

### Eng 10 H Vocabulary: Group C, Set Six

- 1) **Acolyte** (n.) - one who assists a member of the clergy in a liturgical service by performing minor services; one who attends or serves a leader; follower  
“The busy celebrity hired one of her superfans as an acolyte who would be there to take her to the airport.”
- 2) **Fealty** (n.) - a feudal vassal's sworn loyalty to a lord; intense fidelity (faithfulness) to someone or something  
“When the president took the oath of office, he pledged his fealty to the nation.”
- 3) **Purport** (v.) - to have the often specious appearance of being, intending, or claiming something inferred or implied; claim  
“The book purports to be an objective analysis of the event, but it was clear that the author had an ideological axe to grind.”
- 4) **Machination** (n.) - a scheming or crafty action or artful design intended to accomplish some usually evil end  
“The company's financial machinations, though successful for a time, eventually came to light.”
- 5) **Pander** (v.) - to do or provide what someone wants or demands even though it is not good, proper, or reasonable; provide gratification for someone else's desires  
“The new action film pandered to the franchise's most ardent fans; casual viewers hated it.”
- 6) **Placate** (v.) - to soothe or mollify especially by concessions  
“George, clueless George, believed that he could placate his wife by buying her a piece of jewelry. She rebuffed his clumsy attempt.”
- 7) **Occlude** (v.) - to close up or block off  
“A barrier was erected to occlude the gruesome scene from the public's view.”
- 8) **Exacerbate** (v.) - to make a bad situation or problem worse  
“His ill-timed announcement did not merely exacerbated this situation, it ruined it.”
- 9) **Deter** (v.) - to cause someone to decide not to do something  
“Although they desperately wanted a house, they were deterred by the price.”
- 10) **Accretion** (n.) - the gradual growth or enlargement by a gradual increase  
“The slow accretion of scientific knowledge over the centuries has turned into an avalanche.”

11) **Febrile** (adj.) - marked or caused by fever

“News works seemed to flow effortlessly from his febrile imagination.”

12) **Apostasy** (n.) - an act of refusing to continue to follow, obey, or recognize a religious faith; abandonment of a previous loyalty; defection

“For most true believers, though, the latter option—choosing apostasy, which is a kind of self-exile—is not really an option at all.”

13) **Truncate** (v.) - to shorten by or as if by cutting off

“A truncated version of the 11 o’clock news followed the awards show, which ran over its allotted time slot.”

14) **Underpin** (v.) - support, substantiate

“He presented his figures to underpin his thesis.”

15) **Oblique** (adj.) - neither parallel nor at a right angle to a specified or implied line; slanting

“Fortunately, the ball travelled along an oblique line, producing only a glancing blow to the player’s helmet.”