

Level C Unit 9 short defs

1. apt (adj.) suitable, fitting, likely; quick to learn
2. awry (adj., adv.) in a turned or twisted position or direction; wrong, out of the right or hoped-for course
3. bludgeon (n.) a short club used as a weapon; (v.) to strike with a heavy club; to use force or strong arguments to gain some point
4. capitulate (v.) to end resistance, give up, throw in the towel
5. chafe (n.) a sore or injury caused by rubbing; (v.) to warm by rubbing; to wear sore by rubbing; to feel annoyance or dissatisfaction, annoy, irk; to strain or press against
6. defile (n.) a narrow passage; gorge, canyon; (v., trans.) to make unclean or dirty, destroy the purity of; (v., intrans.) to march in a single line or in columns
7. dire (adj.) dreadful, causing fear or suffering; warning of trouble to come; demanding immediate action to avoid disaster
8. disarming (adj.) charming, tending to soften unfriendliness or suspicion
9. disgruntled (adj., part.) in bad humor, discontented, annoyed
10. encroach (v.) to advance beyond the usual or proper limits, trespass
11. endow (v.) to furnish, equip, provide with funds or some other desirable thing or quality
12. fend (v.) to ward off, resist; to get along, manage
13. impunity (n.) freedom from punishment
14. mien (n.) air, manner; appearance; expression
15. penal (adj.) having to do with punishment
16. pertinent (adj.) related to the matter at hand, to the point
17. predominant (adj.) the greatest in strength or power; most common
18. prodigy (n.) something wonderful or marvelous; an unusual feat; a child or young person with extraordinary ability or talent
19. recluse (n.) a person who leads a life shut up or withdrawn from the world
20. renown (n.) fame, glory