

Unit 13**definition****synonyms****antonyms**

	definition	synonyms	antonyms
adapt	to adjust or change to suit the conditions	regulate, alter, acclimate, evolve	remain unchanged
attest	to bear witness, affirm to be true or genuine	verify, witness, confirm, corroborate	deny, disprove, refute, rebut
dovetail	to fit together exactly; to connect to form a whole; a carpentry figure resembling a dove's tail	mesh, jive, harmonize	clash, be at odds
enormity	huge size; exceeding all moral bounds; an exceedingly evil act	heinousness, atrocity, vastness	mildness, harmlessness, innocuousness
falter	to hesitate, stumble, or lose courage; to speak hesitatingly; to lose drive, weaken, decline	waver	persevere, plug away at
foreboding	a warning or feeling that something bad will happen; marked by fear, ominous	presentiment, premonition, misgiving, qualm	
forlorn	totally abandoned and helpless; sad and lonely; wretched or pitiful; hopeless	woebegone, forsaken, bereft, pathetic	jaunty, buoyant, blithe, chipper
haughty	chillingly proud or scornful	disdainful, supercilious	humble, meek, unassuming, modest
impediment	a physical defect; a hinderance, obstacle	obstruction, stumbling block	advantage, asset, plus, help
imperative	necessary, urgent; a form of a verb expressing a command; that which is necessary or required	essential, indispensable	nonessential, unnecessary, optional, frivolous
loiter	to linger in an aimless way, hanging around	dawdle	hurry along
malingering	to pretend illness to avoid duty or work	goof off, shirk	
pithy	short but full of meaning	terse, short and sweet, meaty, telling	wordy, verbose, long-winded, inane
plunder	to rob by force (especially during war time); to seize wrongfully; property stolen by force	pillage, loot, sack; spoils, pelf, treasure, bounty	
simper	to smile or speak in a silly, forced way; a silly, forced smile	snicker, titter, giggle	scowl
steadfast	firmly fixed; constant; not moving or changing	loyal, faithful	inconstant, fickle, unreliable, vacillating
vaunted	much boasted about in a vain or swaggering way	trumpeted, heralded	downplayed, soft-pedaled, de-emphasized
vilify	to abuse or belittle unjustly or maliciously	malign, defame, denigrate, traduce	glorify, extol, lionize
waif	a person (usually a child) without a home or friend; a stray person or animal; something that comes along by chance	stray, urchin	
wry	twisted, turned to one side; cleverly or grimly humorous	dryly, amusing, droll	humorless, solemn, straight