

Unit 3 Vocabulary Green Level

Chapter 11

- advocate** -to speak or write in favor of; support
(ăd' və-kāt') Some gardeners consider chemicals and pesticides harmful; instead, they **advocate** using “organic” methods of growing fruits and vegetables.
- antipathy** -a strong dislike or distaste; hatred
(ăn-tī' pə-thē) Bud's parents didn't understand why he hated school until they found that the reason for his **antipathy** was poor eyesight: he couldn't see the chalkboard.
- emancipate** -to set free from slavery, captivity, or opposition
(ē-măn' sī-pāt') When the Allies entered Germany at the end of World War II, they **emancipated** many foreign and political prisoners who had been used as slave laborers in German industries
- idiosyncrasy** -a personal peculiarity; quirk
(īd' ē-ō-sīng' krə-sē) For as long as I've known Clara, she's had the unusual idiosyncrasy of dressing only in black.
- imminent** -about to happen
(īm' ə-nənt) We canceled the picnic because a thunderstorm seemed **imminent**.
- impede** -to delay or slow; get in the way
(īm-pēd') Muddy roads **impeded** the progress of the trucks bringing food to the refugees.
- inclusive** -including much or everything; broad or complete in coverage
(īn-klōō' sīv) The medical center's annual fee is **inclusive**, covering all visits, tests, treatments, and other services.
- jurisdiction** -the authority to administer justice; authority; range or extent of authority
(jōōr' ɪs-dīk' shən) The United States has no **jurisdiction** over foreign embassies on American soil; those embassies are under their own governments.
- precarious** -dangerous; risky; dangerously uncertain
(prē-kār' ē-əs) The icy roads made travel **precarious**.
- preposterous** -contrary to nature or reason and thus laughable; absurd
(prē-pōs' tər-əs) The discovery of x-rays in 1895 was followed by some **preposterous** idea and fears. For example, merchants in England sold “x-ray-proof” underwear.

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- austere** -without decoration or luxury; severely simple
(ô-stīr') Ms. Stone's appearance was **austere**. She wore plain, quiet clothing with no jewelry, and she never used makeup.
- esoteric** -intended for or understood by only a certain group; beyond the understanding of most people
(ēs' ə-tēr' īk) The instruction manuals that come with computer software often use such **esoteric** terms that they seem to be written in a foreign language.
- facsimile** -an exact copy or reproduction
(făk-sīm' ə-lē) When a **facsimile** of an old Sears-Roebuck catalog was published recently, it became a bestseller. People enjoyed seeing what was for sale a century ago.

grotesque (grō-těsk')	-distorted or strikingly inconsistent in shape; appearance, or manner Most people found the movie character E.T. adorable, but I thought the little alien was grotesque , with its weird combination of babyish features and old, wrinkled skin.
mesmerize (měz' mə-rīz')	-to fascinate The intense eyes of the woman in the photograph mesmerized me. I couldn't take my eyes off the picture.
metamorphosis (mět' ə-môr' fě-sīs)	-a great or complete change; transformation A caterpillar's transformation into a butterfly is a well-known example of metamorphosis .
notorious (nō-tôr' ē-əs)	-known widely but unfavorably; having a bad reputation The local diner is notorious for bitter coffee, soggy vegetables, limp salads, and mystery meat.
perfunctory (pər-fŭnk' tə-rē)	-done only as a routine, with little care or interest; performed with no interest or enthusiasm The doctor's examination was perfunctory . He seemed to be just going through the motions without taking any interest in the patient.
provocative (prō-vők' ə-tív)	-tending to arouse interest or curiosity "A good essay is provocative ," said our English instructor. "It gets the readers interest and attentive starting with the very first paragraph."
travesty (trāv' ıs-tē)	-a crude, exaggerated, or ridiculous representation; mockery The musical-comedy version of Hamlet was a travesty . The critics and audience agreed that it made a mockery of Shakespeare's profound tragedy.
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connoisseur (kɔn' ə sŭr')	-an expert in fine art or in matters of taste My sister is a connoisseur of Southern Novels. She's read dozens of them, and she knows all about the authors and their different styles.
conspiracy (kən-spīr' ə-sē)	-a secret plot by two or more people, especially for a harmful or illegal purpose The conspiracy to overthrow the government was started by two of the premier's own advisors.
contrite (kən-trīt')	-truly sorry for having done wrong; repentant Dolores was especially contrite about tearing her sister's dress because she'd borrowed it without permission.
distraught (dī-strôt')	-very troubled; distressed -The parents of the little girl who wandered off in the crowded mall were distraught until she was found.
germane (jər-mān')	-having to do with issues at hand; relevant -Stacy went to the law library to look up information that might be germane to her client's case.
lucid (lōō' sīd)	-clearly expressed; easily understood The scientist's explanation of the greenhouse effect was so lucid that the entire audience was able to grasp it.
plight (plīt)	-a situation marked by difficulty, hardship, or misfortune The plight of the homeless can be somewhat relieved by decent shelters.

superficially -in an on-the-surface manner; not thoroughly
(sōō' pər-fīsh' əl-lē) -Leah spent a fully week studying for the exam. Joyce, however, reviewed **superficially**, flipping through the pages of her textbook an hour before the test.

symmetrical -well proportioned; balanced; the same on both sides
(sī-mē' trī-kəl) The children's sandcastle was **symmetrical**, with a wall on each side and a tower and flag at each end.

verbose -using or containing too many words
(vər-bōs') Gabe is the most **verbose** person I know. He always uses ten words when one would do.

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adept -highly skilled; expert
(ə-dēpt') People enjoy visiting my parents, who are **adept** at making guests feel welcome and at home.

encompass -to include; contain
(ən-kūm' pəs) Our history teacher's broad knowledge of the subject **encompasses** details of life in ancient Egypt, Greece, and Rome.

entrepreneur -a person who organizes, manages, and takes the risk of a business undertaking
(ōn' trə-prə-nūr') My ten-year-old neighbor is already an **entrepreneur**. He set up a lemonade stand last summer and sold homemade cookies at Halloween.

eradicate -to get rid of altogether; wipe out
(ī-rād' ī-kāt') In recent years, smallpox has been **eradicated** –the first time in history that humans have been able to wipe out a disease. Today many fear the virus may return to the world in the form of biological warfare.

homogeneous -made up of similar or identical parts; uniform throughout
(hō' mō-jē' nē-əs) The student body at Eastman College appears quite **homogeneous**, but there are significant social and economical differences among the students.

presumptuous -too bold; overly confident
(prē-zūmp' chōō-əs) It was **presumptuous** of Eric to announce his engagement to Sarah before she had actually agreed to marry him.

sordid -indecent; morally low; corrupt
(sōr' dīd) Supermarket tabloids sell well because many people want to know the **sordid** details of celebrities' addictions and messy divorces.

standardize -to make uniform; cause to conform to a model
(stān' dēr-dīz') When the company **standardized** its pay scale, the salary of each type of job became identical throughout all its departments.

stint -a period of work or service
(stīnt) My **stint** serving hamburgers and fries at a fast-food restaurant convinced me that I needed to get a college degree.

stringent -strictly controlled or enforced; strict; severe
(strīn' jənt) Ms. Jasper has the most **stringent** standards in the department. Passing her course is difficult; getting an A is next to impossible.

Chapter 15

- exhort** (ĕg-zôrt') -to urge with argument or strong advice; plead earnestly
The school counselor gave an impassioned speech to the parents, in which she **exhorted** them to make every effort to keep their children off drugs.
- flamboyant** (flām-boi 'ənt) -very showy; strikingly bold
Lily can't resist **flamboyant** clothes. She's wear a hot-pink dress with gold satin trim to a funeral.
- foible** (foi' bəl) -a minor weakness or character flaw; a minor fault in behavior
-Serious character flaws – such as abusiveness – are hard to overlook, but **foibles** –such as drinking soup through a straw –can often be overlooked.
- innocuous** (ĭn-nōk' yōō-əs) -harmless; inoffensive
Although most children engage in **innocuous** pranks on Halloween, some get out of hand and do serious damage.
- magnanimous** (māg-nān' ə-məs) -noble in mind and spirit; especially generous in forgiving
At age 5, John is already learned to be **magnanimous**. He forgives and hugs his baby sister when she hits him on the head with a wooden block.
- masochist** (mās' ə-kĭst) -a person who gains satisfaction from suffering physical or psychological pain
Psychologists are trying to understand why **masochists** obtain satisfaction from suffering.
- meticulous** (mə-tĭk' yōō-ləs) -extremely carefully and exact; showing great attention to detail
When you proofread your own writing, be **meticulous** –check every detail.
- rancor** (rān' kər) -intense hatred or ill will; long0lasting resentment
-The **rancor** between my uncles has lasted for twenty years, ever since Uncle David married the woman to whom Uncle Matt had proposed.
- recrimination** (rĭ-krĭm' ə-nā' shən) -an accusation made in response to an accuser; countercharge
When Lexie's father and her teacher met to discuss Lexie's poor grades, they exchanged **recriminations** –each accused the other of not helping her to do better.
- repugnant** (rĭ-pŭg' nənt) -offensive; distasteful; repulsive
My parents find some of my eating habits **repugnant**, but I see nothing offensive about mixing peas and ketchup into mashed potatoes.