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## VOCABULARY PACKET: Book A, #16 (KEY)

**Definitions:** Note carefully the spelling, pronunciation, part(s) of speech, and definition(s) of each of the following words. Study the synonyms and antonyms. Then write the word in the blank space(s) in the illustrative sentence(s) following.

- manacle** (man' ə kəl): (n. usually pl.) a handcuff, anything that chains or confines; (v.) to chain or restrain (as with handcuffs)  
The kidnappers clamped **manacles** on their hostages.  
The guards were told to **manacle** the prisoner to the chair.  
**Synonyms:** (v.) put in chains, fetter      **Antonyms:** (v.) unchain, set free, emancipate, release

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- martial** (mär' shəl): (adj.) warlike, fond of fighting; relating to war, the army, or military life  
The army band plays **martial** music as the troops formally march past the visiting general.  
**Synonyms:** military, hostile, bellicose      **Antonyms:** peace-loving, peaceable, pacific, unwarlike

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- minimum** (min' ə məm): (n.) the smallest possible amount (adj.) the lowest permissible or possible  
I need to sleep a **minimum** of seven hours every night.  
Sixteen is the **minimum** age to get a driver's license in this state.  
**Synonyms:** (adj.) least      **Antonyms:** (n.) maximum (adj.) highest, most

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- nimble** (nim' bəl): (adj.) quick and skillful in movement, agile; clever  
As the **nimble** climber scaled Mount Everest, it looked as if she was barely exerting any energy at all.  
**Synonyms:** lively, keen, flexible      **Antonyms:** awkward, clumsy, stiff, inflexible

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- onset** (än' set): (n.) the beginning, start (especially of something violent and destructive); an attack, assault  
At the **onset** of the heavy storm, frightened people ran to find shelter.  
**Synonyms:** outset, commencement      **Antonyms:** conclusion, close, end

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- partition** (pär tish' ən): (n.) something that divides (such as a wall); the act of dividing something into parts or sections; (v.) to divide or subdivide into parts or shares  
A cloth **partition** in the study gave us each some privacy.  
We can **partition** the backyard into four separate play areas.  
**Synonyms:** (n.) divider, separation      **Antonyms:** (v.) join, combine, consolidate, merge

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- perishable** (per' ə shə bəl): (adj.) likely to spoil or decay  
Models must remain **perishable** for a long time in order for an artist to draw or paint them accurately.  
**Synonyms:** short-lived, fleeting      **Antonyms:** long-lasting, durable, undying, permanent

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- retrieve** (ri trēv'): (v.) to find and bring back, get back; to put right, make good  
I enjoy playing tennis, but I don't relish having to **retrieve** tennis balls every time you hit them over the fence!  
**Synonyms:** recover, regain, fetch, remedy, rectify

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- sinister** (sin' ə stər): (adj.) appearing evil or dangerous; threatening evil or harm  
A **sinister** message left on our answering machine made us wonder if we were safe at home.  
**Synonyms:** frightening, menacing, ominous      **Antonyms:** cheering, encouraging, reassuring, benign

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- taut** (tôt): (adj.) tightly drawn, tense; neat, in good order  
A **taut** chain kept the curious dog away from the swimming pool.  
**Synonyms:** tight, strained, orderly, shipshape      **Antonyms:** loose, slack, drooping, messy, sloppy

**COMPLETING THE SENTENCE:** From the words for this unit, choose the one that best completes each of the following sentences. Write the word in the space provided using the proper tense.

11. Sherlock Holmes detected in the wicked scheme the **sinister** hand of the evil Professor Moriarty.
12. Unless you pull the ropes **taut**, the tennis net will sag.
13. The patients will have a much better chance to recover quickly if they receive treatment at the **onset** of the fever.
14. I was able to **retrieve** my baggage promptly after leaving the plane.
15. It's a pleasure to watch the expert typist's **nimble** fingers move swiftly over the keyboard.
16. Today **perishable** foods are shipped in refrigerated trucks to prevent spoilage.
17. Although we are sure that the prisoners will make no attempt to escape, the law requires us to place **manacles** on them.
18. Can you explain why there is not only a maximum speed limit but also a(n) **minimum** speed limit on many modern highways?
19. We made use of a(n) **partition** to break up the floor space into a large number of small offices.
20. During the war years, the government tried by all kinds of propaganda to arouse the **martial** spirit of the people.

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**SYNONYMS:** Choose the word from this unit that is the same or most nearly the same in meaning as the boldface word or expression in the given phrase. Write the word on the line provided.

21. **recover** data from my computer **retrieve**
22. under strict **military** law **martial**
23. a **menacing** look in his eyes **sinister**
24. begged not to be **fettered** **manacled**
25. so **short-lived** in this climate **perishable**
26. stack of books as a temporary **divider** **partition**
27. as **flexible** as a ballet dancer **nimble**

**ANTONYMS:** Choose the word from this unit that is most nearly the opposite in meaning to the boldface word or expression in the given phrase. Write the word on the line provided.

28. assigned the **maximum** penalty **minimum**
29. at the **conclusion** of the program **onset**
30. massaging my **loose** muscles **taut**