

## Unit 5 Vocabulary Green Level

### Chapter 25

#### abrasive

(ə brā'siv)

-harsh; able to cause a wearing away by rubbing or scraping; rough; irritating

Rose has an **abrasive** personality – critical and negative. She always seems to rub people the wrong way.

#### disparity

(di spar'ə tē)

-an inequity or difference, as in ages or amounts

There's an enormous **disparity** between the million-dollar incomes of top executives and the modest paychecks most people earn.

#### forestall

(fôr stôl')

-to prevent or hinder by talking action beforehand; to keep from happening

The owners of the failing store hoped that the huge sale would bring in enough cash to **forestall** bankruptcy.

#### insidious

(in sid'ē əs)

-working or spreading harmfully but in a manner hard to notice; more harmful than at first is evident; subtly harmful

Many people fear that farm chemicals have **insidious** effects. The chemicals don't seem harmful, but cancer rates have started to increase.

#### insinuate

(in sin'yōō āt')

-to suggest slyly; to hint

He didn't come right out and say it, but Mr. Shriber **insinuated** that someone in the class had gotten hold of the test ahead of time.

#### obsequious

(əb sē'kwē əs)

-overly willing to please, serve, obey, or flatter in order to gain favor

Each of the queen's advisers tried to be more **obsequious** than the other, bowing as low as possible and uttering flowery compliments.

#### omnipotent

(əm nip'ə tənt)

-all-powerful; having unlimited power or authority

Small children think of their parents as **omnipotent** – able to do anything, control everything, and grant whatever a child might wish for.

#### opportune

(əp'ər tyōōn')

-suitable (said of time); well-timed; appropriate

Renee thought that her parents' anniversary would be an **opportune** time to announce her own engagement. They could have a double celebration.

#### permeate

(pɛr'mē āt')

-to flow or spread throughout (something); to penetrate

The strong scent of Kate's perfume soon **permeated** the entire room.

#### retribution

(re'trə byōō'shən)

-something given or done as repayment, reward, or (usually) punishment; a penalty

For much of human history, before science could explain diseases, many people believed that any illness was a **retribution** for immoral behavior.

### Chapter 26

#### admonish

(ad măn'ish, əd-)

-to criticize; to scold gently but seriously

When the guide found the hikers deep in the woods but unhurt, he **admonished** them for straying off the trail.

#### antithesis

(an-tith-uh-sis)

-the reverse; the exact opposite

My taste in music is the **antithesis** of my brother's. I like heavy metal, played loud; he likes soft classical music.

<b>culmination</b> (kul'mə nā'ʃhən)	-a final high point; the highest point or degree or a series of actions or events; the climax For an actor or actress, receiving an Academy Award is often the <b>culmination</b> of many years of effort, progressing from drama school to bit parts to major roles.
<b>fastidious</b> (fa stid'ē əs)	-extremely attentive to details; fussy; very particular A <b>fastidious</b> dresser, Mr. Lapp never leaves his home without looking as if he has just stepped out of a fashion magazine.
<b>flout</b> (fləut)	-to treat with scorn or contempt; defy insultingly; to mock and defy The men in the warehouse <b>flouted</b> the company's regulations about sexual harassment: they covered the walls with pinups.
<b>heinous</b> (hā'nəs)	-wicked; extremely evil; outrageous Millions of people were shocked recently by news reports of a <b>heinous</b> act: a woman had starved her little daughter to death.
<b>hierarchy</b> hī'ər är'kē)	-organization of people in a series of levels, according to importance or authority The armed forces are a clear examples of a strict <b>hierarchy</b> . Everyone has a specific rank and must follow the orders of those whose rank is higher.
<b>inference</b> (in'fər əns)	-a conclusion drawn from evidence; an assumption Rita said with a wink, "Did you notice how Uncle Joe's hair has miraculously grown back?" My <b>inference</b> was that he was wearing a toupee.
<b>intuition</b> (in'tōō iʃh'ən)	-the ability to know something without the conscious use of reasoning; instinct "I paint by <b>intuition</b> ," the artist said. "In a flash, I see how a work should look. I don't really think it out."
<b>obtrusive</b> (əb trōō'siv, äb-)	-undesirably noticeable; overly obvious The huge, sprawling new mall seemed <b>obtrusive</b> in the quiet little country town.
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<b>auspicious</b> (ô spiʃh'əs)	-favorable; being a good sign; encouraging The beginning of the semester was <b>auspicious</b> for Liza; she got an A on the first quiz and saw this as a promise of more good grades to come.
<b>emulate</b> (em'yōō lāt')	-to imitate; to try to equal or surpass, especially by imitation Jessie has always tried to <b>emulate</b> her older sister; she tries hard to do just as well as her sister – if not better – in school, at sports, and in popularity.
<b>expedite</b> (eks'pə dīt')	-to speed up or ease the progress of; to hasten Express lanes in supermarkets <b>expedite</b> the checkout process for shoppers who buy only a few items.
<b>extenuating</b> (ek sten'yōō ät' ing)	-serving to make (a fault, an offense, or guilt) less serious or seem less serious through some excuse; providing a good excuse I know I promised to come to the party, but there were <b>extenuating</b> circumstances: my car broke down.
<b>fraudulent</b> (frôd'yoo lənt)	-deceitful; characterized by trickery, cheating, or lies Leroy was jailed for filing <b>fraudulent</b> income tax returns. He had been cheating the government for years.

<b>innuendo</b> (in'yūō en'dō)	-an indirect remark or gesture, usually suggesting something belittling; an insinuation; a hint; a suggestion People weren't willing to say directly that the mayor had taken a bribe, but there were many <b>innuendos</b> such as "Someone must have gotten to him."
<b>rebuke</b> (ri byōōk')	-to scold sharply; express blame or disapproval; to criticize Although my father scolded me many times in private, I'm grateful that he never <b>rebuked</b> me in public.
<b>subordinate</b> (sə bōr'də nāt')	-under the authority or power of another; inferior or below in rank, power, or importance As a waiter, I take orders from the headwaiter, and he's <b>subordinate</b> to the manager or the restaurant.
<b>transgress</b> (trans gres')	-to sin or commit an offense; break a law or command Traci knew she had <b>transgressed</b> against family wishes when she sold the ring her grandmother had given her.
<b>vehement</b> (vē'ə mənt)	-intense; forceful; strong I knew my parents would not be happy about my plan to take a year off from school, but I didn't expect their objections to be so <b>vehement</b> .
<b><u>Chapter 28</u></b>	
<b>deride</b> (di rīd')	-to make fun of; ridicule; to mock One nightclub comedian <b>derides</b> members of the audience, poking fun at their looks, clothing, and mannerisms. He says they know it's just part of the act.
<b>derogatory</b> (di rāg'ə tōr'ē)	-expressing a low opinion; belittling; uncomplimentary Lenny's <b>derogatory</b> remark about his boss – he called her an airhead – caused him to get fired.
<b>fabricated</b> (fab'ri kāt' ed)	-to invent; to make up (a story, information) in order to deceive; invent ( a lie) When she handed in her term paper late, Diane <b>fabricated</b> a story that her computer had crashed. The trust is that she doesn't even use a computer.
<b>impending</b> (im pend' ing)	-approaching; about to happen; imminent Gary never studies until an exam is <b>impending</b> . If he'd start sooner, he wouldn't have to cram so hard.
<b>macabre</b> (mə kăb'rə)	-gruesome; suggestive of death and decay; frightful; causing horror and distrust The movie opened with a <b>macabre</b> scene: a row of bodies lying in drawers in the city morgue.
<b>misconstrue</b> (mis'kən strōō')	-to misunderstand; to misinterpret; misunderstand the meaning or significance of Connie would like to date Matt, but when she told him she was busy last weekend, he <b>misconstrued</b> her meaning, thinking she wasn't interested in him.
<b>paramount</b> (par'ə məunt')	-supreme; of greatest concern or importance; foremost; chief in rank or authority When you are driving on rain-slick, icy, or winding roads, good traction is of <b>paramount</b> importance, so always be sure your tires are in top condition.

**quandary**  
(kwän' drē)  
-a state of confusion; a state of uncertainty or confusion about what to do; predicament  
Bonnie was in a **quandary** – she couldn't decide whether to return to school, take a job she had just been offered, or move to Alaska with her family.

**turbulent**  
(tər'byə lənt)  
-violent; full of wild disorder or wildly irregular motion; violently disturbed  
The **turbulent** air made the plane rock so wildly that passengers felt as if they were on a roller coaster.

**validate**  
(val'ə dāt')  
-to confirm; to show to be true; prove  
Many people believe Columbus sailed west to **validate** the theory that the world is round. But in 1492, the fact that the world is round was already well known.

## Chapter 29

**adroit**  
(ə drōit')  
-expert; skillful and clever under challenging conditions  
**Adroit** chess players can make it seem as if the opponent is winning, when in fact he or she is about to lose in another move or two.

**contention**  
(kən ten'shən)  
-a claim; a claim that something is true; a declaration  
The artist's **contention** is that he was born in Paris, but actually he was born in a small town in Missouri.

**incapacitate**  
(in'kə pas'ə tāt')  
-to disable; to make unable or unfit, especially for normal activities; disable  
The lecture was canceled because the speaker was **incapacitated** by the flu.

**irreparable**  
(i rep'ə rə bəl)  
-not able to be fixed, repaired, or remedied  
The damage to the vase is **irreparable**. It broke into so many pieces that it cannot possibly be put together again.

**pinnacle**  
(pin'ə kəl)  
-the topmost point; a peak of achievement  
The rock singer seems to have reached the **pinnacle** of her career: she's at the height of her popularity, and her recordings are selling more than ever before.

**platitude**  
(plat'ə tood')  
-an unoriginal comment; a remark that is commonplace or has become uninteresting through repeated use  
Some conversations are made up entirely of **platitudes**: "Good to see you." "We've got to get together sometime." "Well take care."

**prognosis**  
(präg nō'sis)  
-a prediction of the course, outcome, or fate of something, especially a disease or injury; a forecast  
Nathan's operation went well. The surgeon's **prognosis** is that Nathan will fully recover.

**repudiate**  
(ri pyoo'dē āt')  
-to reject; to deny the trust, validity, or authority of  
The actor **repudiated** his biography, saying it had been written without his consent or cooperation and that it was filled with lies.

**stigma**  
(stig'mə)  
-dishonor; a mark of shame or disgrace; blemish on character or reputation.  
In the past, seeing a psychiatrist might harm a person's reputation, but now there's little or no **stigma** attached to seeking help for psychological problems.

**tumultuous**  
(too mul'choo əs)  
-turbulent; the noisy disorder of a crowd; a commotion  
Marti Gras can often be a **tumultuous** free for all with the parades and wild parties in the streets.