

## Level G – Vocabulary Unit 6

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