

## Key Unit Vocabulary

This report provides a summary of key vocabulary for this unit. For each word, you will find the definition, part of speech, word forms (plurals/tenses), synonyms, and examples of how the word, or forms of the word, are used in a sentence.

### agrarian

- devoted to agriculture (farming and herding); rural; agricultural

<b>Part of speech:</b>	adjective
<b>Word forms:</b>	agrarianism, agrarians
<b>Synonyms:</b>	agricultural, pastoral
<b>In a sentence:</b>	In agrarian societies, most people cultivate the land to supply food for their families and society.

### aristocrat

- a member of a titled or privileged class

<b>Part of speech:</b>	noun
<b>Word forms:</b>	aristocrats, aristocratic, aristocracy
<b>Synonyms:</b>	noble, patrician
<b>In a sentence:</b>	The aristocrats can be distinguished from the peasants through their style of clothing.

### artisan

- a person skilled in making things, especially with the hands

<b>Part of speech:</b>	noun
<b>Word forms:</b>	artisans, artisanal, artisanship
<b>Synonyms:</b>	craftsperson, artificer
<b>In a sentence:</b>	The shop features pottery and ceramics made by local artisans.

### bureaucracy

- a system of administration characterized by excessive routine, inflexible rules, and an organized group of hired officials

<b>Part of speech:</b>	noun
<b>Word forms:</b>	bureaucracies, bureaucratic
<b>Synonyms:</b>	administration, authority, management
<b>In a sentence:</b>	The reforms would have been implemented years ago if it had not been for the uncooperative bureaucracy.

### causation

- the act or process of causing (to make happen; creating or influencing)

<b>Part of speech:</b>	noun
<b>Word forms:</b>	cause, causality
<b>Synonyms:</b>	reason, motivation, source
<b>In a sentence:</b>	When looking through articles about the fall of the Han, you want to focus on causation as well as long-term effects.

## colony

- a territory governed by a distant country, often occupied by numbers of citizens of that country

<b>Part of speech:</b>	noun
<b>Word forms:</b>	colonies, colonial, colonialism
<b>Synonyms:</b>	province, territory
<b>In a sentence:</b>	Before its independence, America consisted of thirteen British colonies.

## community

- a group of people living close together or having shared experience and identity

<b>Part of speech:</b>	noun
<b>Word forms:</b>	communities, communitive
<b>Synonyms:</b>	group, people, society, population
<b>In a sentence:</b>	The mayor held a public meeting to get opinions from the community concerning the new library.

## compare

- to note the likenesses and differences of

<b>Part of speech:</b>	verb
<b>Word forms:</b>	compares, comparing, compared, comparison
<b>Synonyms:</b>	liken
<b>In a sentence:</b>	The professor compared the economic system in the US with the economic system in China.

## consequence

- that which follows; result

<b>Part of speech:</b>	noun
<b>Word forms:</b>	consequences, consequently
<b>Synonyms:</b>	result, effect, outcome
<b>In a sentence:</b>	The tenant's fall in the stairway was a direct consequence of the landlord's neglect of the property.

## contextualize

- to put into a context, or provide a context for (context = the set of circumstances or events in which a particular event occurs); to situate

<b>Part of speech:</b>	verb
<b>Word forms:</b>	contextualizes, contextualizing, contextualized, contextualization
<b>Synonyms:</b>	research, consider
<b>In a sentence:</b>	When I contextualize my grandmother's decision and consider the difficult circumstances she was in, I can sympathize with her better.

## continuity

- things that are constant over time; something in an uninterrupted state

<b>Part of speech:</b>	noun
<b>Word forms:</b>	continuities, continual, continuous, continuance
<b>Synonyms:</b>	cohesion
<b>In a sentence:</b>	The film's story line lacks continuity, so I was often confused about what was going on.

## contrast

- to compare (two people or things) in order to make their differences clear

<b>Part of speech:</b>	verb
<b>Word forms:</b>	contrasts, contrasting, contrasted
<b>Synonyms:</b>	differentiate, distinguish
<b>In a sentence:</b>	The essay contrasted Japan's legal system with that of the United States.

## distribution

- the act or process of distributing (to spread over an area)

<b>Part of speech:</b>	noun
<b>Word forms:</b>	distribute, distributes, distributing
<b>Synonyms:</b>	dole, give out, deliver, transport
<b>In a sentence:</b>	Distribution of free t-shirts will occur at the front gate of the stadium.

## empire

- territory controlled by a central government, with one supreme ruler, who governs a diverse population

<b>Part of speech:</b>	noun
<b>Word forms:</b>	empires
<b>Synonyms:</b>	domain, kingdom
<b>In a sentence:</b>	The Ottoman Empire ruled over a vast territory with multiple ethnicities and belief systems.

## enslaved

- to cause to be a slave or to be in a condition of bondage

<b>Part of speech:</b>	verb
<b>Word forms:</b>	enslaves, enslaving, enslave
<b>Synonyms:</b>	subjugated, coerced, imprisoned, forced
<b>In a sentence:</b>	The Romans enslaved thousands of people, with many being owned by the state, to work in agricultural and mining industries.

## ethnicity

- the condition of being a member of a group who share a distinctive culture, language, or religion, or who are of the same race or national heritage

<b>Part of speech:</b>	noun
<b>Word forms:</b>	ethnicities, ethnic
<b>Synonyms:</b>	ethnic group
<b>In a sentence:</b>	Immigrants with the same ethnicity often lived in specific areas of major cities, which is why there are places known as Chinatown and Little Italy.

## frame

- a particular lens or perspective that information is perceived through

<b>Part of speech:</b>	noun
<b>Word forms:</b>	frames, framed, framing
<b>Synonyms:</b>	context, perspective
<b>In a sentence:</b>	In order to find patterns, Diego had to read the articles with a particular frame in mind.

## hierarchy

- a body of persons or entities graded according to rank or level of authority

<b>Part of speech:</b>	noun
<b>Word forms:</b>	hierarchies, hierarchical
<b>Synonyms:</b>	ranking, classification
<b>In a sentence:</b>	An admiral ranks at the top of the naval hierarchy.

## indigenous

- having origin in a country or locality; native

<b>Part of speech:</b>	adjective
<b>Word forms:</b>	indigenously, indigenouslyness
<b>Synonyms:</b>	native, aboriginal
<b>In a sentence:</b>	The indigenous people of Hawaii suffered illnesses brought by missionaries and other settlers.

## monarch

- a sole, often hereditary ruler such as a king, queen, or emperor

<b>Part of speech:</b>	noun
<b>Word forms:</b>	monarchs, monarchal, monarchial
<b>Synonyms:</b>	emperor, king, queen, ruler
<b>In a sentence:</b>	The monarch's legitimacy was questioned after it was revealed that he had killed his brother to gain his position of power.

## narrative

- an account, description, or story, or the oral or written work containing such material

<b>Part of speech:</b>	noun
<b>Word forms:</b>	narratives, narration, narratively, narrational, narrator
<b>Synonyms:</b>	account, story, tale
<b>In a sentence:</b>	We listened to our grandfather's narrative of his time in the war until late into the night.

## network

- a system or process that involves a number of persons, groups or organizations

<b>Part of speech:</b>	noun
<b>Word forms:</b>	networks, networking, networked
<b>Synonyms:</b>	web, organization
<b>In a sentence:</b>	The CEO of the company relies on a network of employees all across the globe to advertise and sell her products to the general public.

## production

- the act or process of creating or manufacturing

<b>Part of speech:</b>	noun
<b>Word forms:</b>	productions, producing, productional
<b>Synonyms:</b>	manufacture, creation, construction
<b>In a sentence:</b>	The factory has exceeded its goals for production for this quarter.

## racial hierarchy

- a system of stratification that focuses on the belief that some racial groups are either superior or inferior to other racial groups

<b>Part of speech:</b>	noun
<b>Word forms:</b>	racial hierarchies
<b>Synonyms:</b>	
<b>In a sentence:</b>	Racial hierarchies are widespread throughout the modern world and have a large influence on the social and economic opportunities available to minority groups.

## trade

- the act of buying and selling commodities, or all such acts collectively

<b>Part of speech:</b>	noun
<b>Word forms:</b>	tradable
<b>Synonyms:</b>	commerce, business, exchange
<b>In a sentence:</b>	The new treaty will strongly affect trade between the two countries.