

Adventures in Reading

Unit 3

absorb: to soak up or take in

The solar panels on the roof of our house absorb energy from the sun.

avoid: to stay away from someone or something

Our neighbor's dog does not like strangers so it is best to avoid him.

commit: to say that you will definitely do something

School volunteers commit to helping students when they are available.

coordinate: to organize something that involves a lot of people

Our government teacher will coordinate a field trip to Washington, D.C.

decorate: to make something look nice

Colorful, fresh flowers were used to decorate tables for the party.

distribute: to give something to each person in a group

Before beginning the game, you must distribute seven cards to each player.

fluctuate: to change unevenly

The number of people visiting the zoo can fluctuate daily.

gather: to bring together in a group

Josh will use a rake to gather the leaves in his front yard.

obtain: to get something

The speaker began his presentation with a joke to obtain his audience's attention.

permit: to allow someone to do something

The city park does not permit overnight camping.

pursue: to work hard in order to achieve something

Jessica's drama coach encouraged her to pursue an acting career.

reduce: to make something smaller in number or size

Bad weather could reduce the number of people attending the outdoor concert.