

New Words and Their Contextual Meaning**Chapter 8 – Text 1**

internal	a.	existing in your mind
external	a.	relating to your environment or situation, rather than to your own qualities, ideas, etc.
impose	v.	if someone in authority imposes a rule, punishment, tax etc., they force people to accept it
aspect	n.	one part of a situation, idea, plan etc. that has many parts
display	v.	show sth. to people, or put it in a place where people can see it easily
prosecute	v.	charge someone with a crime and try to show that they are guilty of it in a court of law
shoplifter	n.	a person who takes sth. from a shop without paying for it
to the extent of		used to say how true something is or how great an effect or change is
consequence	n.	sth. that happens as a result of a particular action or set of conditions, results
deter	v.	stop someone from doing sth., by making them realize it will be difficult or have bad results
motorist	n.	someone who drives a car
jail	n.	a place where criminals are kept as part of their punishment or where people who have been charged with a crime are kept before they are judged in a law court
rage	n.	a strong feeling of uncontrollable anger

Chapter 8 – Text 2

extortion	n.	the act of illegally forcing someone to give you sth., especially money, by threatening them
aggravate	v.	make someone angry or annoyed
clamor	v.	a very loud noise made by a large group of people or animals
couple sth. with sth.		if one thing is coupled with another, the two things happen or exist together and produce a particular result; combine
dreary	a.	dull and making you feel sad or bored
confined	a.	a confined place or area is one that is very small
pack	v.	go in large numbers into a space, or to make people or animals do this, until the space is too full
juvenile	a.	relating to young people who are not yet adults
correctional	a.	relating to the punishment of criminals (correctional facility/institution/center = a prison)
reformatory	n.	a special school where young people who have broken the law are sent; reform school
institutionalized	a.	someone who has become institutionalized has lived for a long time in a prison, mental hospital, etc. and now cannot easily live outside one

grapple	v.	fight or struggle with someone, holding them tightly
grapple with		try hard to deal with or understand sth. difficult
destitute	a.	having no money, no food, no home, etc.
crack	n.	an illegal drug that some people take for pleasure
dedicate	v.	give all your attention and effort to one particular thing
take ... in stride		accept and deal with sth difficult or unpleasant without worrying or reacting too strongly
occupational hazard		a danger that exists in a job
rehabilitate	v.	help someone to live a healthy, useful, or active life again after they have been in prison
parole	n.	permission for someone to leave prison, on the condition that they promise to behave well
deterrent	n.	sth. that makes someone less likely to do sth., by making them realize it will be difficult or have bad results
probation	a.	a system that allows some criminals not to go to prison or to leave prison, if they behave well and see a probation officer regularly, for a particular period of time

Chapter 8 – Text 3

execute	v.	kill someone, especially legally as a punishment
retain	v.	keep sth. or continue to have sth.
capital punishment		punishment which involves killing someone who has committed a crime; death penalty
homicide	n.	the crime of murder
abolish	v.	officially end a law, system, etc., especially one that has existed for a long time
restore	v.	bring back a law, tax, right, etc.
decrease	n.	becoming less or going down to a lower level
convict	v.	prove or officially announce that someone is guilty of a crime after a trial in a law court
potential	a.	likely to develop into a particular type of person or thing in the future
contradict	v.	disagree with sth., especially by saying that the opposite is true
sample	n.	a small group of people who have been chosen from a larger group to give information or answers to questions
questionable	a.	not likely to be true or correct
regarding	ad.	a word used especially in letters or speeches to introduce the subject you are writing or talking about.
variation	n.	a difference between similar things, or a change from the usual amount or form of sth.
nevertheless	ad.	in spite of a fact that you have just mentioned; nonetheless
explosive	a.	showing sudden strong or angry emotion
brutally	ad.	very cruelly and violently

poll	n.	the process of finding out what people think about sth. by asking many people the same question, or the record of the result
shift	n.	a change in the way people think about sth., in the way sth. is done etc.

Chapter 8 – Text 4

overdose	n.	too much of a drug taken at one time
approach	n.	a method of doing sth or dealing with a problem
legalization	n.	making sth. legal so that people are allowed to do it
marijuana	n.	an illegal drug smoked like a cigarette made from the dried leaves of the HEMP plant; cannabis
bribe	v.	illegally give someone, especially a public official money or a gift in order to persuade them to do sth. for you
drastically	ad.	extremely and suddenly
skyrocket	v.	if a price or an amount skyrockets, it increases very quickly
stepping stone		sth. that helps you to progress towards achieving sth.
heroin	n.	a powerful and illegal drug made from morphine
cocaine	n.	a drug, usually in the form of a white powder, that is taken illegally for pleasure or used in some medical situations to prevent pain
racism	n.	unfair treatment of people, or violence against them, because they belong to a different race from your own