

VOCABULARY UNIT 6

- accessible** : (Adj) **easy to reach/use**
The hospital is in the center of town and easily accessible.
- accommodate** : (V) **put up - help**
It's a very big room and can accommodate 200 people for dinner.
- abduct** : (V) **kidnap**
The terrorists abducted the politician and demanded that political prisoners be freed.
- adhesive** : (N) **glue - substance used to make things stick together**
Use some adhesive to stick the canvas on the wall.
- alternative** : (N) **option - choice**
You have no alternative but to finish the assignment by tomorrow.
- amiable** : (Adj) **friendly - genial - congenial - amicable**
All the people in our apartment building are amiable and we often have parties together.
- baffle** : (V) **perplex - puzzle - confuse**
The doctors were baffled by his symptoms and couldn't figure out what was wrong.
- beginner** : (Adj) **novice - someone who is new at something**
Give him a chance. He's still a beginner at the job.
- controversy** : (N) **dispute - argument**
There is controversy as to whom the land belongs to.
- convert** : (V) **change to a different form**
He converted from the Catholic to the Protestant religion.
- cordial** : (Adj) **warm - friendly - amiable - amicable - genial - congenial**
He's very cordial and all his patients like and respect him.
- corpse** : (N) **dead body**
Her corpse was found floating lifeless in the river.
- cram** : (V) **squeeze - fit with difficulty**
He crammed everything into his mouth.
- crash** : (N) **an accident where two cars (trains etc.) run into each other**
There was a terrible car crash and 6 people were injured.
- credible** : (Adj) **believable - convincing**
I didn't find her excuse for being late credible. I'm sure she made it up.
- damage** : (V) **harm - hurt - injure - wreck - do something bad to**
My car was badly damaged in the crash.
- delay** : (V) **put off**
Let's not delay the meeting any longer. We should start now.
- desire** : (N) **yearn - covet - want something very much**
Her desire for success comes before all other things.
- discernible** : (Adj) **perceptible**
The fog was so dense that even the road was barely discernible.
- failure** : (N) **lack of success**
His failure to get the job was due to his messy appearance.
- feed** : (V) **give food to**
Please, feed the baby and put it to sleep.
- finance** : (V) **provide money for**
Who will finance the building of the new bridge?
- follow** : (V) **move along behind - trace someone's footsteps**
I could hear someone following me along the dark street.
- foremost** : (N) **leader - chief - principal**
He is foremost in the field of nuclear physics and respected internationally.
- fumble** : (V) **searching blindly**
She was fumbling in the drawer, looking for a bottle of aspirin.
- function** : (V) **job - activity of an object or person (N) - the way something works**
The police department's main function is to protect the citizens of its society.
- hospitable** : (Adj) **friendly - welcoming - generous to guests and strangers**
People in small towns are more hospitable than people in large cities.

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| impetuous | : (Adj) someone who acts without thinking <i>She has always been <u>impetuous</u>, acting first and thinking later.</i> |
| impose | : (V) use authority or force to make people do or act a certain way <i>The function of the police is to <u>impose</u> the law.</i> |
| incidental | : (Adj) accidental - by chance <i>Our meeting was <u>incidental</u>. We both happened to be eating in the same restaurant.</i> |
| incur | : (V) cause something to happen <i>Her drunken driving is what <u>incurred</u> the accident.</i> |
| indefinitely | : (Adv) having no end - forever <i>He can go on talking <u>indefinitely</u>. He bores me to death.</i> |
| indescribable | : (Adj) not able to be described <i>The opening ceremonies were so unorganized that they were totally <u>indescribable</u>.</i> |
| indifference | : (N) lack of interest <i>His <u>indifference</u> to his own children is something I can't understand.</i> |
| indignant | : (Adj) shocked and angry - furious <i>We were <u>indignant</u> that people were talking during the performance.</i> |
| induce | : (V) cause to happen - persuade or influence <i>If we do it together, I'm sure we can <u>induce</u> him to accept the position.</i> |
| infinite | : (Adj) large in number or degree <i>There is an <u>infinite</u> variety of colors to choose from.</i> |
| innovation | : (N) new idea or method - invention <i>I think the cellular phone is a very useful <u>innovation</u>.</i> |
| instruct | : (V) teach <i>The teacher <u>instructed</u> us on how to solve the problem.</i> |
| intend | : (V) decide or plan to do something <i>I <u>intend</u> to go to university, whether I get a scholarship or not.</i> |
| intonation | : (N) the way your voice rises and falls in speech <i>If your <u>intonation</u> is flat, your speech will be boring.</i> |
| intrigued | : (Adj) fascinated - awed <i>I was <u>intrigued</u> by the size of the ship. It was the biggest I had ever seen in my life.</i> |
| introverted | : (Adj) reserved - withdrawn <i>She doesn't have any friends, or go out at all. She is <u>introverted</u> and not at all social.</i> |
| investment | : (N) putting money somewhere so that it gives you profit <i>Buying that piece of land was a good <u>investment</u>.</i> |
| monotonous | : (Adj) boring - dull <i>His speech was so <u>monotonous</u> that I almost fell asleep.</i> |
| motion | : (N) movement <i>She is so energetic, she is constantly in <u>motion</u>.</i> |
| motivation | : (N) incentive - something that pushes one to act <i>Giving a prize for the best composition will be good <u>motivation</u> to make students write well.</i> |
| murky | : (Adj) dark - unpleasant - sinister - dishonest <i>The water here looks <u>murky</u>, and I'm afraid to swim in it. No one knows anything about him and it seems he has a <u>murky</u> past.</i> |
| nightmare | : (N) bad dream <i>I had a frightening <u>nightmare</u> which kept me awake half the night.</i> |
| nostalgic | : (Adj) someone who thinks longingly of the past <i>We sat around telling <u>nostalgic</u> stories of our school days.</i> |
| notorious | : (Adj) infamous - having a bad reputation <i>'Son of Sam' was a <u>notorious</u> serial killer in the U.S.A. back in the 1970's.</i> |
| ordinary | : (Adj) common <i>I wouldn't say he's good looking. He's just an <u>ordinary</u> man with nothing exceptional about him.</i> |
| organize | : (V) to put everything in order - make arrangements <i>Make sure you <u>organize</u> the schedule, so everyone has a chance to speak.</i> |
| outspoken | : (Adj) give opinion openly and honestly <i>She is very <u>outspoken</u> and not afraid of saying what's on her mind.</i> |

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| pattern | : (N) design <i>That bank robber follows the same <u>pattern</u> in all his robberies.</i> |
| peel | : (V) take the skin off <i>I hate <u>peeling</u> potatoes.</i> |
| persist | : (V) insist - persevere <i>She <u>persisted</u> in calling me until I agreed to see her.</i> |
| possessive | : (Adj) wanting all the attention or everything for yourself <i>Even as a child, he was very <u>possessive</u> and thought all the toys belonged only to him.</i> |
| postpone | : (V) put off - delay <i>Let's <u>postpone</u> the court case until we have more evidence.</i> |
| prefer | : (V) favor <i>I would <u>prefer</u> to eat at home rather than go out for dinner.</i> |
| prevalent | : (Adj) common - widespread <i>The news of their divorce is <u>prevalent</u>. We heard it on the radio.</i> |
| principle | : (N) general rule of behaviour <i>He is a man of <u>principle</u>, and I don't believe he would lie to me.</i> |
| punish | : (V) to make someone suffer for doing something wrong <i>The teacher <u>punished</u> the class for not doing the homework.</i> |
| push | : (V) shove - press by using force <i><u>Push</u> the button and the fan will start turning.</i> |
| recital | : (N) performance of music or poetry <i>The music <u>recital</u> lasted for two hours, and at the end everyone wanted more.</i> |
| record | : (N) an account of an event or piece of information <i>Keep a <u>record</u> of what you spend every month on food.</i> |
| regimen | : (N) set of rules about food and exercise to stay healthy <i>The doctor put me on a strict <u>regimen</u> because I have to lose 20 kilos.</i> |
| religious | : (Adj) someone who believes in God or a God <i>The family is very <u>religious</u> and never misses church on Sundays.</i> |
| remind | : (V) help someone to remember <i><u>Remind</u> me to take my pills at 6 p.m.</i> |
| repeat | : (V) say or write again <i>Listen to what I say and then <u>repeat</u> it word for word.</i> |
| request | : (V) ask for - solicit <i>The student came to me and <u>requested</u> financial help.</i> |
| ripple | : (N) small wave on the surface of the water caused by wind, a stone, etc. <i>It was such a windless day, there wasn't even a <u>ripple</u> on the surface of the water.</i> |
| rude | : (Adj) not polite - crude <i>Being <u>rude</u> to people will not make you many friends.</i> |
| ruffle | : (N) small fold in material <i>The shirt had <u>ruffled</u> sleeves and a <u>ruffled</u> collar.</i> |
| ruin | : (V) wreck - spoil (N) ruins: remains of old structures <i>Please don't <u>ruin</u> everything, by making a fuss.</i> |
| scant | : (Adj) meager - very small <i>She was wearing a <u>scant</u> bikini.</i> |
| schemes | : (N) secret plans <i>The army's <u>schemes</u> to overthrow the government came to nothing.</i> |
| secret | : (N) something known only by a small number of people <i>If I tell you a <u>secret</u>, do you promise not to tell anyone?</i> |
| sequence | : (N) series - succession - coming one after another in order <i>The application forms are in <u>sequence</u> according to when they were handed in. Please don't mix them up.</i> |
| serious | : (Adj) grave - solemn - earnest <i>We have a <u>serious</u> problem with traffic in this town.</i> |
| shove | : (V) push - thrust - propel <i>He <u>shoved</u> me and I fell down the stairs.</i> |

- slang** : (N) **informal language**
Young people use slang in their speech, and sometimes older people can't understand what they say.
- slum** : (N) **the poorest - most run down area of a city**
Harlem is a slum area in New York.
- smuggle** : (V) **take people or things into or out of a country illegally**
They were smuggling drugs from Turkey into Greece.
- solicit** : (V) **ask for**
The mayor solicited the help of the citizens to minimize car accidents in the city.
- spiral** : (N) **a curved shape which winds round and round**
The spiral staircase, from the first to the second floor, is wooden.
- support** : (V) **advocate - back**
I will support you as long as you tell the truth.
- transpire** : (V) **happen - occur**
What transpired between the two of you to make you dislike him so much?.
- untrained** : (Adj) **unskilled**
The country presently has an overwhelming number of untrained workers because of all the foreign immigrants.

A. Match the words in column A with the synonyms in column B.

- | (A) | (B) |
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| 1. accessible | A. invention |
| 2. delay | B. teach |
| 3. hospitable | C. put off |
| 4. innovation | D. insist - persevere |
| 5. instruct | E. friendly - welcoming |
| 6. ordinary | F. ask for |
| 7. persist | G. common |
| 8. solicit | H. advocate - back |
| 9. support | I. happen - occur |
| 10. transpire | J. easy to reach - use |

B. VOCABULARY TEST - UNIT 6

1. It is everyone's responsibility to _____ stray animals because they don't have homes.
 a. impose
 b. abduct
 c. discern
 d. feed
2. Use some _____ to stick the picture on the wall.
 a. pattern
 b. preference
 c. support
 d. adhesive
3. I work every summer to _____ my own education.
 a. finance
 b. induce
 c. accommodate
 d. motivate
4. She _____ along the wall searching for a light switch.
 a. followed
 b. crammed
 c. pushed
 d. fumbled

5. I like clothes with _____.
- motion
 - regimen
 - ripples
 - ruffles
6. The doctor was _____ with his patients, and they all trusted him.
- indignant
 - indifferent
 - amiable
 - baffled
7. He hangs around with some _____ characters, whom I can't trust.
- murky
 - nostalgic
 - intrigued
 - incidental
8. I _____ a white tablecloth by spilling red wine on it.
- ruined
 - damaged
 - peeled
 - punished
9. Her voice is so boring because she has no _____.
- innovation
 - intonation
 - motivation
 - intention
10. How can you act like that? Have you no _____?
- requests
 - principles
 - patterns
 - schemes
11. Finding a good job is _____ in my mind.
- accessible
 - discernible
 - foremost
 - cordial
12. _____ language is usually not found in dictionaries.
- Slang
 - Controversial
 - Credible
 - Infinite
13. When do you _____ to hand in the project?
- persist
 - solicit
 - intend
 - transpire
14. The elevator is not _____ properly.
- functioning
 - shoving
 - incurring
 - repeating
15. Doing the same job day in and day out is very _____.
- indescribable
 - impetuous
 - monotonous
 - serious
16. He paid _____ attention to the lecture.
- rude
 - ordinary
 - scant
 - prevalent
17. If you want to be healthy, you must follow a(n) _____.
- innovation
 - regimen
 - sequence
 - spiral
18. His alibi is _____ since he has witnesses.
- outspoken
 - untrained
 - organized
 - credible
19. Allow me to _____ you what you suggested at the last meeting.
- remind
 - instruct
 - induce
 - record
20. Someone who is _____ doesn't make friends easily.
- innovative
 - introverted
 - converted
 - accommodated

21. They are very _____ and open up their home to everyone.
- hospitable
 - possessive
 - prevalent
 - crammed
22. New York _____ are among the poorest in the world.
- recitals
 - corpses
 - slums
 - motions
23. Can you keep a(n) _____?
- alternative
 - desire
 - scheme
 - secret
24. Most immigrants perform _____ labor.
- solicited
 - religious
 - untrained
 - smuggled
25. I don't want to _____ my will on you, but I think coming would be to your benefit.
- impose
 - persist
 - intend
 - invest
26. No one knows what _____ to make them hate each other so much.
- alternated
 - motivated
 - transpired
 - incurred
27. Many foreigners are being _____ into the country.
- smuggled
 - induced
 - accommodated
 - converted
28. The child had a(n) _____ and was too frightened to sleep after that.
- failure
 - nightmare
 - function
 - investment
29. The general was _____ for his war crimes.
- credible
 - solicited
 - notorious
 - accessible
30. He promised to wait for her _____.
- monotonously
 - indefinitely
 - incidentally
 - alternatively