

Eng 10 H Vocabulary: Group A, Set Seven

- 1) **Abide** (v.) - accept or act in accordance with (a rule, decision, or recommendation)
Usage note: often used with the preposition "by."
"Although I don't agree with it, I will abide by the judge's decision."
- 2) **Precipitate** (v.) - cause (an event or situation, typically one that is bad or undesirable) to happen suddenly, unexpectedly, or prematurely
"The news that the politician lied under oath precipitated a crisis for the new administration."
- 3) **Aplomb** (n.) - self-confidence or assurance, especially when in a demanding situation
Usage note: often used with the preposition "with."
"No matter how difficult the situation, she always carried on with aplomb."
- 4) **Apathy** (n.) - lack of interest, enthusiasm, or concern
"The students' apathy for this topic was evident to the teacher."
- 5) **Fulminate** (v.) - express vehement protest
Usage note: often used with the preposition "against."
"The students fulminated against the continued focus on this topic."
- 6) **Chasten** (v.) - (of a rebuke or misfortune) have a restraining or moderating effect on
"The student was chastened by the string of poor grades in Math."
- 7) **Rife** (adj.) - (especially of something undesirable or unpleasant) common or widespread
"Unfortunately, politics in those days was rife with corruption."
- 8) **Paucity** (n.) - the presence of something only in small or insufficient quantities or amounts; scarcity
"We attempted to make sense of the situation, but the paucity of information complicated out efforts."
- 9) **Nugatory** (adj.) - of no value or importance; useless or futile
"If you don't want your comments to be vague and nugatory, consider actually reading the book."
- 10) **Superannuated** (adj.) - obsolete through age, new technology or intellectual development
"With the grant we received, we can replace our superannuated computers."
- 11) **Inviolable** (adj.) - never to be broken, infringed, or dishonored
"He had one inviolable rule: don't arrive late to his class."

12) **Toil** (v.) - work extremely hard or incessantly

(n.) - exhausting physical labor

"The inventor toiled away for years to perfect the algorithm."

13) **Exculpate** (v.) - show or declare that someone is not guilty of wrongdoing

"The new evidence helped to exculpate the defendant."

14) **Obsequious** (adj.) - marked by or exhibiting a fawning attentiveness

"Hoping to please everyone, she developed obsequious manners."

15) **Querulous** (adj.) - habitually complaining

"The bus ride was made miserable by a couple of querulous passengers seated in back."