

Vocabulary Unit Four

1. Atrophy (n.) the wasting away of a body organ or tissue; any progressive decline or failure; (v.) to waste away
2. Bastion (n.) a fortified place, stronghold
3. Concord (n.) a state of agreement, harmony, unanimity; a treaty, pact, covenant
4. Consummate (adj.) complete or perfect in the highest degree; (v.) to bring to a state of completion or perfection
5. Disarray (n.) disorder, confusion; (v.) to throw into disorder
6. Exigency (n.) urgency, pressure; urgent demand, pressing need; an emergency
7. Flotsam (n.) floating debris; homeless, impoverished people
8. Frenetic (adj.) frenzied, highly agitated
9. Glean (v.) to gather bit by bit; to gather small quantities of grain left in a field by reapers
10. Grouse (n.) a type of game bird; a complaint; (v.) to complain, grumble
11. Incarcerate (v.) to imprison, confine, jail
12. Incumbent (adj.) obligatory, required; (n.) one who holds a specific office at the time spoken of
13. Jocular (adj.) humorous, jesting, jolly, joking
14. Ludicrous (adj.) ridiculous, laughable, absurd
15. Mordant (adj.) biting or caustic in thought, manner, or style; sharply or bitterly harsh
16. Nettle (n.) a prickly or stinging plant; (v.) to arouse displeasure, impatience, or anger; to vex or irritate severely
17. Pecuniary (adj.) consisting of or measured in money; of or related to money
18. Pusillanimous (adj.) contemptibly cowardly or mean-spirited
19. Recumbent (adj.) in a reclining position, lying down, in the posture of one sleeping or resting
20. Stratagem (n.) a scheme to outwit or deceive an opponent or to gain an end