

Am Lit H Vocabulary: Group A, Set Six

- 1) **Abate** (v.) - (of something perceived as hostile, threatening, or negative) become less intense or widespread
"Mercifully, the storm abated as it reached the coast."
- 2) **Lackadaisical** (adj.) - lacking enthusiasm or determination; carelessly lazy
"He measured in a lackadaisical manner. As a result, his furniture never sat squarely on the ground."
- 3) **Corpulent** (adj.) - excessively fat
"The soldiers situated at the front seethed with anger at the thought of corpulent generals living comfortably at headquarters while they risked their lives."
- 4) **Sardonic** (adj.) - disdainfully or skeptically humorous; derisively mocking
Note: *Sardonic* is an adjective describing dry, understated, and sort of mocking speech or writing—such as a clever remark that stings because it's so accurate. While sardonic comments seem slightly hostile, they are supposed to be witty and humorous rather than deeply hurtful.
Sardonic lines are delivered with a completely straight face, as though it isn't supposed to be funny and the speaker isn't thinking about it.

"But all of the lads have asked the name of my tailor."

"Doubtless with intention of avoiding him, sir," he added with a sardonic note.
- 5) **Conflate** (v.) - combine (two or more text, ideas, etc.) into one
"Be sure not to conflate gossip with real news."
- 6) **Callow** (adj.) - lacking adult sophistication
"The callow youth made several disparaging remarks about the art exhibit."
- 7) **Restive** (adj.) - (of a person) unable to keep still or silent and becoming increasingly difficult to control, especially because of impatience, dissatisfaction, or boredom
"After years of patiently entreating the principal, the students became restive on account of his apparent lack of interest in improving the quality of the food served in the cafeteria."
- 8) **Remonstrate** (v.) - make a forcefully reproachful protest; to say or plead in protest
Usage note: frequently used with the preposition "with."
"The restive students began to remonstrate with the principal on account of the low quality food."

- 9) **Probity** (n.) - adherence to the highest principles and ideals
“As leader of the student protest, she won renown for her dedication, organization, and unswerving probity.”
- 10) **Plaudit** (n.) - an expression of praise or approval; acclaim
“She won many plaudits for her advocacy on behalf of the aggrieved students.”
- 11) **Antipathy** (n.) - a deep-seated feeling of dislike; aversion
“The conservative congressman expressed a thoroughgoing antipathy to all things related to communism.”
- 12) **Indolent** (adj.) - averse to activity, effort, or movement; lazy
“The indolent, callow youth divided his time roughly equally between loafing on the couch and posting snarky comments on facebook. He delighted in trolling baby boomers.”
- 13) **Derisive** (adj.) - expressing contempt or ridicule
“The indolent, callow youth greeted any attempt by baby boomers to respond to his remarks with a harsh, derisive laugh.”
- 14) **Turgid** (adj.) - excessively embellished in style or language; pompous
“The turgid style the student adopted in the research paper made the teacher groan inwardly.”
- 15) **Risible** (adj.) - arousing or provoking laughter
“Mr. Giorgi! Your understanding of our generation is either risible or repellant, depending on what you meant by your last statement.”