

Vocabulary: Group A, Set Two

- 1) **Surfeit** (n.) - an excessive amount of something; an oversupply
Usage note: Almost exclusively followed by the preposition "of"
"I likely gained one ten pounds in weight from a surfeit of Cheetos and Ding Dongs."
- 2) **Ambulatory** (adj.) - able to walk about; not bedridden
"After he was completely healed, Stephen was 100% ambulatory."
- 3) **Approbation** (n.) - approval or praise
"At the time, it was important to me to gain the teacher's approbation."
- 4) **Opprobrium** (n.) - harsh criticism; public disgrace arising from someone's shameful conduct.
"He fully deserved the opprobrium heaped on him for his behavior."
- 5) **Bellicose** (adj.) - warlike; aggressive
"Bill's bellicose behavior set everyone on edge."
- 6) **Bilk** (v.) - defraud; deceive; hoodwink
"He bilked us out of all our money."
- 7) **Breach** (v.) - act of breaking; violation
"With their final attack, they breached our outer defences."
- 8) **Capacious** (adj.) - large; roomy; extensive
"The harbor is capacious and secure, with a sufficient depth of water for the largest ships."
- 9) **Celerity** (adj.) - swift of movement; speedy
"If I ask you to move, I ask you to move with purposeful celerity."
- 10) **Alacrity** (adj.) - cheerful promptness or readiness
"The coach was mightily impressed: the team took to the field with alacrity."
- 11) **Decadence** (n.) - moral or cultural decline as characterized by excessive indulgence in pleasure or luxury.
"I objected to the style of his living room. It smacked of decadence."
- 12) **Didactic** (adj.) - intended to teach, particularly having a moral instruction as an ulterior motive
"After reading the first three chapters, it became clear that the novel had a didactic slant that was designed to expose the social injustices of modern society."

13) **Perfunctory** (adj.) - (of an action or gesture) carried out with a minimum of effort or reflection

“Taking no joy in the activity, the student completed the task in a perfunctory manner.”

14) **Bemused** (adj.) - puzzled, confused, or bewildered

“It was obvious from the bemused expression on his face that Mr. Giorgi had no idea what Tik Tok was.”

15) **Trenchant** (adj.) - keen or sharp; vigorously effective and articulate

“The student’s trenchant analysis impressed the teacher mightily.”