

Level G – Vocabulary Unit 3

articulate	(v.) speak clearly; (adj.) well-spoken	Mark was so excited he had a difficult time articulating his plan to everyone else.
cavort	(v.) move about carelessly and playfully	The dog park is a place to bring your dog to cavort and socialize with other dogs without any worries.
credence	(n.) believability; belief	The people give very little credence to the governor’s claims that he is innocent.
decry	(v.) to speak out against	The taxpayers decried the increase in property taxes.
dissemble	(v.) to disguise or hide the truth	One historian makes the argument that Ronald Reagan dissembled , lied, or kept their mouths shut to keep the American people in the dark.
distraught	(adj.) extremely sad or worried	Robert was so distraught after losing his job that he begged him to see a doctor.
eulogy	(n.) a speech to honor a dead person	Susan’s eulogy at her husband’s funeral left everyone in tears.
evince	(v.) to show clearly	Emails that are purely personal and evince no violation of law are not considered Public Record and should not be released.
exhume	(v.) remove from a grave	The body of the 26-year-old mother was exhumed this afternoon so police could search for more evidence.
feckless	(adj.) useless; weak	The story is about how two children still manage to become successful despite their feckless father.
murky	(adj.) dark, gloomy; foggy	The future of Mr. Johnson’s career remains murky . No one knows yet whether he will be suspended or fired.
nefarious	(adj.) extremely evil; wicked	Superheroes are always fighting some nefarious villain.
piquant	(adj.) pleasantly spicy; attractive	According to many salsa experts, the piquant sauce is America’s favorite condiment.
primordial	(adj.) having existed from the beginning; original; earliest	The desire to eat sweet foods comes from a primordial need to get as many calories as possible.
propinquity	(n.) nearness, similarity	He was arrested merely because of propinquity to the killer.
unwonted	(adj.) unusual	Mike showed an unwonted enthusiasm toward studying vocabulary; he usually complains about vocabulary.
utopian	(adj.) impossible wish for things to be perfect	Having health care for everyone shouldn’t be a utopian dream; it should be reality.
verbiage	(n.) wordiness; overabundance of words	It was tough getting through all the verbiage in the 3,000 page document.
verdant	(adj.) green; fresh (specifically talking about plants or grass)	We picnicked on the verdant lawn of the castle.
viscous	(adj.) thick and sticky (talking about fluids)	After the oil spill, our clear water became a viscous mess that was too goopy to swim through.