



English

## VOCABULARY - PART ONE

## Erudite (A) (erudait)

- Having or showing great knowledge or learning
- Adverb- eruditely

( An adverb can modify the meaning of a verb, an adjective or another adverb)

ex. Here, there, fast, slow,  
often, near, everyday, almost, why where, enough

He could turn any conversation into an erudite discussion.  
She was very erudite

# Sensitized (V)

- To make sensitive

The introductory section aims to sensitize students to the scope of the course.

Sensitization

Sensitizer (noun)

## Ratchet (rāchit) (N)

- Permitting motion in one direction
- To increase or decrease by increments (toothed rack)
- SLANG-Lacking in class, refinement, or good taste

**Ratchet-mouth** - Some one who talks incessantly  
(without interruption)

Tell that ratchet-mouth to shut up!

## Inure (in-yoor) (V)

- To habituate to something undesirable
- Becoming tough by habitual exposure.
- *Though the food became no more palatable, he soon became inured to it.*
- *INURED- adjective: accustomed, hardened, toughened, habituated, desensitized.*

## Hyper (A)

- Having a very excitable or nervous temperament  
Emotionally stimulated or overexcited
- Hyperactive

## Disarray (N)

- A state of disorder; confusion
- To throw in to confusion; upset, lack of discipline
- Lack of clarity

## Bewilderment (N)

- The condition of being confused or disoriented
- A confusing maze or tangle



## Bling (N)

- Jewelry or fashion accessories, usually made of metal or other shiny material
- Deliberately showy, ostentatious

*The rapper was loaded with bling.*

Rapper = a performer of rap music.

## Fracas (N) (frekes)

- A noisy, disorderly fight or quarrel

= brawl, altercation, quarrel, free for all, melee, riot

- Fracas between husband and wife generally leads to divorce.

# Double Whammy

- noun
- Double setback, evil spell, devastating blow

High tax rates and rise in inflation is double whammy for service class people.

# Purport (V)

## purported, purporting, purports

- To have or present the often false appearance of being or intending claim
- To claim by manner or appearance, esp falsely
- *The purport of the visit was to discuss trade relation.*

# Deviant (A)

- Differing from a norm or from the accepted social standards of society
- A person or thing that deviates or departs markedly from the accepted norm
- A person whose behavior deviates from what is acceptable especially in sexual behavior

## Dapper (A)

- Neatly dressed, trim: very stylish in dress
- Lively and alert
- Small and active
- Small and nimble

*To walk with dapper step*

## Cudgels (N) küjēl

- A short heavy stick; a club used as a weapon
- To beat or strike with

Take up the cudgels = to join in a dispute

Cudgel one's brains to think hard about a problem

## Natty (Adj)

- Neat, trim, smart, dapper
- Smart in appearance or dress

*A natty outfit, a natty uniform*



# Fiefdom (N)

- The estate or domain of a feudal lord

Feudal = the system by which people gave certain services eg. Military support to a more powerful man in return for lands

- An area organization or department over which one dominant person or group exercises control

# Implore (V)

## Implored, imploring, implores

- To appeal to in supplication, beseech

Supplication = To make a humble request

Beseech = To request earnestly, to beg for pardon

- To make an earnest appeal

Earnest = Showing or expressing sincerity or seriousness

- To beg for urgently
- *Implored the tribunal to have mercy*

# Chunky

- Adjective
- Short and thick
- = dumpy = short and plump
- = humpty dumpty = a short fat person

## Jaunty (A)

- Having or expressing self-confident air

*A jaunty grin, Walking at jaunty pace, music with jaunty rhythms, a jaunty hat, a jaunty step*

# Obfuscation (V)

## Obfuscated, obfuscating, obfuscates

- To make so confused as to be difficult to perceive or understand.

*A great effort was made to obscure or obfuscate the truth.*

- Making something obscure, dark

End of PART ONE