

Unit 1

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Definitions

admonish	(v.) to caution or advise against something; to scold mildly; to remind of a duty
breach	(n.) an opening, gap, rupture, rift; a violation or infraction; (v.) to create an opening, break through
brigand	(n.) a bandit, robber, outlaw, highwayman
circumspect	(adj.) careful, cautious
commandeer	(v.) to seize for military or official use
cumbersome	(adj.) clumsy, hard to handle; slow-moving
deadlock	(n.) a standstill resulting from the opposition of two equal forces or factions (v.) to bring to such a standstill
debris	(n.) scattered fragments, wreckage
diffuse	(v.) to spread or scatter freely or widely; (adj.) wordy, longwinded, or unfocused; scattered or widely spread
dilemma	(n.) a difficult or perplexing situation or problem
efface	(v.) to wipe out; to keep oneself from being noticed
muddle	(v.) to make a mess of; muddle through: to get by; (n.) a hopeless mess
opinionated	(adj.) stubborn and often unreasonable in holding to one's own ideas, having a closed mind
perennial	(adj.) lasting for a long time, persistent; (n.) a plant that lives for many years
predispose	(v.) to incline to beforehand
relinquish	(v.) to let go, give up
salvage	(v.) to save from fire or shipwreck; (n.) property thus saved
spasmodic	(adj.) sudden and violent but brief; fitful; intermittent
spurious	(adj.) not genuine, not true, not valid

unbridled (*adj.*) lacking in restraint

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