

Vocabulary
Workshop Level
G Unit 3

articulate

- (v.) to pronounce distinctly; to express will in words; to connect by a joint or joints;
- (adj.) expressed clearly and forcefully; jointed
- Synonyms: (v.)pronounce; (adj.) eloquent
- Few people can **articulate** emotions in times of stress.
- The most **articulate** student in the class was chosen to mediate the debate.

cavort

- (v.) to romp or prance around exuberantly; to make merry
- Synonyms: gambol
- The actors in the musical **cavort** on stage.

credence

- (n.) belief, mental acceptance
- Synonyms: credit, trust, confidence
- The government and the public failed to give **credence** to the reports of an impending water shortage.

decry

- (v.) to condemn, express strong disapproval.
- Synonyms: denounce
- Every arm of government and every educational institution should **decry** bigotry in all its forms .

dissemble

- (v.) to disguise or conceal, deliberately give a false impression.
- Synonyms: mask, feign
- The young man was unable to **dissemble** his feelings and admitted to having committed the crime.

distraught

- (adj.) very much agitated or upset as a result of emotion or mental conflict.
- Synonyms: frantic, distracted
- The workforce became **distraught** in the wake of the 1929 stock market crash.

eulogy

- (n.) a formal statement of commendation; high praise.
- Synonyms: tribute, testimonial
- The best friend and longtime business partner of the deceased delivered the **eulogy** at the funeral.

evince

- (v.) to display clearly, to make evident, to provoke
- Synonyms: exhibit, manifest
- The crowd did not **evince** any signs of panic but moved in an orderly fashion to the nearest exits.

exhume

- (v.) to remove from a grave; to bring to light.
- Synonyms: disinter, unearth, uncover
- Suspecting foul play, the coroner issued an order to **exhume** the body immediately

feckless

- (adj.) lacking in spirit and strength; ineffective, weak; irresponsible, unreliable
- Synonyms: feeble, helpless, incompetent
- Although a **feckless** youth, he eventually matured into a hard-working and responsible citizen.

murky

- (adj.) dark and gloomy, obscure; lacking in clarity and precision
- Synonyms: dim, cloudy, unclear
- Many visitors have claimed to see a mysterious creature in the **murky** waters of Loch Ness in Scotland.

nefarious

- (adj.) wicked, depraved, devoid of moral standards.
- Synonyms: reprehensible
- Brutus and Cassius hatched a **nefarious** plot to assassinate Julius Caesar on the steps of the Roman Senate.

piquant

- (adj.) stimulating to the senses; spicy, pungent, appealing.
- Synonyms: tangy, zestful
- The chef was an expert in making those **piquant** dishes that are characteristic of South Indian cooking.

primordial

- (adj.) developed or created at the very beginning; going back to the most ancient times or earliest stage; fundamental, basic.
- Synonyms: original, primeval, primal
- The **primordial** stages of most civilizations are founded on common needs met by common goals.

propinquity

- (adj.) the state of being proper, appropriateness; (pl.) standards of what is proper or socially acceptable. **State of proximity to something.**
- Synonyms: proximity
- The **propinquity** of the two cities has created a greater metropolitan area that in effect is one city..

unwonted

- (adj.) not usual or expected; not in character
- Synonyms: unusual, uncommon, unexpected, atypical
- The listless student answered with **unwonted** spirit when the subject of military tactics was raised.

utopian

- (adj.) founded upon or involving a visionary view of an ideal world; impractical
- Synonyms: idealistic
- A number of American religious groups like the Shakers have built separate communities based on **utopian** schemes.

verbiage

- (n.) language that is too wordy or inflated in proportion to the sense or content, wordiness; a manner of expression
- Synonyms: verbosity, jargon
- .The contract was full of meaningless **verbiage** that seemed designed to confuse the lay person.

verdant

- (adj.) green in color or tint; immature in experience or judgment.
- Synonym: naïve, artless
- The tourists on safari traveled over the **verdant** grasslands of Kenya in search of native wildlife.

viscous

- (adj.) having gelatinous or gluey quality, lacking in easy movement or fluidity.
- Synonyms: gummy, sticky, thick.
- The varnish left a **viscous** residue on the wood that was hard to remove.