

## Vocabulary Unit #4

### cit·a·del

#### *noun*

1.

a fortress that commands a city and is used in the control of the inhabitants and in defense during attack or siege.

2.

any strongly fortified place; stronghold.

3.

(formerly) a heavily armored structure on a warship, for protecting the engines, magazines, etc.

### de·file

#### *verb (used with object), de·filed, de·fil·ing.*

1.

to make foul, dirty, or unclean; pollute; taint; debase.

2.

to violate the chastity of.

3.

to make impure for ceremonial use; desecrate.

4.

to sully, as a person's reputation.

### em·is·sar·y

#### *noun*

1.

a representative sent on a mission or errand: *emissaries to negotiate a peace*.

2.

an agent sent on a mission of a secret nature, as a spy.

3.

*Anatomy* . sending or coming out, as certain veins that pass through the skull and connect the venous sinuses inside with the veins outside.

4.

pertaining to an emissary.

## en·tice

**verb (used with object), en·ticed, en·tic·ing.**

to lead on by exciting hope or desire; allure; inveigle: *They were enticed westward by dreams of gold.*

## garb

**noun**

**1.**

a fashion or mode of dress, especially of a distinctive, uniform kind: *in the garb of a monk.*

**2.**

wearing apparel; clothes.

**3.**

outward appearance or form.

## her·ald

**noun**

**1.**

(formerly) a royal or official messenger, especially one representing a monarch in an ambassadorial capacity during wartime.

**2.**

a person or thing that precedes or comes before; forerunner; harbinger: *the returning swallows, those heralds of spring.*

**3.**

a person or thing that proclaims or announces: *A good newspaper should be a herald of truth.*

**4.**

(in the Middle Ages) an officer who arranged tournaments and other functions, announced challenges, marshaled combatants, etc., and who was later employed also to arrange processions, funerals, etc., and to regulate the use of armorial bearings.

**5.**

an official intermediate in rank between a king-of-arms and a pursuivant, in the Heralds' College in England or the Heralds' Office in Scotland.

## med·i·tate

**verb (used without object)**

1.  
to engage in thought or contemplation; reflect.
2.  
to engage in transcendental meditation, devout religious contemplation, or quiescent spiritual introspection.

## o·men

**noun**

1.  
anything perceived or happening that is believed to portend a good or evil event or circumstance in the future; portent.
2.  
a prognostic.
3.  
prophetic significance; presage: *a bird of ill omen*.

## re·trieve

**verb (used with object)**

1.  
to recover or regain: *to retrieve the stray ball*.
2.  
to bring back to a former and better state; restore: *to retrieve one's fortunes*.
3.  
to make amends for: *to retrieve an error*.
4.  
to make good; repair: *to retrieve a loss*.
5.  
*Hunting* . (of hunting dogs) to fetch (killed or wounded game).

## un·der·go

**verb (used with object), un·der·went, un·der·gone, un·der·go·ing.**

1.  
to be subjected to; experience; pass through: *to undergo surgery*.
2.  
to endure; sustain; suffer: *to undergo sustained deprivation*.