

## Vocabulary Set 9

**Abolish:** v. Formally put an end to (a system, practice, or institution).



**Emerge:** v. 1. Move out of or away from something and come into view.

2. become apparent, important, or prominent.

3. (of facts or circumstances) become known

- Black ravens emerged from the fog.
- Philadelphia has emerged as the clear favorite after a popularity vote.
- Reports of a deadlock emerged during preliminary discussions.

**Deterrent:** N. a thing that discourages or is intended to discourage someone from doing something.

Examples: A pit bull is a deterrent for people breaking into a home.

Laws are supposed to work as deterrents to prevent crime.

Bug spray is a deterrent used to keep bugs from biting you.

**Virtual :** Adj. 1. Being such in essence or effect though not formally recognized or admitted.

2. Not physically existing as such but made by software to appear to do so.

- She had been a virtual prisoner in the cabin since she had seen the snake on the porch
- A virtual library is a library that is on the computer. It does not contain physical books, but books that are all on the computer.

**Specter:** N. 1. a ghost.

2. something widely feared as a possible unpleasant or dangerous occurrence.

- Specter has two definitions. The first is just simply, a ghost. The second is a little harder to understand. This is something that is widely feared as possible, usually unpleasant and dangerous. An example of this would be the zombie apocalypse. Many people fear it, it would definitely be unpleasant, and it would be dangerous. All of the hype around zombies right now makes for a “zombie specter”.