

Vocabulary Unit Twelve

1. Aesthetic (adj.) pertaining to beauty; sensitive or responsive to beauty
2. Defunct (adj.) no longer in existence or functioning, dead
3. Discomfit (v.) to frustrate, thwart, or defeat; to confuse, perplex, or embarrass
4. Espouse (v.) to take up and support; to become attached to, adopt; to marry
5. Fetish (n.) an object believed to have magical powers; an object of unreasoning devotion or reverence
6. Gregarious (adj.) living together in a herd or group; sociable, seeking the company of others
7. Hapless (adj.) marked by a persistent absence of good luck
8. Impeccable (adj.) faultless; beyond criticism or blame
9. Importune (v.) to trouble with demands; to beg for insistently
10. Interpolate (v.) to insert between other parts or things; to present as an addition or correction
11. Irreparable (adj.) incapable of being repaired or rectified
12. Laconic (adj.) concise, using few words
13. Languish (v.) to become weak, feeble, or dull; to droop; to be depressed or dispirited; to suffer neglect
14. Mendacious (adj.) given to lying or deception; untrue
15. Nadir (n.) the lowest point
16. Omnipresent (adj.) present in all places at all times
17. Perfunctory (adj.) done in a superficial or halfhearted manner; without interest or enthusiasm
18. Plaintive (adj.) expressive of sorrow or woe, melancholy
19. Requite (v.) to make suitable repayment, as for a kindness, service, or favor; to make retaliation, as for an injury or wrong; to reciprocate
20. Tantamount (adj.) equivalent; having the same meaning, value, or effect