



Unit 6

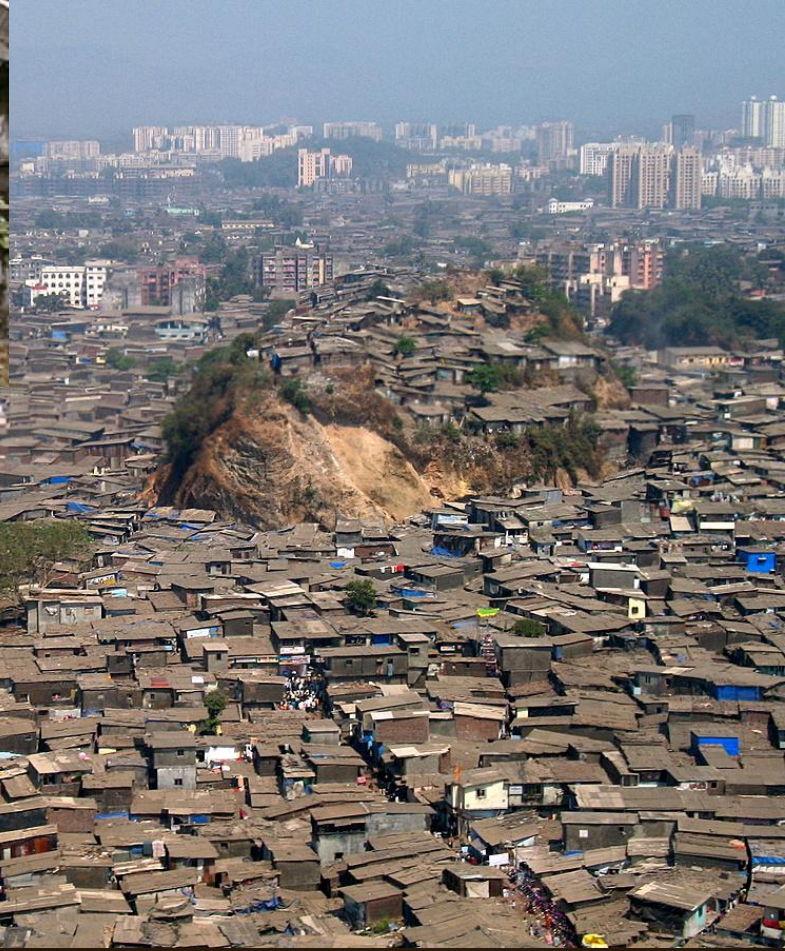
Vocabulary Level G

Unit 6 Words

- Abject
- Agnostic
- Complicity
- Derelict
- Diatribe
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Abject (adj.)

- **Degraded; base, contemptible; cringing, servile; complete and unrelieved.**
- **Synonyms: wretched, miserable, ignoble; sheer, utter**
- **Antonyms: lofty, noble, exalted**



A significant portion of the population in Mumbai, India lives in abject poverty.

Agnostic (n; adj.)

- One who believes that nothing can be known about God; (adj.) without faith, skeptical
- Synonyms: doubter
- Antonyms: believer
- Although he was a confirmed agnostic he supported the rights of others to practice their religion.

Agnostic (n; adj.)



Complicity (n)

- **Involvement in wrongdoing; the state of being an accomplice**
- **Synonyms: connivance, collusion**
- **Antonyms: noninvolvement, innocence**
- **If you know a crime is going to be committed but do nothing to prevent it, you may be accused of complicity.**

Derelict (n; adj.)

- **Someone or something that is abandoned or neglected; (adj.) left abandoned; neglectful of duty**
- **Synonyms: vagrant, remiss, delinquent**
- **Antonyms: punctilious, conscientious, scrupulous**
- **The family complained about the unsightly collection of derelict cars in their neighbor's driveway.**

Derelict



Diatribes (n)

- **A bitter and prolonged verbal attack**
- **Synonyms: harangue, tirade**
- **Antonyms: panegyric, encomium, eulogy**
- **The senator's speech was more of a diatribe than a reasoned address.**

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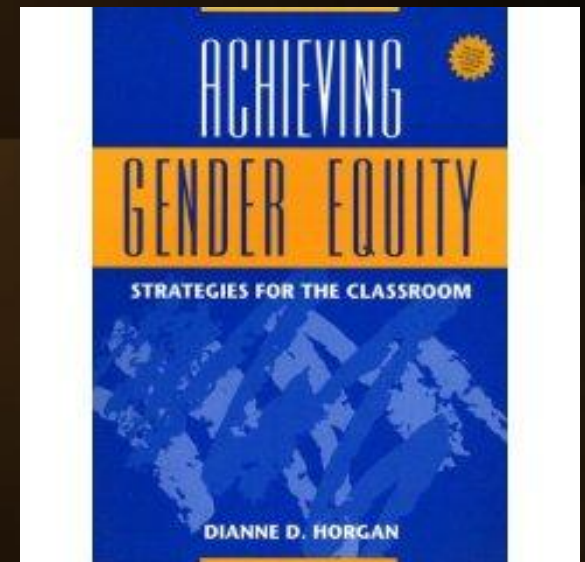
Effigy (n)

- A crude image of a despised person or figure
- Synonyms: figure, figurine, likeness
- The night before the battle, the troops burned the despised enemy leader in effigy.



Equity (n)

- The state or quality of being just, fair, or impartial; fair and equal treatment; something that is fair; the money value of a property above and beyond any mortgage or other claim
- Synonyms: Justice, fairness, impartiality
- Antonyms: injustice, unfairness, bias, prejudice
- Prompted by considerations of equity, the father decided to divide his estate equally among his children.



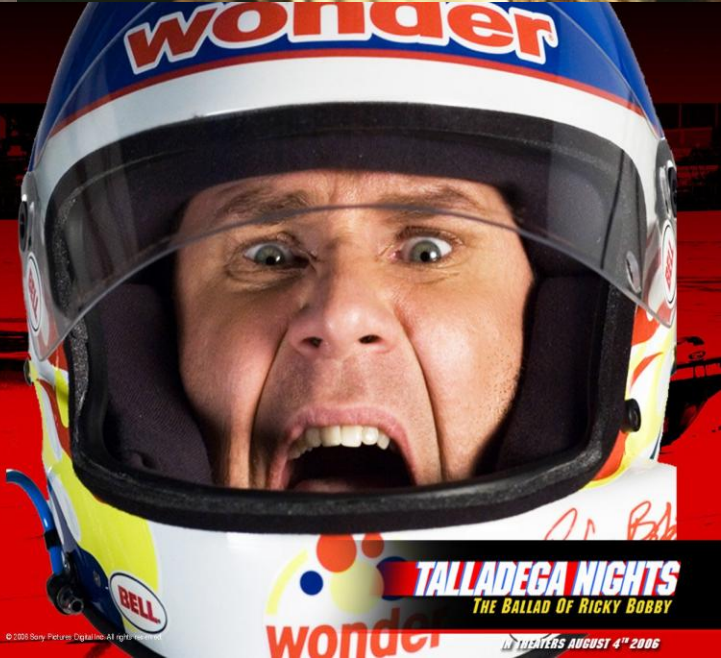
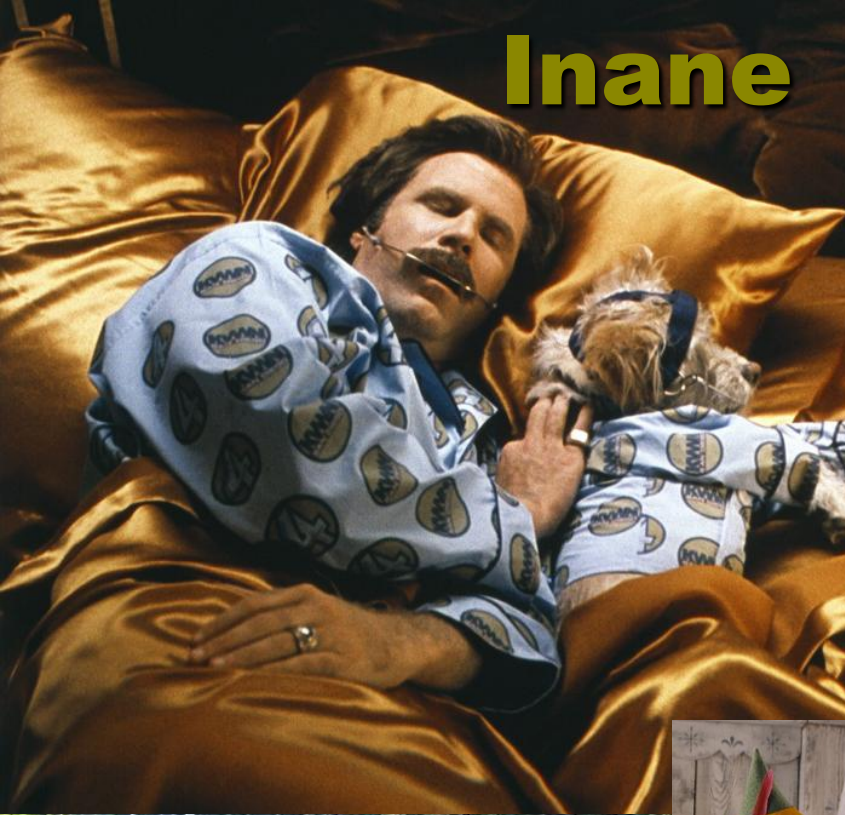
Equity



Inane (adj.)

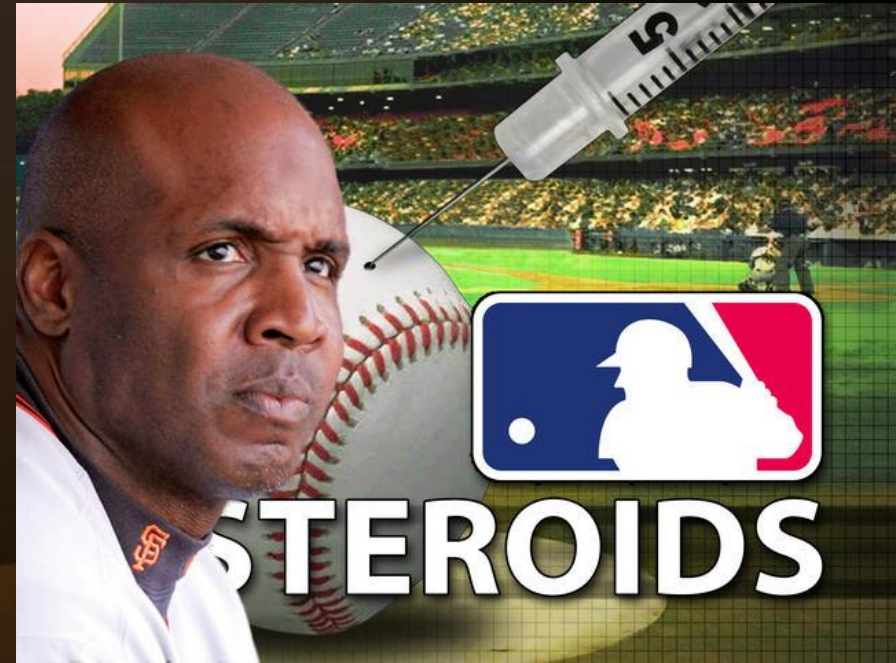
- Silly, empty of meaning or value
- Synonyms: vapid, idiotic, moronic, fatuous
- Antonyms: sensible, meaningful, profound
- Most of the films in which Will Ferrell stars are considered inane yet extremely funny.

Inane



- The act of accusing; a formal accusation
- Synonyms: charge, accusation
- The Grand Jury delivered the indictment to Barry Bonds, accusing him of lying under oath.

Indictment (n)



Indubitable (adj.)

- **Certain, not to be doubted or denied**
- **Synonyms: unquestionable, indisputable**
- **Antonyms: questionable, debatable, dubious**
- **You cannot argue with indubitable truths.**

Intermittent (adj.)

- Stopping and beginning again, sporadic
- Synonyms: fitful, spasmodic, random
- Antonyms: continuous, uninterrupted
- The pulled muscle in her back gave her intermittent pains for about a week.



Moot (adj.; v; n)

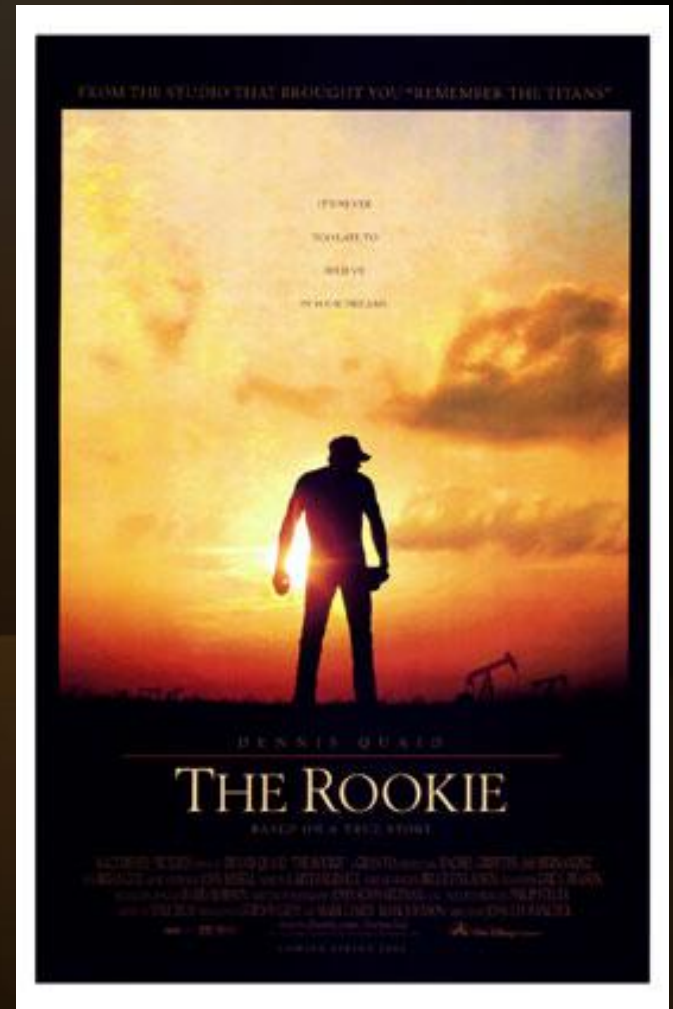
- Open to discussion and debate, unresolved; **of little or no practical value or meaning; purely academic.** (v) to bring up for discussion; (n) a hypothetical law case argued by students
- Synonyms: debatable, questionable, broach
- Antonyms: undebatable, indisputable, self-evident
- The committee members decided to moot the issue to the full Congress at the earliest opportunity.

Motif (n)

- **A principle idea, feature, theme, or element; a repeated or dominate figure in a design**
- **The collector admired the unusual Asian motif that was woven into the fabric of the tapestry.**

Neophyte (n)

- A new convert, beginner, novice
- Synonyms: tenderfoot, tyro, rookie
- Antonyms: veteran, past master, expert, pro
- In comparison to an experienced wilderness hiker, he is a mere neophyte in the woods.



Perspicacity (n)

- **Keeness in observing and understanding**
- **Synonyms: acuity, acumen, discernment**
- **Antonyms: dullness, obtuseness**

Perspicacity

- Def: (n.) keenness in observing and understanding.
- Syn: acuity, acumen, discernment
- Ant: dullness, obtuseness
- Sentence: The man's perspicacity toward the bird made him delineate the bird exactly the same.

Perspicacity (n)

- The quarterback scans the field looking for his receivers with the same perspicacity as a hawk looking for prey.



Plenary (adj.)

- Complete in all aspects or essentials; absolute; attended by all qualified members
- Synonyms: unlimited, unrestricted
- Antonyms: limited, restricted, incomplete
- Because of its importance, the case was presented at a plenary session of the Superior Court.

Surveillance (n)

- A watch kept over a person; careful, close, and disciplined observation
- Synonyms: observation, scrutiny, monitoring
- The police kept the suspect under strict surveillance after she was released due to lack of evidence.



Sylvan (adj.)

- Pertaining to or characteristic of forests; living or located in a forest; wooded, woody
- Synonyms: forested, Arcadian
- Once upon a time, Hansel and Gretel walked down a sylvan path, leaving breadcrumbs in their wake.



Henry David Thoreau enjoyed the sylvan solitude of the woods surrounding Walden pond.

Testy (adj.)

- Easily irritated; characterized by impatience and exasperation
- Synonyms: irritable, peevish, waspish, petulant
- Antonyms: even-tempered, imperturbable, unexcitable
- The coach's testy remarks to the referees affected foul calls against his team later in the game.

Travesty (n; v)

- A grotesque or grossly inferior imitation; a disguise, especially the clothing of the opposite sex; (v) to ridicule by imitating in a broad or burlesque fashion.
- Synonyms: burlesque, parody, caricature, farce
- Instead of modernizing Hawthorne's *The Scarlet Letter*, they made a travesty of it.

