

Level G – Vocabulary Unit 6

abject	(adj.) miserable and hopeless	It is difficult to educate those who live in abject poverty.
agnostic	(n.) one who is doubtful about something, especially the existence of a god; doubter	Although John is an agnostic , he studies world religions and is knowledgeable of many different religious practices.
complicity	(n.) involvement in wrongdoing	The investigator is trying to determine Mr. Smith's complicity in the crime.
derelict	(n.) deserted, neglected (pertaining to a someone or something)	It took a while to restore the derelict building to its original majestic condition.
diatribe	(n.) a long, abusive verbal attack	The politician delivered a diatribe on the wrongdoings of the Republican party rather than offering his own solution to the problems.
effigy	(n.) image or representation of a person (usually one who is disliked)	The protestors in Palestine burned the American president in effigy at their rally.
equity	(n.) 1. money value of a property; 2. fairness	1. The Smiths had \$160,000 equity in their house that they could borrow against to do some repairs to the house. 2. In the name of equity and fairness, the teacher couldn't allow the student to turn her paper in late.
inane	(adj.) senseless, silly	I cannot listen to the inane talking of those girls any longer.
indictment	(n.) accusing or charging with a crime	The news said that later today the courts would issue an indictment on the former governor for perjury.
indubitable	(adj.) unquestionable ; cannot be doubted	Michael Jordan is indubitably the best basketball player to live.
intermittent	(n.) stopping and starting again; periodic	It was hard to describe the pain for the doctor because it wasn't constant; rather, it was intermittent .
moot	(adj.) having no real importance; pointless to continue to discuss	Since Richard quit as of this morning, it is now moot to discuss his future at our company.
motif	(n.) repeated central idea or theme	The book's resounding motif is the loss of innocence.
neophyte	(n.) beginner	We have to be patient with the student teacher because she is a neophyte and is just learning how to teach.
perspicacity	(n.) ability to understand clearly; insight	The critic shows great perspicacity in his explanations of the books. He seems to know with clarity how the public is going to accept the books.
plenary	(adj.) full; complete	As CEO of this company, I have the plenary power to fire or hire anyone I want.
surveillance	(n.) close observation of a person or group, especially one under suspicion	The suspect's face was captured by the surveillance cameras.
sylvan	(adj.) characteristics of woods; forest-like	We walked along a sylvan path for several miles and then emerged into a clearing.
testy	(adj.) easily annoyed	After a long day at work, Mom was a little testy ; almost everything Dad said annoyed her.
travesty	(n.) false or exaggerated representation of something; mockery	It would be a travesty of justice to put a man in jail for a crime he did not commit.