

## Vocabulary Level B Unit 4

1. alliance (n.) a joining together for some  
common purpose
2. bewilder (v.) to puzzle completely,  
confuse
3. buffoon (n.) a clown; a coarse, stupid  
person

4. controversial (adj.) arousing argument, dispute, or disagreement
  
5. dishearten (v.) to discourage
  
6. fruitless (adj.) not producing the desired results, unsuccessful
  
7. hostile (adj.) unfriendly; unfavorable; warlike, aggressive

8. inflammable (adj.) easily set on fire;

easily angered or aroused

9. inflict (v.) to give or cause something

unpleasant, impose

10. malignant (adj.) deadly, extremely

harmful, evil; spiteful, malicious

11. mortify (v.) to hurt someone's feelings

deeply; to cause embarrassment or

humiliation; to subdue or discipline by self-denial or suffering

12. orthodox (adj.) in agreement with established or generally accepted beliefs or ways of doing things

13. procure (v.) to obtain through special effort; to bring about

14. scurry (v.) to run quickly, scamper, hurry

15. sodden (adj.) soaked with liquid or moisture; expressionless, dull; spiritless, listless

16. spirited (adj.) full of life and vigor; courageous

17. virtual (adj.) having a certain force or effect in fact but not in name; so close as to be equivalent to the real thing

18. wince (v.) to draw back suddenly, as  
though in pain or fear

wince (n.) the act of drawing back in this  
way

19. void (n.) empty or unfilled space

void (adj.) completely empty; having no  
legal force or effect

void (v.) to cancel or nullify

20. wayward (adj.) disobedient, willful;  
unpredictable, capricious