

Reading Vocabulary Lesson 4-5 (part 2)

- **Authoritarian** (uh thor ih TAIR ee un) adj. having or expecting complete obedience (p. 484) Workers were annoyed by the boss's authoritarian style.
- **Ultimately** (UL tuh mut lee) adv. in the end; finally (p. 485) Ultimately, we're all responsible for our own decisions.
- **Impoverished** (im PAH vur isht) adj. reduced to poverty; very poor (p. 486) We need to try to improve the lives of the most impoverished people.
- **Mortified** (MOR tih fyd) v. greatly embarrassed; a form of the verb mortify (p. 488) Seeing his underwear drying in the backyard mortified Joe.
- **Tact** (takt) n. the ability to handle people or situations without causing bad feelings (p. 488) A person needs tact when trying to make new friends.
- **Ecstatic** (ek STAT ik) adj. filled with great joy (p. 488) My sister was ecstatic when she could afford her first car.
- **Avidly** (AV id lee) adv. eagerly; enthusiastically (p. 490) Whenever a new issue of my favorite magazine arrives, I avidly read every page.