

Unit 8

Vocabulary Cards

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glistening

glistening—sparkling

Unit 8: Chapter 1

tracker

tracker—a person who follows animal tracks

wobble

wobble—to move from side to side in
an unsteady way

flint

flint—a type of hard rock

slingshot

slingshot—a Y-shaped stick with elastic bands attached that is used to shoot small stones (**slingshots**)

woolly

woolly—covered with soft, thick, curly
hair

mammoth

mammoth—an ancient elephant that was covered with woolly fur and had long tusks that curved upward

tusk

tusk—one of two long, curved teeth that stick out of an animal's mouth, such as an elephant or walrus (**tusks**)

stampede

stampede—to suddenly run away in
fear as a large group

haze

haze—smoke or mist that fills the air
and makes it hard to see

terrain

terrain—the shape of land

shelter

shelter—a structure that covers people

flesh

flesh—the meat of an animal

crouch

crouch—to stoop or squat (**crouched**)

chat

chat—to talk in an informal, friendly way (**chatted**)

caw

caw—to cry like a crow (**cawing**)

horizon

horizon—the line in the distance where the earth or ocean seems to meet the sky

hoe

hoe—a tool with a long handle and a flat blade used for gardening to loosen dirt and dig up weeds

channel

channel—a long, narrow row dug for planting seeds (**channels**)

store

store—to put things away for future use
(**stored**)

husk

husk—the outer covering of seeds such
as corn (**husks**)

critter

critter—a small animal (**critters**)

talon

talon—a sharp claw of a bird of prey
(**talons**)

germinate

germinate—to sprout

scuttle

scuttle—to run quickly and playfully;
scamper

squint

squint—to look at with partially closed eyes (**squinted**)

linger

linger—to be slow to leave (**lingered**)

hearth

hearth—the area in front of a fireplace

ceremonial

ceremonial—relating to a formal series of events that mark an important occasion

construct

construct—to build (**constructed**)

preserve

preserve—to prepare food to keep for
future use (**preserved**)

milkweed

milkweed—a plant with juicy leaves

tobacco

tobacco—a plant whose leaves are harvested for smoking or chewing

Shaman

Shaman—a person who heals the sick and communicates with spirits
(Shamans)

birch

birch—a tree with hard wood and smooth bark that peels off easily in strips

autumnal

autumnal—relating to the season of fall

copper

copper—reddish-brown

host

host—a large number of things

generation

generation—the average length of time between the birth of parents and the birth of their children, about 25 to 30 years

coiled

coiled—spiraled

Unit 8: Chapter 4

spirit

spirit—a ghost of a person who has passed away (**spirits**)

kachina

kachina—the Hopi name for spirit
(**kachinas**)

arid

arid—extremely dry due to a lack of
rain

forefather

forefather—an ancestor (**forefathers**)

ancestor

ancestor—a person in your family who was alive long ago, even before your grandparents (**ancestors**)

elder

elder—an older person in a community who is respected and seen as having authority (**elders**)

cloak

cloak—cape (**cloaks**)

headdress

headdress—a decorative head covering usually worn for special occasions
(**headdresses**)

gourd

gourd—a hard-skinned fruit that grows on a vine such as a pumpkin or squash
(gourds)

eye

eye—to look at something in a close or careful way (**eyed**)

eerie

eerie—spooky

Unit 8: Chapter 6

emerge

emerge—to come into view from a hidden place (**emerging**)

clearing

clearing—an open space in a forest

sap

sap—liquid that flows inside a plant

wigwam

wigwam—a hut made by covering a framework of wooden poles with bark or animal hides

previous

previous—the last one before now

settled

settled—living in a new place

axe

axe—a tool with a sharp blade on the end of a long handle that is used to chop wood (**axes**)

trickle

trickle—to flow extremely slowly in a thin stream or drops (**trickles**)

funnel

funnel—(verb) to pass through a narrow opening; (noun) a cone with a narrow opening at the bottom that is used to pour something into a narrow container (**funnels**)

strip

strip—to tear something off

succulent

succulent—rich, inviting, mouth-
watering

waft

waft—to carry through the air (**wafted**)

runt

runt—the smallest animal in a litter

litter

litter—a group of baby animals born at the same time to the same mother

puny

puny—small and weak

scamper

scamper—to run quickly and playfully;
scuttle (**scampered**)

wean

wean—to feed a young child or animal
food other than its mother's milk
(**weaned**)

speedily

speedily—in a fast way

wits

wits—the ability to think quickly and
make good decisions

craft

craft—to make with skill and care
(**crafted**)

sniff

sniff—to smell something

earn his keep

earn his keep—to gain a position
through hard work

command

command—an order to do something
(**commands**)

hitch

hitch—to connect one thing to another

towline

towline—a rope or chain used to pull something (**towlines**)

frostbite

frostbite—a condition in which part of your body freezes

basic

basic—relating to the most important
part of something

obedience

obedience—the act of following orders

harness

harness—to attach to a set of straps that connect an animal to something it pulls (**harnessed**)

arctic

arctic—relating to extreme cold and
winter

lead

lead—first, serving as the leader

feast

feast—a special meal with much food and drink in celebration of something

promptly

promptly—immediately

glum

glum—sad

Unit 8: Chapter 8

apologize

apologize—to say you are sorry

sulkily

sulkily—in a way that shows you are angry or upset but don't want to talk about why

festival

festival—a special celebration of
something

offend

offend—to make someone upset
or angry through words or actions
(**offended**)

cleansing

cleansing—makes very clean

stagger

stagger—to walk unsteadily as if about to fall (**staggered**)

festivities

festivities—activities that are part of a celebration

proclaim

proclaim—to announce publicly
(**proclaimed**)

solemnly

solemnly—in a very serious way

rear

rear—to stand up on hind legs (**reared**)

hind

hind—at the back

mark its territory

mark its territory—an animal shows the area in which it lives by leaving some kind of mark throughout the area, such as a scent, scratches on trees or plants, or other signals

urges

urge—to try hard to persuade (**urged**)

pemmican

pemmican—food eaten by Native Americans made by mixing dried, pounded, fine meat with melted fat

pouch

pouch—a small bag made of leather or fabric

monstrous

monstrous—gigantic, horrible

weary

weary—extremely tired

sprint

sprint—to run fast for a short distance
(**sprinted**)

rim

rim—the edge of something round

vibrant

vibrant—bright

Unit 8: Chapter 10

speck

speck—a small spot

lodge

lodge—a small home used for a short time period

glow

glow—to give off a steady light
(**glowed, glowing**)