**Vocabulary Unit Fifteen 10 H Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Period\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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| **Word, pronunciation, and stressed syllables** | **Part/s of speech and Definitions**  **Underline key components of the definition** | **Synonyms**  **(make sure you know what these mean)** | **Antonyms**  **(make sure you know what these mean)** | **Sentences** | **Other forms of the word or notes about the word** |
| **adamant**  **P:** | (adj.) firm in purpose or opinion, unyielding, obdurate, implacable, inflexible; (n) an extremely hard substance |  | Yielding, flexible, pliable | The government was \_\_\_\_\_in its refusal to negotiate with terrorists.  By what they called \_\_\_\_\_, writers centuries ago sometimes meant diamonds and sometimes magnetized iron. |  |
| **brouhaha**  **P:** | (n.) a confused hodgepodge of sounds, hubbub; an uproar or commotion that goes far beyond what is justified. | Furor, hullabaloo, tumult, pandemonium |  | After the \_\_\_\_\_ had finally subsided, we asked the group to give us a written list of all their complaints. |  |
| **bulwark**  **P:** | (n.) a strong defense or protection, a solid wall-like structure for defense; (v.) to provide such defense or protection | (n) stronghold, citadel, bastion, rampart | (n) breach, weak point in the defense | The only remaining evidence of a once thriving civilization is this \_\_\_\_\_ against the encroachments of the sea.  His staff had to \_\_\_\_\_ him against fans who wanted to get near him. |  |
| **choleric**  **P:** | (adj.) easily made angry, bad-tempered | Irascible, testy, splenetic, bilious | Affable, genial, even-tempered | His \_\_\_\_\_ temperament and erratic behavior made him an ineffective ruler. |  |
| **cloy**  **P:** | (v.) to spoil or destroy an appetite by too much indulgence, especially in sweet or rich things; to glut, satiate, surfeit |  | Stimulate, whet | A steady diet of TV began to \_\_\_\_\_ and I was glad to begin a book. |  |
| **curtail**  **P:** | (v.) to cut short, bring to a halt or end sooner than expected; to reduce | Limit, abbreviate, abridge, contract | Protract, extend | It is time yet again to \_\_\_\_\_ the flow of unsolicited nonsense that somehow reaches me as e-mail. |  |
| **deference**  **P:** | (n.) courteous yielding to the wishes and ideas of another person; great respect marked by submission, as to a superior | Respect, consideration, courtesy | Contempt, disrespect, scorn, disdain | Some moderate \_\_\_\_ is due the boss, but too much can seem to conceal other motives. |  |
| **definitive**  **P:** | (adj.) conclusive, final, representing the limit of what can be done | Exhaustive, authoritative | Tentative, inconclusive | She is working on what she hopes will be the \_\_\_\_\_ biography of Emily Dickinson. |  |
| **demeanor**  **P:** | (n.) the way a person behaves, overall impression made by comportment manner, etc.; facial appearance, mien | Conduct, behavior, bearing, carriage |  | Charles Dickens’ Mr. Pickwick has such a cheerful and sympathetic \_\_\_\_\_ that few can resist him. |  |
| **enigmatic**  **P:** | (adj.) puzzling, perplexing, inexplicable, not easily understood | Baffling, mysterious, inexplicable | Intelligible, understandable, fathomable | He was staring me straight in the eye, neither pleased nor displeased, his expression \_\_\_\_\_. |  |
| **impromptu**  **P:** | (adj., adv.) without preparation, offhand, suddenly or hastily done; (n) an extemporaneous composition of remark; a minimal piece suggestive of improvisation. | (adj.) spontaneous, improvised, unrehearsed | (adj.) rehearsed, planned, prepared, premeditated | His \_\_\_\_\_ speech allowed him to express not only what he was thinking but what he was feeling.  At first, an \_\_\_\_\_ by Schubert may not stun you, but hours later you’ll find that you haven’t forgotten it. |  |
| **mawkish**  **P:** | (adj.) excessively and objectionably sentimental; having a mildly sickening flavor | Sentimentalized, maudlin, mushy, nauseating | Unsentimental, callous, insensitive | In It’s a Wonderful Life, Jimmy Stewart was praised for making his character poignant without being \_\_\_\_\_. |  |
| **mollify**  **P:** | (v.) to soften, make gentle, pacify; to calm, allay )as an emotion), assuage, appease, placate; to reduce in intensity |  | Enrage, anger, aggravate, exacerbate | The Senator hoped to \_\_\_\_\_ her angry public, but nothing she said was likely to get her reelected. |  |
| **onus**  **P:** | (n.) something that is heavy or burdensome (especially an unwelcome responsibility); a stigma; blame | Burden obligation, duty, stigma |  | In the \_\_\_\_\_ for a defective product is placed on the consumer, some complicated legal and ethical questions are sure to arise. |  |
| **presentiment**  **P:** | (n.) a vague sense of approaching misfortunefilf | Foreboding, premonition, hunch |  | It was a strange irony that in denying their \_\_\_\_\_, they made their worst fears come true. |  |
| **profligate**  **P:** | (adj.) given over to dissipation and self-indulgence, immoral; recklessly extravagant; (n) a person give to self-indulgent and wild spending | (adj.) prodigal, improvident; (n) spendthrift | (adj.) penny pinching, frugal, economical | This was the \_\_\_\_\_ son in the family, the one who could charm, the one of whom nothing was expected.  She was a \_\_\_\_\_, and no matter how much money she earned, she always spent more than she had. |  |
| **remit**  **P:** | (v.) to send or hand in (as money); to cancel (as a penalty or punishment), forgive, pardon; to lessen, diminish; to put off, postpone, defer | Pay, absolve, subside, abate |  | They would \_\_\_\_\_ a certain sum each year to a local charity. |  |
| **requisite**  **P:** | (adj.) needed, necessary, regarded as essential or indispensable | Required, obligatory, incumbent | Nonessential, superfluous, optional | If you have the \_\_\_\_\_ physical strength and an ear for music, I’ll pay for your first year of dance instruction. |  |
| **sartorial**  **P:** | (adj.) of or pertaining to a tailor or his work; having to do with clothes or dress (especially men’s) |  |  | Paging through historical picture books is a fascination study in \_\_\_\_\_ standards through the years. |  |
| **thwart**  **P:** | (v.) to oppose successfully; to prevent, frustrate | Foil, baffle | Aid, assist, abet, further | Our dog’s friendliness would \_\_\_\_\_ the sternest efforts of the most expensive guard-dog trainer. |  |