

Unit One

1. Vernacular (n) common or everyday language
2. Amorphous (adj.) having no definite shape or form
3. Abyss (n) the unknown
4. Collective (adj.) formed or completed as a group
5. Postulate (v) to think about
6. Articulate (v) to explain or express something
7. Tome (n) a large and scholarly book
8. Divergent (adj.) drifting from the norm
9. Anomaly (n) unique from the rest
10. Paradigm (n) a standard or typical example

Unit Two

1. Receding (v/adj.) to become more distant
2. Disarming (adj.) removing or lessening suspicions or fears
3. Prolonged (v) to be extended
4. Imprudent (adj.) unwise
5. Surmounted (v) to have overcome
6. Unruffled (adj.) calm; not disturbed
7. Invariably (adv.) always; constant; without changing
8. Diverting (adj.) entertaining
9. Impulse (n) a sudden desire to do something
10. Protrude (v) to stick out

Unit Three

1. Sullenly (adj.) resentfully; gloomily
2. Imminent (adj.) almost immediate; about to happen
3. Iridescent (adj.) rainbow-like; displaying a shifting range of colors
4. Serene (adj.) peaceful; calm
5. Infallibility (n) inability to make a mistake
6. Blighted (v) to suffer from conditions that destroy & prevent growth
7. Doggedness (n) stubbornness; persistence
8. Reiterate (v) to repeat again and again
9. Precariously (adv.) unsteadily; insecurely
10. Mar (v) to damage; spoil

Unit Four

1. Dictum (n.) a formal decree
2. Profound (adj.) full of great insight
3. Derive (v.) to obtain something from a particular source
4. Nocturnal (adj.) done at or inclined to night
5. Predilection (n.) a preference or special liking for something; bias in favor
6. Peculiar (adj.) odd; strange
7. Apprehensive (adj.) to be inclined to worry; worrisome; doubtful
8. Compel (v.) to be forced or urged to do something
9. Delegate (v.) to entrust responsibility or a task to another person
10. Confer (v.) to give or bestow; to converse with

Unit Five

1. Compensation (n.) something given to make up for loss, injury, or suffering
2. Perpetuate (v.) to continue to circulate or repeat
3. Permit (v.) to allow; to give permission
4. Subdue (v.) to overcome or bring under control
5. Obstreperous (adj.) noisy & difficult to control
6. Provocation (n.) an action or speech that deliberately causes anger
7. Contemporary (adj.) modern; present time

- 8. Modest (adj.) limited; moderate in use or application
- 9. Civilized (adj.) polite & well-mannered according to societal standards
- 10. Melancholy (adj.) sad; depressed; crestfallen

Unit Six

- 1. Dignity (n.) the state or quality of being worthy of honor or respect
- 2. Edification (n.) the improvement of a person morally or intellectually
- 3. Emerge (v.) to come forth
- 4. Fortitude (n.) courage in pain or adversity; strength
- 5. Postponement (n.) to put off for another time
- 6. Vivid (adj.) producing powerful feelings and strong clear images
- 7. Tranquil (adj.) free from disturbance; calm
- 8. Stifle (v.) to restrain a reaction; to stop oneself acting on an emotion
- 9. Prevail (v.) to overcome through persistence
- 10. Antagonize (v.) to cause someone or something to become hostile

Unit Seven

- 1. Façade (n.) an outward appearance used to conceal a less pleasant reality
- 2. Acquiescence (v.) occurs when a person knowingly stands by without raising any objection to the infringement of their rights
- 3. Mutual (adj.) held in common by two or more parties
- 4. Impassive (adj.) not feeling or showing emotion
- 5. Prominent (adj.) well-known; projecting from
- 6. Elucidate (v.) to explain or elaborate for clarity
- 7. Dispel (v.) to make (a doubt, feeling, or belief) disappear
- 8. Turbulent (adj.) characterized by conflict, disorder, or confusion
- 9. Earnest (adj.) resulting from or showing sincere and intense conviction
- 10. Vigorous (adv.) strong, healthy, and full of energy

Unit Eight

- 1. Ascertain (v.) to find out
- 2. Altruistic (adj.) unselfish, concerned with the welfare of others
- 3. Retrogress (v.) to move backward; to return to an earlier condition
- 4. Cursory (adj.) hasty; not thorough
- 5. Muse (v.) to think about in a dreamy way; to ponder
- 6. Urbane (adj.) refined in manner or style, suave
- 7. Converge (v.) to move toward one point, approach nearer together
- 8. Discrepancy (n.) a difference; a lack of agreement
- 9. Facile (adj.) easily done or attained; superficial; ready; fluent
- 10. Pungent (adj.) causing a sharp sensation; stinging; biting

Unit Nine

- 1. Adulterate (v.): to corrupt, make worse, by the addition of something of lesser value
- 2. Ambidextrous (adj.): able to use both hands equally well; very skillful; deceitful
- 3. Augment (v.): to make larger; to increase
- 4. Bereft (v.): deprived of; made unhappy through a loss
- 5. Deploy (v.): to position or arrange; to utilize; to form up
- 6. Dour (adj.): stern, unyielding, gloomy, ill-humored
- 7. Gape (v.): to stare with open mouth; to open the mouth wide; to open wide
- 8. Gibe (v.): to utter taunting words; an expression of scorn
- 9. Guise (n.): an external appearance, cover, mask
- 10. Insidious (adj.): intended to deceive or entrap; sly; treacherous

Unit Ten

1. **Intimation (n):** a hint or indirect suggestion
2. **Epiphany (n):** a great moment of insight
3. **Opulent (adj):** wealthy, luxurious; ample; grandiose
4. **Pliable (adj):** easily bent, flexible; easily influenced
5. **Reiterate (v):** to say again, repeat
6. **Stolid (adj):** not easily moved mentally or emotionally; dull, unresponsive
7. **Tentative (adj):** experimental in nature; uncertain, hesitant
8. **Unkempt (adj):** not combed; untidy; not properly maintained; unpolished rude
9. **Verbatim (n):** word for word; exactly as written or spoken
10. **Warily (adj):** cautiously, with great care

Unit Eleven

1. **Adroit (adj.):** skillful; expert in the use of hands or mind
2. **Amicable (adj.):** peaceful; friendly
3. **Averse (v.):** having a deep-seated distaste; opposed; unwilling
4. **Belligerent (adj.):** given to fighting; war-like; combative; aggressive
5. **Benevolent (adj.):** kindly; charitable
6. **Cursory (adj.):** hasty; not thorough
7. **Duplicity (n.):** treachery; deceitfulness
8. **Extol (v.):** to praise extravagantly
9. **Feasible (adj.):** possible; able to be done
10. **Grimace (n./v.):** a wry face, facial distortion; to make a wry face

Unit Twelve

1. **Impervious (adj):** not affected or hurt by; admitting of no passage or entrance
2. **Impetus (n):** a moving force, impulse, stimulus
3. **Jeopardy (n):** danger
4. **Meticulous (adj):** extremely careful; particular about details
5. **Nostalgia (n):** a longing for something past; homesickness
6. **Quintessence (n):** the purest essence or form of something; the most typical example
7. **Retrogress (v):** to move backward; to return to an earlier condition
8. **Scrutinize (v):** to examine closely
9. **Tepid (adj):** lukewarm; unenthusiastic; marked by an absence of interest
10. **Zany (adj):** eccentric, strange, unconventional

Unit Thirteen

1. **Adversary (n):** an enemy; an opponent
2. **Alienate (v):** to turn away; to make indifferent or hostile; to transfer, convey
3. **Artifice (n):** a skillful or ingenious device; a clever trick; a clever skill; trickery
4. **Coerce (v):** to compel, force
5. **Craven (n/adj):** cowardly; a coward
6. **Demise (n):** a death, especially of a person in a lofty position
7. **Exhilarate (v):** to enliven, cheer, give spirit or liveliness to
8. **Inclement (adj):** stormy, harsh; severe in attitude or action
9. **Negligible (adj):** so unimportant that it can be disregarded
10. **Precedent (n):** an example that may serve as a basis for imitation or later action

Unit Fourteen

1. **Affiliated:** associated, connected
2. **Ascertain:** to find out
3. **Attainment:** an accomplishment, the act of achieving
4. **Bequeath:** to give or pass on as an inheritance
5. **Cogent:** forceful; convincing; relevant and to-the-point
6. **Malevolent:** spiteful, showing ill will

7. **Scrupulous:** exact, careful, attending thoroughly to details
8. **Esteem:** to regard highly
9. **Propriety:** the state or quality of conforming to conventionally accepted standards of behavior or morals.
10. **Finite:** having limits; lasting for a limited time