

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

- 1) **Mawkish** (adj.) - sentimental in a feeble or sickly way; exaggeratedly or childishly emotional  
"I know that he intended for his poem to be profound and moving, but I found it mawkish and simplistic."
- 2) **Exude** (v.) - to cause to ooze out or spread in all directions; to display conspicuously or abundantly  
"Having aced all of his first semester courses, he exuded confidence."
- 3) **Tenet** (adj.) - a principle or belief, especially one of the main principles of a religion or philosophy  
"One of the central tenets of neoliberal capitalism is to maximize shareholder value."
- 4) **Relish** (v.) - enjoy immensely  
"I would relish the opportunity to discuss this matter with you further."
- 5) **Contrite** (adj.) - feeling or expressing pain or remorse for sin or offence  
"Josh's dad decided that he didn't need to punish his son; he was obviously contrite about his involvement in the event."
- 6) **Malign** (v.) - speak about (someone) in a spitefully critical manner  
"Don't you dare malign her character in my presence."
- 7) **Onerous** (adj.) - burdensome or difficult to endure  
"Though the task was onerous, he completed it with aplomb."
- 8) **Inimical** (adj.) - tending to obstruct or cause harm; hostile  
"The president introduced a raft of new legislation that some considered inimical to individual liberty."
- 9) **Desiccated** (adj.) - thoroughly dried out; drained of emotional or intellectual vigor or vitality  
"The desiccated landscape seemed to throb with heat."
- 10) **Asceticism** (v.) - severe self-discipline and avoidance of all forms of indulgence, typically for religious reasons  
"He became a monk and practiced asceticism to such a degree that he became ill."
- 11) **Posthumus** (adj.) - after death  
"He was awarded the medal posthumously."

12) **Mercurial** (adj.) - (of a person) subject to sudden or unpredictable changes of mood or mind

“Mr. Childress’ mercurial manner unnerved his 2nd grade students.”

13) **Incorrigible** (adj.) - impervious to correction or punishment

“My daughter’s behavior is incorrigible; I might have to ground her for a year.”

14) **Philanderer** (n.) - a man readily or frequently enters into casual sexual relationships with women; a womanizer

“Jane knew that her husband was a serial philanderer, so she demanded a divorce.”

15) **Sanctimonious** (adj.) - excessively or hypocritically pious

“Even though the pastor had been caught shoplifting, he still had the nerve to act sanctimoniously in front of the congregation.”