

sermon, *n.* a speech for the purpose of religious instruction

shrine, *n.* a place that people visit to remember or worship a god or religious figure

smug, *adj.* feeling confident and superior

solitude, *n.* being alone

sophisticated, *adj.* complex

spiral, *adj.* long and winding

stalking, *v.* hunting for

storehouses, *n.* warehouses; places where things are stored

subtly, *adv.* in a way that is complicated and pleasant

suppressed, *v.* kept a feeling inside

T

tactics, *n.* procedures employed to gain success

three-pronged, *adj.* three-part

thwarted, *v.* prevented from accomplishing something

tranquility, *n.* a state of calm

traumatic, *adj.* emotionally painful

triumphant, *adj.* victorious

truce, *n.* an agreement that puts an end to fighting

twinge, *n.* a sudden, sharp feeling or emotion

U

unbearable, *adj.* unable to be tolerated

unity, *n.* absence of disagreement

V

valiant, *adj.* brave

vulnerable, *adj.* weak; helpless

W

waned, *v.* faded

wares, *n.* goods or products that a merchant or shop sells