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VOCABULARY

- **AMBITIOUS:** having a desire to be successful, powerful, or famous; having ambition.
Ex. *She was ambitious enough to aim for the company's presidency.*
- **STERN:** very serious; severe.
Ex. *Journalists received a stern warning not to go anywhere near the battleship.*
- **CONSCIOUS:** awake, thinking, and knowing what is happening around you.
Ex. *When I took the exam, I was conscious that my parents were expecting a lot of me.*
- **DIGNIFIED:** serious and somewhat formal; having or showing dignity.
Ex. *Even when very old, he was very dignified in appearance.*
- **WELL OFF:** moderately rich.
Ex. *They must be well off if they can afford to buy a house there!*
- **TEMPTED:** to want something or to want to do something.
Ex. *"Would you like some more pie?" "I'm tempted, but no thank you."*
- **STRUGGLE:** a long effort to do, achieve, or deal with something that is difficult or that causes problems.
Ex. *The people of this country will continue in their struggle for independence.*
- **TO CONDEMN:** to say in a strong and definite way that someone or something is bad or wrong.
Ex. *We strongly condemn this attack against our allies.*
- **TO OVERCOME:** to prevail over (opposition, a debility, temptations, etc.); surmount.
Ex. *To overcome one's weaknesses.*
- **INCOME:** money that is earned from work, investments, business, etc.
Ex. *He has a very high annual income.*

- **TO FELL APART:** to break into pieces (often used figuratively).
Ex. *I feel as if my family is **falling apart**.*
- **TO SUPPLY:** to furnish or provide (something wanting or requisite).
Ex. *To **supply** a community with electricity.*
- **WEALTH:** a large amount of money or valuable possessions that someone has.
Ex. *The **wealth** of a city.*
- **ELUSIVE:** hard to find or capture.
Ex. *Police are trying to track down the **elusive** criminal, who has so far avoided all their attempts to capture him.*
- **SNOBBISH:** like a snob (a person who respects and likes only people who are of a high social class).
Ex. *He's a **snobbish** rich kid.*
- **GREED:** a selfish desire to have more of something (especially money).
Ex. *He was a ruthless businessman, motivated by naked ambition and **greed**.*