



SADLIER VOCABULARY

UNIT 9

1. Accelerate (v.): to speed up, cause to move faster; to bring about more quickly

Synonyms: step up, quicken, hasten

Antonyms: slow down, decelerate

2. Bystander (n.): one who looks on or observes, a person present but not taking part

Synonyms: observer, onlooker

Antonyms: active participant

3. Canvass (v.): to go through an area in order to procure votes, sales, or opinions; to go over in detail; to discuss

Synonyms: survey, solicit

4. Casual (adj.): happening by chance or on an irregular basis; showing little concern; informal

Synonyms: haphazard, offhand

Antonyms: formal, serious, premeditated

5. Downtrodden (adj.): treated unfairly and cruelly, oppressed

Synonyms: mistreated, ground underfoot

Antonyms: uplifted, liberated

6. Entice (v.): to attract, tempt

Synonyms: lure, lead on

Antonyms: nauseate, sicken, revolt, repel

7. Erode (v.): to wear away gradually, eat away

Synonyms: corrode, abrade

Antonyms: nurture, promote, encourage

8. Flounder (v.): to thrash about in a clumsy or ineffective way

Synonyms: wallow, struggle

9. Graphic (adj.): lifelike, vivid; relating to the pictorial arts

Synonyms: colorful, descriptive

Antonyms: dull, boring, unrealistic, colorless

10. Gruesome (adj.): horrible, revolting, ghastly

Synonyms: gory, hideous

Antonyms: pleasant, delightful, appealing

11. Melancholy (adj.): sad, gloomy, unhappy; (n.) sadness, gloominess

Synonyms: (adj.) depressed, dejected; (n.) dejection, depression

Antonyms: (adj.) merry, happy, cheerful; (n.) joy, elation

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

Synonyms: hardship, trauma

Antonyms: pleasure, cinch

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

Synonyms: dry up, dehydrate

Antonyms: soak, drench, saturate

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

Synonyms: persevere, keep at it, endure

Antonyms: give up, discontinue

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

Synonyms: undersized, pint-size, small, weak

Antonyms: robust, brawny, mammoth, gigantic

16.Quibble (v.): to evade or belittle a point by twisting words or raising minor objections; (n.) a petty objection

Synonyms: (v.) split hairs, cavil; (n.) squabble

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

Synonyms: endorse, sanction

Antonyms: cancel, annul, veto

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

Synonyms: majestic, stately, princely

Antonyms: lowly, humble, abject, servile

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

Synonyms: strangle, suppress, snuff

Antonyms: nurture, promote, encourage

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

Synonyms: indispensable, fundamental

Antonyms: nonessential, unnecessary