

Unit 4

I. Vocab List

Images	Vocabulary
	abbey ['æbi] <i>n.</i> An abbey is a house, or group of houses, where monks or nuns live. <i>When the monk returned to the abbey, he went immediately to his bedroom.</i>
	abundant [ə'bandənt] <i>adj.</i> If something is abundant, then it is available in large quantities. <i>Cakes, cookies, and candy were so abundant that the child was very happy.</i>
	adjoin [ə'dʒɔɪn] <i>v.</i> To adjoin something means to be next to or attached to something else. <i>She can listen to her brother's conversations because her room adjoins his.</i>
	ample ['æmpl] <i>adj.</i> If something is ample, then it is enough or more than enough. <i>There was an ample supply of oats to feed the horses.</i>
	arid ['æɪɪd] <i>adj.</i> If a place is arid, then it is hot and dry and gets very little or no rain. <i>Not many plants grow in the arid desert.</i>
	cathedral [kə'thi:drəl] <i>n.</i> A cathedral is an important, and often large and beautifully-built, church. <i>The large cathedral is full of people on Sunday mornings.</i>
	crisis ['kraɪsɪs] <i>n.</i> A crisis is a difficult time when things are going to either get worse or better. <i>The crisis was over and things returned to normal.</i>
	deprive [dɪ'praɪv] <i>v.</i> To deprive someone of something means to not let them have it. <i>Because the child was bad, she was deprived of her dessert after dinner.</i>

	drought [draʊt] <i>n.</i> A drought is a long period of time in which little or no rain falls. <i>After three months of drought, the vegetation and trees started dying.</i>
	eligible ['elɪdʒəbl] <i>adj.</i> If someone is eligible, then they are permitted to do or have something. <i>Only people who bought tickets were eligible to win a prize.</i>
	fast [fæst] <i>v.</i> To fast means to go without food or drink for a period of time. <i>In her religion, they fast for five days and then have a big feast.</i>
	grumble ['grʌmbəl] <i>v.</i> To grumble means to complain. <i>He grumbled about having to work late on Friday.</i>
	inland ['ɪnlənd] <i>adv.</i> If someone goes inland, they travel into the center of a country or land. <i>The river curved inland near the campground.</i>
	moisture ['mɔɪstʃər] <i>n.</i> Moisture is small drops of water in the air or on a surface. <i>If you breathe on a window, moisture from your breath collects on the glass.</i>
	nonetheless [ˌnʌnðə'les] <i>adv.</i> If something happens nonetheless, then it occurs despite some other thing. <i>She tried to keep the dog out of the mud, but it got dirty nonetheless.</i>
	oath [oʊθ] <i>n.</i> An oath is a formal, often public, promise. <i>Judges must take an oath to be fair to everyone in court.</i>
	prairie ['preəri] <i>n.</i> A prairie is a large flat area of grassland. <i>The prairie was perfect for a farm because there were hills and trees.</i>

	rugged ['rʌɡɪd] <i>adj.</i> If an area of land is rugged, then it is rocky and difficult to travel through. <i>Their car couldn't make it far along the rugged roads.</i>
	scarce [skeərs] <i>adj.</i> If something is scarce, then there is a very small amount of it. <i>When gasoline was scarce, we rode our bike to school instead of driving.</i>
	speculate ['spekjuleɪt] <i>v.</i> To speculate means to guess about something. <i>My sister looked at the sky and speculated that it would rain tomorrow.</i>

II. Exercises

A. Circle the answer that best fits the question.

- What would probably happen if you deprived someone of food?
 - They could die.
 - They could feel relieved.
 - They could feel happy.
 - They could feel peace.
- A rugged surface would feel _____.
 - very rough
 - smooth
 - cool and slippery
 - warm and hard
- If you were speculating about something, you would be doing what?
 - Stating a fact
 - Looking for truth
 - Making a speech
 - Making a guess
- Where would someone take an oath?
 - At the subway
 - In court
 - On vacation
 - In their sleep
- If something were covered with moisture, then it would feel _____.
 - hard
 - rough
 - soft
 - wet

B. Write the word from the word bank that best fits each sentence.

WORD BANK

abundant	arid	moisture	eligible	cathedral
oath	scarce	rugged	fast	prairie

- Traveling across the _____ was more difficult than it seemed.
- The ground was very _____, and the grass was high.
- John had been in a place with a(n) _____ climate for a long time.
- He forgot that in a humid place everything was covered with _____.
- The people who attend that church _____ for two weeks in March.
- Then they go to the _____, where they pray and eat a small meal of soup.
- We didn't know what to do with such a(n) _____ supply of wood.
- We had gotten used to making small fires when it was so _____.
- In order for the students to attend the dance, they had to take a(n) _____.
- Those that didn't promise to be on their best behavior were not _____.

C. Circle the one that is similar in meaning to the given word.

- nonetheless
 - however
 - whereas
 - whenever
 - therefore
- prairie
 - a meadow
 - an island
 - a desert
 - a sports field
- inland
 - mountainside
 - cavernous
 - above
 - interior
- rugged
 - covered
 - tough
 - scarce
 - scared
- eligible
 - resistant to
 - exceptional at
 - qualify for
 - deprived of

D. Write a word that is similar in meaning to the underlined part.

1. That part of the country is so hot and dry that no one lives there.

2. After getting off the boat, they took a train toward the center of the country.

3. They survived through the time in which no rain fell by carrying water down from the hills.

4. This house for the monks was built well over 200 years ago.

5. He knew he'd get in trouble, but he stole the money despite the punishment.

6. He guessed that the visitor's team would win the game.

7. The number of people helping to clean the trash near the river was more than enough.

8. A small park was next to the yard surrounding the church.

9. During the financial emergency situation, many people lost their jobs.

10. The long lines did not allow her of a chance to buy a ticket for the concert.

III. Reading comprehension

The Helpful Abbey

It had not rained on the **prairie** for several months. Because of the **drought**, the climate had become very **arid**. There was no **moisture** left in the soil. No crops could grow in the dry ground. By wintertime, the people had nothing to eat.

The hungry families heard about an **abbey** near the mountains where food and water was still **abundant**. So they traveled **inland**, across the prairie, to the abbey.

At first, only a few families arrived, seeking food and shelter. Then there was **ample** food. The monks fed them and let them sleep in the small **cathedral**.

Soon, however, more families were arriving every day. These people had to travel farther, so they were in worse condition. The **rugged** journey had brought them to the edge of a **crisis**. They were cold and tired. The tiny cathedral was soon full.

Food became **scarce**. The monks began to **grumble**. They began to **speculate** that there would be no food. "If more families come, we won't make it through the winter," said a young monk. "We must ask some of them to leave."

The abbot heard this. "We cannot do that," he said. "It would be wrong to **deprive** them of food and shelter. We took an **oath** to help those in need. All here are in need, so all are **eligible** to receive our food and shelter."

"But we won't have enough," the monk said.

"That might be true, but we must help them **nonetheless**. We will **fast**," the abbot replied. "Also, we will give our rooms in the abbey to those sleeping outside, and we will sleep in the churchyard that **adjoins** the cathedral."

The monks were reluctant at first, but they did what the oldest monk had said. By the end of winter, there was still enough food and shelter for everyone. They learned that sometimes helping others means you must give more help than you first expected.

Part. A. Mark each statement T for true or F for false.

1. ____ The moisture in the soil was gone because a drought made the prairie become arid.
2. ____ The hungry families traveled inland to an abbey that still had abundant food.
3. ____ Food was scarce, but the monks had to deprive the families nonetheless.
4. ____ At first, there was ample food and enough room in the cathedral for everyone.
5. ____ The rugged journey to the abbey had made life very difficult for them.

Part B. Answer the questions.

1. What is the passage about?
 - a. Helping the starving
 - b. Becoming a monk
 - c. Attending church
 - d. Avoiding a drought
2. What did the young monk speculate would happen if more families arrived?
 - a. The monks would run out of space to house everyone.
 - b. The monks would have to close the abbey to new arrivals.
 - c. There would not be enough food to make it through the winter.
 - d. The families would find shelter in a nearby village.
3. What was the oath that the monks had taken?
 - a. To give shelter only to those who arrived first.
 - b. To help anyone in need, no matter the circumstances.
 - c. To share their food with the wealthiest families.
 - d. To protect the abbey at all costs.