"Acid Test" A conclusive test of the success or value of something; from the original use denoting a test for gold using nitric acid (p37)

Avail Help or benefit (p34)

Bolster Support or strengthen. (p36)

"Foundering Vessel" sinking ship (p35)

"Iron Lung" a mechanical device used to allow polio sufferers to breathe once muscle control had been lost (p36)

Juggernaut A huge, powerful, and overwhelming force (p37)

Meddle Interfere in something that is not one's concern (p37)

Misgivings A feeling of doubt or apprehension about the outcome or consequences of something (p35)

Providence God or nature as providing protective care (p35)

Rudiments The first principles of (a subject) (p38)

"Salerno Beachhead" beach in southern Italy, site of the allied invasion of Italy in World War II (p38)

Weaned Accustom (someone) to managing without something which they have become dependent on (p38)

--Definitions from Oxford Dictionary

