

Unit #5 Vocabulary Definitions

ag·i·ta·tion

noun

1.

the act or process of agitating; state of being agitated: *She left in great agitation.*

2.

persistent urging of a political or **social** cause or theory before the public.

3.

Also called **psychomotor agitation**. psychological and physical restlessness, manifested by pacing, hand-wringing, or other activity, sometimes occurring as a symptom of severe depression, schizophrenia, or other mental disorder.

a·loof

adverb

1.

at a distance, especially in feeling or interest; apart: *They always stood aloof from their classmates.*

adjective

2.

reserved or reticent; indifferent; disinterested: *Because of his shyness, he had the reputation of being aloof.*

ap·pa·ri·tion

noun

1.

a supernatural appearance of a person or thing, especially a ghost; a specter or phantom; wraith: *a ghostly apparition at midnight.*

2.

anything that appears, especially something remarkable or startling: *the surprising apparition of cowboys in New York City.*

3.

an act of appearing; manifestation.

4.

Astronomy . the appearance or time when a comet, especially a periodic one, is visible: *the 1986 apparition of Halley's comet.*

ben·e·fac·tor

noun

1.

a person who confers a benefit; kindly helper.

2.

a person who makes a bequest or endowment, as to an institution.

cope

verb (used without object)

1.

to struggle or deal, especially on fairly even terms or with some degree of success (usually followed by *with*): *I will try to cope with his rudeness.*

2.

to face and deal with responsibilities, problems, or difficulties, especially successfully or in a calm or adequate manner: *After his breakdown he couldn't cope any longer.*

3.

Archaic . to come into contact; meet (usually followed by *with*).

ge·ne·al·o·gy

1.

a record or account of the ancestry and descent of a person, family, group, etc.

2.

the study of family ancestries and histories.

3.

descent from an original form or progenitor; lineage; ancestry.

4.

Biology . a group of individuals or species having a common ancestry: *The various species of Darwin's finches form a closely knit genealogy*

moor

noun

1.

a tract of open, peaty, wasteland, often overgrown with heath, common in high latitudes and altitudes where drainage is poor; heath.

2.

a tract of land preserved for game.

moor²

verb (used with object)

1.

to secure (a ship, boat, dirigible, etc.) in a particular place, as by cables and anchors or by lines.

2.

to fix firmly; secure.

verb (used without object)

3.

to moor a ship, small boat, etc.

4.

to be made secure by cables or the like.

noun

5.

the act of mooring.

ob·ses·sion

noun

1.

the domination of one's thoughts or feelings by a persistent idea, image, desire, etc.

2.

the idea, image, desire, feeling, etc., itself.

3.

the state of being obsessed.

4.

the act of obsessing.

pa·la·tial

adjective

1.

of, pertaining to, or resembling a palace: *a palatial home*.

2.

befitting or suitable for a palace; stately; magnificent: *a palatial tapestry*.

plain·tive

adjective

expressing sorrow or melancholy; mournful: *a plaintive melody*.