

Unit 7

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Definitions

authorize	(v.) to approve or permit; to give power or authority to
culprit	(n.) a person who has committed a crime or is guilty of some misconduct; an offender
dawdle	(v.) to waste time; to be idle; to spend more time in doing something than is necessary
dissect	(v.) to cut apart in preparation for scientific study; to analyze with great care
expend	(v.) to pay out, spend; to use up
fatality	(n.) an event resulting in death; an accidental death
gullible	(adj.) easily fooled, tricked, or cheated
illicit	(adj.) not permitted, unlawful, improper
immerse	(v.) to plunge or dip into a fluid; to involve deeply
inflammatory	(adj.) causing excitement or anger; leading to unrest, violence, or disorder
memorandum	(n.) a note to aid one's memory; an informal note or report (pl., memorandums or memoranda)
pathetic	(adj.) marked by strong emotion, especially pity and sorrow; able to move people emotionally; worthy of pity; woefully inadequate or lacking
persevere	(v.) to keep doing something in spite of difficulties; to refuse to quit even when the going is tough
prevaricate	(v.) to lie, tell an untruth; to mislead on purpose
quash	(v.) to crush, put down completely
relish	(n.) enjoyment or satisfaction; something that adds a pleasing flavor; (v.) to enjoy greatly
reminisce	(v.) to recall one's past thoughts, feelings, or experiences

scour	(<i>v.</i>) to clean or polish by hard rubbing; to examine with great care; to move about quickly in search of
testimonial	(<i>n.</i>) a statement that speaks to a person's character or to the benefits of a product; expressing the value and worth of someone or something
writhe	(<i>v.</i>) to make twisting or turning movements in a way that suggests pain or struggle