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Vocab List 2.

abridgement

a condensed form as of a book or play.

An abridgement of the book has been published for younger readers.

accrue

to grow; to rise.

Interest begins to accrue when the loan is granted.

advent

beginning; the arrival of an event, invention, or person.

Quills were the chief writing implement from the 6th century AD until the advent of steel pens in the mid-19th century.

afresh

again, esp. starting from the beginning.

She tore up the letter and started afresh.

amity

friendship; NOT animosity.

The two groups had lived in perfect amity for many years before the recent troubles.

armful

as much as can be held in the arm or arms.

She struggled along with an armful of clothes.

assuasive

soothing; easing; lessening.

Not even his promotion to managing director seem assuasive to his desire for power.

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blandish

to flatter; to persuade by gentle ways; to coax.

She blandished him out of his bad mood.

buoyancy

the power to float.

Wood has more buoyancy than iron.

compact

agreement; contract.

The signers of the Mayflower Compact formed the new government.

conquer

to overcome by force.

The Spanish conquered the New World in the sixteenth century.

deflation

the act of letting the air or gas out.

Deflation is a reduction in economic activity that leads to lower levels of industrial output, employment, investment, trade, profits, and prices.

draw

to pull; to drag; to haul.

The actor's unique characteristics drew attention from the audience.

emancipate

to liberate; to set free.

At first, the attempts of the Abolitionists to emancipate the slaves were unpopular in New England as well as in the South.

foggy

misty; murky; obscure.

If it is cloudy, rainy, or foggy, the water vapor in the air condenses.

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generous

unselfish; willing to share with others; large; plentiful.

There's a generous review of the book in today's newspaper.

hung

a barrier for people or horses to jump over in a race; an obstacle or difficulty.

The runner, expected to win, fell at the last hurdle.

incidence

an instance of happening; the relative frequency of an occurrence.

The report showed a rise in the number of incidences of bullying in schools.

lag

to move too slowly; to fall behind.

The tired chicken was lagging behind its group.

metropolitan

pertaining to a major city.

In my life, I have to visit sometime the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York.

monarch

a king, queen, emperor, empress, or other ruler.

The tall, solitary pine was a monarch of the forest.

opposite

radically different or contrary in action or movement.

If you want to go to the station, you should be walking in the opposite direction.

passé

no longer fashionable or current.

Marge's insistence that platform shoes were passé led me to believe that she had not kept up with fashion trends.

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premise

the idea or statement that stands as the base of a theory or argument.

The story's premise — that all of us can win the lottery if we only play it enough times — is so farfetched as to be laughable, but the piece is not, alas, intended as a comedy.

recognize

to know again; be aware of.

You have grown so much that I scarcely recognized you.

saunter

to walk along slowly and leisurely.

People saunter through the park on summer evenings.

stalk

to approach or pursue without being seen or heard.

The cat stalked the unsuspecting mouse.

stucco

a plaster or cement wall finish.

The real estate agent explained that stucco homes were very popular in this area of southern California.

torrent

rushing stream; heavy downpour.

Day after day of heavy rains had saturated the hillside until the mudslide ran downhill in torrents.

uproar

a noisy excitement or confusion; an agitation; a commotion.

The prime minister's resignation caused an uproar and an early election.

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