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## Vocab List 2.

aperture

a hole; an opening.

*A window is an aperture for letting in light and air.*

aroma

an agreeable odor.

*The room was filled with the aroma of coffee.*

astonishment

surprise; shock.

*I was taken by astonishment when I won the lottery.*

atrocities

great cruelty or reckless wickedness.

*They're on trial for committing hundreds of war-time atrocities against the civilian population.*

avalanche

the fall or sliding of a mass of snow or ice down a mountain-slope, often bearing with it rock.

*Skiers should avoid the area because of the high risk of avalanches.*

balm

anything that soothes or makes you feel better.

*After running several miles, Tim reached the bridge where he'd hidden his water bottle, a balm for his parched throat.*

bluejacket

a person enlisted in the United States or British Navy.

*Because San Diego is a big Navy town, many of its nightclubs cater to bluejackets and attract few civilians.*

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braid

a thin strip of cloth.

*The skirt had two rows of red braid round the hem.*

capacity

mental or physical ability; ability to accommodate; the ability to hold or contain something.

*The movie theater has a capacity of 500 people.*

chic

stylish; up-to-date in fashion.

*British politicians are not renowned for their chic.*

coincidence

two or more things occurring at the same time by chance.

*Was it just a coincidence that John met Nancy at the market for three days running, or was he deliberately trying to seek her out?*

comical

amusing; funny.

*Tell me the truth — do I look comical in this hat?*

compose

poised; calm; cool; self-controlled; tranquil.

*She looked remarkably composed, calm and controlled throughout the funeral.*

condemn

to censure; to denounce; to express strong disapproval of.

*The prisoner is sure to be condemned by the jury.*

consistency

harmony of parts; accordance.

*I am never quite sure of her political views -- they lack a little consistency.*

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contest

a competition; a game; a race.

*The contest for deputy leadership of the party is gathering speed.*

corruptible

open to bribery.

*Perhaps some systems of government are more corruptible than others.*

darkling

dark.

*It is late, and I am tired of darkling colors.*

deficit

a shortage, especially of money.

*The national deficit is the amount by which the nation's revenues fall short of its expenditures.*

desert

a barren region with little or no rainfall, usually sandy and without trees.

*The Sahara is a great desert in the northern part of Africa.*

digress

to stray from the main subject; to wander off.

*In his talk about carnivals, the speaker digressed by giving impressions of different cities.*

disgrace

loss of honor or respect; shame.

*The disgrace of being sent to prison was too much for him to bear.*

dismay

to discourage; to frighten; to fill with great dread or fear.

*The huge amount of work she had left to do dismayed her.*

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dogma

a doctrine; a belief taught to be true especially by some authority.

*A country ruled by a dictator with dogma is as a dog walked by a man with a leash.*

dusk

the darker stage of twilight before it is quite dark at night; the time just before dark.

*Dusk is the time just before the night falls but it is not completely dark.*

ecosystem

a community of living things, together with their environment.

*Our local environmentalists are working to preserve the delicately balanced ecosystem of the wetlands.*

eloquent

having the power of expressing one's feeling or thoughts with grace and force.

*The speaker at the United Nations made an eloquent plea for better relations among nations.*

engaged

employed; busy; betrothed; involved in conflict.

*Engaged in an argument, they did not see me.*

episode

one part or one event in a series.

*The most famous episode in *Gone with the Wind* is probably the burning of Atlanta.*

excursion

a trip, especially a short trip taken for interest or pleasure, often by a number of people together.

*Our club went on an excursion to the mountains.*

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