

Ultimate Vocabulary G.R.E. Lesson 1

Words Workbook

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SECTION 1 - WORDS

INURED (ADJECTIVE)

made strong against a particular hardship by exposure to it

"After spending some time on the island they became inured to the hardships."

VESTIGIAL (ADJECTIVE)

not fully developed in mature animals

"The dog's tail is sometimes considered a vestigial trait."

DEPRECIATION (NOUN)

lessening in value

"We must deduct money to reflect the depreciation of our assets."

SALIENT (ADJECTIVE)

of traits that stand out

"She began to summarize the salient features/points of the proposal."

EXTOL (VERB)

praise highly

"His book extolling the benefits of vegetarianism sold thousands of copies."

PRETEXT (NOUN)

false reason given to justify an action

"The border dispute was used as a pretext for military intervention."

ENTREATY (NOUN)

urgent request

"She refused to become involved with him despite his passionate entreaties."

INSURGENCY (NOUN)

armed rebellion

"All approaches to the capital are now under the control of the insurgency."

METTLE (NOUN)

courage

"The German athletes showed/proved their mettle in the final round."

CHASTEN (VERB)

discipline

"He was chastened by the defeat and determined to worker harder in future."

DUPLICITY (NOUN)

deceptiveness, especially in regard to one's feelings

"They were accused of duplicity in their dealings with both sides."

CONFLATE (VERB)

colors or sounds

"She succeeded in conflating the three plays to produce a fresh new work."

GUILE (NOUN)

craftiness, ability to deceive

"The President will need to use all her political guile to stay in power."

UNDULY (ADVERB)

in an inappropriate manner or quantity

"Such a high increase will unduly burden the local tax payer."

OSTRACIZE (VERB)

from the community

"His colleagues ostracized him after he criticized the company in public."

EXTENUATE (VERB)

make less important

"He was unable to say anything that might have extenuated his behaviour."

SHAMBOLIC (ADJECTIVE)

chaotic, very disorderly

"After the party, the house was shambolic"

UNSCATHED (ADJECTIVE)

not injured

"Her husband died in the accident but she, amazingly, escaped unscathed."

EDIFICE (NOUN)

a permanent building

"The town hall is the only edifice surviving from the fifteenth century."

SYNERGY (NOUN)

working together of things giving a greater effect than the sum of their individual effects

"Team work at its best results in a synergy that can be very productive."

OBFUSCATE (VERB)

make unclear

"She was criticized for using arguments that obfuscated the main issue."

IMPUNITY (NOUN)

protection from punishment or financial loss

"Criminal gangs are terrorizing the city with apparent impunity."

EDICT (NOUN)

authoritative decision (esp. by a judge)

"Most shops are ignoring the government's edict against Sunday trading."

MUNIFICENT (ADJECTIVE)

extremely generous

"A former student has donated a munificent sum of money to the college."

BIFURCATE (VERB)

fork out in two

"A sample of water was taken from the point where the river bifurcates."

ENDEMIC (ADJECTIVE)

(of disease etc) particularly occurring in a certain region

"Malaria is endemic in many of the hotter regions of the world."

UNTOWARD (ADJECTIVE)

not proper or acceptable

"Unless anything untoward happens we should arrive just before midday."

USURP (VERB)

take control without authority

"The powers of local councils are being usurped by central government."

AMELIORATE (VERB)

make better

"Foreign aid is badly needed to ameliorate the effects of the drought."

ECHELON (NOUN)

troops arranged in a line

"These salary increases will affect only the highest echelons of local government."

SECTION 2-QUIZ

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27. After spending some time on the island they became _____ to the hardships.

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28. Switzerland is a _____ confederation of 26 self-governing cantons.

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29. She refused to become involved with him despite his passionate _____.

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30. All approaches to the capital are now under the control of the _____.

ANSWERS

1).mettle 2).ostracize 3).obfuscate 4).untoward 5).ameliorate 6).edifice 7).bifurcate 8).vestigial 9).salient 10).guile 11).synergy 12).munificent 13).extol 14).conflate 15).extenuate 16).endemic 17).impunity 18).shambolic 19).chasten 20).depreciation 21).unduly 22).edict 23).unscathed 24).duplicity 25).pretext 26).inured 27).heterogeneous 28).entreaty 29).insurgency