**UNIT 3**

**The Future of Reading in Online Revolution**

**Academic words from the NAWL list in “The Future of Reading…”**

**collective (adj)**

**Definition:** shared or made by every member of a group or society

The decision to launch nuclear weapons must be collective.

**Word Forms:**

collective X individual

collectively (adv)

**Collocations:**

**collective + noun**

decision

responsibility

**Example Sentence:**

* Closing some branches of the bank in some small cities was a collective decision made by all board members.
* We have collective responsibility to save the environment for future generations.

**entrant (n)** countable

**Definition:**  newcomer or participant

Davis was selected from 200,000 entrants to win the trip to the Super Bowl.

Renting state-owned lands to locals at a low cost may encourage new entrants to farming.

**Collocations:**

**adjective + entrant**

new

potential

**Example Sentence:**

* Many executives who leave their jobs transfer to other executive or managerial positions, limiting openings for new entrants.
* Firms may use advertising to defend their existing position or to signal to potential entrants that intrusions will be challenged.

**fundamentally (adv)**

**Definition:** in every way that is important or basic

The danger to our planet is that natural processes are being fundamentally altered by human activities.

**Word Forms:**

fundamental (adj)

fundamentals (n)

**Collocations:**

**fundamentally + adjective**

wrong

different

**Example Sentence:**

* The conclusions of the report are fundamentally wrong.
* The political culture of the US is fundamentally different.

**grasp (v)**

**Definition:** to completely understand a fact or an idea, especially a complicated one

At that time of the emergency, we did not fully grasp the significance of what had happened.

**Collocations:**

**grasp + adverb**

fully

quickly

**Example Sentence:**

* Fame has come suddenly, and Peyton is finding it hard to grasp.
* Science lessons should be taught in a way that makes the material easier to grasp.
* Obviously, she had barely grasped the subject.

**sophisticated (adj)**

**Definition:** very well designed and very advanced, works in a complicated way

In Roman times, a sophisticated technology brought running water into private homes and public bathhouses.

Graphic designers use sophisticated software to design visual materials.

**Collocations:**

**adverb + sophisticated sophisticated + noun**

highly computer

method

technology

system

**Example Sentence:**

* The rescue team use highly sophisticated technology and equipment to find survivors.
* The highly sophisticated broadcasting industry offers new ways of measuring current public behavior.

**widespread (adj)**

**Definition:** existing or happening in many places or situations, or among many people

A few years ago, the avian flu was widespread throughout the world.

Latest report shows that drug use is even more widespread among teenagers than it is thought.

**Collocations:**

**widespread + noun**

use

support

acceptance

criticism

**Example Sentence:**

* Ethiopia was suffering widespread famine and disease.
* Government corruption is widespread in the country.
* Heavy rains have led to the most widespread flooding in a decade