### Vocab List 2.

ample more than enough; large. *The factory gave <u>ample</u> warning to workers about lay-offs during the recession.* 

appeal make a request; to call for help or sympathy; to attract. *The organization for homeless people <u>appealed</u> to the county government for financial help.* 

attempt to make an effort; to try. *The prisoner <u>attempted</u> to escape three times.* 

automatic moving or acting by itself. When you press a button, the <u>automatic</u> elevator takes you to the floor you want.

beacon a light signal. The fire on the hill was a <u>beacon</u> to Highlanders that the British were coming.

beneficent kind; charitable. *The <u>beneficent</u> woman came to rescue the needy children*.

certify to verify; to confirm formally. *I hereby <u>certify</u> that the above information is true and accurate.* 

choke to keep from breathing. *She did not swallow her food properly and she began to <u>choke</u>.* 

clever quick in learning and understanding things. *The child was so <u>clever</u> that she was put ahead two years in school.* 

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desperate

resorted to in a last extremity, or as if prompted by utter despair. *They are <u>desperate</u> for help*.

#### discussion

a talk about the reasons for and against. I can say nothing — the matter is still under <u>discussion</u>.

drag

to pull along heavily or slowly; to draw along the ground. *A team of horses <u>dragged</u> the big log out of the forest.* 

emphatic

spoken with any special impressiveness laid upon an act, word, or set of words. *The minister has issued an <u>emphatic</u> rejection of the accusation.* 

environment all surrounding things. *A child's character is greatly influenced by his home <u>environment</u>.* 

feature the appearance of something; distinct or outstanding parts. *One of the main <u>features</u> of Yellowstone Park is Old Faithful.* 

flaw a fault; a defect. *The store is selling clothes with <u>flaws</u> at half price*.

frantic very much excited; wild with rage, fear, pain, grief, etc. *At the time of the collision, many people became <u>frantic</u> with fear.* 

hide skin of an animal. *Leather is made from the <u>hides</u> of cattle.* 

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idol

a worshiped image; a figure of a god. That flamenco dancer we went to see last week is my sister Cassandra's latest <u>idol</u>.

landscape a rural view, especially one of picturesque effect, as seen from a distance or an elevation. J.M.W. Turner is one of Britain's best-known <u>landscape</u> painters.

locale an area, the scene of an event. *This is the <u>locale</u> of the accident.* 

mute

silent; without speech; not pronounced; unable to speak. Please lower the volume of the TV, or even turning it <u>mute</u> is even more appreciated while I am studying.

nourishment a source of strength and support, food. Food is <u>nourishment</u> for my body, but love is nourishment for my heart.

performance the act of carrying out; doing; performing. *This was a very impressive <u>performance</u>* by the young player, who scored 12 points within the first 10 minutes.

phraseology in language, the way phrases and words are employed. *With her excellent diction, articulation, and <u>phraseology</u>, Holly had a gift for public speaking and debate.* 

practical useful. Bookbinding, basketwork, and interior decoration are <u>practical</u> arts.

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principle

a broad or basic rule or truth.

Melanie's assertion that our former Congressman is an overweight graft artist without a single moral <u>principle</u> was out of line; he's lost a good deal of weight in recent months.

#### seasoned

experienced. Though pleased with her new batch of rookies, the basketball coach wished she had a few more <u>seasoned</u> players on the team.

shaggy hairy; rough, coarse, or untidy hair. Do not let that <u>shaggy</u> dog come into my house!

soil the ground; earth; dirt. *A farmer tills the <u>soil</u>.*