

Vocabulary Unit Nine

1. Acclamation (n.) a shout of welcome; an overwhelming verbal vote of approval
2. Bucolic (adj.) characteristic of the countryside, rural; relating to shepherds and cowherds, pastoral
3. Calumniate (v.) to slander; to accuse falsely and maliciously
4. Chary (adj.) extremely cautious, hesitant, or slow; reserved, diffident
5. Collusion (n.) secret agreement or cooperation
6. Dilettante (n.) a dabbler in the arts; one who engages in an activity in an amateurish, trifling way; (adj.) superficial
7. Imperturbable (adj.) not easily excited; emotionally steady
8. Increment (n.) an enlargement, increase, addition
9. Mandate (n.) an authoritative command, formal order, authorization; (v.) to issue such an order
10. Paltry (adj.) trifling, insignificant; mean, despicable; inferior, trashy
11. Paroxysm (n.) a sudden outburst; a spasm, convulsion
12. Pedantry (n.) a pretentious display of knowledge; overly rigid attention to rules and details
13. Peregrination (n.) the act of traveling; an excursion, especially on foot or to a foreign country
14. Redolent (adj.) fragrant, smelling strongly; tending to arouse memories or create an aura
15. Refulgent (adj.) shining, radiant, resplendent
16. Shibboleth (n.) a word, expression, or custom that distinguishes a particular group of persons from all others; a commonplace saying or truism
17. Tyro (n.) a beginner, novice; one with little or no background or skill
18. Unremitting (adj.) not stopping, maintained steadily, never letting up
19. Vacillate (v.) to swing indecisively from one idea or course of action to another; to waver weakly in mind or will
20. Vituperative (adj.) harshly abusive, severely scolding