

Night Vocabulary Part 2

1. **edict** (n): a decree, law, or command
The king issued an edict.
2. **truncheon** (n): a club carried by a police officer; a baton
The criminal backed away in fear as the officer waved his truncheon.
3. **indiscriminately** (adv): in a way that is not discriminating or lacking in care, judgments, or selectivity; thoughtlessly
He chooses his friends indiscriminately; he is friends with everyone, even people who take advantage of him.
4. **invalid** (n): an infirm or sickly person; a person who is too sick or weak to care for himself
Nursing homes are full of invalids.
5. **convoy** (n): two or more vehicles travelling together (sometimes under an escort)
As a convoy, we set out for Texas.
6. **hasten** (v): to move or act with haste (to act quickly or to hurry)
We hastened to finish our homework so that we could watch TV.
7. **pillage** (v): to strip ruthlessly of money or goods by open violence, as in war; to plunder
The soldiers pillaged the homes in the village, taking all valuables.
8. **copulate** (v): to engage in sexual intercourse
People who are abstinent do not copulate before marriage.
9. **provisions** (n): supplies of food or other necessities
We took plenty of provisions for our three-week camping trip.
10. **ration** (n): a fixed allowance of food, especially for soldiers or sailors or civilians during a food shortage
The prisoner's ration was two pieces of bread a day.