

Vocabulary Unit 2

Vocabulary Word	Part of Speech	Definition	Synonym	Antonym	Sentence
Aloof	adj	not friendly or forthcoming; cool and distant	Unfriendly, indifferent, remote, distant	Affectionate, sociable	The professor was often <i>aloof</i> with people who asked silly questions.
Befall	v	to happen to someone especially as if by fate, often unpleasant or bad	Transpire, occur, develop, happen to, come upon	Stop, ebb, dematerialize	It's sad to think of the unhappy fate that <i>befell</i> him.
Condescending	adj	showing that you believe you are more intelligent or better than other people	Arrogant, disdainful, patronizing	Humble, modest, deferential	His comments were offensive and <i>condescending</i> to us.
Corollary	noun	a direct or natural consequence or result	Result, effect, consequence	Beginning, cause, foundation	One <i>corollary</i> of the rise of television was a massive makeover of radio's programming.
Differentiate	v	1. recognize or ascertain what makes (someone or something) different* 2. identify differences between (two or more things or people) 3. make (someone or something) appear different or distinct 4. make or become different in the process of growth or development	Distinguish, characterize, contrast	Confuse, associate, connect, similar	Can you <i>differentiate</i> between the different species of fish in the aquarium?

Exhibit	Verb noun	show an attribute, property, knowledge, or skill; to show, make visible or apparent	Display, demonstrate, evince	Hide, Conceal, belie,	The dog <i>exhibited</i> no signs of aggression when the little boy pulled his tail.
Feign	v	<i>pretend</i> to be affected by a feeling, state, or injury, put on an appearance	Fake, counterfeit, affect	Honest, truthful, real	The woman <i>feigned</i> a neck injury after her accident in order to get more insurance money.
Lethargic	adj	feeling a lack of energy or a lack of interest in doing things;	Sleepy, listless, torpid	Energetic, vivacious, animated	A big meal always makes me feel <i>lethargic</i> and sleepy.
Paradox	n	an idea that, despite sound (or apparently sound) reasoning from acceptable premises, leads to a conclusion that seems senseless, logically unacceptable, or self-contradictory	Puzzle, enigma, ambiguity, contradiction	Normality, solution, standard	It is a <i>paradox</i> that computers need maintenance so often, since they are meant to save people time.
Proficient	adj	competent or skilled in doing or using something	Accomplished, expert, adept	Novice, inept, amateur	Anna is <i>proficient</i> in three languages because she speaks them all fluently
Pungent	adj	having a strong, sharp taste or smell, often painful	Sharp, acrid, caustic	Bland, tasteless, odorless	The smell of cooking liver and onions is <i>pungent</i> .
Trivial	adj	of little value or importance	Insignificant, paltry, inconsequential	Vital, important, significant	Compared to her problems, our problems seem <i>trivial</i> .