought to an end** by the effect of destructive or disruptive forces: **die**
s. de cease, demise, expire, pass away, perish

878 presumption

- i.* *n.* an attitude or belief dictated by probability: **assumption**
- ii.* *n.* presumptuous or **bold attitude** or conduct: **audacity**
s. effrontery, brashness, brass

879 judicious

adj. having, exercising, or characterized by **sound** judgment: **discreet**
s. prudent, sage, sane, sapient, sensible

880 venerate

v. to **regard with** reverential **respect** or with admiring deference: **revere**
s. adore, reverence, worship, esteem

Instant Review 44

1. Match the explanation on the left with the word on the right

Group 01

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|-----------------------------------|-------|------------|
| 1. indescribable | _____ | tentative |
| 2. complete and perfect; finish | _____ | ineffable |
| 3. not fully developed; unsettled | _____ | genial |
| 4. declare untrue, deny | _____ | gainsay |
| 5. sympathetic and friendly | _____ | consummate |

Group 02

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|-----------------------------|-------|---------------|
| 1. deception by subterfuge | _____ | tenable |
| 2. reject with contempt | _____ | spurn |
| 3. untiring | _____ | indefatigable |
| 4. deadly or pernicious | _____ | chicanery |
| 5. defensible or reasonable | _____ | baleful |

Group 03

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|--------------------------------------|-------|------------|
| 1. fictitious reason | _____ | antecedent |
| 2. lacking higher qualities, ignoble | _____ | base |
| 3. model or predecessor; prior | _____ | cosset |
| 4. treat with indulgence | _____ | lucrative |
| 5. profitable | _____ | pretext |

Group 04

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|------------------------------|-------|-------------|
| 1. obvious or noticeable | _____ | venerate |
| 2. yield; bring to end | _____ | succumb |
| 3. assumption; bold attitude | _____ | presumption |
| 4. sound and discreet | _____ | judicious |
| 5. regard with respect | _____ | conspicuous |

2. Circle the word with different meanings from the rest of the group

Group 01

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|--------------|-------------------|------------|
| a. callow | impeccable | superb |
| b. tentative | <i>ad interim</i> | conclusive |
| c. impugn | submit | traverse |
| d. congenial | discourteous | cordial |
| e. chicanery | probity | rectitude |

Group 02

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|--------------|----------|-----------|
| a. spurn | crave | reprobate |
| b. assiduous | indolent | sedulous |

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|---------------|-------------|------------|
| c. auspicious | pernicious | propitious |
| d. precarious | impregnable | secure |
| e. covert | manifest | patent |

3. *Replace the underlined word with another word you have just learned in this unit*

Group 01

1. Labour's Gordon Prentice suggested Derek Jacobi on the grounds it would take a(n) perfect actor to play a man of as many parts as Mr. Straw.
2. Defense ties have remained uncertain due to long-standing disputes and a lack of trust between the countries.
3. Except when Salvador drank alcohol, he possessed a gentle, friendly temperament.
4. Although most of this deception is utterly illegal, the system of car privileges is an open secret in Ukraine.
5. For some reason, Ibrahim imagines that the money is enough incentive for African leaders to reject corruption, greed and self-interest.

Group 02

1. He also thanked the government of Japan for the help and untiring support in the sphere of preservation of the cultural heritage.
2. The latest discovery suggests that the theory that sub-Saharan Africa borrowed its iron technology from other cultures is no longer justifiable.
3. The prime minister planned to blame the killings on communists as a(n) excuse to imposing a state of emergency.
4. Still, the wealthy have access to much more profitable tax breaks than people with lower incomes.
5. It is to these sacred hills that people make annual pilgrimages bearing miraculous crosses to pray for water and divine protection, worship their ancestors and celebrate their communal identity and continuity.

Unit 45

Quick Preview

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|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> terse | <input type="checkbox"/> staunch | <input type="checkbox"/> haphazard | <input type="checkbox"/> dogmatic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> retrieve | <input type="checkbox"/> intermittent | <input type="checkbox"/> proponent | <input type="checkbox"/> becoming |
| <input type="checkbox"/> exiguous | <input type="checkbox"/> ameliorate | <input type="checkbox"/> callow | <input type="checkbox"/> disseminate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> appease | <input type="checkbox"/> loath | <input type="checkbox"/> animosity | <input type="checkbox"/> vilify |
| <input type="checkbox"/> temerity | <input type="checkbox"/> superfluous | <input type="checkbox"/> ponderable | <input type="checkbox"/> coalesce |

881 terse

- adj.* devoid of superfluity: **concise**
s. brief, compendious, curt, laconic, succinct
a. circuitous; pleonastic, redundant, repetitious

882 retrieve

- i.* *v.* to **restore** or **revive**
s. reactivate, rekindle, renew, renovate, resurrect, resuscitate, revitalize, revivify
ii. *v.* to get back again: **regain**

883 exiguous

- adj.* excessively **scanty**: **inadequate**
s. meager, scrimpy, skimpy, sparse
a. ample, abundant, copious, bounteous

884 appease

- i.* *v.* to **bring to** a state of **peace** or quiet: **calm**
ii. *v.* to cause to subside: **allay**, **pacify**
s. alleviate, assuage, conciliate, mollify, placate, propitiate, sweeten
a. aggravate, exacerbate, exaggerate, worsen

885 temerity

- n.* **unreasonable** or foolhardy **daring**: **rashness**, **recklessness**
s. assurance, audacity, brashness, nerve
a. caution, deliberation, judiciousness, prudence, heedfulness

886 staunch

- i.* *adj.* **steadfast** in loyalty or principle: **faithful**
s. allegiant, ardent, loyal, resolute, firm
a. shaky, mercurial, changeable, volatile
ii. *v.* to **stop** or **check** in its course

887 intermittent

- adj.* coming and going at intervals: **not continuous**, **occasional**
s. alternate, periodic, recurrent, sporadic, infrequent, rhythmic

a. perpetual, everlasting, interminable, continuous, incessant

888 ameliorate

n. to **make better** or more tolerable: **improve**

s. amend, meliorate

a. impair, injure, mar, aggravate, deteriorate

889 loath

adj. **unwilling** to do something contrary to one's ways of thinking: **reluctant**, **disinclined**

s. averse, indisposed, uneager

890 superfluous

adj. exceeding what is sufficient or necessary: **extra**, **unnecessary**

s. *de trop*, excess, spare, supernumerary, surplus

a. deficient, scarce, wanting, scanty

891 haphazard

adj. marked by **lack of** plan, **order**, or direction: **random**

s. desultory, indiscriminate, irregular

a. deliberate, designed, intentional, willful, planned

892 proponent

n. one who **argues in favor of** something: **advocate**

s. exponent, champion, expounder, supporter

893 callow

adj. **lacking** adult **sophistication**: **immature**

s. juvenile, unfledged, inexperienced, unseasoned, unversed

894 animosity

n. **ill will** or **resentment** tending toward active **hostility**: **enmity**

s. animus, antagonism, antipathy, rancor

895 ponderable

adj. **significant** enough to be worth considering: **appreciable**

s. considerable, substantial, palpable

896 dogmatic

adj. characteristic of a **doctrine** or code of beliefs **accepted as authoritative**

s. dictatorial, authoritative, doctrinaire, magisterial

897 becoming

adj. attractively **suitable**: **fitting**

s. decorous, befitting, *comme il faut*, conforming, decent, seemly

898 disseminate

- v.* to **spread abroad** as though sowing seed
- s.* circulate, diffuse, disperse, propagate, radiate

899 vilify

- v.* to **utter** slanderous and **abusive statements** against: **defame**
- s.* malign, asperse, calumniate, defame, denigrate, traduce
- a.* commend, compliment, eulogize, acclaim, exalt, worship

900 coalesce

- v.* to **unite** into a whole: **fuse**
- s.* bracket, conjoin, cling, blend, merge, mingle

Instant Review 45

1. Match the explanation on the left with the word on the right

Group 01

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|----------------------------|-------|----------|
| 1. concise | _____ | terse |
| 2. restore or regain | _____ | temerity |
| 3. inadequate | _____ | retrieve |
| 4. bring to peace | _____ | exiguous |
| 5. unreasonable and daring | _____ | appease |

Group 02

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|-----------------------------|-------|--------------|
| 1. steadfast; stop or check | _____ | superfluous |
| 2. not continuous | _____ | staunch |
| 3. make better, improve | _____ | loath |
| 4. unwilling or disinclined | _____ | intermittent |
| 5. extra or unnecessary | _____ | ameliorate |

Group 03

- | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------|------------|
| 1. lacking order | _____ | proponent |
| 2. advocator | _____ | ponderable |
| 3. lacking sophistication, immature | _____ | haphazard |
| 4. ill will, resentment | _____ | callow |
| 5. significant | _____ | animosity |

Group 04

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|---|-------|-------------|
| 1. accepted as authoritative, doctrinaire | _____ | vilify |
| 2. attractively suitable | _____ | dogmatic |
| 3. spread abroad | _____ | disseminate |
| 4. utter abusive statements | _____ | coalesce |
| 5. unite or fuse | _____ | becoming |

2. Circle the word with different meanings from the rest of the group

Group 01

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|-----------------|-------------|---------------|
| a. circuitous | compendious | curt |
| b. meager | scrumpy | copious |
| c. mollify | exasperate | propitiate |
| d. deliberation | audacity | judiciousness |
| e. allegiant | ardent | mercurial |

Group 02

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|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| a. periodic | incessant | recurrent |
| b. impair | amend | mar |

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|--------------|----------------|---------|
| c. spare | wanting | surplus |
| d. desultory | indiscriminate | willful |
| e. juvenile | unfledged | versed |

3. Replace the underlined word with another word you have just learned in this unit

Group 01

1. The 32-year-old adventurer's chatty tone was muted and responses were uncharacteristically brief.
2. She said computer experts were trying to recover any records that have been deleted.
3. However, some analysts say that all these allegations and threats are designed to quiet down domestic audiences.
4. Safely inside the union building, he posed for pictures with union members, while the hired security leapt on photographers who had the boldness to take pictures through the windows.
5. Even in retirement, Larry remained a(n) faithful advocate for the causes he believed in.

Group 02

1. BlackBerry subscribers in the Americas may be experiencing occasional service delays this morning.
2. It also helps to improve the social stigma and incapacity to function independently that illiterate people often face.
3. The lack of planning was apparent in the chaotic manner in which the power outages were carried out.
4. That kind of gloom is promoting apathy as well as hostility toward the ruling party.
5. But he has called Walker's proposal an assault on unions and urged other governors not to criticize public workers.

Unit 46

Quick Preview

<input type="checkbox"/> derivative	<input type="checkbox"/> cardinal	<input type="checkbox"/> pithy	<input type="checkbox"/> exacting
<input type="checkbox"/> ignoble	<input type="checkbox"/> checkered	<input type="checkbox"/> irrevocable	<input type="checkbox"/> sacrosanct
<input type="checkbox"/> accolade	<input type="checkbox"/> inflammatory	<input type="checkbox"/> pensive	<input type="checkbox"/> sparse
<input type="checkbox"/> balk	<input type="checkbox"/> approbation	<input type="checkbox"/> aver	<input type="checkbox"/> fathom
<input type="checkbox"/> infelicitous	<input type="checkbox"/> misanthrope	<input type="checkbox"/> concede	<input type="checkbox"/> unexceptionable

901 derivative

adj. lacking originality: **banal**

s. secondary, derivational, derived

a. original, novel

902 ignoble

adj. characterized by **baseness**, **lowness**, or **meanness**

s. object, despicable, scurvy, sordid, vile, wretched

903 accolade

n. an expression of **praise**

s. honor, badge, distinction, kudos, laurels

904 balk

v. to **check** or **stop** by or as if by an obstacle: **block**

s. frustrate, baffle, circumvent, foil, thwart

905 infelicitous

i. *adj.* **not appropriate** or well-timed: **awkward**

s. inept, inappropriate, inapt, malapropos, deplorable, gauche

906 cardinal

adj. of **basic** importance: **main**, **primary**

s. essential, constitutive, fundamental, pivotal, vital

907 checkered

i. *adj.* marked by **alternation** or **contrast** of fortune

s. unpredictable, variable, volatile, up-and-down

ii. *adj.* marked by many **problems** or failures

s. problematic, awkward, knotty, difficult

908 inflammatory

adj. tending to **excite** anger, **disorder**, or tumult: **sedition**

s. incendiary, instigative, provocative, revolutionary

a. calming, moderating, soothing, temperate

909 approbation

- n.* an act of **approving** or **praising** formally or officially
- s.* benediction, blessing, countenance, regard
- a.* censure, condemnation, disapproval, reprehension

910 misanthrope

- n.* a person who hates or **distrusts humankind**
- a.* philanthrope

911 pithy

- adj.* having substance and point: **tersely cogent**: **concise**
- s.* compact, epigrammatic, succinct, curt, terse

912 irrevocable

- adj.* not possible to revoke: **unalterable**
- s.* irreversible, nonreversible, established, immutable

913 pensive

- adj.* suggestive of **sad thoughtfulness**
- s.* contemplative, meditative, pondering, reflecting, ruminative, speculative

914 aver

- v.* to **verify** or **prove to be true** in pleading a cause
- s.* assert, affirm, avouch, avow, declare, depose, predicate, profess
- a.* disavow, renounce, reject, recant, forswear

915 concede

- v.* to **accept** as true, valid, or accurate especially grudgingly or **hesitantly**
- s.* acknowledge, admit, cede, relinquish, waive

916 exacting

- i.* *adj.* **requiring** careful attention and **precision**
 - s.* rigid, rigorous, strict, hypercritical, fussy
- ii.* *adj.* tryingly or unremittingly **severe in making demands**
 - s.* onerous, burdensome, demanding, exigent, oppressive, taxing

917 sacrosanct

- adj.* most **sacred** or holy: **inviolable**

918 sparse

- adj.* of few and **scattered** elements, **not thickly grown** or settled: **meager**
- s.* exiguous, scanty, skimpy, skimpy, spare, scarce

919 fathom

- i.* *v.* to penetrate and come to understand
s. appreciate, apprehend, cognize, comprehend
- ii.* *v.* to search into and explore very thoroughly: probe
s. sound, plumb, investigate

920 unexceptionable

- adj.* not open to objection or criticism, beyond reproach: unimpeachable
- s.* decent, adequate, satisfactory, unimpeachable, exceptionable

Instant Review 46

1. Match the explanation on the left with the word on the right

Group 01

- | | | |
|------------------------|-------|--------------|
| 1. lacking originality | _____ | infelicitous |
| 2. base, low, or mean | _____ | ignoble |
| 3. praise | _____ | derivative |
| 4. block or stop | _____ | balk |
| 5. not appropriate | _____ | accolade |

Group 02

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|--|-------|--------------|
| 1. basic or primary | _____ | misanthrope |
| 2. alternation of fortune; problematic | _____ | inflammatory |
| 3. exciting anger or disorder | _____ | checkered |
| 4. approval or praise | _____ | cardinal |
| 5. one who distrusts humankind | _____ | approbation |

Group 03

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|-----------------------------|-------|-------------|
| 1. tersely cogent | _____ | pithy |
| 2. unalterable | _____ | pensive |
| 3. sadly thoughtful | _____ | irrevocable |
| 4. prove to be true, verify | _____ | concede |
| 5. hesitantly accept | _____ | aver |

Group 04

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|-----------------------------------|-------|-----------------|
| 1. requiring precision; demanding | _____ | unexceptionable |
| 2. sacred or inviolable | _____ | sparse |
| 3. not thick, scattered | _____ | sacrosanct |
| 4. understand; explore | _____ | fathom |
| 5. not open to criticism | _____ | exacting |

2. Circle the word with different meanings from the rest of the group

Group 01

- | | | |
|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| a. secondary | derivational | original |
| b. scurvy | gallant | wretched |
| c. apt | deplorable | gauche |
| d. accessory | cardinal | pivotal |
| e. temperate | incendiary | instigative |

Group 02

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|------------|-------------|--------------|
| a. censure | countenance | reprehension |
| b. compact | elaborate | succinct |

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| c. depose | predicate | recant |
| d. recede | relinquish | waive |
| e. rigorous | negligent | hypercritical |

3. Replace the underlined word with another word you have just learned in this unit

Group 01

1. Thus, that five-letter word is loaded with extra meaning, and implies a progressive outlook in politics, a condescending view of battlers, and, normally, a sense of unease about the more dishonorable aspects of the country's history.
2. As I have written before, thrift used to be one of the basic American virtues.
3. Eriksson has endured a(n) up-and-down managerial career since leaving his England post in 2006, including spells with Manchester City and the Mexico national team.
4. The franking commission reviews official mail, email and social media for overtly political or provocative content.
5. The United States, too, earns world-wide opprobrium for alleged brutality rather than praise for its humanity.

Group 02

1. Stepan Opalev wrote a(n) concise, and, at least judging from the evidence he assembled, rather scathing response to The Economist.
2. Tacit rules that the sides were following meant that nuclear weapons access could be strictly controlled and borders, in Europe for example, were inviolable.
3. Again invading the island, he was again attacked and defeated by the same adversaries, leaving a brother and son, or, as some authorities assert, a wife and son, prisoners in their hands.
4. Apple itself has said that existing LTE chipsets are not up to its famously demanding standards.
5. Nobody is allowed inside the property, and that makes it hard to really comprehend the true value.

Unit 47

Quick Preview

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| <input type="checkbox"/> apex | <input type="checkbox"/> malleable | <input type="checkbox"/> retiring | <input type="checkbox"/> superannuated |
| <input type="checkbox"/> belligerent | <input type="checkbox"/> capricious | <input type="checkbox"/> antithetical | <input type="checkbox"/> expunge |
| <input type="checkbox"/> endorse | <input type="checkbox"/> burgeon | <input type="checkbox"/> crystallize | <input type="checkbox"/> incessant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> coterminous | <input type="checkbox"/> acrimonious | <input type="checkbox"/> promulgate | <input type="checkbox"/> contrive |
| <input type="checkbox"/> candid | <input type="checkbox"/> decimate | <input type="checkbox"/> beguile | <input type="checkbox"/> blatant |

921 apex

- n.* the **highest** or culminating **point**: **acme**
s. crest, culmination, crown, peak, summit, vertex

922 belligerent

- adj.* inclined to or **exhibiting** assertiveness, **hostility**, or **combateness**
s. bellicose, contentious, gladiatorial, pugnacious, quarrelsome, truculent
a. pacific, pacifist, peaceful, conciliatory, amicable, dovish

923 endorse

- v.* to express **support** or approval of **publicly** and definitely: **approve**
s. accredit, certify, sanction, attest, authenticate, champion, uphold
a. deprecate, disapprove; anathematize, denounce

924 altruistic

- adj.* showing **unselfish** concern for the welfare of others: **philanthropic**

925 candid

- i.* *adj.* indicating or suggesting **sincere honesty** and absence of deception: **frank**
s. openhearted, plain, straightforward
a. evasive, disguised, dissembled, reserved
- ii.* *adj.* **free from bias**, prejudice, or malice: **fair**
s. dispassionate, impartial, aboveboard, forthright, scrupulous
a. biased, colored, prejudiced

926 malleable

- i.* *adj.* **capable of being** altered or **controlled** by outside forces or influences
s. adaptable, ductile, moldable, pliable, pliant, supple
a. refractory, intractable, recalcitrant, unruly
- ii.* *adj.* **capable of being** extended or **shaped** by beating with a hammer: **plastic**

927 capricious

- adj.* governed or characterized by **unpredictable** change: **impulsive**
s. arbitrary, erratic, fickle, vagarious, wayward, whimsical, volatile
a. steadfast, constant, steady, stationary

928 burgeon

- v.* to grow and expand rapidly: flourish
- s.* augment, enlarge, mount, multiply, snowball, bloom

929 acrimonious

- adj.* caustic, biting, or rancorous especially in feeling, language, or manner: unfriendly
- s.* angry, indignant, ireful, wrathful, cranky, belligerent
- a.* irenic, peaceable, benign, benignant

930 decimate

- v.* to cause great destruction or harm to: destroy
- s.* demolish, wreck, slaughter, annihilate, exterminate, massacre

931 retiring

- adj.* reluctant to draw attention to yourself: shy, reserved
- s.* undemonstrative, aseptic, restrained, shrinking, withdrawn

932 antithetical

- adj.* being in direct and unequivocal opposition: opposite
- s.* antipodal, antipodean, converse, diametric, polar, reverse

933 crystallize

- v.* to cause to take a definite form
- s.* shape, solidify, form

934 promulgate

- v.* to make known or public by open declaration: proclaim, declare
- s.* advertise, annunciate, broadcast, disseminate, publish

935 beguile

- v.* to deceive by wiles
- s.* bluff, delude, mislead, take in

936 superannuated

- adj.* no longer useful or acceptable: outmoded, old-fashioned
- s.* antediluvian, outdated, antiquated, obsolescent, obsolete

937 expunge

- v.* to efface completely: destroy, eliminate
- s.* erase, annul, cancel, efface, obliterate, wipe out

938 incessant

- adj.* continuing or following without interruption: unceasing

- s.* ceaseless, continuous, everlasting, interminable, perpetual
- a.* intermittent, sporadic, recurrent, discontinuous

939 contrived

- adj.* **lacking** in **natural** or spontaneous **quality**: **artificial**
- s.* affected, factitious, feigned, spurious, unnatural
- a.* artless, genuine, spontaneous

940 blatant

- i.* *adj.* **noisy** especially in a vulgar or offensive manner: **clamorous**
 - s.* vociferous, boisterous, obstreperous, strident
- ii.* *adj.* completely **obvious** or **conspicuous** especially in a crass or **offensive** manner: **brazen**
 - s.* gaudy, flashy, garish, glaring, meretricious, tawdry

Instant Review 47

1. Match the explanation on the left with the word on the right

Group 01

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|-------------------------------------|-------|-------------|
| 1. highest point | _____ | apex |
| 2. exhibiting hostility | _____ | belligerent |
| 3. publicly support | _____ | candid |
| 4. concerning others, unselfish | _____ | altruistic |
| 5. sincerely honest; free from bias | _____ | endorse |

Group 02

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|--------------------------------|-------|-------------|
| 1. capable of being controlled | _____ | acrimonious |
| 2. unpredictably changeable | _____ | burgeon |
| 3. rapidly grow | _____ | capricious |
| 4. caustic or biting | _____ | decimate |
| 5. cause destruction, harm | _____ | malleable |

Group 03

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|-------------------------|-------|--------------|
| 1. shy and reserved | _____ | antithetical |
| 2. in direct opposition | _____ | beguile |
| 3. take a definite form | _____ | crystallize |
| 4. make known | _____ | promulgate |
| 5. deceive | _____ | retiring |

Group 04

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|------------------------------------|-------|---------------|
| 1. no longer useful | _____ | superannuated |
| 2. efface completely, destroy | _____ | incessant |
| 3. continuing without interruption | _____ | expunge |
| 4. artificial, not natural | _____ | contrive |
| 5. offensively noisy | _____ | blatant |

2. Circle the word with different meanings from the rest of the group

Group 01

- | | | |
|-----------------|--------------|------------|
| a. gladiatorial | pacifist | pugnacious |
| b. sanction | anathematize | attest |
| c. plain | evasive | dissembled |
| d. ductile | recalcitrant | pliable |
| e. fickle | stationary | wayward |

Group 02

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|------------------|-----------|-----------|
| a. indignant | irenic | wrathful |
| b. demonstrative | shrinking | withdrawn |

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| c. announce | minimize | disseminate |
| d. sporadic | recurrent | interminable |
| e. affected | feigned | spontaneous |

3. Replace the underlined word with another word you have just learned in this unit

Group 01

1. Some security analysts say such efforts to internationalize the conflict have stoked an increasingly aggressive response from China.
2. Neither has decided whom to support, but both have been courted heavily by the presidential field.
3. The founding fathers built Chistiania with an ideological vision of openness, love and unselfish living.
4. When mixed with sodium carbonate and heated on charcoal in the reducing flame lead salts yield shapeable globules of metal and a yellow oxide-ring.
5. Knowledge of mathematics can answer these questions, and make the world comprehensible and orderly rather than mysterious and unpredictable.

Group 02

1. As our history of male-as-sole-breadwinner fades as downsizing and outsourcing rapidly grow, both sexes will need to be prepared to raise money and raise children.
2. But despite his unfriendly departure, the Dutch international insists he has no ill-feeling towards his former team-mates
3. Mr. Ward quickly spurned Mr. Silverstein's request, saying that backing the towers would destroy the finances of the already-financially strained agency.
4. "Like" culture is oppositional to the concept of self-esteem, which a healthy individual should be developing from the inside out rather than from the outside in.
5. He was known for his constant pacing and his nonstop use of cellular phones.

Unit 48

Quick Preview

<input type="checkbox"/> truncate	<input type="checkbox"/> sonorous	<input type="checkbox"/> lassitude	<input type="checkbox"/> indigenous
<input type="checkbox"/> impunity	<input type="checkbox"/> insolvent	<input type="checkbox"/> staggering	<input type="checkbox"/> belittle
<input type="checkbox"/> fledgling	<input type="checkbox"/> hortatory	<input type="checkbox"/> loquacious	<input type="checkbox"/> daunt
<input type="checkbox"/> divagate	<input type="checkbox"/> cognizant	<input type="checkbox"/> penchant	<input type="checkbox"/> precipitous
<input type="checkbox"/> heyday	<input type="checkbox"/> debacle	<input type="checkbox"/> evince	<input type="checkbox"/> fecund

941 truncate

- n.* to **shorten** by or as if by cutting off
- s.* abbreviate, abridge, prune, curtail, syncopate
- a.* enlarge, supplement, aggrandize, amplify, augment, dilate, inflate

942 impunity

- n.* exemption or **freedom from punishment**, harm, or loss
- s.* exemption, immunity

943 fledgling

- n.* an immature or **inexperienced person**: **novice**
- s.* apprentice, colt, neophyte, rookie, tyro

944 divagate

- n.* to wander or **stray from** a course or **subject**: **digress**
- s.* depart, diverge, excursion, ramble, stray, wander

945 heyday

- n.* the **period of** one's greatest popularity, vigor, or **prosperity**
- s.* blossom, florescence, flush, prime, springtime

946 sonorous

- i.* *adj.* full or **loud** in sound: **resonant**
 - s.* orotund, plangent, resounding, rotund, sonorant, vibrant
- ii.* *adj.* **imposing** or **impressive** in effect or style
 - s.* rhetorical, bombastic, euphuistic, grandiloquent, magniloquent, oratorical

947 insolvent

- adj.* **unable to pay debts** as they fall due in the usual course of business: **bankrupt**

948 hortatory

- adj.* **giving** advice and **encouragement**: **advisory**

949 cognizant

- adj.* **knowledgeable** of something especially through personal experience: **aware**

- s.* apprehensive, *au courant*, conscious, sentient, witting
a. forgetful, oblivious, heedless, slighting

950 debacle

- i.* *n.* a complete **failure**: **fiasco**
s. collapse, defeat, defeasance, drubbing
a. coup
ii. *n.* a great **disaster**

951 lassitude

- i.* *n.* a condition of **weariness** or debility: **fatigue**
s. exhaustion, tiredness, weariness
a. vigor, liveliness, vitality, verve, sap
ii. *n.* a condition of **listlessness**: **languor**
s. lethargy, dullness, hebetude, slumber, stupor, torpidity

952 staggering

- adj.* so great as to **cause** one **to** hesitate or **doubt**: **astonishing**
s. marvelous, astonishing, astounding, spectacular, overwhelming

953 loquacious

- adj.* given to fluent or **excessive talk**: **wordy**, **garrulous**
s. chatty, prolix, verbose, wordy, jabbering
a. concise, succinct, taciturn, terse, brusque, curt

954 penchant

- n.* a strong and continued **inclination**: **liking**
s. leaning, disposition, predilection, predisposition, proclivity, propensity, tendency

955 evince

- v.* to **display** clearly: **reveal**, **show**
s. demonstrate, exhibit, illustrate, manifest, proclaim, bespeak

956 indigenous

- i.* *adj.* being produced, growing, living, or occurring **in a particular region** or environment: **native**
s. aboriginal, autochthonous, endemic
a. exotic, alien, extraneous, foreign
ii. *adj.* **innate**, **inborn**
s. congenital, connate, inborn, inherited, natural

957 belittle

- v.* to **speak slightingly of**: **disparage**
s. decry, depreciate, derogate, detract, diminish, dispraise, minimize
a. aggrandize, magnify, boast, crow

958 daunt

- v.* to lessen the courage of: subdue, dismay
- s.* appall, cow, consternate, horrify, browbeat, bully, intimidate, foil
- a.* hearten, buoy, impel, rally

959 precipitous

- i.* *adj.* very steep, perpendicular, or overhanging in rise or fall
- ii.* *adj.* done with very great haste and without due deliberation
- s.* precipitate, abrupt, hasty, headlong, impetuous, rushing

960 fecund

- adj.* intellectually productive or inventive to a marked degree: fertile
- s.* fruitful, productive, proliferant, prolific, spawning
- a.* sterile, barren

1. Match the explanation on the left with the word on the right

Group 01

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|----------------------------|-------|-----------|
| 1. shorten | _____ | truncate |
| 2. freedom from punishment | _____ | impunity |
| 3. inexperienced person | _____ | heyday |
| 4. stray from subject | _____ | fledgling |
| 5. period of prosperity | _____ | divagate |

Group 02

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|----------------------------------|-------|-----------|
| 1. loud and resonant; impressive | _____ | cognizant |
| 2. unable to pay debts | _____ | debacle |
| 3. encouraging | _____ | hortatory |
| 4. knowledgeable | _____ | insolvent |
| 5. complete failure; disaster | _____ | sonorous |

Group 03

- | | | |
|-------------------------------|-------|------------|
| 1. weariness or fatigue | _____ | evince |
| 2. causing doubt, astonishing | _____ | lassitude |
| 3. excessively talkative | _____ | loquacious |
| 4. inclination or liking | _____ | penchant |
| 5. clearly display | _____ | staggering |

Group 04

- | | | |
|------------------------------------|-------|-------------|
| 1. in a particular region; inborn | _____ | precipitous |
| 2. speak slightingly of, disparage | _____ | indigenous |
| 3. lessen courage, dismay | _____ | fecund |
| 4. steep; hasty | _____ | daunt |
| 5. productive or inventive | _____ | belittle |

2. Circle the word with different meanings from the rest of the group

Group 01

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|----------------------|---------|---------------|
| a. abridge | prune | augment |
| b. colt | doyen | tyro |
| c. bombastic | subdued | grandiloquent |
| d. <i>au courant</i> | witting | oblivious |
| e. debacle | fiasco | coup |

Group 02

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|-----------|---------|-----------|
| a. verve | sap | fatigue |
| b. prolix | brusque | jabbering |

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|---------------|------------|---------|
| c. aboriginal | extraneous | endemic |
| d. boast | crow | decry |
| e. browbeat | buoy | impel |

3. *Replace the underlined word with another word you have just learned in this unit*

Group 01

1. While Gabor insists she always took a balanced approach, some see a(n) inclination for high-profile events.
2. It is easy to dispraise our own representative system, but ordinary Filipinos do put their faith in it and would fight with their lives to defend it.
3. Rooms are giant spaces without coherent interior design or direction, designed to frighten visitors through sheer size, not move them emotionally through architectural beauty.
4. The Money Multiplier had been declining slowly for decades, but it began a(n) quick plunge in October 2008.
5. Many of these cosmopolitan invaders come from the fertile sub-tropics and have a virulence quite unlike conventional weeds.

Group 02

1. But reading small text on a pager's dimly lit screen can strain your eyes, and most paging services will shorten long incoming messages.
2. Mr. Morales sees all this as an end to discrimination and the empowerment of local peoples.
3. Musically, despite the mix, the band surrounds the singers with a dense tangle of jangling keys, angular guitar and a fantastic brass section, which crafts the loud horn line in the beginning of the song.
4. The message also instructs commanders to "remain aware of the risk of overloading" communications circuits.
5. But The Closer Get is unlikely to come anywhere close to matching that picture's astounding success.

Unit 49

Quick Preview

<input type="checkbox"/> digress	<input type="checkbox"/> covet	<input type="checkbox"/> smug	<input type="checkbox"/> ambiguous
<input type="checkbox"/> effervesce	<input type="checkbox"/> economical	<input type="checkbox"/> vociferous	<input type="checkbox"/> vituperate
<input type="checkbox"/> gall	<input type="checkbox"/> hauteur	<input type="checkbox"/> quell	<input type="checkbox"/> impute
<input type="checkbox"/> ascendancy	<input type="checkbox"/> insolent	<input type="checkbox"/> riveting	<input type="checkbox"/> hedge
<input type="checkbox"/> concomitant	<input type="checkbox"/> ingratiate	<input type="checkbox"/> demean	<input type="checkbox"/> contiguous

961 digress

- v.* to **turn aside** especially **from** the **main subject** of attention or course of argument: **swerve**
s. depart, divagate, diverge, excursion, ramble, stray, wander

962 effervesce

- v.* to show **liveliness** or **exhilaration**: **exuberate**

963 gall

- i.* *v.* to **irritate** and **vex**
s. aggravate, grate, inflame, provoke, rile, roil
ii. *v.* to fret and **wear away** by friction: **chafe**
s. abrade, corrode, erode, excoriate, ruffle

964 ascendancy

- n.* governing or controlling **influence**: **domination**
s. supremacy, preeminence, preponderance, prepotency, sovereignty

965 concomitant

- adj.* **accompanying** especially in a **subordinate** or incidental way: **collateral**
s. accompanying, ancillary, attendant, coincident

966 covet

- v.* to **desire** inordinately or culpably
s. crave, desiderate, want
a. abjure, forswear, renounce

967 economical

- adj.* marked by careful, **efficient**, and **prudent use** of resources: **thrifty**
s. sparing, canny, chary, frugal, provident, thrifty
a. generous, lavish, wasteful, extravagant

968 hauteur

- n.* **overbearing pride** evidenced by a superior manner toward inferiors: **haughtiness**
s. arrogance, disdain, haughtiness, loftiness, superciliousness

969 insolent

- adj.* exhibiting **boldness**, **effrontery**, or insultingly **contempt**; **impudent**
s. audacious, brazen, contumelious, impertinent, saucy
a. deferential, humble, meek, modest, unassertive, courteous

970 ingratiate

- v.* to **gain favor** or favorable acceptance for **by deliberate effort**: **suck up**

971 smug

- i.* *adj.* highly **self-satisfied**
s. complacent, priggish, conceited, superior
ii. *adj.* scrupulously **clean**, **neat**, or correct: **tidy**

972 vociferous

- adj.* marked by or given to **vehement** insistent **outcry**: **blatant**
s. boisterous, clamorous, obstreperous, strident

973 quell

- v.* to thoroughly overwhelm and **reduce to submission** or passivity: **pacify**
s. annihilate, extinguish, quench, suppress, vanquish
a. abet, incite, instigate, foment

974 riveting

- adj.* having the power to **fix** the **attention**: **engrossing**, **fascinating**
s. enthralling, spellbinding, entrancing, mesmeric, exhilarating

975 demean

- v.* to **lower** in character, **status**, or reputation: **debase**
s. abase, humiliate, belittle, decry, derogate, detract, disparage, despise, scorn

976 ambiguous

- adj.* doubtful or **uncertain** especially from obscurity or indistinctness: **obscure**
s. equivocal, opaque, nebulous, tenebrous, unintelligible, vague
a. explicit, lucid, perspicuous, categorical

977 vituperate

- v.* to **abuse** or **censure** severely or abusively: **berate**, **scold**
s. rail, revile, upbraid, condemn, lambaste, asperse, calumniate

978 impute

- v.* to **credit** to a person or a cause: **attribute**, **ascribe**
s. accredit, adduce, assign, credit

979 hedge

- i.* *v.* to hem in or **obstruct** with or as if with a barrier: **hinder**
- ii.* *v.* to **protect** oneself **from** losing or **failing** by a counterbalancing action
- iii.* *v.* to **evade** the **risk** of commitment especially by leaving open a way of retreat: **trim**
 - s.* equivocate, dodge, sidestep, tergiversate, weasel

980 contiguous

- i.* *adj.* **touching** along a boundary or at a point: **adjacent**
 - s.* abutting, adjoining, conterminous, juxtaposed
- ii.* *adj.* **next** or near in time or sequence

Instant Review 49

1. Match the explanation on the left with the word on the right

Group 01

- | | | |
|--|-------|-------------|
| 1. turn aside from subject | _____ | gall |
| 2. show liveliness | _____ | effervesce |
| 3. irritate; wear away | _____ | digress |
| 4. influence or domination | _____ | concomitant |
| 5. accompanying especially subordinate | _____ | ascendancy |

Group 02

- | | | |
|----------------------------------|-------|------------|
| 1. desire | _____ | insolent |
| 2. efficiently and prudently use | _____ | ingratiate |
| 3. overbearing pride | _____ | hauteur |
| 4. bold and contemptuous | _____ | economical |
| 5. gain favor | _____ | covet |

Group 03

- | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------|------------|
| 1. self-satisfied; clean and neat | _____ | vociferous |
| 2. vehement and noisy | _____ | smug |
| 3. reduce to submission | _____ | riveting |
| 4. fixing attention, engrossing | _____ | quell |
| 5. lower status, debase | _____ | demean |

Group 04

- | | | |
|---|-------|------------|
| 1. uncertain and obscure | _____ | ambiguous |
| 2. severely censure | _____ | contiguous |
| 3. attribute or ascribe | _____ | hedge |
| 4. obstruct; protect from failing; evade risk | _____ | impute |
| 5. touching or adjacent | _____ | vituperate |

2. Circle the word with different meanings from the rest of the group

Group 01

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|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| a. aggravate | soothe | inflame |
| b. supremacy | subordination | preponderance |
| c. forswear | desiderate | renounce |
| d. provident | thrifty | lavish |
| e. meek | brazen | impertinent |

Group 02

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|---------------|-----------|-----------|
| a. complacent | conceited | humble |
| b. boisterous | tranquil | clamorous |

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|----------------|-------------|--------------|
| c. quench | foment | vanquish |
| d. repelling | mesmeric | exhilarating |
| e. perspicuous | categorical | nebulous |

3. Replace the underlined word with another word you have just learned in this unit

Group 01

1. Many Shabab commanders believe history will judge them not by their compassion but by their domination over unbelievers.
2. Violent protests and accompanying looting are not an enlightened response to poverty, unemployment, police brutality or bigotry.
3. Finally, because we envy celebrity as much as we desire it, we have a morbid fascination with witnessing the downfall of those who we admired.
4. As a general he does not seem to have possessed the entire confidence of his troops, owing probably to his natural arrogance and the strict discipline which he imposed on them.
5. Onstage she's ever forthright: raunchy or plaintive, rude or exalted, underlining her tone with well-timed gestures.

Group 02

1. Here he sought to suck up himself with Luyne and the king by reporting minutely the actions of Marie and by protestations of loyalty.
2. The self-satisfied expression on her face would have been more irritating if her words hadn't revealed the fact that she didn't know the seriousness of the situation.
3. Beautiful women that rivaled Claire and men so handsome, even age couldn't diminish their muscular bodies or attractive looks.
4. Despite that intrinsic division, I would not ascribe questionable motives to either man in the controversy over proposed anti-sectarian legislation.
5. In addition, the state constitution stipulated that districts be drawn using only whole counties, and a statute required that districts be convenient and neighboring.

Unit 50

Quick Preview

<input type="checkbox"/> feckless	<input type="checkbox"/> embellish	<input type="checkbox"/> facetious	<input type="checkbox"/> waver
<input type="checkbox"/> exemplary	<input type="checkbox"/> elude	<input type="checkbox"/> truculent	<input type="checkbox"/> betray
<input type="checkbox"/> laborious	<input type="checkbox"/> voluble	<input type="checkbox"/> enumerate	<input type="checkbox"/> irrefutable
<input type="checkbox"/> dissident	<input type="checkbox"/> prevail	<input type="checkbox"/> provisional	<input type="checkbox"/> convivial
<input type="checkbox"/> guile	<input type="checkbox"/> luminous	<input type="checkbox"/> axiomatic	<input type="checkbox"/> cede

981 feckless

adj. generally **incompetent** and **ineffectual**: **weak**
s. bootless, fruitless, futile, unavailing, inefficacious

982 dichotomous

adj. divided into two **seemingly contradictory** parts

983 laborious

- i.* *adj.* **involving** or characterized by **hard** or toilsome **effort**: **labored**
s. arduous, effortful, operose, strenuous, toilsome, uphill
- ii.* *adj.* devoted to labor: **industrious**
s. diligent, assiduous, sedulous

984 dissident

n. **disagreeing** especially **with** an **established** religious or political system, organization, or **belief**
s. heretical, heterodox, nonconformist, sectarian, unorthodox

985 guile

n. deceitful **cunning**: **slyness**
s. deceit, duplicity, cunning, dissemblance, dissimulation

986 embellish

- i.* *v.* to **make beautiful** with ornamentation: **decorate**, **adorn**
s. beautify, bedeck, garnish, ornament, prank, trim
a. bare, denude, divest, strip
- ii.* *v.* to **heighten** the **attractiveness** of by adding decorative or fanciful details: **enhance**
s. embroider, color, exaggerate, magnify, overcharge, overpaint

987 elude

- i.* *v.* to **avoid** adroitly: **evade**
s. escape, eschew, evade, shun, shy
- ii.* *v.* to **escape** the perception, **understanding**, or grasp of
s. baffle, circumvent, frustrate, outwit

988 voluble

adj. characterized by ready or rapid speech: glib, fluent

989 prevail

- i.* *v.* to gain ascendancy through strength or superiority: triumph
s. conquer, master, overcome, triumph, beat
- ii.* *v.* to be frequent: predominate
s. dominate, domineer, preponderate, reign

990 luminous

- i.* *adj.* emitting or reflecting usually steady, suffused, or glowing light
s. beaming, effulgent, incandescent, lucent, radiant, refulgent
- ii.* *adj.* notably or brilliantly outstanding because of dignity or achievements: illustrious

991 facetious

adj. joking or jesting often inappropriately: waggish
s. witty, jocose, jocular, jesting, droll
a. grave, solemn, stern, somber

992 truculent

- i.* *adj.* feeling or displaying ferocity: cruel
s. fierce, barbarous, ferocious, inhumane, savage
- ii.* *adj.* aggressively self-assertive: belligerent
s. bellicose, combative, contentious, gladiatorial, pugnacious, quarrelsome, scrappy

993 topsy-turvy

n. a condition of total disorder: chaos

994 provisional

adj. serving for the time being: temporary
s. conditional, provisionary, tentative, contingent, makeshift

995 axiomatic

adj. taken for granted: self-evident, manifest

996 waver

v. to vacillate irresolutely between choices: hesitate

997 shackle

v. to deprive of freedom especially of action by means of restrictions or handicaps: impede
s. hamper, clog, curb, entammel, fetter, leash

998 irrefutable

adj. impossible to refute: incontrovertible
s. inarguable, incontestable, indisputable, indubitable, uncontestable

999 convivial

adj. relating to, occupied with, or fond of feasting, drinking, and good company

s. companionable, sociable, vivacious, jocund, jolly

1000 cede

v. to yield or grant typically by treaty: surrender

s. relinquish, abandon, resign, waive, yield

Instant Review 50

1. Match the explanation on the left with the word on the right

Group 01

- | | | |
|---|-------|-------------|
| 1. incompetent and ineffectual | _____ | laborious |
| 2. seemingly contradictory | _____ | guile |
| 3. involving hard efforts | _____ | feckless |
| 4. disagreeing with established systems | _____ | dichotomous |
| 5. deceitful cunning | _____ | dissident |

Group 02

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|---|-------|-----------|
| 1. decorate | _____ | voluble |
| 2. adroitly avoid; escape understanding | _____ | prevail |
| 3. fluently speaking | _____ | luminous |
| 4. gain ascendancy; predominate | _____ | embellish |
| 5. emitting light; outstanding | _____ | elude |

Group 03

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|------------------------------------|-------|-------------|
| 1. inappropriately joking | _____ | truculent |
| 2. aggressively belligerent; cruel | _____ | provisional |
| 3. total disorder | _____ | facetious |
| 4. temporary | _____ | topsy-turvy |
| 5. self-evident | _____ | axiomatic |

Group 04

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|--|-------|-------------|
| 1. hesitate | _____ | shackle |
| 2. deprive of freedom, restrict | _____ | cede |
| 3. incontrovertible | _____ | convivial |
| 4. fond of feasting, with good company | _____ | irrefutable |
| 5. yield or grant | _____ | waver |

2. Circle the word with different meanings from the rest of the group

Group 01

- | | | |
|---------------|--------------|-------------|
| a. effortless | operose | strenuous |
| b. futile | unavailing | efficacious |
| c. maverick | conformist | sectarian |
| d. strip | garnish | ornament |
| e. effulgent | incandescent | shadowy |

Group 02

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|-------------|-----------|-------------|
| a. grave | solemn | droll |
| b. pacifist | combative | contentious |

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| c. conclusive | provisionary | tentative |
| d. entrammel | fetter | liberate |
| e. relinquish | conquer | resign |

3. *Replace the underlined word with another word you have just learned in this unit*

Group 01

1. By the time readers follow Julius to Lagos, they no longer see Nigerians as nationally incompetent, but as sympathetic, complicated individuals.
2. The alternative is to fish all stages of the medusa in its growth in the open sea, a slow and difficult method in which the chance of error is very great, unless the series of stages is very complete.
3. The Picts used a bit of tactical deception and lured the Northumbrians into a trap with deadly results.
4. His recent effort to expose executives and directors who exaggerate their academic credentials has led to several resignations of high-level officials
5. Officials had been confounded by Aaron Bassler's survival skills and ability to avoid them in the 400-square-mile search perimeter.

Group 02

1. His voice was loud, but at the same time sweet and clear; his language was rapid and fluent, but not redundant or diffuse.
2. Because we understand that by working together not only will we persevere, but we will triumph.
3. The name "firefly" is often applied also to glowing beetles of the family Lampyridae, to which the well-known glow-worm belongs.
4. In contrast to the chaotic stage set is the consistently high musical quality of the singing and orchestral playing.
5. He said the court's decision would "needlessly restrain" the press and prevent investigations on matters of public interest.

Unit 51

Quick Preview

<input type="checkbox"/> jeopardize	<input type="checkbox"/> negligible	<input type="checkbox"/> manumit	<input type="checkbox"/> capitulate
<input type="checkbox"/> desiccate	<input type="checkbox"/> debauchery	<input type="checkbox"/> acerbic	<input type="checkbox"/> undergird
<input type="checkbox"/> vacillate	<input type="checkbox"/> crestfallen	<input type="checkbox"/> sedulous	<input type="checkbox"/> facile
<input type="checkbox"/> genesis	<input type="checkbox"/> replete	<input type="checkbox"/> abscond	<input type="checkbox"/> dictatorial
<input type="checkbox"/> impromptu	<input type="checkbox"/> construe	<input type="checkbox"/> inkling	<input type="checkbox"/> assail

1001 jeopardize

- n.* to **expose to danger** or risk: **imperil**
s. endanger, compromise, hazard, menace, peril, risk

1002 desiccate

- i.* *n.* to preserve by **drying**: **dehydrate**
s. exsiccate, parch, sear, devitalize
a. saturate, soak, drench, douse, drown
- ii.* *n.* to **drain** of emotional or intellectual **vitality**: **devitalize**
s. deplete, drain, exhaust, wither, wizen

1003 vacillate

- n.* to **waver** in mind, will, or feeling: **hesitate** in choice of opinions or courses: **stagger**

1004 genesis

- n.* the **origin** or coming into being of something
s. commencement, inception, dawn, outset, setout

1005 impromptu

- adj.* composed or uttered **without** previous **preparation**: **extemporaneous**
s. extemporary, improvised, offhand, unrehearsed

1006 negligible

- adj.* so small or **unimportant** as to **warrant** little or **no attention**: **trifling**

1007 debauchery

- n.* extreme **indulgence** in sensuality
s. depravity, corruption, decadence, dissolution

1008 crestfallen

- adj.* **feeling shame** or humiliation: **dejected**
s. downcast, dejected, depressed, deflated, disconsolate
a. elated

1009 replete

adj. fully or **abundantly provided** or filled: **full**
s. abounding, overflowing, rife, teeming, thronged

1010 construe

v. to **understand** or **explain** the sense or intention: **interpret**
s. explicate, expound, interpret

1011 manumit

v. to **release** from slavery: **free**
s. discharge, emancipate, liberate, unchain, unshackle
a. fetter, shackle, confine, circumscribe, chain

1012 acerbic

adj. **acid in** temper, mood, or **tone**
s. sour, acidulous, tart, sarcastic, caustic, corrosive

1013 sedulous

adj. involving or accomplished **with** careful **perseverance** and **diligence**
s. assiduous, diligent, industrious, operose, unremitting
a. indolent, lethargic, slothful, sluggish, idle

1014 abscond

v. to **depart secretly** and hide oneself: **decamp**

1015 inkling

n. a **slight indication** or suggestion: **hint**
s. clue, cue, indication, intimation, suggestion, telltale

1016 capitulate

v. to **surrender** and **cease resisting** often after negotiation of terms: **acquiesce**
s. yield, buckle, cave, submit, succumb

1017 undergird

v. to **form** the basis or **foundation** of: **strengthen**, **support**
s. bolster, brace, buttress, shore up, sustain, uphold

1018 facile

- i.* *adj.* **easily accomplished** or attained: **effortless**
- ii.* *adj.* shallow, **simplistic**
- iii.* *adj.* readily manifested and often **lacking sincerity** or depth: **superficial**
- iv.* *adj.* **ready**, **fluent**

1019 dictatorial

adj. **oppressive** to or arrogantly **overbearing** toward others: **authoritative**

s. doctrinaire, dogmatic, despotic, magisterial, totalitarian
a. egalitarian, democratic

1020 assail

v. to **attack violently** with blows or words
s. aggress, assault, beset, strike, belabor, pummel

Instant Review 51

1. Match the explanation on the left with the word on the right

Group 01

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|------------------------|-------|------------|
| 1. expose to danger | _____ | vacillate |
| 2. preserve by drying | _____ | impromptu |
| 3. waver or hesitate | _____ | genesis |
| 4. origin | _____ | jeopardize |
| 5. without preparation | _____ | desiccate |

Group 02

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|---|-------|-------------|
| 1. warranting no attention, unimportant | _____ | construe |
| 2. extreme indulgence | _____ | crestfallen |
| 3. feeling shame | _____ | debauchery |
| 4. abundantly provided | _____ | negligible |
| 5. understand or explain | _____ | replete |

Group 03

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|-----------------------------|-------|----------|
| 1. release from slavery | _____ | sedulous |
| 2. acid in tone | _____ | manumit |
| 3. perseverant and diligent | _____ | inkling |
| 4. secretly depart | _____ | acerbic |
| 5. slight indication, hint | _____ | abscond |

Group 04

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|----------------------------------|-------|-------------|
| 1. surrender and cease resisting | _____ | undergird |
| 2. form foundation, strengthen | _____ | facile |
| 3. easily accomplished | _____ | dictatorial |
| 4. oppressive or overbearing | _____ | capitulate |
| 5. violently attack | _____ | assail |

2. Circle the word with different meanings from the rest of the group

Group 01

- | | | |
|--------------------|-------------|------------------|
| a. <u>saturate</u> | exsiccate | parch |
| b. commencement | <u>coda</u> | inception |
| c. improvised | offhand | <u>rehearsed</u> |
| d. <u>elated</u> | downcast | dejected |
| e. depleted | rife | teeming |

Group 02

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|----------------------|--------------------|-----------|
| a. <u>emancipate</u> | shackle | fetter |
| b. caustic | <u>mellifluous</u> | corrosive |

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| c. industrious | operose | <u>indolent</u> |
| d. brace | <u>undermine</u> | buttress |
| e. despotic | <u>egalitarian</u> | totalitarian |

3. *Replace the underlined word with another word you have just learned in this unit*

Group 01

1. Opening up to financial globalization can make developing countries more vulnerable and thus endanger growth.
2. But Kejriwal said he was disappointed with the slow progress on Hazare's demands and said despite days of talks the government continued to hesitate.
3. Worse yet, insular decision-making and bureaucracy have eaten away at basic research, the origin of innovation.
4. On top of his commitments to the world's leading orchestras, he stages unrehearsed concerts to promote peace.
5. With no working strategy in his presidential campaign, no primary victories and dwindling resources, the mayor's third-place finish in Florida spelled the end of his run, even if his disappointed supporters couldn't believe it.

Group 02

1. Cancer research is filled with strategies that have succeeded in treating mice only to fail when subjected to rigorous human testing.
2. There was something awesome and vaguely unsettling about watching these sweet people sing such knotty, bitter songs.
3. At times, our Community Theatre does delve into current events or present what certain audiences may interpret as sensitive material.
4. The general success of Frederick's rule was secured by the diligent care with which he confined himself to the work of government.
5. It is highly improper to give space to simplistic claims that the hemisphere is divided along north-south lines.

Unit 52

Quick Preview

<input type="checkbox"/> arch	<input type="checkbox"/> upbraid	<input type="checkbox"/> enervate	<input type="checkbox"/> redoubtable
<input type="checkbox"/> ascetic	<input type="checkbox"/> strident	<input type="checkbox"/> oscillate	<input type="checkbox"/> deleterious
<input type="checkbox"/> belabor	<input type="checkbox"/> eclectic	<input type="checkbox"/> rancorous	<input type="checkbox"/> eminent
<input type="checkbox"/> pirate	<input type="checkbox"/> morose	<input type="checkbox"/> elucidate	<input type="checkbox"/> dwindle
<input type="checkbox"/> factious	<input type="checkbox"/> countermand	<input type="checkbox"/> redoubtable	<input type="checkbox"/> ruminate

1021 arch

- i. adj.* **principal, chief**
- ii. adj.* marked by a deliberate **playfulness**, irony, or impudence: **mischievous, saucy**
 - s.* impish, mischievous, playful, waggish

1022 ascetic

- i. adj.* practicing strict **self-denial** as a measure of personal and especially spiritual discipline
- ii. adj.* **austere** in appearance, manner, or attitude
 - s.* severe, astringent, mortified, stern, abstemious, forbearing

1023 belabor

- i. v.* to **attack** verbally
 - s.* baste, buffet, drub, lambaste, pound, thrash
- ii. v.* to **explain** or insist on **excessively**

1024 pirate

- v.* to take or **appropriate** without authorization

1025 factious

- adj.* **dissenting** with the majority opinion, or **arousing** to action or **rebellion**: **seditious**
- s.* insubordinate, contumacious, insurgent, mutinous, rebellious
- a.* cooperative, companionable, gregarious, acquiescent, compliant

1026 upbraid

- v.* to **criticize** severely or **reproach** severely: **scold**

1027 strident

- adj.* characterized by **harsh**, insistent, and **discordant sound**: **vociferous**
- s.* blatant, boisterous, clamorous, loud, obstreperous

1028 eclectic

- adj.* composed of elements drawn from **various** sources: **heterogeneous**

1029 morose

- adj.* having a **sullen** and **gloomy** disposition: **melancholy**

- s. crabbed, dour, gloomy, saturnine, surly
- a. blithe, jocund, jolly, jovial

1030 countermand

- v. to revoke a command by a contrary order: cancel, annul

1031 enervate

- v. to lessen the vitality or strength of: unnerve
- s. emasculate, unstring, debilitate, devitalize, exhaust, fatigue, jade, weary
- a. activate, energize, vitalize, galvanize, stimulate

1032 oscillate

- v. to vary or hesitate between opposing beliefs, feelings, or theories: swing

1033 rancorous

- adj. marked by ill will: deeply malevolent
- s. malicious, spiteful, malignant, spiteful, vicious, wicked

1034 elucidate

- v. to make lucid especially by explanation or analysis: clarify
- s. explain, illuminate, illustrate, exemplify, enlighten

1035 redoubtable

- i. adj. causing fear or alarm: formidable
 - s. fearful, appalling, dreadful, horrific
- ii. adj. worthy of respect: eminent
 - s. celebrated, distinguished, famed, illustrious, prominent, renowned

1036 ingrained

- adj. forming a part of the essence or firmly fixed or held: deep-rooted
- s. inherent, congenital, inborn, inbred, indwelling, innate, intrinsic

1037 deleterious

- adj. harmful often in a subtle or unexpected way: pernicious
- s. detrimental, injurious, mischievous, noxious
- a. salutary, advantageous, profitable, salubrious, wholesome

1038 eminent

- i. adj. standing out so as to be readily perceived or noted: conspicuous
- ii. adj. exhibiting fame especially in standing: prominent, famous
 - s. celebrated, distinguished, famed, illustrious, notable, renowned

1039 dwindle

- v. to become steadily less: shrink, decrease

.s. abate, diminish, lessen, taper, wane, extenuate

1040 ruminare

∴ to **go over in the mind** repeatedly and often casually or slowly: **reflect**

.s. ponder, deliberate, meditate, excogitate

Instant Review 52

1. Match the explanation on the left with the word on the right

Group 01

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|---|-------|------------|
| 1. principal or chief; mischievous or playful | _____ | pirate |
| 2. self-denial; austere | _____ | factionous |
| 3. verbally attack; excessively explain | _____ | belabor |
| 4. take without authorization | _____ | ascetic |
| 5. arousing rebellion, dissenting | _____ | arch |

Group 02

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|--------------------------|-------|-------------|
| 1. criticize or reproach | _____ | countermand |
| 2. harshly loud | _____ | eclectic |
| 3. from various sources | _____ | morose |
| 4. gloomy or sullen | _____ | strident |
| 5. revoke or cancel | _____ | upbraid |

Group 03

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|------------------------------------|-------|-------------|
| 1. lessen strength | _____ | redoubtable |
| 2. vary or hesitate | _____ | rancorous |
| 3. ill-will or malevolent | _____ | oscillate |
| 4. make clear by explanation | _____ | enervate |
| 5. causing fear; worthy of respect | _____ | elucidate |

Group 04

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|----------------------------------|-------|-------------|
| 1. firmly held or deep-rooted | _____ | ruminate |
| 2. harmful | _____ | guileless |
| 3. standing out; exhibiting fame | _____ | eminent |
| 4. become less | _____ | dwindle |
| 5. go over in mind, reflect | _____ | deleterious |

2. Circle the word with different meanings from the rest of the group

Group 01

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|-----------------|------------|-----------|
| a. abstemious | forbearing | indulgent |
| b. baste | extol | lambaste |
| c. contumacious | gregarious | mutinous |
| d. blithe | dour | saturnine |
| e. fatigue | jade | galvanize |

Group 02

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|---------------|------------|------------|
| a. illustrate | exemplify | obscure |
| b. congenital | peripheral | indwelling |

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|----------------|-------------|-----------|
| c. wholesome | detrimental | injurious |
| d. illustrious | infamous | renowned |
| e. taper | wane | wax |

3. *Replace the underlined word with another word you have just learned in this unit*

Group 01

1. The first part of Salome focuses on the confrontation between Salome and the prophet Jochanaan: she the symbol of unstable sexuality, he the symbol of self-denial rectitude.
2. A cry of treason was raised by a group of rebellious youngsters, and barricades were erected and street fighting ensued.
3. If the conservative chorus has been loud, the voices of liberals have not been silent either.
4. Walking deeper into the necropolis one discovers a resurrection of Catholic influences amid dizzily diverse architecture.
5. Wednesday morning looked set for a(n) pessimistic open on Wall Street, before an improved reading on the U.S. economy came as a pleasant surprise and helped lift the market back into positive territory by the opening bell.

Group 02

1. But treatment can be so emotionally, physically and financially exhausting that, in the middle of it, they have neither the time nor the energy to invest in activism.
2. The debate has been hateful and political experts see an atmosphere of deep distrust that may take years to heal.
3. Dr. Klaus Zuberbuhler explains that the key to animal communication studies is to try to clarify why humans are so unusual in their speech and language capacities.
4. Prior research on laboratory animals, including captive aquatic carnivorous mammals, has shown that the pollutants can cause harmful effects.
5. This spike happened even as consumption of the drug started to decline in the U.S. according to the U.N.

Unit 53

Quick Preview

<input type="checkbox"/> adulterate	<input type="checkbox"/> fickle	<input type="checkbox"/> treacherous	<input type="checkbox"/> reprobate
<input type="checkbox"/> demonstrable	<input type="checkbox"/> telling	<input type="checkbox"/> stationary	<input type="checkbox"/> ambience
<input type="checkbox"/> preclude	<input type="checkbox"/> extirpate	<input type="checkbox"/> seclude	<input type="checkbox"/> docile
<input type="checkbox"/> expurgate	<input type="checkbox"/> obfuscate	<input type="checkbox"/> obstinate	<input type="checkbox"/> extinguish
<input type="checkbox"/> diminutive	<input type="checkbox"/> misattribute	<input type="checkbox"/> futile	<input type="checkbox"/> corroborate

1041 adulterate

- v.* to **corrupt**, **debase**, or **make impure** by the addition of an inferior substance or element
s. contaminate, taint, infect, mar
a. purify, refine, fortify

1042 demonstrable

- adj.* **necessarily** or demonstrably **true**: **incontrovertible**

1043 preclude

- v.* to make impossible by necessary consequence: **rule out in advance**: **prevent**
s. avert, deter, forestall, fend, obviate, ward

1044 expurgate

- v.* to **cleanse** of **something** morally **harmful**, offensive, or erroneous
s. purify, cleanse, lustrate, censor, bowdlerize, screen

1045 diminutive

- adj.* **exceptionally** or notably **small**: **tiny**
s. miniature, minute, teensy, weeny

1046 fickle

- adj.* **lacking** steadfastness, constancy, or **stability**: **erratic** and **changeable**: **inconstant**
s. capricious, lubricious, mercurial, temperamental, ticklish, volatile

1047 telling

- adj.* carrying great weight and **producing** a marked **effect**: **effective**, **expressive**
s. valid, cogent, convincing, solid, sound

1048 extirpate

- v.* to **destroy** completely: **wipe out**
s. annihilate, demolish, eliminate eradicate, exterminate, extinguish, uproot, efface

1049 obfuscate

- i.* *v.* to **make obscure**: **befog**
s. obscure, adumbrate, becloud, murk, overcast

- ii. *v.* to **confuse**: **puzzle**
s. blur, baffle, bewilder, confound

1050 schism

- n.* **division** of a group into opposing factions: **discord**, **disharmony**
s. chasm, cleavage, cleft, split, divergence, breach, rupture

1051 treacherous

- i. *adj.* likely to **betray trust**: **perfidious**, **faithless**
s. disloyal, perfidious, recreant, traitorous
a. loyal, faithful, allegiant
- ii. *adj.* marked by **hidden dangers**, hazards, or perils: **dangerous**
s. hazardous, jeopardous, perilous, risky, precarious

1052 stationary

- adj.* **fixed** in a station, course, or mode: **immobile**
s. static, stagnant, unchanging

1053 seclude

- v.* to **remove** or separate **from** intercourse or **outside influence**: **isolate**
s. cloister, sequester, retire, withdraw, confine, enclose, immure

1054 obstinate

- adj.* **perversely adhering** to an opinion in spite of reason, arguments, or persuasion: **intransigent**
s. headstrong, incompliant, mulish, pertinacious, perverse, refractory, willful
a. acquiescent, complaisant, submissive, pliable, pliant, yielding

1055 futile

- i. *adj.* **serving no** useful **purpose**: completely **ineffective**
s. abortive, bootless, fruitless, unproductive, vain
a. efficacious, fruitful, beneficial, profitable, effective
- ii. *adj.* occupied with trifles: **frivolous**

1056 reprobate

- i. *v.* to **condemn** strongly as unworthy, unacceptable, or evil: **criticize**
s. censure, condemn, denounce, denunciate, reprehend
- ii. *v.* to **refuse** to accept: **reject**
s. decline, disapprove, dismiss, repudiate, spurn
- iii. *adj.* morally **corrupt**: **depraved**
s. immoral, iniquitous, sinful, vicious, wicked

1057 ambience

- n.* a **feeling** or **mood** associated with a particular place, person, or thing: **atmosphere**
s. environment, climate, milieu, surroundings

1058 docile

adj. easily led or managed: tractable

s. obedient, amenable, biddable, tractable, pliable, pliant

a. intractable, obstinate, obdurate, willful, recalcitrant

1059 extinguish

i. *v.* to reduce to ineffectiveness or bring to an end: smother

s. annihilate, abate, abolish, eradicate, exterminate, extirpate, uproot

ii. *v.* to cause to cease burning: quench

s. crush, annihilate, quash, quell, squash, suppress

a. inflame

1060 corroborate

v. to support with evidence or authority: confirm

s. authenticate, justify, substantiate, validate, verify

a. invalidate, nullify, negate, contradict

Instant Review 53

1. Match the explanation on the left with the word on the right

Group 01

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|-----------------------------|-------|--------------|
| 1. make impure, corrupt | _____ | preclude |
| 2. necessarily true | _____ | expurgate |
| 3. rule out in advance | _____ | diminutive |
| 4. cleanse harmful contents | _____ | demonstrable |
| 5. exceptionally small | _____ | adulterate |

Group 02

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|----------------------------------|-------|--------------|
| 1. lacking stability, changeable | _____ | telling |
| 2. producing effect | _____ | obfuscate |
| 3. completely destroy | _____ | misattribute |
| 4. make obscure | _____ | fickle |
| 5. division or disharmony | _____ | extirpate |

Group 03

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|----------------------------------|-------|-------------|
| 1. betraying trust | _____ | futile |
| 2. fixed or immobile | _____ | obstinate |
| 3. remove from outside influence | _____ | secluded |
| 4. perversely adhering | _____ | stationary |
| 5. serving no purpose; frivolous | _____ | treacherous |

Group 04

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|---|-------|-------------|
| 1. criticize; reject; morally corrupt | _____ | reprobate |
| 2. feeling or mood | _____ | extinguish |
| 3. easily managed | _____ | docile |
| 4. reduce to ineffectiveness; cease burning | _____ | corroborate |
| 5. support with evidence, confirm | _____ | ambience |

2. Circle the word with different meanings from the rest of the group

Group 01

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|---------------|-------------|-----------|
| a. fortify | contaminate | taint |
| b. lubricious | mercurial | inert |
| c. annihilate | institute | demolish |
| d. schism | conjunction | breach |
| e. perfidious | recreant | allegiant |

Group 02

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|---------------|-----------|---------|
| a. sequester | uncover | confine |
| b. headstrong | compliant | mulish |

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|---------------|-----------|--------------|
| c. abortive | bootless | fruitful |
| d. docile | obstinate | recalcitrant |
| e. annihilate | inflamm | quell |

3. *Replace the underlined word with another word you have just learned in this unit*

Group 01

- Moreover, they are disproportionately likely to come from the sort of chaotic backgrounds that generally prevent political engagement.
- Diet, climate and environmental factors could also help to explain the dogs' tiny size.
- The city has suffered horribly during Japan's decade-long slump, and voters there are famously unpredictable and independent-minded.
- Alma's mission is to wipe out the black rats and other non-native species that are overrunning the islands, and Dave is bent on stopping the slaughter.
- The crime group would likely rent a distributed proxy network to obscure their true locations and to run transactions against the compromised accounts.

Group 02

- Everybody said there would be a breakup last year and that the party would tear itself asunder and it didn't.
- Plane crashes in Alaska are somewhat common because of the dangerous weather and mountainous terrain.
- Additionally, the EPA would be barred from regulating greenhouse gas emissions from factories and other fixed sites.
- Youngsters are warned to move around in groups and to stay away from isolated areas.
- Propaganda is not intrinsically bad, he said, and there are no mind-control tricks to ensure a obedient audience.

Unit 54

Quick Preview

<input type="checkbox"/> unruly	<input type="checkbox"/> fulminate	<input type="checkbox"/> aboveboard	<input type="checkbox"/> incipient
<input type="checkbox"/> partisan	<input type="checkbox"/> arbitrary	<input type="checkbox"/> dissipate	<input type="checkbox"/> propitiate
<input type="checkbox"/> ascribe	<input type="checkbox"/> deluge	<input type="checkbox"/> auspicious	<input type="checkbox"/> painstaking
<input type="checkbox"/> grandiloquent	<input type="checkbox"/> effrontery	<input type="checkbox"/> maladroit	<input type="checkbox"/> austere
<input type="checkbox"/> demur	<input type="checkbox"/> manifold	<input type="checkbox"/> acquiesce	<input type="checkbox"/> tacit

1061 unruly

adj. **not readily ruled**, disciplined, or managed: **intractable**
s. fractious, indomitable, recalcitrant, untoward, contumacious
a. docile, obedient, amenable, biddable, pliable, pliant

1062 partisan

adj. **exhibiting** blind, **prejudiced**, and unreasoning **allegiance** to a party, faction or cause
s. biased, colored, jaundiced, partial, prejudiced, prepossessed, tendentious

1063 ascribe

v. to **refer to** a supposed **cause**, source, or author: **attribute**
s. accredit, assign, credit, impute

1064 grandiloquent

adj. **lofty**, extravagantly colorful, pompous, or **bombastic** especially in language
s. rhetorical, aureate, declamatory, euphuistic, magniloquent, sonorous, swollen

1065 demur

v. to take exception: **object**, **protest**
s. balk, boggle, expostulate, remonstrate
a. accede, succumb, concur, subscribe

1066 fulminate

v. to **utter** or send out with **denunciation**: **criticize**
s. rail, rant, spout, harangue

1067 arbitrary

adj. existing seemingly **at random** or **by chance** or as a **capricious** and unreasonable act of will
s. erratic, freakish, vagarious, wayward, whimsical
a. circumspect, discreet, heedful, judicious, judicial, prudent

1068 deluge

v. to **overflow** with water: **inundate**
s. flood, overwhelm, swamp, drown, submerge

1069 effrontery

- n.* shameless **boldness**: **insolence**
s. brashness, brass, presumption, temerity

1070 manifold

- i. adj.* marked by **diversity** or **variety**
s. diverse, multifarious, multifold, multiplex, polymorphic
ii. v. to make multiple: **multiply**
s. aggrandize, augment, boost, compound, magnify

1071 aboveboard

- adj.* in a **straightforward** manner: **openly**
s. forthright, straight, scrupulous, artless, ingenuous
a. clandestine, covert, furtive, surreptitious, underhanded

1072 dissipate

- i. v.* to **cause to** spread thin or scatter and gradually **vanish**
s. scatter, dispel, disperse, disintegrate
ii. v. to **spend** or use up **wastefully** or foolishly
s. waste, blunder, consume, squander

1073 auspicious

- adj.* affording a **favorable** omen: **propitious**
s. benign, fortunate, propitious, rosy
a. ominous, portentous, adverse, antagonistic

1074 maladroit

- adj.* **lacking skillfulness**: **inept**
s. awkward, bumbling, clumsy, gauche, ham-handed, lumbering, tactless
a. adroit, deft, dexterous, handy, cunning, ingenious

1075 acquiesce

- v.* to **accept**, comply, or submit tacitly or **passively**: **assent**
s. accede, consent, subscribe, concur
a. balk, demur, remonstrate, dissent

1076 incipient

- adj.* beginning to **come into being** or to become apparent
s. initial, initiative, nascent, embryonic

1077 propitiate

- v.* to gain or **regain** the favor or **goodwill** of: **appease**, **conciliate**
s. pacify, assuage, mollify, placate

1078 painstaking

adj. expending, showing, or involving diligent care and effort: taking pains: careful
s. conscientious, exact, heedful, meticulous, punctilious, scrupulous

1079 austere

i. adj. morally strict: ascetic

ii. adj. markedly simple or unadorned

iii. adj. stern and cold in appearance or manner: somber, grave

1080 tacit

adj. implied or indicated but not actually expressed

s. implicit, inarticulate, inferred, intimated, alluded

Instant Review 54

1. Match the explanation on the left with the word on the right

Group 01

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|-------------------------------------|-------|---------------|
| 1. not readily ruled | _____ | unruly |
| 2. exhibiting prejudiced allegiance | _____ | partisan |
| 3. refer to a cause, attribute | _____ | grandiloquent |
| 4. lofty and bombastic | _____ | demur |
| 5. object or protest | _____ | ascribe |

Group 02

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|---------------------------------|-------|------------|
| 1. denounce or criticize | _____ | arbitrary |
| 2. at random or by chance | _____ | deluge |
| 3. overflow or inundate | _____ | effrontery |
| 4. shameless boldness | _____ | fulminate |
| 5. diverse or various; multiply | _____ | manifold |

Group 03

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|--------------------------------------|-------|------------|
| 1. straightforward | _____ | aboveboard |
| 2. cause to vanish; wastefully spend | _____ | acquiesce |
| 3. favorable or propitious | _____ | auspicious |
| 4. lacking skillfulness | _____ | dissipate |
| 5. passively accept | _____ | maladroit |

Group 04

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|--------------------------------------|-------|-------------|
| 1. coming into being | _____ | tacit |
| 2. appease or conciliate | _____ | propitiate |
| 3. showing care and effort | _____ | incipient |
| 4. strict; unadorned; cold and grave | _____ | painstaking |
| 5. not actually expressed | _____ | austere |

2. Circle the word with different meanings from the rest of the group

Group 01

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|----------------|-------------|-------------|
| a. amenable | pliable | fractious |
| b. jaundiced | detached | tendentious |
| c. concur | expostulate | remonstrate |
| d. judicious | wayward | prudent |
| e. polymorphic | multifold | univocal |

Group 02

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|---------------|---------------|------------|
| a. scrupulous | surreptitious | ingenuous |
| b. propitious | ominous | portentous |

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|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| c. dexterous | gauche | cunning |
| d. demur | subscribe | remonstrate |
| e. meticulous | punctilious | heedless |

3. Replace the underlined word with another word you have just learned in this unit

Group 01

1. Thereafter a series of disturbances occurred as more groups became incontrollable and attacked passers-by and innocent bystanders.
2. In Iowa, impartial redistricting was done through a process that aimed to eliminate prejudiced gerrymandering.
3. The Shulhan aruch of Joseph Qaro, printed in 1564 within a decade of its completion, though not accepted without objection, was nevertheless widely admitted as the code of Jewish life.
4. He often disparaged his partner for being irrational, changeable, and more than a little capricious.
5. Despite all the violence, the movie is aesthetically shaped and slightly distanced by the pictorial verve of gangland boldness: the public aggression that Mann makes inseparable from high style.

Group 02

1. But self-interest comes in many competing guises – not all of which I fear are likely to lead in the right direction for very long, nor to embrace the various needs of future generations.
2. In order to seem genuine and keep her trust, he acknowledged to Susan that he was speaking metaphorically when it came to angels.
3. Experts estimate more than half of the oil remains in the gulf and will not disappear quickly.
4. Occasionally, he made damp, awkward efforts at humorous small talk, but the result inflicted discomfort bordering on pain.
5. In modern times the artisan, however well trained, efficient and careful he may be, does not, in virtue of these qualities, enjoy any municipal or political privileges.