

UNIT 7 VOCAB GUIDE

Lesson 7.1

alliance

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Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	The two nations formed an alliance in hopes of defeating their common enemy in war.

authoritarianism

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Part of speech	noun
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fascism

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Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	In Rwanda, there was a mass genocide against a minority group.

internationalism

Definition	the principle or policy of international cooperation, especially economic and governmental
Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	Internationalism ideas were key to the success of the Allies.

the Holocaust

Definition	the mass killing of six million Jews and millions of others by Nazi Germany during World War II
Part of speech	proper noun
Use in sentence	The Holocaust is remembered as one of history's greatest tragedies.

total war

Definition	global war in which all warring nations mobilize for the war effort including soldier and civilian populations, who are both participants and targets; usually defined as meeting four criteria: mobilization, blurring of lines between citizen and civilian, total control of society, and rejection of a compromise peace
Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	World War I was an example of total war.

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diplomatic

Definition	of or pertaining to the practice or skill of conducting negotiations between nations or governments
Part of speech	adjective
Use in sentence	The two nations have resumed diplomatic relations.

ethnic

Definition	of or related to a large group of people who share a distinctive culture, language, or religion, or who are of the same race or national heritage
Part of speech	adjective
Use in sentence	Japanese and Chinese immigrants made up two of Hawaii's major ethnic groups in 1900.

mobilization

Definition	the act of assembling, organizing, or adapting (industries, supplies, facilities, or the like) for immediate use or service in times of war or states of emergency; the act of assembling and preparing (troops or the like) for active military duty or service to a country
Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	The nation ordered troop mobilization to prepare for the upcoming battle.

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propaganda

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Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	The government spread propaganda to convince people of the threat from foreign enemies.

sovereignty

Definition	the power of self-government, with independence from outside control; autonomy
Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	The nation's military fought valiantly to maintain their country's sovereignty, but ultimately, they were no match for their rivals to the north.

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armistice

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Definition	an agreement between opposing sides in a conflict to stop fighting, usually to negotiate a treaty
Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	The two countries agreed to an armistice so the fighting would pause while leaders discussed peace.

arms race

Definition	a competition between countries to build up the most weapons, especially nuclear weapons
Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	During the Cold War, the United States and the Soviet Union were in an arms race.

casualty

Definition	a member of the armed forces removed from active duty as a result of being killed, wounded, captured, or missing in action
Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	There were thousands of casualties after the battle.

demilitarization

Definition	the process of reducing or eliminating a country's military forces and weapons
Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	After World War II, Germany went through demilitarization to prevent another conflict.

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reparations

Definition	payment required of a defeated nation by the victors, for damages, alleged atrocities, or other injury
Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	Germany was forced to make reparations after World War I.

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trench warfare

Definition	a type of combat where opposing troops fight from trenches facing each other
Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	The horrors of trench warfare scarred an entire generation.

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ambassador

Definition	an official who represents their country in another nation
Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	The ambassador met with leaders of the other country to discuss peace talks.

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atrocities

Definition	an exceptionally evil, ruthless, or cruel act
Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	Mass murders, rapes, and other atrocities were carried out to instill terror and gain control of the region.

conscription

Definition	compulsory enrollment in military service
Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	The men became soldiers through conscription.

disillusionment

Definition	the condition of being deprived of false beliefs or hope; realizing something is not as one thought it was
Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	Disillusionment set in after the war when the consequences of warfare were more than devastating than people expected.

ethnicity

Definition	the condition of being a member of an ethnic group or sharing its traits
Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	One's ethnicity cannot be used to deny someone the right to work or housing in the United States.

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conservative

Definition	a person who favors the traditional and opposes rapid change; (in a political context) favoring free enterprise, private ownership, and socially traditional ideas
Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	As a conservative, the minister was uncomfortable with the way he saw the church changing.

consumerism

Definition	the idea that the consumption of goods is beneficial to society or its economy
Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	In the United States, consumerism has contributed largely to the overfilling of landfills and the pollution of oceans.

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debt

Definition	something owed to another, such as money or services
Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	Your debt to the bank is now \$20,000.

poverty

Definition	the condition of being poor or lacking the necessary means of support
Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	Despite their work in the linen mill, the family lived in poverty.

tariff

Definition	a government tax on imports or exports, or a rate or schedule of such taxes; duty
Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	The government imposed tariffs to encourage its people to buy domestic goods.

unemployment

Definition	the condition of not having a job
Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	The unemployment rate reflects the number of people without a job versus those that are able to work.

welfare capitalism

Definition	a system where businesses provide benefits like healthcare or pensions to workers to keep them loyal and avoid unions
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Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	Some companies practiced welfare capitalism by giving workers health insurance.

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antisemitism

Definition	prejudice, discrimination, or hostility toward Jews
Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	The genocide of the Holocaust was largely motivated by the Nazi's antisemitism.

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communism

Definition	the theory of a classless social system in which all property and means of production are owned in common; socialist theory deriving from the works of Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels and adopted by the Soviet Union
Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	China adopted communism as their political and economic system in 1949.

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concentration camp

Definition	a prison camp in which large numbers of political prisoners, aliens, or those considered undesirable are confined and sometimes executed
Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	During the 1940s, Japanese Americans on the West coast were forced into concentration camps by the US military.

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party platform

Definition	a set of ideas and goals that a political party says it will support and work toward
Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	The party platform included promises to improve schools and lower taxes.

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annex

Definition	to add (territory) to an existing nation or city
Part of speech	verb
Use in sentence	The United States annexed Texas in 1845.

blitzkrieg

Definition	a swift military attack from the air or ground
Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	During the war, most of the city was obliterated in a blitzkrieg.

death camp

Definition	a Nazi camp during World War II where prisoners were sent to be worked to death or killed
Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	Prisoners suffered terribly in Nazi death camps.

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embargo

Definition	to place a government injunction or other legal restriction on trade or the shipment of goods
Part of speech	verb/noun
Use in sentence	The government embargoed imports of beef temporarily.

expansionism

Definition	the policy of encroaching on other territories or countries for political or economic advantage
Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	Many British politicians in the late nineteenth century advocated for expansionism.

insurgent

Definition	one who uses armed force to rebel against one's own government
Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	Government forces were sent to defeat the insurgents.

noncombatant

Definition	a person who is not actively fighting in a war, like a civilian, doctor, or aid worker
Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	Noncombatants, like nurses and children, often suffer greatly during wars.

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diplomacy

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Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	The release of the hostages was hailed as a victory for diplomacy.

extermination camp

Definition	a Nazi camp designed specifically to kill large numbers of people, mainly Jews, during the Holocaust
Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	Millions of Jews were killed in extermination camps such as Auschwitz.

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ghetto

Definition	a part of a town or city in which members of a particular religion, nationality, ethnic group, or race are forced by law, social, or economic pressures to live
Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	The Jews of Warsaw had to live in ghettos established by the Germans beginning in 1940.

nuclear proliferation

Definition	the spread of nuclear weapons and technology to more countries
Part of speech	noun
Use in sentence	World leaders met to discuss how to prevent nuclear proliferation and keep the world safer.