

Adventures in Reading

Unit 14

conform: to act in agreement

Megan will have to conform to a new dress code when she begins high school.

consider: to think about something carefully

Dan enjoys playing the drums, so he will consider taking lessons.

decline: to become fewer in number

Elephants are endangered animals; without help, their population will decline even further.

emphasize: to say or show that something is important

The orange signs on the highway emphasize that it is under construction.

evaluate: to judge how good, useful, or successful something is

Parents should evaluate the qualifications of any person caring for their children.

exclude: to not allow someone to enter a place, or do an activity

The horse's injury will exclude him from participating in the competition.

maintain: to keep up or carry on; to continue

It is difficult to maintain a positive attitude when you are surrounded by negative people.

migrate: to move to another area to live or work

Sean's family will migrate from Ireland to America at the beginning of the year.

persuade: to make someone do something by giving him or her good reasons

The hungry crowd of people will persuade the restaurant to stay open late.

satisfy: to meet the needs or demands of a person or thing

The movie was poorly directed and did not satisfy the expectations of critics.

vary: to change often

The availability of books at the library will vary from day to day.

wander: to walk slowly, without any particular purpose

The museum is large; it will take hours to wander through it.