**Unit 4**

1. **Atrophy**: (n) the wasting away of a body organ or tissue; any progressive decline or failure; (v) to waste away
2. **Bastion**: (n) a fortified place, stronghold
3. **Concord**: (n) state of agreement, harmony, unanimity; a treaty, pact, covenant
4. **Consummate**: (adj) complete or perfect in the highest degree; (v) to bring to a state of completion or perfection
5. **Disarray**: (n) disorder, confusion; (v) to throw into disorder
6. **Exigency**: (n, often pl) urgency, pressure; urgent demand, pressing need; an emergency
7. **Flotsam**: (n.) floating debris; homeless, impoverished people
8. **Frenetic**: (adj.) frenzied, highly agitated
9. **Glean**: (v) to gather bit by bit; to gather small quantities of grain left in field by reapers
10. **Grouse**: (n) a type of game bird; a complaint; (v) to complain, grumble
11. **Incarcerate**: (v) to imprison, confine, jail
12. **Incumbent**: (adj) obligatory, required; (n) one who holds a specific office at the time spoken of
13. **Jocular**: (adj) humorous, jesting, jolly, joking
14. **Ludicrous**: (adj) ridiculous, laughable, absurd
15. **Mordant**: (adj) biting or caustic in thought, manner, or style; sharply or bitterly harsh
16. **Nettle**: (n.) a prickly or stinging plant; (v.) to arouse displeasure, impatience, or anger; to vex or irritate severely
17. **Pecuniary**: (adj) consisting of or measured in money; of or relating to money
18. **Pusillanimous**: (adj) contemptibly cowardly or mean spirited
19. **Recumbent**: (adj.) in a reclining position, lying down, in the posture of one sleeping or resting
20. **Stratagem**: (n.) a scheme to outwit or deceive an opponent or to gain an end