

SADLIER VOCABULARY

UNIT 8

1. **Abnormal (adj.):** not usual, not typical, strange

Synonyms: freakish, unnatural, irregular, anomalous

Antonyms: normal, usual, regular, typical

2. **Capsize (v.):** to turn bottom side up, upset

Synonyms: upend, tip over

3. **Catastrophe (n):** a large-scale disaster, misfortune, or failure

Synonyms: tragedy, cataclysm

Antonyms: triumph, victory, success

4. **Decrease (v.)** to become or make less; **(n.)** a lessening

Synonyms: (v.) lessen, reduce, dwindle, diminish

Antonyms: (v.) increase, grow, develop, wax

5. **Disputatious (adj.)** inclined to argue or debate; provoking debate

Synonyms: argumentative, quarrelsome, contentious

Antonyms: nonargumentative, peaceable, pacific

6. **Evict (v.):** to force out from a property, eject

Synonyms: oust, expel, kick out

Antonyms: admit, insert

7. **Flourish (v.):** to grow, thrive, be prosperous, to wave in the air; (n.) a dramatic gesture; a fanfare of horns

Synonyms: (v.) prosper, burgeon, increase

Antonyms: (v.) wither, die, fade, shrivel up

8. **Incentive (n.):** a reason for doing something, something that stimulates action

Synonyms: stimulus, spur, motive, inducement

Antonyms: curb, check, restraint, hindrance

9. **Insubordinate (adj.):** disobedient, rebellious

Synonyms: defiant, unruly, mutinous

Antonyms: obedient, submissive, docile, tractable

10. **Legible (adj.):** easily read

Synonyms: clear, decipherable

Antonyms: unreadable, indecipherable

11. Nub (n.): the central point or heart of a matter; a knob

Synonyms: kernel, nucleus, crux

Antonyms: fringe, periphery, edge

12. Onslaught (n.): a violent attack; a sudden rush of something

Synonyms: assault, charge, foray, onset

13. Ordain (v.) : to establish by law; to order or command; to appoint as a priest or minister; to destine

Synonyms: anoint, consecrate, enact, decree

Antonyms: forbid, veto, cancel

14. Outstrip (v.): to get ahead of, do better than, exceed

Synonyms: outdo, outperform, outdistance, surpass

Antonyms: trail, lag behind

15. Pervade (v.): to spread throughout

Synonyms: permeate, diffuse, imbue

16. Prudent (adj.): cautious, careful, showing good sense

Synonyms: wary, judicious

Antonyms: foolish, unwise, rash

17. Quench (v.): to put out, extinguish, end

Synonyms: douse, stifle

Antonyms: ignite, kindle

18. Remnant (n.): a small part remaining behind

Synonyms: remainder, residue, leftover

19. Simultaneous (adj.): happening or existing at the same time

Synonyms: occurring at the same time, concurrent

Antonyms: occurring at different times

20. Swerve (v.): to turn aside sharply; (n.) a sharp or sudden turn

Synonyms: (v.) digress, sheer off