

## Level G – Vocabulary Unit 7

<b>allay</b>	(v.) relieve, calm	The Superintendent made a public announcement to try to <b>allay</b> concerns some parents have over the big fight that happened in the cafeteria.
<b>bestial</b>	(adj.) beastlike, brutal	<i>Lord of the Flies</i> examines the <b>bestial</b> side of human nature.
<b>convivial</b>	(adj.) sociable, festive	The restaurant has a <b>convivial</b> atmosphere where we can enjoy good company.
<b>coterie</b>	(n.) exclusive <b>circle of people</b> with a common purpose	A small <b>coterie</b> of bank executives meet every Wednesday to discuss market strategies.
<b>counterpart</b>	(n.) 1. one that closely resembles another; 2. one of two parts that fit and complete each other	The superintendent of the school met with his <b>counterparts</b> —CEOs—from the business world.
<b>demur</b>	(v.) to object; to oppose	When reporters asked the governor about his involvement in the crime, he <b>demurred</b> , “I can’t speak about that issue at this time.”
<b>effrontery</b>	(n.) shameless boldness; nerve	My friend had the <b>effrontery</b> to ask me for a ride to the party that he didn’t invite me to.
<b>embellish</b>	(v.) 1. add details to, <b>exaggerate</b> ; 2. make more beautiful	This teacher seems to <b>embellish</b> his stories a bit, so don’t take everything he says as absolute.
<b>ephemeral</b>	(adj.) lasting a very short time, <b>short-lived</b>	Most friendships developed during high school are <b>ephemeral</b> ; they will dissolve shortly after graduation.
<b>felicitous</b>	(adj.) 1. <b>appropriate</b> , well-chosen; 2. having happiness or good luck	The media has been providing some <b>felicitous</b> news about the economy bouncing back.
<b>furtive</b>	(adj.) <b>secretive, sneaky</b> , done to escape notice	When Sandy’s parents looked away, her boyfriend <b>furtively</b> kissed her.
<b>garish</b>	(adj.) <b>tastelessly showy</b> ; so colorful as to be in bad taste	Lady Gaga is known for her <b>garish</b> costumes.
<b>illusory</b>	(adj.) misleading; deceptive; causing illusion	Airport searches and bodyscan machines offer only an <b>illusory</b> sense of safety.
<b>indigent</b>	(adj.) extremely poor	It is very cruel to give tax breaks to the rich while cutting education and medical care for the <b>indigent</b> .
<b>inordinate</b>	(adj.) <b>excessive</b> ; too much	Two-thousand dollars is an <b>inordinate</b> amount of money to spend on a prom dress that you will wear on one night.
<b>jettison</b>	(v.) get rid of something unwanted; <b>throw away</b>	The football team <b>jettisoned</b> it’s veteran running back to free up money for a new draft pick.
<b>misanthrope</b>	(n.) people-hater	Mr. Burns is a <b>misanthrope</b> who would take away the sun from people if he could.
<b>pertinacious</b>	(adj.) unwilling to give up, stubborn	The <b>pertinacious</b> journalist finally got her interview with the mayor after 150 phone calls to the mayor’s office.
<b>picayune</b>	(adj.) of small value or importance; trivial	This teacher catches and marks down on every <b>picayune</b> mistake.
<b>raiment</b>	(n.) clothing	Students wear formal <b>raiment</b> when attending events like the prom and graduation.