

Vocabulary Level B Unit 9

1. accelerate (v.) to speed up, cause to move faster; to bring about more quickly
2. bystander (n.) one who looks on or observes, a person present but not taking part
3. canvass (v.) to go through an area in order to procure votes, sales, or opinions; to go over in detail; to discuss
4. casual (adj.) happening by chance or on an irregular basis; showing little concern; informal
5. downtrodden (adj.) treated unfairly and cruelly, oppressed
6. entice (v.) to attract, tempt
7. erode (v.) to wear away gradually, eat away
8. flounder (v.) to thrash about in a clumsy or ineffective way
9. graphic (adj.) lifelike, vivid; relating to the pictorial arts
10. gruesome (adj.) horrible, revolting, ghastly
11. melancholy (n.) sadness, gloominess

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12. ordeal (n.) a difficult or painful experience, a trial

13. parch (v.) to make dry and thirsty; to shrivel with heat

14. persist (v.) to continue steadily in a course of action, refuse to stop or be changed; to last, remain

15. puny (adj.) of less than normal strength or size; of no importance

16. quibble (n.) a petty objection

quibble (v.) to evade or belittle a point by twisting words or raising minor objections

17. ratify (v.) to approve, give formal approval to, confirm

18. regal (adj.) royal, kinglike; fit for a king

19. stifle (v.) to smother, prevent from breathing; to hold back or choke off

20. vital (adj.) having life, living; necessary to life, essential; key, crucial