**Vocabulary Worksheet** **|** The Secondary Stage of (6-8)

1st Semester | 2023-2024

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| **Subject**: **English - Vocabulary** | **Unit Two: Discovering the past** |
| **Objectives:**   * to understand the meaning of new vocabulary words by associating them with synonyms and antonyms * to assert understanding by using vocabulary words in sentences | |

**Oxford Student Book: *A Spectacular Discovery* (pp. 28 – 29)**

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| **VOCABULARY WORD:** | **exquisite** |
| **MEANING** | extremely beautiful and delicate |
| **SYNONYM:** | beautiful, lovely, elegant, graceful, magnificent, excellent, wonderful, well- crafted |
| **ANTONYM:** | * careless, disagreeable, drab, flawed, harsh, imperfect, inaccurate, inferior, ordinary |
| **USE IT IN A SENTENCE:** | The gallery houses some ***exquisite*** works of art. |

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| **VOCABULARY WORD:** | **foray** |
| **MEANING** | a sudden attack or incursion into enemy territory, especially to obtain something; a raid |
| **SYNONYM:** | attack, invasion, raid |
| **ANTONYM:** | recover, restore, redeem |
| **USE IT IN A SENTENCE:** | The troop made a nighttime **foray** into the enemy camp and took their command post. |

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| **VOCABULARY WORD:** | **prone** |
| **MEANING** | * likely or liable to suffer from, do, or experience something unpleasant * having the front of a body facing downward |
| **SYNONYM:** | inclined, willing, apt, tending, liable, |
| **ANTONYM:** | unwilling, averse, |
| **USE IT IN A SENTENCE:** | People with weak immunity are more ***prone*** to disease.  I turned to Jack, who was ***prone*** on the floor a few feet away. |

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| **VOCABULARY WORD:** | **scrubland** |
| **MEANING** | land on which the natural vegetation is chiefly scrub  scrub: a stunted tree or shrub |
| **SYNONYM:** | backwoods, wilderness, |
| **ANTONYM:** | urban area |
| **USE IT IN A SENTENCE:** | Those 650 acres comprise **scrubland** that has always been open land, right in the heart of our city. |

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| **VOCABULARY WORD:** | **haul** |
| **MEANING** | * to obtain or move by or as if by hauling (v) * a quantity transported, the total amount collected or obtained especially at one time (n) |
| **SYNONYM:** | (v) pull, drag, tug, tow (n) yield, bounty, collection, load, cargo |
| **ANTONYM:** | push, thrust, heave, shove |
| **USE IT IN A SENTENCE:** | They ***hauled*** the boat out of the water.  Check out the Brown family shopping ***haul***; you’d think they are feeding an army. |

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| **VOCABULARY WORD:** | **stunning** |
| **MEANING** | extremely impressive or attractive |
| **SYNONYM:** | amazing, surprising, startling, shocking, wonderful, astonishing, breathtaking |
| **ANTONYM:** | unimpressive, unmoving, ineffective, displeasing, ugly, unsensational |
| **USE IT IN A SENTENCE:** | I have a ***stunning*** view of the ocean from my hotel room. |

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| **VOCABULARY WORD:** | **meandering** |
| **MEANING** | following a winding course; moving slowly in no particular direction or with no clear purpose |
| **SYNONYM:** | rambling, wandering, indirect, roaming, strolling |
| **ANTONYM:** | direct, settled, straight |
| **USE IT IN A SENTENCE:** | He gave a long ***meandering*** speech that seemed to confuse the audience. |

***My Father and the Figtree***

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| **VOCABULARY WORD:** | **trickster** |
| **MEANING** | * a person who cheats or deceives people * a **trickster** is a character in a story who exhibits a great degree of intellect |
| **SYNONYM:** | cheater, dodger, shark, scammer, fraudster, con artist, imposter, swindler, deceiver |
| **ANTONYM:** | genuine, honest person, upright person, truth-teller |
| **USE IT IN A SENTENCE:** | Superiority in wit allows the **trickster** to gain the upper hand. |

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| **VOCABULARY WORD:** | **half-heartedly** |
| **MEANING** | without enthusiasm or energy |
| **SYNONYM:** | casually, lazily, wearily, |
| **ANTONYM:** | resolutely, diligently, intently, hardly, determinedly, purposfully |
| **USE IT IN A SENTENCE:** | The [police](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/police) only ***half-heartedly*** [searched](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/search) for the [stolen](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/stolen) [car](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/car), [assuming](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/assume) that it had [probably](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/probable) already been [cut](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/cut) up for [parts](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/part). |

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| **VOCABULARY WORD:** | **pluck** (gerund or present participle: **plucking)** |
| **MEANING** | take hold of (something) and quickly remove it from its place |
| **SYNONYM:** | pull, tug, yank, jerk |
| **ANTONYM:** | push, thrust, shove, |
| **USE IT IN A SENTENCE:** | He ***plucked*** the [letter](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/letter) out of my [hand](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/hand), and [ran](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/ran) off with it.  He [sat](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/sat) on the [bed](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/bed), [idly](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/idle) ***plucking*** the [strings](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/string) of his [guitar](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/guitar)*.* |

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| **VOCABULARY WORD:** | **token** |
| **MEANING** | * a thing serving as a visible or tangible representation of a fact, quality, feeling, etc * a voucher that can be exchanged for goods or services |
| **SYNONYM:** | memorabilia, keepsake, souvenir |
| **ANTONYM:** | ------ |
| **USE IT IN A SENTENCE:** | As a ***token*** of [our](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/our) [gratitude](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/gratitude) for all that you have done, we would like you to [accept](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/accept) this [small](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/small) [gift](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/gift). |

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| **VOCABULARY WORD:** | **emblem** |
| **MEANING** | a thing serving as a symbol of a particular quality or concept |
| **SYNONYM:** | badge, symbol, logo, hallmark, trademark, insignia |
| **ANTONYM:** | ------ |
| **USE IT IN A SENTENCE:** | A [dove](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/dove) is often used as an ***emblem*** of [peace](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/peace). |

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| **VOCABULARY WORD:** | **assurance** |
| **MEANING** | something that inspires or tends to inspire confidence |
| **SYNONYM:** | certainty, confidence, satisfaction, conviction, affirmation, promise, |
| **ANTONYM:** | uncertainty, insecurity, apprehensiveness, uneasiness, agitation |
| **USE IT IN A SENTENCE:** | She gave me her ***assurance*** (that) she would [sign](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/sign) the [contract](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/contract) [immediately](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/immediately). |