

Unit 7

	<i>definition</i>	<i>synonyms</i>	<i>antonyms</i>
acme	the highest point	summit, top, peak, pinnacle	low point, bottom, nadir
attribute	a quality or characteristic belonging to or associated with someone or something; to assign to, to credit with, to regard as caused by	trait; ascribe	x
belittle	to make something appear smaller than it is, to refer to in a way that suggests lack of importance or value	minimize, underrate, disparage	exaggerate, magnify, overestimate
convey	to transport, to transmit, to communicate, make known, to transfer ownership or title to	carry, send, impart	x
doctrine	a belief, principle, or teaching; a system of beliefs or principles; a formulation of such beliefs or principles	policy	x
excise	to remove by cutting; an indirect tax on manufacture, sale, or distribution of a commodity or service	cut out, expunge	put in, interpolate
exotic	foreign; charmingly unfamiliar or strikingly unusual	strange, alien, picturesque, colorful	native, indigenous, familiar, commonplace
haggard	thin, pale, and careworn as a result of worry or suffering; wild-looking	drawn, gaunt, wasted	healthy, glowing, hale and hearty
jaunty	lively, easy, and carefree in manner; smart or trim in appearance	unconcerned, lighthearted	downcast, dejected, glum
juncture	a joining together; the point at which two things are joined; any important point in time	union, seam, joint, turning point	x
menial	lacking importance or dignity; a person who does the humble and unpleasant tasks	lowly, humble, plebeian; an underling, a scullion, a servant	loft, elevated; a boss, master
parry	a defensive movement in fencing and other sports; to ward off, to fend off	to evade, avoid	to attack
predatory	preying upon, plundering, or piratical	looting, pillaging, ravenous, rapacious	x
ravage	to destroy, lay waste; ruinous damage, destruction	wreck, devastate, ruin	to spare
stance	a way of holding the body; an attitude or position on an issue	posture, bearing	x
tawdry	showy and flashy but lacking in good taste	loud, gaudy, tacky, vulgar	refined, tasteful, subdued, muted
turncoat	a person who switches to an opposing side or party	quisling, deserter, renegade	loyalist, diehard

unassuming	not putting on airs, polite, humble, not assuming one is better than others	unpretentious, modest	conceited, pretentious, self-important
wallow	to roll about in a lazy, clumsy or helpless way; to overindulge in; to have in abundance; a wet, muddy or dusty area used by animals as sort of bath; a state of moral or physical collapse	delight in; bask in	x
waver	to move to and fro, to become unsteady; to show lack of firmness or decision	to hesitate, to be wishy-washy	to stand firm, to be resolute