Upward Bound

2010-2011 Vocabulary
**Vivid** (vīv’id)
(adj.) Bright, intense

Everything appeared more *vivid* to him after he started wearing glasses.

**Winsome** (wĭn’sam)
(adj.) Attractive

Everyone voted for Maggie because of her bright and *winsome* personality.

**Zealous** (zēl’as)
(adj.) Filled with enthusiasm

**Zenith** (zē’nîth)
(n) The highest point

At the *zenith* of their popularity, the lead singer quit.
**Verbose** (vər-bōs’) 
(adj.) Wordy

The phone conversation would have been much shorter if Sally had not been so verbose.

**Visage** (vīz’ij) 
(n) The look of a person

“...His visage was so marred more than any man...”

**Vista** (‘vis-tə) 
(n) A broad view, outlook

You can see a beautiful vista of the mountains from the office window.

**Vivacious** (vī-vā’shəs) 
(adj.) Lively in temper

Vivacious students make the summer program more enjoyable for everyone.

**Affable** (af-uh-buhl) 
(adj.) Easy to approach

I asked JoAnn Emerson if I could have my picture made with her because she seemed so affable.

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**Agile** (āj’-īl) 
(adj.) Able to move quickly and lightly

You write a sentence.

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**Amity** (am-i-tee) 
(n) Friendly relations between nations

The amity between The United States and Great Britain was solidified during World War II.

**Analogy** (ə-nāl’ə-jē) 
(n) A likeness in one or more ways between things otherwise unlike.

You write a sentence.

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Apathy (ap·a·thy)  
(n) Lack of feeling or emotion

It was no surprise that Freddy did not receive the scholarship, because the *apathy* toward his high school grades was apparent from his freshman year.

Assiduous (ə-sīj’ōō-əs)  
(adj.) Unceasing, persistent

Darlene’s *assiduous* cardinal kept trying to fly through her living room window.

Audacious (au·da·cious)  
(adj.) Extremely bold or daring

The *audacious* chihuahua chased the semi-truck.

Avail (ə-vāl’)  
(v) To help, to be of use

The effort she put forth during the last semester of her senior year was to no *avail* because of her low GPA.

Synopsis (sī-nōp’sīs)  
(n) Syllabus or summary

The professor will give a brief *synopsis* of the semester during his first lecture.

Tenuous (tēn’yōō-əs)  
(adj.) Lacking stability

The *tenuous* foundation kept the building from passing inspection.

Trite (trīt)  
(adj.) Made commonplace by frequent repetition

Example: A movie star saying “I love you” to a crowd of people is a *trite* remark.

Valor (val-er)  
(n) Noble courage

You write a sentence.

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Solace (sŏlˈɪs)  
(n) Comfort in grief  
“In His arms He’ll take and shield thee, thou wilt find a solace there”

Solvent (sŏlˈvənt)  
(adj.) Having sufficient funds to pay all debts  
He couldn't stay solvent after losing his business.

Superfluous (sŏŏpˈyrəflōəs)  
(adj.) Being more than is needed  
Darlene cleared off all the superfluous stuff on her desk to make room for her new computer.

Surmise (sərˈmīz)  
(v) Guess  
The UB staff could only surmise what caused the bus fire.

Bellicose (bel-i-kohs)  
(adj.) Warlike  
The bellicose pirates confronted the entire fleet of ships.

Berate (bih-reyt)  
(verb) To scold or condemn vehemently  
The wicked stepmother berated Cinderella for not cleaning the floor properly.

Bereft (bih-reft)  
(adj.) Deprived of or lacking something  
After the Stock Market crash on Black Friday, many investors were bereft.

Cajole (kə-jōl)  
(v) To impose on or dupe by flattering speech  
A shrewd salesman may cajole an unsuspecting customer into buying something they can’t afford.
Capitulate (kə-pîch'ə-lât')
(v) To surrender
You write a sentence.

**Capitulate**

**Cessation** (sē-sā’shən)
(n) A temporary or complete stopping

**Cessation**

**Clairvoyant** (klâr-voi’ənt)
(adj.) Keenly perceptive

**Clairvoyant**

**Comprehensive** (kôm’prî-hên’sîv)
(adj.) Covering completely or broadly

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**Sardonic** (sâr’dâ-nik)
(adj.) Scornfully or bitterly sarcastic

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**Scrubinize** (’skrub-tə’niz)
(v) To examine closely and minutely

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**Semblance** (sēm’bləns)
(n) Outward appearance

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**Serendipity** (sêr’ən-dîp’ə-tē)
(n) A talent for making desirable discoveries by accident

**Serendipity**

Sentence: If you are given a capitulation, write a sentence.

Sentence: Until there is a **cessation** of the bleeding, the bandage cannot be removed.

Sentence: The **clairvoyant** mother had eyes in the back of her head.

Sentence: The professor felt that a **comprehensive** exam at the end of the semester was a better assessment of student learning.

Sentence: The new student started to cry after the bully made a **sardonic** jab about her old school.

Sentence: The detective **scrubinized** the evidence at the crime scene.

Sentence: She tried to project some **semblance** of confidence even though public speaking terrified her.

Sentence: Goldie Locks stumbled upon the three bear’s cabin completely by **serendipity**.
**Repertoire** (rēp’ər-twär’)
(n) A list of skills possessed by a person or needed in his occupation

The band's *repertoire* includes both classic and modern jazz.

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**Respite** (rēs’pīt)

(n) Interval of rest

After the attack, the soldiers needed a *respite* before marching.

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**Revere** (rē-vîr’)

(v) To show honor and devotion to

The elderly should be *revered* because of their wisdom and life experiences.

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**Sanctify** (sāngk’tō-fi’)

(v) To make holy

The priest *sanctified* their marriage.

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**Concur** (kuh’n-kur)

(v) To agree

Most people would *concur* that slavery is evil.

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**Condescension** (kon-duh-sen-shūn)

(n) Patronizing attitude or behavior

The attitude of the boss was *condescending* when he implied that the employee didn’t know what he was doing.

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**Dictum** (dīk’tam)

(n) An authoritative announcement

You write a sentence.

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**Dissension** (dī-sĕn’shən)

(n) Contentious quarreling

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**Domicile** (dŏm’ĭ-sĭl’)
(n) Home

**Doughty** (dou’tē)
(adj.) Fearless resolution
The *doughty* soldier persevered until he captured the hill.

**Duplicity** (doo-plis-i-tee)
(n) Contradictory doubleness of thought
The politician lost the election after he was accused of *duplicity*.

**Effulgence** (i-’ful-jənts)
(n) Radiant splendor
The glow of the light was as the *effulgence* of the sun.

**Rancor** (rāng’kar)
(n) Bitter ill will
In the end, the debate created a degree of *rancor* among the committee members.

**Refute** (ri-fyoot)
(v) Show to be false or erroneous
She *refuted* the allegations against her.

**Regimen** (re-jə-mən)
(n) A systematic plan
The honor roll student had a strict *regimen* of study.

**Relegate** (‘re-lə-gət)
(v) To assign to a place of insignificance or of oblivion, put out of sight or mind
Mothers often *relegate* the easy household jobs to their children.
**Propitiate** (pro-pi-ti-ate)  
(v) To gain or regain the favor of

The temple was once the site of sacrifices—both to honor the gods in times of plenty and to propitiate them in times of trouble.

**Quotidian** (kwa-dee-deen)  
(adj.) Commonly spoken of

The lawyer tried to use the proverbial smoking gun as evidence.

**Quorom (kwôr’ám)**  
(n) The number of members required to be present to legally transact business

The committee will vote on that issue when there is a quorum.

**Protocol** (prô’ta-kôl’)  
(n) A code prescribing strict adherence to correct etiquette

What is the proper protocol for declining a job offer?

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**Entreat (en-treet)**  
(v) To make an earnest request

The students were planning to entreat their teacher to postpone the test.

**Erudite (er-yoo-dahyt)**  
(adj.) Very learned

You write a sentence.

**Escrow** (ěs’krô’)  
(n) Money deposited with a third person pending fulfillment of a condition

The bank held the home owner’s insurance and taxes in escrow each month to eliminate one large payment at the end of the year.
Extemporaneous (ɪk-stɛmˈpə-rɑːnɛ-əs)  
(adj.) Speaking or performing with little or no advance preparation

Facetious (fæ-ʃə′shəs)  
(adj.) Not meant to be taken seriously

The student should not have made the facetious remark during the discussion about 911.

Feign (fān)  
(v) Pretend

“And they watched him, and sent forth spies, which should feign themselves to be just men…”

Fidelity (fĭ-dĕl′i-tē)  
(n) Loyalty

Precarious (ˈprɪ-ˈker-ər-əs)  
(adj.) Dangerous

Some students walk a precarious line between passing and failing

Prodigious (prə-diˈʒəs)  
(adj.) Extraordinary in bulk, quantity, or degree

The Y2K scare caused many people to keep a prodigious supply of emergency canned food and water in their homes.

Progeny (prəˈjen·ə)  
(n) Offspring, children, descendents

The child was a progeny of his father.

Proliferate (prəˌliˈfər-ət)  
(n) Increase by rapid production

Rumors about the incident proliferated on the Internet
**Penance** (pěn′əns)
(n) Act performed to show repentance

As an act of penance for losing her temper, the child did the dishes for a week.

**Penant (pěn′chant)**
(n) A definite liking

Jayson has a penchant for math.

**Perfunctory** (par-fəngk′tō-rē)
(adj.) Done merely as a duty

The criminal wrote a perfunctory apology to the store they robbed.

**Plagiarize** (ˈplā-ər-əz"
(v) To steal and pass off as one’s own

**Flux** (flūks)
(n) Continuous change

When some chemicals are in a state of flux they can be dangerous.

**Formidable** (fôr′mĭ-də-bal)
(adj.) Tending to inspire awe or wonder

Everyone was completely silent after the king’s formidable entrance into the throne room.

**Forte** (fôr′tä)
(n) Strong point or skill

I don't know what her forte is, but it's not grammar.

**Resumee**
I would be pretty good at that job. I spell well and good. I do have many experiences that ill help me? I hop u hire me soon cause I ain’t got no money!!

**Fortitude** (fôr′tĭ-tōŏd′)
(n) Strength of mind, bravery
Germane (jär-mān’
(adj.) Relevant

The teacher encouraged every student to make germane comments in order to have better class discussions.

Gregarious (grē-gār’ē-əs)
(adj.) Sociable, outgoing

The gregarious lady was a member of the Red Hat Society as well as other organizations and groups.

Harbinger (hār’bin-jər)
(n) One that announces or foreshadows what is coming

Hospice’s move was a harbinger of the move Upward Bound was going to make.

Idiosyncrasy (īd’ē-ō-sīŋ’krə-sē)
(n) Personal peculiarity

Her habit of using “like” in every sentence was just one of her idiosyncrasies.

Nostalgia (nō-stāl’jə)
(n) Yearning for something past

Onerous (oner-əs)
(adj.) Imposing a burden

The government imposed onerous taxes on tea.

Ostentatious (ōs-ten-ta-tīs)
(adj.) Marked by or fond of conspicuous or vainglorious and sometimes pretentious display.

The ostentatious prom dress did not flatter Susie.

Parody (pār’ə-dē)
(n) A humorous imitation

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<td>The monolithic farmers would not sell their corn at a loss.</td>
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<td>(adj.) Unconcern or indifference</td>
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<td>(adj.) Necessary</td>
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<td>(v) To urge with troublesome persistence</td>
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<td>“Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth.”</td>
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<td>(adj.) Continuing or following without interruption</td>
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<td>After the electric went off in the building, the incessant fire alarm kept beeping until maintenance repaired it.</td>
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**Incorrigible** (in·cor·ri·gi·ble)  
(adj.) Incapable of being corrected or amended, not manageable  
The incorrigible teenager was kicked out of reform school.

**Indelible** (in-del-uh-buhl)  
(adj.) Cannot be erased  
We will tie dye the t-shirts with an indelible purple dye.

**Indolence** (in’dō-ləns)  
(n) Laziness  
The boss laid off every worker with a propensity for indolence.

**Ineffable** (in·ef·fa·ble)  
(adj.) Incapable of being expressed in words  
An ineffable beauty descended upon the canyon as the sun began to set.

**Insurrection** (in-sur·rec·tion)  
(n) An act or instance of revolting against civil authority or an established government.  
Today in history class, we will learn about the famous insurrection of the slaves in ancient Rome under Spartacus.

**Integrity** (in-tēg’rē-tē)  
(n) Firm adherence to a moral code  
His reputation of integrity and hard work landed him the job in a highly competitive field.

**Intractable** (in-trāk’tə-bəl)  
(adj.) Not easily controlled  
The intractable pain in her knee kept her from enjoying the walk.

**Jovial** (jō’vē-əl)  
(adj.) Inclined to joke  
My sister has such a jovial personality that everyone in the room is laughing five minutes after she arrives.