

UNIT 7 VOCABULARY

This report provides a summary of key vocabulary for this unit. For each word, you will find the definition, related words, its word family, and examples of how the word, or forms of the word, are used in a sentence.

agrarian era

An era of human history, beginning roughly 10,000 years ago, when most people were focused on agriculture.

- Examples:**
- The Industrial Revolution moved us from an agrarian era into the industrial era.

agriculture

- a large-scale farming enterprise
- the practice of cultivating the land or raising stock
- the federal department that administers programs that provide services to farmers (including research and soil conservation and efforts to stabilize the farming economy); created in 1862
- the class of people engaged in growing food

Related words: agribusiness, agriculture, farming, husbandry

Word family: culture, cultural, culturally, agriculturalists, agricultural, horticultural, agriculture, horticulture, subculture, agriculturalist, cultured, cultures, counterculture

- Examples:**
- Primitive methods of farming, lack of knowledge about newer methods of irrigation, and cultivation hold back the growth of agriculture.
 - Agriculture is the most important primary activity in the world.
 - Use the map on pages 10-11 to name the countries that have subsistence agriculture.

ancient

- belonging to times long past especially of the historical period before the fall of the Western Roman Empire
- very old
- a very old person
- a person who lived in ancient times

Related words: antique, archaic, old-fashioned, aged, early, antiquated

Word family: ancient, anciently, ancientness, ancients

- Examples:**
- When we speak of ancient life, we sometimes speak of fossils.
 - Ancient man roamed the Earth looking for a place to settle.
 - Most Ancient Greeks were farmers who lived on the food they produced.

civilization

A human society having dense population, large public buildings, a central authority and, often, a system of writing or other means of recording information.

Related words: acculturation, civilisation, civilization, culture, education, home, order, refinement, sphere

Word family: civilizing, civilizations, civilian, civil, civility, uncivil, civilized, civilization, uncivilized, civilians, civilize

- Examples:**
- It takes specialists for a civilization to develop.
 - Most archaeologists think that cities are signs of a civilization.
 - Civilization also involves things like writing, trade, complicated manufacturing, and high levels of art and government.

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collective

- done by or characteristic of individuals acting together
- members of a cooperative enterprise
- forming a whole or aggregate
- set up on the principle of collectivism or ownership and production by the workers involved usually under the supervision of a government

Related words: collective, corporate

Word family: collecting, collectible, collectors, collection, collectively, recollection, collectives, collects, collector, uncollected, recollections, collective, recollect, collect, collections, collected

- Examples:**
- The members of a collective farm worked the land together.
 - A collective farm is made up of many farmers who own the land all together.
 - A collective noun is a noun that names a group of people or objects.

complex

- complicated in structure; consisting of interconnected parts
- a conceptual whole made up of complicated and related parts
- a compound described in terms of the central atom to which other atoms are bound or coordinated
- (psychoanalysis) a combination of emotions and impulses that have been rejected from awareness but still influence a person's behavior
- a whole structure (as a building) made up of interconnected or related structures

Related words: complex, complicated, composite, detailed, difficult, hard, intricate, involved, tough

Word family: complexities, complexes, complexity, complex

- Examples:**
- Compound machines that have many parts are complex machines.
 - The honeybee colony is an example of complex insect behavior.
 - A basic ingredient of every complex sentence is the dependent clause.

culture

- a particular society at a particular time and place
- the tastes in art and manners that are favored by a social group
- (biology) the growing of microorganisms in a nutrient medium (such as gelatin or agar)
- a highly developed state of perfection; having a flawless or impeccable quality
- all the knowledge and values shared by a society
- the attitudes and behavior that are characteristic of a particular social group or organization
- the raising of plants or animals
- grow in a special preparation

Related words: acculturation, civilisation, civilization, cultivation, culture, Finish, Polish, refinement

Word family: culturing, culture, cultural, culturally, agriculturalists, agricultural, horticultural, agriculture, horticulture, subculture, agriculturalist, cultured, cultures, counterculture

- Examples:**
- People in culture groups share many beliefs.
 - People add or change parts of an environment with their culture.
 - The words people use and the songs they sing are part of their culture.

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development

- act of improving by expanding or enlarging or refining
- a process in which something passes by degrees to a different stage (especially a more advanced or mature stage)
- (biology) the process of an individual organism growing organically; a purely biological unfolding of events involved in an organism changing gradually from a simple to a more complex level
- a recent event that has some relevance for the present situation
- the act of making some area of land or water more profitable or productive or useful
- a district that has been developed to serve some purpose
- a state in which things are improving; the result of developing (as in the early part of a game of chess)
- processing a photosensitive material in order to make an image visible
- (music) the section of a composition or movement (especially in sonata form) where the major musical themes are developed and elaborated

Related words: developing, development, evolution, exploitation, growing, growth, maturation, ontogeny

Word family: development, developmental, develop, underdevelop, developing, developed, developmentally, underdeveloped, develops, redevelopment, developers, undeveloped, developments, developer

- Examples:**
- Primary growth is also responsible for the development of branches, leaves, and flowers.
 - During the first stage of development, the tooth bud enlarges to become the embryonic enamel organ.
 - There is some disagreement among social scientists about exactly what conditions are necessary for the growth and development of democracy.

domesticate

- adapt (a wild plant or unclaimed land) to the environment
- overcome the wildness of; make docile and tractable
- make fit for cultivation, domestic life, and service to humans

Related words: cultivate, domesticate, reclaim, tame

Word family: domesticating, domesticity, domesticate, domestic, domesticated, domestication

- Examples:**
- Eventually he learned to cultivate plants and to domesticate animals.
 - Around 1840, some people in South Africa began to domesticate and raise ostriches in much the same way that we raise turkeys and chickens.
 - It has even been suggested by one prehistorian that Neanderthal man actually was able to domesticate the great bear, and that man and beast shared their caves.

evidence

- your basis for belief or disbelief; knowledge on which to base belief
- an indication that makes something evident
- provide evidence for; stand as proof of; show by one's behavior, attitude, or external attributes
- (law) all the means by which any alleged matter of fact whose truth is investigated at judicial trial is established or disproved
- provide evidence for
- give evidence

Related words: attest, certify, demonstrate, evidence, grounds, manifest, prove, show, tell, testify

Word family: evidencing, evident, evidence, evidenced, evidences, evidential, evidently

- Examples:**
- By studying the evidence, archaeologists have learned much about early people.
 - A depositor should keep his cancelled checks as evidence that payments have been made.
 - Now that we have examined the various forms of evidence that are used by the speaker, let us turn to the process of assembling evidence and ideas into some coherent form.

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fertile

- capable of reproducing
- intellectually productive
- bearing in abundance especially offspring
- marked by great fruitfulness

Related words: fat, fertile, productive, prolific, rich

Word family: fertile, infertility, fertilization, fertilize, fertilized, fertilizing, fertilizers, fertilizer, fertility, infertile, unfertilized

- Examples:**
- When America was young, its soil was fertile.
 - The Middle East also contains some of the most fertile soil in the world.
 - When people learned to farm, they looked for the most fertile land they could find to live on.

historian

- a person who is an authority on history and who studies it and writes about it

Related words: historian

Word family: historiography, prehistoric, historians, historian, histories, historic, historical, prehistory, historically, history

- Examples:**
- Often, an archeologist or historian will develop an explanation or a theory.
 - A historian looks at evidence from the past and comes up with an explanation.
 - More than two thousand years ago, a Greek historian wondered why people called Africa and Asia separate continents.

population

- the people who inhabit a territory or state
- a group of organisms of the same species inhabiting a given area
- (statistics) the entire aggregation of items from which samples can be drawn
- the number of inhabitants (either the total number or the number of a particular race or class) in a given place (country or city etc.)
- the act of populating (causing to live in a place)

Related words: population, universe

Word family: unpopulated, populate, populated, populations, populist, overpopulate, populace, populous, overpopulation, population

- Examples:**
- A field of daisies is a plant population.
 - When snakes eat frogs, the frog population shrinks.
 - The place where a population lives is called a habitat.

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represent

- take the place of or be parallel or equivalent to
- express indirectly by an image, form, or model; be a symbol
- be representative or typical for
- be a delegate or spokesperson for; represent somebody's interest or be a proxy or substitute for, as of politicians and office holders representing their constituents, or of a tenant representing othe
- serve as a means of expressing something
- be characteristic of
- form or compose
- be the defense counsel for someone in a trial
- create an image or likeness of
- play a role or part
- perform (a play), especially on a stage
- describe or present, usually with respect to a particular quality
- point out or draw attention to in protest or remonstrance
- bring forward and present to the mind
- to establish a mapping (of mathematical elements or sets)

Related words: act, comprise, constitute, correspond, defend, exemplify, interpret, map, play, present, represent, stage, symbolise, symbolize, typify

Word family: represent, misrepresentation, represents, overrepresentation, representatives, representational, representative, representation, represented, representations, representativeness, misrepresent, representing

- Examples:**
- A "symbol" is something used to represent another item.
 - When lawyers help parties, we say that they represent clients.
 - The numbers on the left side of the graph represent the town's population.

scholar

- a learned person (especially in the humanities); someone who by long study has gained mastery in one or more disciplines
- someone (especially a child) who learns (as from a teacher) or takes up knowledge or beliefs
- a student who holds a scholarship

Related words: bookman, learner, scholar, student

Word family: scholarships, scholastic, scholar, scholars, scholarly, scholarship

- Examples:**
- Manual labor was considered beneath the dignity of the scholar.
 - The scholar suggested a plan that Caesar and later Augustus adopted for the Roman calendar.
 - In the year 1138, the royal palace at Palermo, Sicily was the scene of a long-awaited meeting between a Christian king and a Muslim scholar.

society

- an extended social group having a distinctive cultural and economic organization
- a formal association of people with similar interests
- the state of being with someone
- the fashionable elite

Related words: club, companionship, company, fellowship, guild, lodge, order, society

Word family: unsociable, socially, societal, socialists, society, sociologists, socializing, socialize, socialite, sociology, socialized, sociologist, socialist, antisocial, socialization, socialistic, sociological, socialism, social, socialites, societies

- Examples:**
- Traditional China was an agricultural society.
 - A society is an organized way for individuals to live together.
 - A civilization needs a political organization to give order to the society.

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