

## Reading Explorer 2

### Target Vocabulary Definitions

abandon	(v.) to leave and never return to
absorb	(v.) to draw or take in
accept	(v.) to receive or take (something offered)
addiction	(n.) a strong and harmful need to regularly have or do (something)
administration	(n.) the activities that relate to running an organization
admire	(v.) to feel respect or approval for (someone or something)
admit	(v.) to confess to be true or to be the case
adopt	(v.) to take a child of other biological parents legally as your own child
advertise	(v.) to describe or give information about a product in order to promote sales
affection	(n.) a feeling of liking for someone or something
alarm	(v.) to make fearful or apprehensive
analyze	(v.) to study (something) closely and carefully
apparently	(adj.) according to appearances, initial evidence or incomplete results
approve	(v.) to officially accept (an idea, action, plan, etc.)
arrange	(v.) to put things in a neat, attractive, or required order
ascent	(n.) the act of moving upward
attach	(v.) to be or become joined or connected
authority	(n.) an expert on a subject
aware	(adj.) knowing that something exists
awful	(adj.) very bad or unpleasant
basis	(n.) something from which another thing develops
battle	(n.) a fight between people or groups
beneath	(adv.) in or to a lower position
bill	(n.) a statement of money owed for goods or services supplied
bite	(v.) to use teeth to cut into (something)
block	(v.) to stop (someone or something) from moving through or going by
board	(v.) to get on or into
boundary	(n.) a line which marks the limits of an area
brilliantly	(adv.) very brightly
broaden	(v.) to increase the breadth; widen
budget	(n.) an amount of money available for spending for a particular purpose
categorize	(v.) to put (something) into a group based on similar properties
ceremony	(n.) a formal act or event that is a part of a social or religious occasion
claim	(v.) to say that (something) is true, typically without providing evidence or proof
cliff	(n.) a high steep face of a rock
clumsily	(adv.) in an awkward manner, without skill or grace
coincidence	(n.) the remarkable occurrence of events that happen at the same time in a way that is not planned or expected
colleague	(n.) a person with whom one works in a profession or business
complain	(v.) to express dissatisfaction or grief; find fault
complex	(adj.) having parts that go together in a complicated way; not simple
conclude	(v.) to decide, determine or resolve
concrete	(n.) a hard, strong material that is used for building
conduct	(v.) to plan and do (something, such as an activity)
confident	(adj.) feeling that you can do something well or succeed at something
confusion	(n.) the state of being unclear of what is happening
congratulate	(v.) to tell (someone) that you are happy because of his or her success or good luck

conquer	(v.) to successfully overcome
consent	(v.) to agree to do or allow something
consequence	(n.) a result or effect of something
conservation	(n.) the protection of animals, plants and natural resources
considerable	(adj.) large in size, amount or quantity
constitute	(v.) to make up or form something
consumption	(n.) the act of eating or drinking something
continent	(n.) any of the world's main landmasses
contribution	(n.) something that is given to a common collection
convince	(v.) to cause (someone) to agree to do something
cooperation	(n.) the action or process of working together to the same end
corporation	(n.) a large business or organization united as one body
countless	(adj.) too many to be counted
courage	(n.) the ability to do something that you know is difficult or dangerous
crack	(n.) a break without complete separation of parts
credit	(v.) to attribute (an achievement or good quality) to someone or something
critical	(adj.) of or relating to a turning point or specially important juncture; critical
crop	(n.) a plant or plant product that is grown by farmers
cruelly	(adv.) in a manner that willingly or knowingly causing pain or distress
curiously	(adv.) in a manner with a desire to learn or know more about something or someone
cut down on	(phrase) to eat or drink less of a particular thing
dare	(v.) to not be afraid to do something
deal (with)	(v.) to be concerned with
debatable	(adj.) open to question
declare	(v.) to announce officially, proclaim
deduce	(v.) to use logic or reason to decide something
delay	(n.) the amount of time by which something is late or postponed
demonstrate	(v.) to show clearly
depth	(n.) the quality of being deep; deepness
derive	(v.) to take or get (something) from (something else)
descend	(v.) to go down; to move from a higher to a lower place
digital	(adj.) using or characterized by computer technology
disappointed	(v.) feeling sad, unhappy or displeased because something was not as good as expected
display	(v.) to put (something) where people can see it
distinctive	(adj.) different in a way that is easy to notice
divorce	(v.) the ending of a marriage by a legal process
dominate	(v.) to be more powerful or successful than others, with a commanding position
donate	(v.) to give (something) in order to help a person or organization
drown	(v.) to die by being underwater too long and unable to breathe
drug	(n.) a substance that affects the structure or any function of the body when taken
ease	(v.) to make (something unpleasant or intense) less serious or severe
effective	(adj.) producing a result that is wanted
efficient	(adj.) performing or functioning in the best possible manner with the least waste of time and effort
emerge	(v.) to rise or appear from a hidden or unknown place; to come out into view
emphasis	(n.) special importance or attention given to something
enable	(v.) to make (something) possible
engine	(n.) a machine that converts energy into mechanical force or motion

ensure	(v.) to make sure
entrance	(n.) a point or place of entering; an opening or passage for entering
essence	(n.) a substance that contains in very strong form the special qualities (such as taste and smell) of the thing from which it is taken
exceed	(v.) to go beyond the limit of (something)
exhilarated	(adj.) very happy and excited
exotic	(adj.) of foreign origin or character; introduced from abroad
experienced	(adj.) having skill or knowledge from doing something
export	(v.) to send a product to be sold in another country
facility	(n.) something designed or built to serve a specific function, affording a convenience of service
fantastic	(adj.) extraordinarily good
feat	(n.) an extraordinary act or achievement
fellow	(adj.) belonging to the same class or group
finance	(v.) to provide money for (something or someone)
flavor	(n.) a particular type of taste
flow	(v.) to move in continuous and smooth way
frozen	(adj.) turned into ice
fund	(v.) to provide with money for a particular purpose
garbage	(n.) things that are no longer wanted and have been thrown out
gather	(v.) to choose and collect
generation	(n.) the average length of time between the birth of parents and the birth of their children
genetic	(adj.) of, relating to, or involving genes
guard	(v.) to protect (someone or something) from danger of attack
handle	(v.) to manage, deal with or be responsible for
historic	(adj.) famous or important in history
horror	(n.) a very strong feeling of fear, dread and shock
host	(v.) to receive or entertain guests
hypothesize	(v.) to suggest an idea or theory
imply	(v.) to express (something) in an indirect way
impulse	(n.) a sudden strong desire to do something
inaccurate	(adj.) not correct or exact
indicate	(v.) to be a sign of; show
informal	(adj.) having a friendly and relaxed quality
injury	(n.) harm or damage
inspire	(v.) to give (someone) an idea about what to do or create
intense	(adj.) very great in degree; very strong
intention	(n.) the thing that you plan to do or achieve; aim or purpose
interact	(v.) to talk or do things with (someone)
invest	(v.) to put in (money) in order to earn a return
iron	(n.) a type of metal
jealous	(adj.) feeling resentment because of another's success or advantage
joke	(v.) to say something in fun or teasing
journal	(n.) a record of personal experiences and thoughts kept regularly
laborer	(n.) a person who does hard physical work for money
leap	(v.) to jump through the air from one point to another
link	(v.) to make or form a connection with or between
(a) living	(n.) an income sufficient to live on or the means of earning it
loyalty	(n.) the quality of being faithful
luggage	(n.) the bags and suitcases that a person carries when traveling

luxurious	(adj.) very comfortable and expensive
make sense	(phrase) to be reasonable, wise or practical
marketplace	(n.) the world of trade or economic activity
mineral	(n.) a substance (such as quartz, coal, etc.) that is naturally formed under the ground
misfortune	(n.) bad luck
motivate	(v.) to give (someone) a reason for doing something
murder	(n.) the crime of deliberately killing a person
necessity	(n.) something that you must have or do
negative	(adj.) harmful or bad; not wanted
nest	(n.) a place where an animal or insect lives and usually lays its eggs or takes care of its young
obedient	(adj.) willing to do what someone tells you to do
objective	(n.) something you are trying to do or achieve; a goal or purpose
observe	(v.) to watch and sometimes also listen to (someone or something) carefully
obtain	(v.) to gain or get (something), usually through effort or by request
obvious	(adj.) easily seen, recognized or understood
occupy	(v.) to take or hold possession or control
offer	(v.) to present or put forward
opportunity	(n.) a good chance or situation
out of time	(phrase) time limit is used up; too late
overwhelming	(adj.) very great in number, effect or force; used to describe something that is so confusing, difficult, etc. that you feel unable to do it
perceive	(v.) to notice or become aware of (something)
permit	(v.) to allow (someone) to do or have something
plant	(n.) a building or factory where something is made
pleasure	(n.) a feeling of happiness, enjoyment or satisfaction
plenty	(adj.) a large or sufficient amount of quantity
pollution	(n.) substances that make land, water, air, etc., dirty and not safe or suitable to use
precede	(v.) to come ahead or in front of
predictable	(adj.) able to be foretold; expected
prevent	(v.) to stop (something) from happening
prey	(n.) an animal hunted or seized for food
prior	(adj.) earlier in time or order
publicity	(n.) something that attracts the attention of the public
quantity	(n.) a particular amount of something
raise	(v.) to bring up (a child)
reaction	(n.) something done, felt or thought in response to a situation or event
realize	(v.) to understand or become aware of (something)
recommend	(v.) to suggest that someone do (something)
relatively	(adv.) when compared to others
release	(v.) to allow (something) to move, act, or flow freely
remarkable	(adj.) unusual or surprising; likely to be noticed
remind	(v.) to cause (someone) to remember something
remote	(adj.) far away
renowned	(adj.) known and admired by many people for some special quality
rescue	(v.) save (someone) from a dangerous or difficult situation
reserve	(v.) to keep (something) for a special or future use
resource	(n.) a source of supply, especially that can be drawn upon when needed
retain	(v.) to continue to have or use (something); keep

reunite	(v.) to bring (people or things) together again, especially after they have been apart for a long time
reward	(n.) something given or received in return for service, effort or achievement
risk	(n.) the possibility that something bad or unpleasant will happen
rule (out)	(phrase) to prove to be unrelated or not to be considered; exclude
scale	(n.) a system of measurement or comparison
sculpture	(n.) a piece of art that is made by carving or molding clay, stone, metal, etc.
season	(n.) a period of the year associated with a particular activity
seed	(n.) a small unit produced by a plant from which a new plant can grow
selection	(n.) the act of carefully choosing someone or something as being the best or most suitable
self-defense	(n.) the act of defending yourself
series	(n.) a number of things or events that are arranged or happen one after the other
severe	(adj.)
shallow	(adj.) of little depth
shift	(v.) to move or to cause (something) to move to a different place
silent	(adj.) not having or making any noise
single	(adj.) only one
slide	(v.) to move smoothly along a surface while maintaining continuous contact with it
slippery	(adj.) difficult to hold firmly or stand on because it is smooth, wet or slimy
solely	(adv.) only or just
starve	(v.) to suffer or die from hunger
steer	(v.) to guide or control the movement (of a vehicle)
store	(v.) to collect and put (something) in one location for future use
sufficient	(adj.) adequate for the purpose; enough
suggest	(v.) to mention (something) as a possible thing to be done, used or thought about
symbol	(n.) a thing that represents or stands for something else
talent	(n.) a special ability that allows someone to do something well
tell (apart)	(v.) to recognize the differences between two people or things that are very similar; to distinguish between
tempting	(adj.) causing a desire to have or do something
tent	(n.) a portable shelter used outdoors that is made of cloth and held up with poles and ropes
thrill	(n.) a sudden feeling of excitement and pleasure
thrive	(v.) to grow or develop successfully; to flourish
tightly	(adv.) very closely; strongly fixed or held
tow	(v.) to pull by a rope, chain, or other device
track	(v.) to follow and find by looking for signs to show where (someone or something) has gone
translate	(v.) to change words from one language into another language
trend	(n.) something that is currently popular or fashionable
tunnel	(n.) an underground passage
undertake	(v.) to take upon oneself; attempt
unexpected	(adj.) not expected; unforeseen; surprising
unknown	(adj.) not known
unparalleled	(adj.) having no equal; better or greater than anyone or anything else
unstoppable	(adj.) not able to be stopped
urgently	(adv.) calling for immediate attention; pressing

variety	(n.) a number or collection of different things or people
victim	(n.) a person who has been attacked or harmed
violence	(n.) the use of physical force to harm someone, to damage property, etc.
voyage	(n.) a long journey involving travel by sea or in space
vulnerable	(adj.) easily hurt or harmed
wealthy	(adj.) having a lot of money or possessions; rich
wedding	(n.) a ceremony in which two people are married to each other
wisdom	(n.) knowledge that is gained by having many experiences in life
wrap	(v.) to cover (something) by winding or folding a piece of material around it