

Vocabulary Unit Eleven

1. Abrogate (v.) to repeal, cancel, declare null and void
2. Ambient (adj.) completely surrounding, encompassing
3. Asperity (n.) roughness, severity; bitterness or tartness
4. Burnish (v.) to make smooth or glossy by rubbing ; polish; (n.) gloss, brightness, luster
5. Cabal (n.) a small group working in secret
6. Delectable (adj.) delightful, highly enjoyable; deliciously flavored, savory;
(n.) an appealing or appetizing food or dish
7. Deprecate (v.) to express mild disapproval; to belittle
8. Detritus (n.) loose bits and pieces of material resulting from disintegration or wearing away; fragments that result from any destruction
9. Ebullient (adj.) overflowing with enthusiasm and excitement; boiling, bubbling
10. Eclectic (adj.) drawn from different sources; (n.) one whose beliefs are drawn from various sources
11. Flaccid (adj.) limp, not firm; lacking vigor or effectiveness
12. Impecunious (adj.) having little or no money
13. Inexorable (adj.) inflexible, beyond influence; relentless, unyielding
14. Moribund (adj.) dying, on the way out
15. Necromancer (n.) one who claims to reveal or influence the future through magic, especially communication with the dead; in general, a magician or wizard
16. Onerous (adj.) burdensome; involving hardship or difficulty
17. Rife (adj.) common, prevalent, widespread, happening often; full, abounding; plentiful, abundant, replete
18. Rudiments (n.pl.) the parts of any subject or discipline that are learned first; the earliest stages of anything
19. Sequester (v.) to set apart, separate for a special purpose; to take possession of and hold in custody
20. Winnow (v.) to get rid of something unwanted, delete; to sift through to obtain what is desirable; to remove the chaff from the wheat by blowing air on it; to blow on, fan