

## Level G – Vocabulary Unit 3

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