

Vocabulary in *Republic*

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exploit	v.	to get value or use from (something) <i>He has never fully exploited his talents.</i>
shepherd	v.	to guide (someone or something) <i>She carefully shepherded the children across the street.</i>
tolerate	v.	to allow (something that is bad, unpleasant, etc.) to exist, happen, or be done <i>Our teacher will not tolerate bad grammar.</i>
unjust	adj.	not fair or deserved :not just <i>The convict received an unjust sentence.</i>
lawful	adj.	allowed by the law <i>lawful conduct</i>
stature	n.	the level of respect that people have for a successful person, organization, etc. <i>We are honored to be working with a writer of his stature. [=a writer who is so highly respected]</i>
isolate	v.	to put or keep (someone or something) in a place or situation that is separate from others <i>These policies will only serve to isolate the country politically and economically.</i>
din	n.	a loud, confusing mixture of noises that lasts for a long time <i>It was hard to hear anything above/over the din in the restaurant.</i>
behold	v.	to look at (something) :to see (something) <i>Those who have beheld the beauty of the desert never forget it.</i>
flock	v.	to gather or move in a crowd <i>Thousands of people flocked to the beach each weekend.</i>
wretched	adj.	very unhappy, ill, etc. <i>The slums were filled with poor, wretched children.</i>
prudent	adj.	having or showing careful good judgment <i>He always listened to her prudent advice.</i>
descend	v.	to go down :to go or move from a higher to a lower place or level <i>Wait for the elevator to descend.</i>
whereupon	conjunction	at which time used to say that something happens directly after something else and often as a result of it <i>He graduated from high school in 1986, whereupon he immediately joined the navy.</i>
rack	v.	to cause (someone or something) to suffer pain or damage usually used as (be) racked <i>He was racked with/by jealousy [=he was very jealous] when he saw his ex-wife with another man.</i>
precede	v.	to happen, go, or come before (something or someone) <i>Riots preceded the civil war.</i>
revive	v.	to make (someone or something) strong, healthy, or active again <i>The doctors were trying to revive the patient. [=to make the unconscious patient conscious again]</i>

reckon	v.	to think or suppose (something) :to believe that (something) is true or possible <i>I reckon that we'll have to leave early.</i>
divert	v.	to change the direction or use of (something) <i>Police diverted traffic to a side street.</i>
censure	v.	to officially criticize (someone or something) strongly and publicly <i>He was censured by the committee for his failure to report the problem.</i>
deem	v.	to think of (someone or something) in a particular way <i>The building was deemed [=considered, judged] unsafe after the fire.</i>
myriad	adj.	very many <i>The old system's problems were myriad.</i>
idiot	n.	a very stupid or foolish person <i>Don't be such an idiot!</i>
refute	v.	to prove that (something) is not true <i>The lawyer refuted the testimony of the witness.</i>
antagonist	n.	a person who opposes another person <i>He faced his antagonist [(more commonly) opponent, adversary] in a series of debates.</i>
marvel	v.	to feel great surprise, wonder, or admiration <i>The audience marveled at the magician's skill.</i>
inwardly	adv.	in a way that is not openly shown or stated :on the inside <i>He chuckled/smiled/cursed inwardly.</i>
whither	adv.	to what place <i>He grew up in New York City whither his family had immigrated in the early 1920s.</i>
dedicate	v.	to officially make (something) a place for honoring or remembering a person, event, etc. <i>The new park was dedicated today.</i>
scourge	v.	to cause a lot of trouble or suffering for (someone or something) <i>a neighborhood scourged by crime</i>
stoop	v.	to bend down or over <i>She stooped down to hug the child.</i>
brazen	adj.	acting or done in a very open and shocking way without shame or embarrassment <i>He exhibited a brazen disregard for other people's feelings.</i>
posse	n.	a group of people who were gathered together by a sheriff in the past to help search for a criminal <i>The sheriff and his posse rode out to look for the bandits.</i>
seduce	v.	to persuade (someone) to have sex with you <i>He tried to seduce her.</i>
contrive	v.	to form or think of (a plan, method, etc.) <i>The prisoners contrived a way to escape.</i>
infamy	n.	the condition of being known for having done bad things or for being evil <i>He never escaped the infamy his crimes had earned him.</i>
restate	v.	to say (something) again or in a different way especially to make the meaning clearer <i>She needs to restate her arguments.</i>
conspire	v.	to secretly plan with someone to do something that is harmful or illegal often followed by to + verb <i>They were accused of conspiring to overthrow the government.</i>
ordain	v.	to officially make (someone) a minister, priest, rabbi, etc. <i>He was ordained (as) a priest.</i>
narrate	v.	to tell (a story)

uttermost	adj.	<i>The author narrates her story in great detail.</i> utmost <i>a matter of the uttermost importance</i>
gymnastic	n.	physical exercises for developing strength and balance <i>They limbered up by practicing some gymnastics on the mat.</i>
pugnacious	adj.	showing a readiness or desire to fight or argue <i>There's one pugnacious member on the committee who won't agree to anything.</i>
perplex	v.	to confuse (someone) very much <i>Her attitude perplexes me. = I am perplexed by her attitude.</i>
impale	v.	to cause a pointed object to go into or through (someone or something) often + on <i>He slipped and impaled his leg on a metal spike.</i>
dissatisfy	v.	to fail to make (someone) happy or pleased <i>Their final decision dissatisfied [=displeased] everyone.</i>