

Unit 4

| | <i>definition</i> | <i>synonyms</i> | <i>antonyms</i> |
|-------------------|---|---|---|
| annul | to reduce to nothing; to declare void | to cancel, abolish, invalidate, nullify | to validate, authorize, ratify |
| blasé | bored as a result of enjoying too many things | indifferent, apathetic | enthusiastic, passionate, fervent |
| bolster | to give support, to boost; a long pillow or cushion | to reinforce, buttress, validate | to undermine, weaken, impair |
| deplore | to feel or express disapproval or regret | to lament, bemoan, bewail | to approve, commend, extol |
| frivolous | of little importance, not worthy of attention, not meant seriously | silly, foolish, inane, petty | serious, important, significant, relevant |
| muster | to bring together for service or battle; a list of personnel | to mobilize, to gather, to marshal; roster, inventory | to disband, dismiss, disperse |
| nonentity | a person or thing of no importance | a nobody | a celebrity |
| obsess | to trouble, haunt, or fill the mind | preoccupy | |
| ornate | elaborately decorated | fancy, flashy, flamboyant | plain, stark, austere |
| oust | to remove, drive out of a position or place | to expel, eject | to admit, welcome |
| peruse | to read thoroughly and carefully | to study, to pore over, to scrutinize | to skim |
| porous | full of tiny holes; able to be penetrated by air or water | leaky, permeable | airtight, impermeable |
| promontory | a high point of land extending into water | a cliff, outcrop, jetty | |
| prone | lying face down; likely | prostrate; liable, inclined | standing upright; unlikely, unwonted |
| qualm | a pang of conscience, uneasiness, misgiving, or doubt; a feeling of faintness or nausea | a regret, second thought, scruple | |
| recourse | a person or thing turned to for help or advice; the act of seeking help or protection | redress, remedy | |
| residue | a remainder, what is left over when part of something has been used up or removed | a remnant, the remains, the leavings | the whole |
| solicitous | showing concern or care; fearful or anxious about someone or something | concerned | unconcerned, indifferent, apathetic |
| staid | serious and dignified; quiet or subdued in character or conduct | sedate, sober, prim | gaudy, jaunty, unconventional |
| sustain | to support, to undergo; to bear up; to affirm the validity of | to nourish, foster; to uphold | to overrule |