

Reading and Vocabulary Development 2: Thoughts & Notions, 2nd Edition

Glossary

Chapter 1

accept	take willingly
apart	in parts or pieces, not connected
ballpoint pen	a writing instrument with a ball-shaped tip
bend	turn, make something curved
carpenters	people who build things with wood
climate	the type of weather that a place or region has
crossed	went over or across something
cubic	related to a square object with four sides, a top and a bottom
decided	reached a conclusion, made up one's mind
delivered	took goods to a place of business, a home, etc
dip	put something into a liquid for a moment
distance	amount of space between two points
dozens	groups of 12
embarrassing	causing someone to feel self-conscious or ashamed; humiliating
engineer	a person highly trained in science and mathematics who plans the making of machines, roads and bridges, etc
equator	a theoretical line around the middle of the earth that is equal in distance from the North and South Poles
fastened	attached, affixed
fill	pour liquid or pack a substance into a container
fold up	to push movable parts of something together
fountain pen	a pen that contains an ink container or is filled from an ink bottle
glue	a sticky liquid or solid that joins things together, an adhesive
graphite	a black substance that is a form of carbon
grind	make into small pieces or powder by rubbing
hold	contain
hooks	tools with shafts and curved ends
immediately	right away, promptly
ink	a colored liquid used in pens
lead	a heavy soft basic metal used in industry or in pencils
leaked	let in or out a drip or rush of liquid or gas
length	measurement of something from end to end
mail	letters, postcards, packages, etc., sent through the postal system

measure	calculate, find the size, weight, speed, etc., of something
members	people or groups who belong to an organization, club, family, etc
metric	related to the system of measurement based on the meter, kilogram, and second
object	a physical thing
points	sharp tips of knives, needles, or other tools or weapons
postage	the cost of sending something by mail
prepaid	paid for in advance
princes	sons of monarchs, or any noblemen with the title
princess	a daughter of a monarch, or any noblewoman with the title, or the wife of a prince
received	got or took something that was given or sent, accepted
revolution	war by people against their government
row	a line of things, people, pictures, etc., placed front to back or side by side
royalty	kings, queens, princes, princesses, and nobility in general
seems	appears to be
shape	the form or outline of something
slides	moves across a surface
solved	found an answer or solution for something
stamp	tiny rectangle of paper with a picture and amount of money printed on it, used on letters and other things to be mailed
strips	thin, narrow pieces of something
system	an ordered, logical set of ideas, or a method or procedure with a set series of steps
tribes	groups of people who usually speak the same language, live in the same area, often in villages, and have many relatives within the group
whatever	no matter what
wouldn't	was or were not willing to; <i>past tense of will not</i>
zipper	a metal or plastic fastener with teeth, used to open and close clothes, bags, etc

Chapter 2

ahead	in front
amazingly	surprisingly
aside	to one side, away
at least	no fewer than
athletes	people who are trained in or have a natural talent for exercises and sports
back	the side of the human body opposite the stomach and chest
battle	a fight between enemy soldiers
captured	took someone or something by force
career	profession
circle	a closed curved line whose every point is equally far from the center

coach	a person who leads, teaches, and trains people in sports or in acting, singing, etc
committee	a group of people organized for a purpose
contests	competitions
defeating	beating, winning a victory over:
elbows	the part of the arm that bends
eliminating	taking out, removing
encouraged	gave strength or hope to something, urged
events	competitions, contests
excellent	very high in quality; very good
except	excluding
freedom	the condition of being free, having the power to act and speak without restrictions
frequently	often
gloves	coverings for the hands with separate parts for each finger and thumb
hit	to pound, strike
individual	one person
kick	to strike with the foot or feet
kneel	to place the weight of the body upon the knees
match	a contest, game between participants
medal	an award shaped in a circle
national	related to a nation or country
oppose	be against someone or something
overcome	to fight against successfully
participated	took part or had a role in an activity or event
plan	to make a design or program of action to do something in the future
pray	to speak to God or other gods
proud	pleased, satisfied with an accomplishment
quite a few	many
recent	in the past, but not very long ago, such as yesterday, last week, last month
reflect	to give a true image or idea about something
remove	move or take something away
rest	a pause from work
retired	left the work force and stop working
ring	a place with ropes on the side where boxers fight
run	sprint; jog
rushes	moves about doing things quickly, hurries
series	a sequence, succession; one after another
serious	severe

similar	almost alike
steps	walks; places the foot
strong	having physical strength
throw	to send something through the air
took place	happened, occurred
took turns	acted in sequence; alternated or rotated the times for people to act
touches	makes contact
tournaments	competitions in a series of events leading to a winner or winners, as in tennis, chess, and golf
training	a process of education, instruction
treatments	medical sessions
valleys	low areas of land between hills and mountains
weapons	tools used to harm or kill
wherever	at or to any place

Chapter 3

amount	a total, sum
ancient	very old, usually dating from more than 5,000 years ago to the fall of the Roman Empire in 476 CE
attention	one's concentration on something; one's interest
avoid	stay away from
besides	also, in addition to
bitter	having a sharp, acid taste; not sweet
bury	to imbed something in the ground
cages	areas enclosed with metal bars to keep animals from escaping
chemicals	substances made from or used in a scientific process
conditions	states in which something or someone must function
contain	to hold within something
critics	people who criticize or oppose something or someone
customers	people or businesses that buy from other people or businesses, clients
dairy	containing milk or related to cows
decreasing	going down
delicious	good-tasting
dessert	the last course in a meal, usually a sweet dish, such as cake, fruit, etc
discovered	found out, learned
double	two times as much
eventually	ultimately; in the end

experiences	events, happenings
experimenting	testing; trying
extinct	no longer in existence, especially a kind of plant or animal
familiar	common, well-known
favorite	most preferred
forbids	not permit, prohibits
foreign	from outside one's own country
found out	learned
function	work
humans	people
illnesses	sicknesses, diseases
independence	liberty, autonomy, self-governance
indigestion	pain in the stomach because of something one has eaten
ingredient	a food item in a recipe
injustice	anything that is unfair
methods	ways of doing something
miss	to fail to catch or stop something
normal	usual
occasions	times when things happen
on purpose	deliberately, with intention
once	occurring in the past
order	to purchase
political	related to the art or science of conducting government
population	number of people in a place or grouping
pour	to let flow, make something stream out
powerful	strong or effective; having great force
processed	changed from a natural state
protest	complaint, objection
rapidly	very quickly
rare	uncommon
risk	to put something important in danger, chance something
scary	frightening
shortage	a state of not having enough, a lack of something
snack	a small amount of food, usually eaten between meals
solid	not liquid or gas
term	a word or expression that describes something
valued	appreciated, thought something was important

vote	to cast a ballot or a vote for or against
wealthy	rich
worry	to feel troubled or anxious
yet	nonetheless, still

Chapter 4

absence	lack of something
appearance	how something or someone looks
bright	having a strong shine or glow
cliffs	high rock formations with steep drops
clues	things or facts that help provide an answer to a question
compared	measured against
covered	put something on or over something else
crater	a large hole in the ground
crew	the workers (often except the officers) on a ship, airplane, train, space vehicle, etc
curse	a request or prayer to God, the Devil, etc., for harm to be done to someone
cycle	event or activity that changes from time to time from one characteristic to another and then back to the first one
damage	harm
descendants	people born into a certain family line
deserted	left forever; abandoned
diary	personal record written about one's daily activities and feelings or with accounts of important events
disappeared	passed out of existence; left; vanished
eager	full of desire or interest
explanations	information given to help someone understand
explosion	blowing apart with force, a blast
fight	a physical struggle, battle
flat	lying full length
generation	any of the different age levels in a family, such as grandparents, children, and grandchildren
giants	very large people or things
ground	the earth, soil
hostile	very unfriendly
huge	very large
identical	exactly alike
imagine	form (a picture, idea) in one's mind

in addition	also, besides
inhabitants	people living in a particular place
inspect	look at carefully
isolated	away from other places and people
journey	long trip
locations	places
meteor	a small body of matter from outer space that burns up when it enters the earth's atmosphere
mystery	event that has no known cause, a supernatural event, a problem with no solution
odd	strange, unusual
offspring	organisms born to people, animals, or plants
plateau	a raised area of flat land with a steep drop on at least one side
present	current
prevent	not allow
realized	understood, started to believe something was true
reported	described
reproduces	lays eggs or has babies
rolled	turned over and over
sank	go or fall below the surface of water (mud, sand, etc.)
settled	stayed to live in a new place
shook	made quick, repeated, back-and-forth movements
site	place
so far	until now
solemn	serious, somber
statues	the forms of people, animals, or things, usually made from stone, wood, or metal
suggested	offered an idea
tags	markers, such as labels or tracking devices
theory	an idea, argument that something is true, a speculation
tiny	very small
tracked	followed the movement of something
vanished	disappeared; left forever, often mysteriously
violence	injury or damage, brutality
volunteers	people who agree to do something of one's own free will rather than by necessity
war	fighting with guns and other weapons between groups, armies, nations, etc
wondered	asked themselves; thought

Chapter 5

advertising	selling, promoting a product or service
almost	nearly, not quite
bills	paper money
boss	person in charge at work
bribe	money or services given illegally for something
cash	bills and coins
challenging	difficult
clever	smart and creative
clients	customers for a business that provides services
coins	pieces of metal money, usually small, round, and flat
contents	things that are inside of something else
contrast	a comparison between two objects, etc., which shows a difference
controls	is in charge of, runs, manages something
court	a government building with rooms where a judge and often a jury hear complaints
credit	the ability to buy now and pay later
cultures	the ideas, activities (art, foods, businesses), and ways of behaving that are special to a country, people, or region
cure	make better
currency	money used to pay for goods and services in a country
customs	habitual ways of behaving that are special to a person, people, region, or nation
debt	a sum of money owed to another
direction	a route, line of movement geographically
discuss	talk about
dropped	went down, decreased
factory	a building or group of buildings where goods are produced
facts	reality (as opposed to opinions), such as events, dates, physical objects, or numbers
fascinating	very interesting
gesture	a body movement to show something (a feeling, an idea, etc.)
image	picture
imitate	copy
in full	completely
inconvenient	not easy
indicate	show
inflation	a rise in prices and lowering of currency's value
insult	an unkind action or offensive words
interest	a percentage paid on an amount of money

involved	caused to participate
iron	made of iron, a common metal, used in making tools, machinery, furniture, and other strong, durable items; also present in small amounts in the blood and some foods
issued	gave out
laws	rules made by a government body that must be followed by the people in a nation, state, etc
lined up	formed a line
loaded	filled one thing with something else
logo	a design symbol of a business, an institution, or a product
market	the combination of makers, sellers, and buyers of a product or service on a local, national, or international level
mass marketing	selling a product in large numbers
memorable	easy to remember
metal	made of the basic metallic elements, usually hard, shiny substances that can be melted, shaped, and cut to make things
misunderstandings	mistaken ideas
multipurpose	having more than one use or purpose
offered	presented something that may be accepted or not
owners	people or businesses that possess something as an asset
precious	very valuable
profitable	bringing in more money than is spent
receipts	pieces of paper showing that a bill is paid
relationships	connections between ideas, people, or things
rude	not polite
stingy	not wanting to spend money or give anything away
survived	outlasted adversity or a threat to existence
traded	exchanged
unique	different from all others, special
willing	ready to do something, agreeable
worth	having wealth equal to