

## Vocabulary Set 21

**Traffic:** N. vehicles moving on a road or public highway.

V. Deal or trade in something illegal.

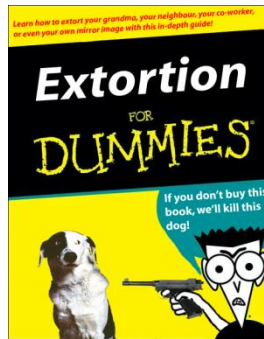
- We were caught in traffic on the expressway.
- The government will vigorously pursue individuals who traffic in drugs. AND Sex trafficking is illegal.

**Catalyst:** N. 1. A substance that causes or accelerates a chemical reaction without itself being affected. *Science definition.*

2. A person or thing that precipitates an event or change. "the governor's speech acted as a catalyst for debate"

(precipitate means to cause to happen)

**Extortion:** N. the practice of obtaining something, especially money, through force or threats.



**Impasse:** N. a situation in which no progress is possible, especially because of disagreement; a deadlock.

- "the current political impasse"
- synonyms: Deadlock, dead end, stalemate, standoff

**Exodus:**N. 1. A mass departure of people, especially emigrants.

2. The departure of the Israelites from Egypt. (Biblical).

synonyms: mass departure, withdrawal, evacuation, leaving

"a mass exodus of refugees from the stricken city"