

Vocabulary 1.1

Acquiesce— v. To comply; submit
 benevolent —adj. Loving others and actively desirous of their well-being.
 efficacious adj. —Effective
 guile n. —Duplicity
 necrosis n. the death of part of the body.
 redolent adj. —Smelling sweet and agreeable.
 sardonic adj. Scornfully or bitterly sarcastic.
 upbraid v. To reproach as deserving blame.
 zeitgeist n. The intellectual and moral tendencies that characterize any age or epoch.
 succinct adj. Concise.
 erroneous adj. Incorrect

Vocabulary 1.2

abhorrent adj. Very repugnant; hateful.
 cursory adj. Rapid and superficial.
 denouement n. That part of a play or story in which the mystery is cleared up.
 heterogeneous adj. Consisting of dissimilar elements or ingredients of different kinds.
 leviathan n. Any large animal, as a whale.
 mitigate v. To make milder or more endurable.
 nonpareil n. One who or that which is of unequalled excellence
 pestilent adj. Having a malign influence or effect.
 quandary n. A puzzling predicament.
 ruminate v. To chew over again, as food previously swallowed and regurgitated.
 somniferous adj. Tending to produce sleep.
 winsome adj. Attractive.

Vocabulary 1.3

abscond v. To depart suddenly and secretly, as for the purpose of escaping arrest.
 ardor n. Intensity of passion or affection.
 brevity n. Shortness of duration.
 compunction n. Remorseful feeling.
 denizen n. Inhabitant.
 expostulate v. To discuss.
 gossamer adj. Flimsy.
 imbibe v. To drink or take in.
 iridescence n. A many-colored appearance.
 oblivion n. The state of having passed out of the memory or of being utterly forgotten.
 percolate v. To filter.
 quibble n. An utterly trivial distinction or objection.
 scintillate v. To emit or send forth sparks or little flashes of light.

Vocabulary 1.4

amalgamate v. To mix or blend together in a homogeneous body

zephyr n. Any soft, gentle wind.

turgid adj. Swollen.

ungainly adj. Clumsy.

vacillate v. To waver.

venal adj. Mercenary, corrupt.

presumptuous adj. Assuming too much.

reticent adj. Habitually keeping silent or being reserved in utterance.

ignominious adj. Shameful.

opulence n. Affluence.

scrupulous adj. Cautious in action for fear of doing wrong.

intrigue n. A plot or scheme, usually intended to accomplish something by secret ways.

evanescent adj. Fleeting.

Vocabulary 2.1

impetus n. — Any impulse or incentive.

pique v. To excite in a slight manner

sophistry n. Reasoning sound in appearance only, especially when designedly deceptive.

virulent adj. Exceedingly noxious or deleterious.

boorish adj. Rude.

bungle v. To execute clumsily.

derelict adj. Neglectful of obligation.

emulate v. To imitate with intent to equal or surpass.

fealty n. Loyalty.

iconoclast n. An image-breaker.

manumission n. Emancipation.

mercantile adj. Conducted or acting on business principles; commercial.

Vocabulary 2.2

acumen n. — Quickness of intellectual insight, or discernment; keenness of discrimination.

venerate v. — To cherish reverentially.

tremulous adj. — Characterized by quivering or unsteadiness.

transpire v. — To come to pass.

prevalent adj. — Of wide extent or frequent occurrence.

pervasive adj.— Thoroughly penetrating or permeating.

obsolete adj. — No longer practiced or accepted. Outdated and useless.

mediocre adj. — Ordinary.

malcontent n. — One who is dissatisfied with the existing state of affairs.

inopportune adj. — Unsuitable or inconvenient, especially as to time.

felonious adj.— Showing criminal or evil purpose.

epitaph n. — An inscription on a tomb or monument in honor or in memory of the dead.

Vocabulary 2.3

browbeat v. To overwhelm, or attempt to do so, by stern, haughty, or rude address or manner.

collusion n. A secret agreement for a wrongful purpose.

comport v. To conduct or behave (oneself).

deign v. To deem worthy of notice or account.

egregious adj. Extreme.

facetious adj. Amusingly sarcastic

heterodox adj. At variance with any commonly accepted doctrine or opinion.

latent adj. Dormant.

loquacious adj. Talkative.

minutia n. A small or unimportant particular or detail.

onus n. A burden or responsibility.

plebeian adj. Common.

squalid adj. Having a dirty, mean, poverty-stricken appearance.

Vocabulary 2.4

abase v. To lower in position, estimation, or the like; degrade.

amorphous adj. Without determinate shape.

relegate v. To send off or consign or to demote to a smaller position

timorous adj. Lacking courage.

recant v. To withdraw formally one's belief (in something previously believed or maintained).

proxy n. A person who is empowered by another to represent him or her in a given matter.

panacea n. A remedy or medicine proposed for or professing to cure all diseases.

malady n. Any physical disease or disorder, especially a chronic or deep-seated one.

intricacy n. complexity—especially in detail.

ingratiate v. To win confidence or good graces for oneself.

Vocabulary 3.1

contrite adj. Broken in spirit because of a sense of sin; feeling or expressing sorrowful guilt.

docile adj. Easy to manage.

Pariah n. A member of a degraded class; a social outcast.

obstinate n. Stubborn adherence to opinion, arising from conceit or the desire to have one's own way.

heinous adj. Odiously sinful

wantonness n. Recklessness.

sagacious adj. Able to discern and distinguish with wise perception

poignant adj. Severely painful or acute to the spirit—strong or sharp to feeling.

parity n. Equality, as of condition or rank.

irascible adj. Prone to anger.

gluttonous adj. Given to excess in eating.

extort v. To obtain by violence, threats, compulsion, or the subjection of another to some necessity.

Vocabulary 3.2**flippant** adj. Having a light, pert, trifling disposition, often sarcastic**edify** v. To build up, or strengthen, especially in morals or religion.**cynical** adj. Exhibiting moral skepticism.**cynicism** n. Contempt for the opinions of others and of what others value.**superficial** adj. Knowing and understanding only the ordinary and the obvious; shallow**vagabond** n. A wanderer**vociferous** adj. Making a loud outcry**zealot** n. One who espouses a cause or pursues an object in an immoderately partisan manner.**perfunctory** adj. Half-hearted.**malignant** adj. Evil in nature or tending to do great harm or mischief.**jargon** n. Confused, unintelligible speech or highly technical speech**idiosyncrasy** n. A mental quality or habit peculiar to an individual.**Vocabulary 3.3 — Special Edition — Latin Roots.**

Latin root	Basic meaning	Example words
-dict-	to say	contradict, dictate, diction, edict, predict
-duc-	to lead, bring, take	deduce, produce, reduce
-gress-	to walk	digress, progress, transgress
-ject-	to throw	eject, inject, interject, project, reject, subject
-pel-	to drive	compel, dispel, impel, repel
-pend-	to hang	append, depend, impend, pendant, pendulum
-port-	to carry	comport, deport, export, import, report, support
-scrib-, -script-	to write	describe, description, prescribe, prescription, subscribe, subscription, transcribe, transcription
-tract-	to pull, drag, draw	attract, contract, detract, extract, protract, retract, traction
-vert-	to turn	convert, divert, invert, revert

Vocabulary 3.4

acid adj. Harshly pungent or bitter.

buoyant adj. Having the power or tendency to float or keep afloat.

circumspect adj. Showing watchfulness, caution, or careful consideration.

debonair adj. Having gentle or courteous bearing or manner.

encumber v. To impede with obstacles.

furtive adj. Stealthy or sly, like the actions of a thief.

gradation n. A step, degree, rank, or relative position in an order or series.

honorarium n. A token fee or payment to a professional man for services.

inception n. The beginning.

juxtapose v. To place close together.

lackadaisical adj. Listless.

meliorate v. To make better or improve, as in quality or social or physical condition.

nefarious adj. Wicked in the extreme.

Vocabulary 4.1

carouse v. To drink deeply and in boisterous or jovial manner.

languid adj. Relaxed.

odious adj. Hateful.

posit v. To present in an orderly manner.

stringent adj. Rigid.

volition n. An act or exercise of will.

writhe v. To twist the body, face, or limbs or as in pain or distress.

atone v. To make amends for.

bedlam n. Madhouse.

blaspheme v. To indulge in profane oaths.

cabal n. A number of persons secretly united for effecting by intrigue some private purpose.