

Adventures in Reading **Unit 8**

adequate: good enough for what is needed

A fireplace will be adequate for heating the small cabin.

brief: continuing for a short time

The pilot made a brief announcement to his passengers before landing the plane.

complex: having a lot of different parts; difficult to understand

The architect's designs for the new shopping area are very complex.

critical: very important or serious

Calvin's brother required a critical heart operation shortly after he was born.

dependent: needing someone or something in order to live or continue

Our plan to go sailing will be dependent upon calm water and light winds.

exhausted: very tired or worn out; used up completely

The swimmers were exhausted after completing their relay.

intense: very great or strong

Very few animals can survive the intense heat of the Sahara desert.

mutual: shared by two or more people

Abigail and Patrick have a mutual appreciation for science fiction novels.

obvious: easy to notice or understand

Midway through the wrestling tournament, it was obvious which team would win.

outstanding: extremely good

The actor's performance in the movie was outstanding; he may win an award.

practical: appropriate for a particular purpose and able to be used

It is practical to carry an umbrella on a cloudy day.

precise: exact and correct

Matt gave his friends precise directions to the bowling alley.