



**WORDLY WISE
VOCABULARY**

Unit 18

ANIMATED

Adj. 1. Alive or seeming to be alive.

The movie combines **animated** cartoon figures with live actors.

2. Full of energy; lively.

The class discussion became quite **animated** when we talked about raising the driving age.



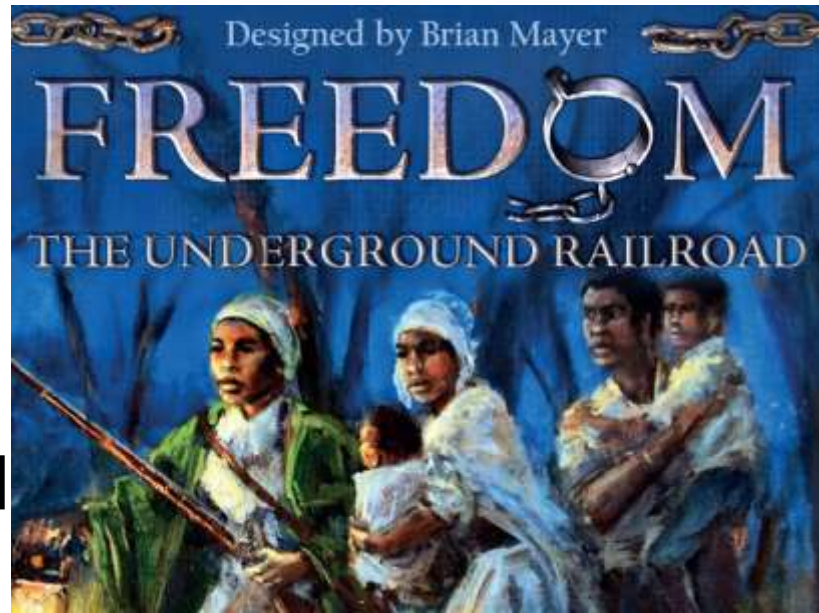
BETRAY

V. 1. To be disloyal to.

Members of the Underground Railroad could be counted on not to **betray** escaping slaves to their owners.

2. To show; to reveal.

Jonas insisted that he wasn't upset, but his tears **betrayed** his true feelings.



CONVINCE

V. To make someone feel sure or certain; to persuade.

I tried to **convince** my parents that I was old enough to be left alone in the house.



DECLINE

V. 1. To shape or pass to a lower level.

The path **declines** sharply here, then rises.



2. To refuse to accept.

Olga **declined** my offer of a ride to school because she wanted to walk.



3. To become less or weaker.

Tiny Tim's health could **decline**, the ghost told Scrooge, if no one did anything to help.



DECLINE (CONTINUED)

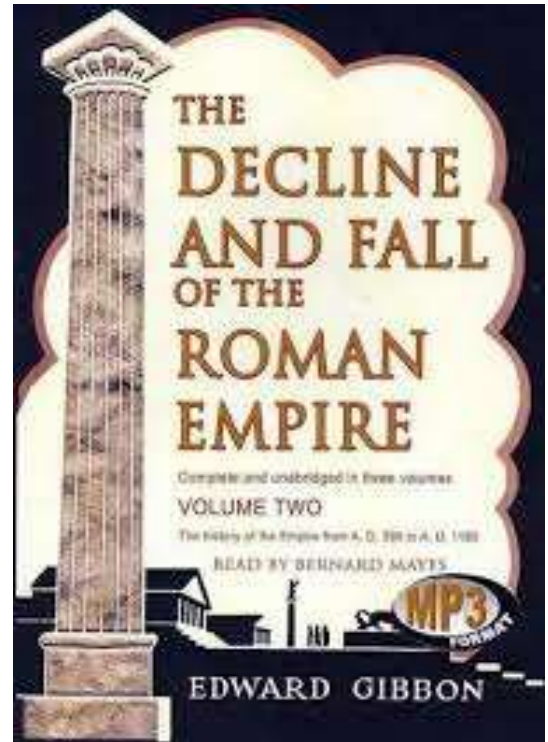
N. 1. A change to a smaller amount or lower level.

The **decline** in attendance at the ballpark worries the team's owners.



2. A loss of strength or power.

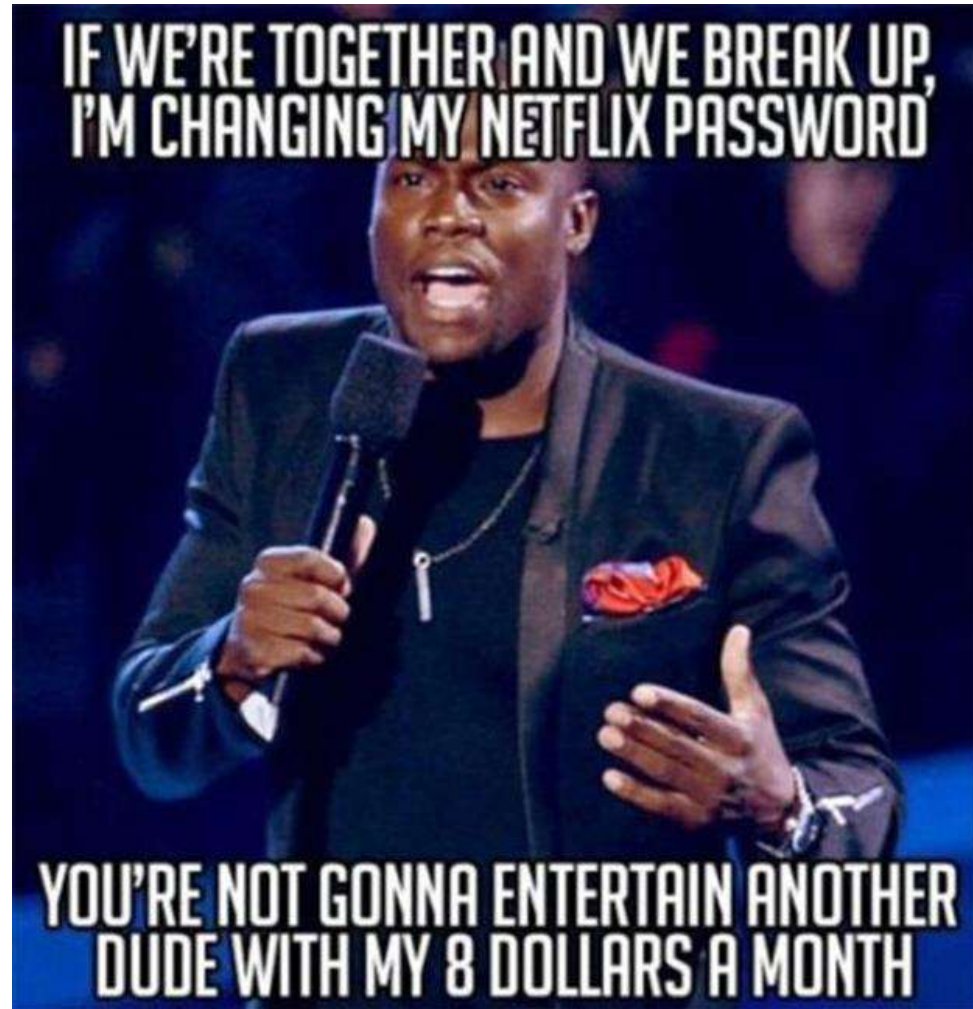
The **decline** of the Roman Empire is the subject of a famous book by Edward Gibbon.



HILARIOUS

Adj. Very funny.

The comedian's **hilarious** jokes had us all in stitches.



LIKENESS

N. The state of being similar; something that is similar.

Your **likeness** to our sister is remarkable.



MEAGER

Adj. Poor in quality or insufficient in amount.

A stale crust of bread makes a **meager** meal.



MISCHIEF

N. 1. Harm or damage.

Our neighbor's meddling in other people's affairs caused a lot of **mischief**.

2. Behavior that causes harm or trouble.

Their **mischief** during class will get them in trouble.

3. Playfulness; harmless amusement.

Hiding her mother's hat was just the child's **mischief**.

mischievous

Adj. Playful in a naughty way.

The **mischievous** cat pawed at the dog's tail.



NEGOTIATE

V. 1. To arrange by talking over.

The teachers are meeting with the school board to **negotiate** a new contract.

2. To travel successfully along or over.

This slope has some difficult sections that only accomplished skiers can **negotiate**.



OBSOLETE

Adj. No longer sold or in wide use because it is out-of-date.

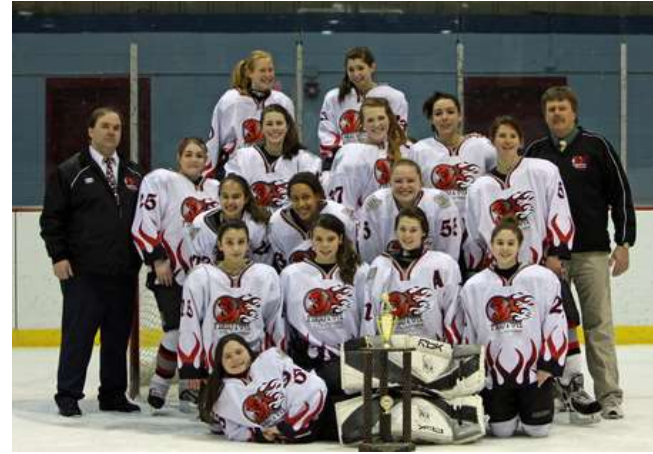
Compact discs made records nearly **obsolete**.



RETAIN

V. 1. To hold onto; to keep possession of.

Because of today's victory, we **retained** our position at the top of the girls' hockey league.



2. To hire the services of.

The airline **retained** its own safety experts to investigate the wing fractures.



SENSATION

N. 1. feeling that comes from stimulation of the senses.

Drinking hot cocoa after two hours of sledding gave us a warm **sensation**.



2. A feeling of great interest or excitement or the cause of such a feeling.

The appearance at our school of the basketball star caused a **sensation**.



sensational

Adj. 1. Causing great curiosity and interest.

The **sensational** headline led me to buy the newspaper.



2. Very great or excellent.

With your quick mind, you'll make a **sensational** addition to the debating team.



SOMBER

Adj. 1. Dark; gloomy.

We began our hike under a **somber** sky; fortunately, the sun came out in the afternoon.

2. Sad; serious.

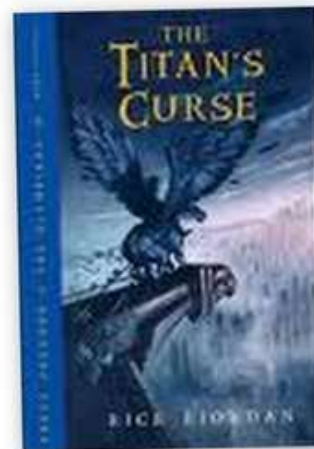
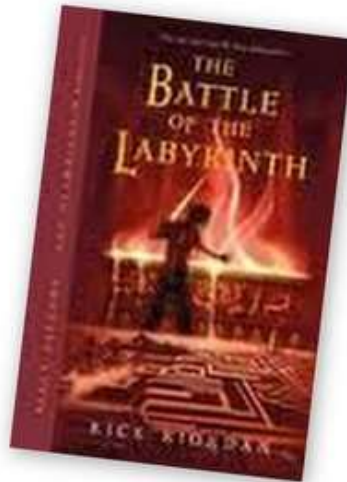
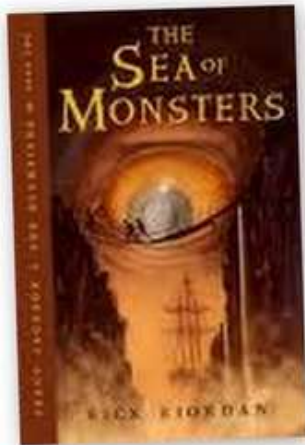
Grandfather's death put us in a **somber** mood.



SUBSEQUENT

Adj. Coming later; following.

The first book in the series was a disappointment, but **subsequent** ones have been very enjoyable.



VOW

V. To promise seriously.

The rescue workers **vowed** to continue working until all those trapped in the building were freed.



N. A pledge; a promise.

When my parents became citizens of the United States, they made a **vow** to support this country.

