**UNIT 4, READING 2 VOCABULARY: PG. 71**

1. **Decline (v):** Become less.

**Decline (n)**

“The number of big fish in the oceans has declined in recent years.”

“There has been a large decline in available jobs due to the pandemic.”

1. **Definitely (adv):** Without question or doubt. Certainly.

**Definite (adj)**

“I am definitely going to study hard for the test because I want to do really well on it.”

“My plans are definite and nothing in the world will change them.”

1. **Individual (n):** A single person

**Individual (adj):** Relating to a single person or thing.

**Individually (adv)**

“Everyone is a separate individual with their own opinions, feelings, and needs. Because of this, we cannot just expect everyone to react to things in the same way.”

“Each individual meal is prepared and cooked by the head chef to ensure the best dining experience possible.”

1. **Essential (adj):** Extremely important or absolutely necessary.

**Essentially (adv)**

**Essence (n):** The basic or most important idea or quality of something.

“If you want to pass the course, it is essential that you do all of the homework and complete the tests and assessments on time.”

“In his opinion, the essence of life was spending time with family and friends and enjoying himself.”

1. **Informed (adj):** Having all of the information and understanding the facts of a situation.

**Uninformed (adj)**

**Inform (v):** Give someone information that they did not previously have.

**Information (n):** Facts about a person, thing, or event.

**Informative (adj):** Providing useful information.

“Before you vote in the election, it is really important to become informed on all of the political candidates and issues.”

“I informed the teacher that I had an emergency and would be unable to take the test, and I got a note from the doctor to prove it.”

“The PowerPoint presentation was very informative and it helped me to understand the grammar much better than before.”

1. **Rely on (phrasal verb):** To need or depend on something or someone.

**Reliable (adj):** Trustworthy, dependable. If someone is reliable, they will do what you expect or need them to do.

**Unreliable (adj)**

**Reliability (n):** The quality of being able to be trusted or relied on.

**Reliant (adj):** Needing a particular thing or person in order to do something.

“The boss relied on his workers to work efficiently in order to keep the factory running properly.”

“My friend is unreliable, so I usually don’t ask him to do anything important for me.”

“Jane is too reliant on her parents. She is 35 and still lives at home, and she isn’t studying or working.”

1. **Impact (n):** Effect or influence.

**Impact (v):** To have an effect or influence on something or someone.

**Impactful (adj):** Having a large impact on something or someone.

“Human beings are having a negative impact on the ocean ecosystem.”

“I think the fact that I was really tired impacted my test result negatively.”

“The government’s commitment to protecting our oceans will be very impactful.”

1. **Severe (adj):** Very serious, usually in a negative context.

**Severely (adv)**

“There was a severe thunderstorm last night that caused a huge power failure all over the city.”

“The man was severely injured in the car accident.”