

Vocabulary Unit One

1. **Acquisitive** (adj.) able to get and retain ideas or information; concerned with acquiring wealth or property
2. **Arrogate** (v.) to claim or take without right
3. **Banal** (adj.) hackneyed, trite, commonplace
4. **Belabor** (v.) to work on excessively; to thrash soundly
5. **Carping** (adj.) tending to find fault, especially in a petty, nasty, or hairsplitting way; (n.) petty, nagging criticism
6. **Coherent** (adj.) holding or sticking together; making a logical whole; comprehensible, meaningful
7. **Congel** (v.) to change from liquid to solid, thicken; to make inflexible or rigid
8. **Emulate** (v.) to imitate with the intent of equaling or surpassing the model
9. **Encomium** (n.) a formal expression of praise, a lavish tribute
10. **Eschew** (v.) to avoid, shun, keep away from
11. **Germane** (adj.) relevant, appropriate, apropos, fitting
12. **Insatiable** (adj.) so great or demanding as not to be satisfied
13. **Intransigent** (adj.) refusing to compromise, irreconcilable
14. **Invidious** (adj.) offensive, hateful; tending to cause bitterness and resentment
15. **Largesse** (n.) generosity in giving; lavish or bountiful contributions
16. **Reconnaissance** (n.) a survey made for military purposes; any kind of preliminary inspection or examination
17. **Substantiate** (v.) to establish by evidence, prove; to give concrete or substantial form to
18. **Taciturn** (adj.) habitually silent or quiet, inclined to talk very little
19. **Temporize** (v.) to stall or act evasively in order to gain time, avoid a confrontation, or postpone a decision; to compromise
20. **Tenable** (adj.) capable of being held or defended