

===VOCABULARY===

“The Most Dangerous Game”
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palpable (adjective)

--readily or plainly seen, heard, perceived, etc.; obvious

I picked up my books from the granite counter, and I was frightened by a quite palpable spider.

amenity (noun)



- * any feature that provides comfort, convenience, or pleasure
- * Mrs. Thomas entered her hotel room; she was happy to see the variety of amenities available.

* condone (verb)

* to disregard or overlook

* to pardon or forgive

* Grandma rebuked, "I understand what you've done, Kevin, but I can't condone it."



naive (adjective)



- * unsophisticated; having or showing a lack of experience, judgment, or information.
- * My neighbor was afraid other children would take advantage of her son; the little boy was so very naive about life.

scruple (noun)



- * a moral or ethical consideration or standard that acts as a restraining force or inhibits certain actions.
- * The Bible is filled with scruples, and these standards help people live good lives.

futile (adjective)

* incapable of producing any result

* ineffective

* useless; not successful

* Charlie, Lucy is getting more nervous every day; I think it will be futile to try to calm her down today.



cosmopolite (noun)



- * sophisticated;
- * citizen of the world;
- * a person who is “cosmopolitan” in his or her ideas and life
- * Tanya Lynn dresses and acts like a cosmopolite, for her classy wardrobe and actions are quite sophisticated.



debacle (noun)



- * general breakup
- * sudden downfall
- * complete collapse or failure
- * The hurricane damage was a debacle, yet many people were able to find shelter with their families and friends.

gargoyle (noun)



- * a grotesquely carved figure of a human or animal
- * There are many gargoyles perched around some old buildings; they were added to protect the inhabitants and to keep evil spirits away.

zealous (adjective)



- * ardently active or devoted
- * full of, characterized by or due to zeal
- * George was zealous about reading, for he was determined to read all the old mysteries in his local library.

affable (adjective)



- * friendly, cordial
- * warmly polite
- * pleasantly easy to approach and to talk to
- * The young man was affable, but he hesitated to open doors for strangers.

tangible (adjective)



* capable of being touched

* discernible by the touch

* real or actual, rather than imaginary or visionary

* Getting the volleyball over the net was more than a dream, and Molly was able to achieve the perfect arc.



quarry (noun)



- * wild game or animals
- * an excavation or pit
- * Later that evening, the hunter set out in the jungle to capture his quarry, yet it took him hours to be successful.