

Unit 2

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Definitions

adverse	(<i>adj.</i>) unfavorable, negative; working against, hostile
arid	(<i>adj.</i>) extremely dry; uninteresting, dull
assailant	(<i>n.</i>) a person who attacks violently (with blows or words)
billow	(<i>n.</i>) a large wave; (<i>v.</i>) to rise or swell like a wave
confront	(<i>v.</i>) to meet face-to-face, especially as a challenge; come to grips with
constrain	(<i>v.</i>) to force, compel; to restrain, hold back
contemporary	(<i>adj.</i>) belonging to the same period of time as oneself; (<i>n.</i>) a person of the same time
depict	(<i>v.</i>) to portray; to represent or show in the form of a picture
disinterested	(<i>adj.</i>) fair-minded, free from selfish motives; indifferent
encompass	(<i>v.</i>) to encircle, go or reach around; to enclose; to include with a certain group or class
groundless	(<i>adj.</i>) without any good reason or cause, unjustified
hypocrite	(<i>n.</i>) a person who pretends to be what he or she is not or better than he or she really is; a two-faced person
incomprehensible	(<i>adj.</i>) impossible to understand
manipulate	(<i>v.</i>) to handle or use skillfully; to manage or control for personal gain or advantage
maximum	(<i>n.</i>) the greatest possible amount or degree; (<i>adj.</i>) reaching the greatest possible amount or degree
mimic	(<i>n.</i>) a person who does imitations; (<i>v.</i>) to imitate; to make fun of
ruffle	(<i>v.</i>) to wrinkle, make uneven; to annoy, upset; to flip through; (<i>n.</i>) material used for trimming edges; a ripple; a low drumbeat

serene	(<i>adj.</i>) peaceful, calm; free of emotional upset; clear and free of storm; majestic, grand
sheepish	(<i>adj.</i>) embarrassed; resembling a sheep in meekness, timid
stamina	(<i>n.</i>) the strength needed to keep going or overcome physical or mental strain; staying power