

VOCABULARY LISTS

Reading & Writing 3

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equivalent

being essentially equal to something

Iowa is home to 3 million people and 26 million hogs, which create the waste of 65 million people.
– *The Guardian* (Sep 4, 2019)

avert

turn away or aside

The commitment of \$90 million to that change is only a hint of how much it really would cost them.
– *Los Angeles Times* (Sep 3, 2019)

prairie

a treeless grassy plain

It was the winter of 1880 — and well below zero outside the farmhouse on the not far from Fargo, North Dakota.
– *Seattle Times* (Aug 11, 2019)

eliminate

end, take out, or do away with

The company also said it would _____ features on children's videos, like comments and notifications, that involved the use of personal data.

– *New York Times* (Sep 4, 2019)

epoch

a period marked by distinctive character

"These trees are older than the fossil fuel _____," says Bill.

– *Washington Post* (Aug 7, 2018)

chord

a combination of three or more notes that blend harmoniously

Her words struck a _____, and she became most-searched candidate on the internet.

– *Reuters* (Aug 10, 2019)

reef

a submerged ridge of rock or coral near the water's surface

It was meant to restore dying _____ near the island.

– *New York Times* (Sep 3, 2019)

transient

lasting a very short time

"We try to maintain a good relationship with the population around here," Vocasek said.

– Washington Times (Aug 24, 2019)

erode

remove soil or rock

Meanwhile, the mountain of student debt shows no signs of

– Seattle Times (Aug 24, 2019)

decipher

make out the meaning of

Now the documents are being scanned into a computer which is learning to the thousands of pages.

– BBC (Aug 17, 2019)

discernible

capable of being seen or noticed

To call them prodigies would be stretching the definition of the word beyond recognition, as their only talents are posing for pictures, doing handstands and shooting silly string into crowds.

– Los Angeles Times (Aug 21, 2019)

sediment

matter that has been deposited by some natural process

By studying patterns in the _____, Muller points to evidence that forecasts more severe hurricanes.

– Fox News (Aug 20, 2019)

deplete

use up, as resources or materials

Experts warn it faces possible extinction, with stocks of Pacific bluefin _____ by 96 percent from their pre-industrial levels.

– Seattle Times (Jan 4, 2019)

seep

pass gradually or leak or as if through small openings

Japan's population is shrinking, with far-reaching consequences that _____ into every corner of life here.

– Washington Post (Aug 29, 2019)

denuded

without the natural or usual covering

"Meanwhile, the forest is _____, Lyme disease spreads, and collisions increase," he said.

– The Verge (Jan 14, 2015)

algae

primitive chlorophyll-containing aquatic organisms

*When ocean heat waves drive nutrient-rich
from coral cells, they lose their color and begin to
die.*

– *Washington Post* (Aug 26, 2019)

Mesozoic era

from 230 million to 63 million years ago

stratigraphy

the branch of geology that studies the arrangement and succession of strata

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