

Unit #6 Vocabulary Definitions

ar·ro·gance

noun

offensive display of superiority or self-importance; overbearing pride.

doc·ile

adjective

1.

easily managed or handled; tractable: *a docile horse.*

2.

readily trained or taught; teachable.

friv·o·lous

adjective

1.

characterized by lack of seriousness or sense: *frivolous conduct.*

2.

self-indulgently carefree; unconcerned about or lacking any serious purpose.

3.

(of a person) given to trifling or undue levity: *a frivolous, empty-headed person.*

4.

of little or no weight, worth, or importance; not worthy of serious notice: *a frivolous suggestion.*

kin·dle

verb (used with object)

1.

to start (a fire); cause (a flame, blaze, etc.) to begin burning.

2.

to set fire to or ignite (fuel or any combustible matter).

3.

to excite; stir up or set going; animate; rouse; inflame: *He kindled their hopes of victory.*

4.

to light up, illuminate, or make bright: *Happiness kindled her eyes.*

seethe

noun

verb (used without object)

- 1.**
to surge or foam as if boiling.
- 2.**
to be in a state of agitation or excitement.
- 3.**
Archaic . to boil.

sin·is·ter

adjective

- 1.**
threatening or portending evil, harm, or trouble; ominous: *a sinister remark.*
- 2.**
bad, evil, base, or wicked; fell: *his sinister purposes.*
- 3.**
unfortunate; disastrous; unfavorable: *a sinister accident.*
- 4.**
of or on the left side; left.
- 5.**
Heraldry . noting the side of an escutcheon or achievement of arms that is to the left of the bearer (opposed to dexter).

smug

adjective, smug·ger, smug·gest.

- 1.**
contentedly confident of one's ability, superiority, or correctness; complacent.
- 2.**
trim; spruce; smooth; sleek.

spurn

verb (used with object)

- 1.**
to reject with disdain; scorn.
- 2.**
to treat with contempt; despise.
- 3.**
to kick or trample with the foot.

un·scru·pu·lous

adjective

not scrupulous; unrestrained by scruples; conscienceless; unprincipled.

yearn

verb (used without object)

1.

to have an earnest or strong desire; long: *to yearn for a quiet vacation.*

2.

to feel tenderness; be moved or attracted: *They yearned over their delicate child.*