

**Unit 12**

	<i>definition</i>	<i>synonyms</i>	<i>antonyms</i>
<b>abdicate</b>	to resign, formally give up an office or duty	relinquish, renounce, disown, discard	retain
<b>bestow</b>	to give as a gift, to provide with lodgings	confer, lodge, put up	receive, take, take back, take away
<b>capacious</b>	able to hold much, roomy, having great capacity	spacious, commodious	cramped, confined, restricted, narrow
<b>caustic</b>	able to burn or eat away by chemical reaction; biting, sarcastic	burning, corrosive, sharp-tongued	bland, mild, sugary, saccharine
<b>crusade</b>	a strong movement to advance a cause or idea; to campaign, work vigorously	campaign, a movement	x
<b>deface</b>	to injure or destroy the surface or appearance of; to damage the value, influence, or effect; to face down	mar, disfigure	repair, restore, renovate, recondition
<b>embargo</b>	an order forbidding the trade or movement of commercial goods; to forbid trade or leaving of a port	stoppage, boycott	x
<b>fallacy</b>	a false notion or belief; an error in thinking	misconception	logic, sound reasoning
<b>levity</b>	a lack of seriousness, especially about things that should be treated with respect; buoyancy, lightness in weight	giddiness, flippancy, frivolity, fickleness	humorlessness, solemnity
<b>mendicant</b>	beggar; depending on begging for a living	panhandler	philanthropist, millionaire
<b>nauseate</b>	to make sick to the stomach; to fill with disgust	sicken, disgust	delight, tickle pink
<b>negate</b>	to nullify, deny, bring to nothing	invalidate, annul	aver, corroborate, buttress
<b>pivotal</b>	vitally important, essential, causing a change in direction	crucial, critical, decisive, seminal	unimportant, insignificant, trivial
<b>recipient</b>	one who receives; receiving, able or willing to receive	receiver, beneficiary	donor, benefactor, contributor
<b>ruse</b>	an action designed to confuse or mislead	trick, strategem, subterfuge, dodge	x
<b>teem</b>	to become filled to overflowing; to be present in large quantities	abound, swarm, overflow	lack, be wanting
<b>tenet</b>	an opinion, belief, or principle held to be true	doctrine, precept	x
<b>tractable</b>	easily managed, easy to deal with; easily wrought	malleable, submissive, docile, yielding, amenable	unruly, obstreperous, refractory
<b>ungainly</b>	clumsy, awkward; unwieldy	graceless, oafish	nimble, agile, supple, graceful
<b>voracious</b>	having a huge appetite, greedy; excessively eager	ravenous, gluttonous, insatiable, avid	indifferent, apathetic