

Eng 10 H Vocabulary: Group D, Set Two

- 1) **Impugn** (v.) - oppose or attack as false or lacking integrity; call into question
“The district attorney sought to impugn the defendant’s character.”
- 2) **Invective** (n.) - insulting or abusive language
“Sally’s children sat transfixed as she hurled curses and invective at the driver who heedlessly cut her off in traffic.”
- 3) **Transfix** (v.) - cause someone to become motionless with horror, wonder, or astonishment
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- 4) **Begrudge** (v.) - to give or concede reluctantly or with displeasure; to look upon with disapproval or envy
“Try as she might, Sally couldn’t help but begrudge her rival’s success.”
- 5) **Reciprocity** (n.) - a mutual exchange
“In an act of reciprocity, Jen gave me a book after I gave her a scarf.”
- 6) **Quixotic** (adj.) - dreamily impulsive and unpredictable; fanciful
“Charlotte’s quixotic moods mean we never know to she’ll react to bad news.”
- 7) **Provincial** (adj.) - belonging to a particular area; a person of limited or restricted interests or outlook
“The provincial newspaper rarely discussed events beyond the neighborhood.”
- 8) **Precarious** (adj.) - dependent upon the will of another; unsure
“Stan was thoroughly tired of being forced to live the precarious life of a door-to-door salesperson.”
- 9) **Interminable** (adj.) - annoyingly long
“The four-hour-long lecture seemed interminable.”
- 10) **Gaffe** (n.) - a social blunder
“Mr. Giorgi made the embarrassing gaffe of publicly mispronouncing the principal’s name.”
- 11) **Implacable** (adj.) - not to be appeased or pacified
“An implacable opponent, Bobby was aggressive even after the matcht.”

12) **Immaterial** (adj.) - of no consequence; unimportant

"The score of the game is immaterial; what matters is that my team won."

13) **Ostentatious** (adj.) - intended to attract attention or notice

"The wedding decorations were so ostentatious that we almost overlooked the bride."

14) **Flippant** (adj.) - frivolously disrespectful

"Sandy's flippant comments covered up her disappointment."

15) **Felicitous** (adj.) - apt or appropriate for the occasion

"The hostess's felicitous comments put her guests at ease."