

Unit 8

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Definitions

affluence	(<i>n.</i>) wealth, riches, prosperity; great abundance, plenty
arrear	(<i>n., pl.</i>) unpaid or overdue debts; an unfinished duty
cascade	(<i>n.</i>) a steep, narrow waterfall; something falling or rushing forth in quantity; (<i>v.</i>) to flow downward (like a waterfall)
cringe	(<i>v.</i>) to shrink back or hide in fear or submissiveness
crotchety	(<i>adj.</i>) cranky, ill-tempered; full of odd whims
immobile	(<i>adj.</i>) not movable; not moving
impassable	(<i>adj.</i>) blocked so that nothing can go through
innovation	(<i>n.</i>) something new, a change; the act of introducing a new method, idea, device, etc.
jovial	(<i>adj.</i>) good-humored, in high spirits; merry
manacle	(<i>n., usually pl.</i>) a handcuff, anything that chains or confines; (<i>v.</i>) to chain or restrain (as with handcuffs)
martial	(<i>adj.</i>) warlike, fond of fighting; relating to war, the army, or military life
minimum	(<i>n.</i>) the smallest possible amount; (<i>adj.</i>) the lowest permissible or possible
nimble	(<i>adj.</i>) quick and skillful in movement, agile; clever
onset	(<i>n.</i>) the beginning, start (especially of something violent and destructive); an attack, assault
partition	(<i>n.</i>) something that divides (such as a wall); the act of dividing something into parts or sections; (<i>v.</i>) to divide or subdivide into parts or shares
perishable	(<i>adj.</i>) likely to spoil or decay
retrieve	(<i>v.</i>) to find and bring back, get back; to put right, make good

sinister	(<i>adj.</i>) appearing evil or dangerous; threatening evil or harm
taut	(<i>adj.</i>) tightly drawn, tense; neat, in good order
template	(<i>n.</i>) a pattern, typically in the form of metal, wood, or plastic; something that is used as a model to imitate