

## Level G – Vocabulary Unit 9

<b>acclamation</b>	(n.) a shout of <b>enthusiastic approval</b> by many people	The <b>acclamation</b> of the crowd should drown out anyone's doubt about his approval rating.
<b>bucolic</b>	(adj.) relating to rural life; rural	These paintings remind me of my <b>bucolic</b> summers of my teenage years spent on my cousin's farm.
<b>calumniate</b>	(v.) make hurtful untrue comments or charges about	Rather than talk his own positives, he chose to <b>calumniate</b> his opponent in the mayoral race.
<b>chary</b>	(adj.) <b>careful</b> ; afraid of risks	Buyers are <b>chary</b> and not willing to spend until they know that their jobs are secure.
<b>collusion</b>	(n.) <b>secret agreement</b> for an illegal or deceitful purpose	The CEO has been accused of <b>collusion</b> ; it is alleged that he and his counterpart at the rival business were keeping prices low to run a third company out of business.
<b>dilettante</b>	(n.) <b>amateur</b> ; someone who is interested in something such as art or music but does not know very much about it	He said he was an expert 18 <sup>th</sup> century painting, but it turns out he is nothing but a <b>dilettante</b> .
<b>imperturbable</b>	(adj.) not easily upset	Dan remained <b>imperturbable</b> even as his girlfriend broke everything he owns.
<b>increment</b>	(n.) amount of increase	They increased my salary in small <b>increments</b> over the first three years.
<b>mandate</b>	(n.) an order; command	The boss issued a <b>mandate</b> that everyone must work Saturdays.
<b>paltry</b>	(adj.) ridiculously small	I can barely live on my <b>paltry</b> salary.
<b>paroxysm</b>	(n.) sudden outburst	The student doesn't just sneeze once, she goes into a <b>paroxysm</b> of sneezes.
<b>pedantry</b>	(n.) overly ambitious display of knowledge; excessive attention to details or rules	The students are turned off by this teacher's <b>pedantry</b> ; he seems to want to correct everyone's grammar at all times.
<b>peregrination</b>	(n.) <b>traveling</b> or wandering around, esp. by foot	This book is about this one man's <b>peregrination</b> around the United States.
<b>redolent</b>	(adj.) 1. <b>smelling</b> ; 2. reminding you of something	His sweater was <b>redolent</b> with the greasy food odors from the restaurant.
<b>refulgent</b>	(adj.) shining brightly	The <b>refulgent</b> moon lit our way through the forest.
<b>shibboleth</b>	(n.) a word used to test to membership to a certain group; slogan; catchword	The use of the word <i>whatever</i> is a <b>shibboleth</b> that lets the listener know that the person speaking is probably a teenager.
<b>tyro</b>	(n.) beginner	The student teacher is only a <b>tyro</b> and is still learning how best to instruct the students.
<b>unremitting</b>	(adj.) never stopping	This teacher is known for his <b>unremitting</b> efforts to improve his students' vocabulary.
<b>vacillate</b>	(v.) <b>sway</b> back and forth (often in decisions)	The teacher keeps <b>vacillating</b> on whether the paper will be due this week or next week.
<b>vituperative</b>	(adj.) containing harsh, angry, <b>abusive criticism</b>	After the governor cut taxes he received a flood of <b>vituperative</b> emails.