**Vocabulary Unit 1**

1. **Abate (V.)**- to make or become less in amount
2. **Abnormal (Adj.)**- not normal
3. **Abrupt (Adj.)**- sudden or unexpected
4. **Accelerate (V.)**-to speed up, or to cause to speed up
5. **Affliction (N.)**- the cause of serious pain and suffering, or a state of such suffering
6. **Flabbergast (V.)**- to surprise or amaze people into a state of shock
7. **Grim (Adj.)**-gloomy, harsh and frightening
8. **Incredulous (Adj.)**- not willing to believe something
9. **Notify (V.)**- to let someone know, to inform
10. **Perceive (V.)**- to become aware of through any of the senses, especially sight or hearing
11. **Robust (Adj.)**- strong or healthy
12. **Rupture (V.)**- to break or burst
13. **Throb (V.)**- to pound or beat rapidly or violently; to pulsate or vibrate
14. **Trivial (Adj.)**- of very little importance or value
15. **Wince (V.)**- to move back suddenly as though in pain or fear