

## Unit 15

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## Definitions

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beacon	( <i>n.</i> ) a light or other signal that warns and guides; a lighthouse; anything that guides or inspires
berserk	( <i>adj., adv.</i> ) violently and destructively enraged
celestial	( <i>adj.</i> ) having to do with the sky or heavens; heavenly; yielding great bliss or happiness
chasten	( <i>v.</i> ) to punish (in order to bring about improvement in behavior, attitude, etc.); to restrain, moderate
confiscate	( <i>v.</i> ) to seize by authority; to take and keep
data	( <i>pl. n.</i> ) information; facts, figures, statistics
detract	( <i>v.</i> ) to take away from; reduce in value or reputation
encounter	( <i>n.</i> ) a meeting (especially one that is unplanned); a meeting of enemies, battle; ( <i>v.</i> ) to meet or come upon
epic	( <i>n.</i> ) a long narrative poem (or other literary composition) about the deeds of heroes; an event or movement of great sweep; ( <i>adj.</i> ) on a grand scale, vast, titanic
pantomime	( <i>n.</i> ) a play or story performed without words by actors using only gestures; ( <i>v.</i> ) to express without words, using only gestures
pessimist	( <i>n.</i> ) one who believes or expects the worst; prophet of doom
precaution	( <i>n.</i> ) care taken beforehand; a step or action taken to prevent something from happening
prosecute	( <i>v.</i> ) to bring before a court of law for trial; to carry out
puncture	( <i>n.</i> ) a small hole made by a sharp object; ( <i>v.</i> ) to make a small hole with a sharp object
retaliate	( <i>v.</i> ) to get revenge; to strike back for an injury

sham	( <i>adj.</i> ) fake, not genuine; ( <i>n.</i> ) something false pretending to be genuine; a pretender; a decorated pillow covering; ( <i>v.</i> ) to pretend
uncouth	( <i>adj.</i> ) unrefined, crude; awkward or clumsy
underscore	( <i>v.</i> ) to draw a line under; to put special emphasis on; ( <i>n.</i> ) a line drawn under something
wholesome	( <i>adj.</i> ) healthy; morally and socially sound and good; helping to bring about or preserve good health
wistful	( <i>adj.</i> ) full of melancholy yearning or longing, sad, pensive