

Eng 10 H Vocabulary: Group C, Set Four

- 1) **Preeminent** (adj.) - surpassing all others; very distinguished in some way
"She is the world's preeminent expert on particle physics."
- 2) **Circuitous** (adj.) - (of a route or journey) longer than the most direct way; roundabout
"Their circuitous path home added several additional hours to their journey."
- 3) **Deleterious** (adj.) - causing harm or damage
"The lack of sleep can also have a deleterious effect on the body's ability to recuperate from exercise, injury, surgery or illness."
- 4) **Digression** (n.) - a temporary departure from the main subject in speech or writing
"My professor seemed to delight in digressions, making it difficult to follow her lectures."
- 5) **Ephemeral** (adj.) - lasting for a short period of time
"The disease's effects, though unpleasant, were ephemeral."
- 6) **Commiserate** (v.) - express or feel sympathy or pity; sympathize
"We commiserated with Jane over the loss of her grandmother."
- 7) **Hackneyed** (adj.) - (of a phrase or idea) lacking significance through having been overused; unoriginal
"Far from being trenchant and incisive, his comments were hackneyed."
- 8) **Mundane** (adj.) - lacking interest or excitement; dull
"After spending a week in the arctic, it was difficult to return to our mundane existence."
- 9) **Novice** (n.) - a person new to or inexperienced in a field or situation
"Although she was a novice in the field, her insights were incisive."
- 10) **Opulent** (adj.) - ostentatiously rich and luxurious or lavish
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- 11) **Sere** (adj.) - dried or withered
"The desert was edged with sere vegetation."
- 12) **Pernicious** (adj.) - having a harmful effect, especially in a gradual, subtle or unobserved way
"The weed spread perniciously in their garden."
- 13) **Sagacious** (adj.) - having or showing keen mental discernment and good judgement; shrewd
"A brilliant chess player, he was renowned for his sagacious opening moves."

14) **Zealot** (n.) - a person who is fanatical and uncompromising in pursuit of their religious, political, or other ideals

"I admired his ardor, but he was, in the final analysis, little more than a zealot."

15) **Ardor** (n.) - enthusiasm or passion for something

"Despite the setbacks we had experienced, my ardor was undiminished."