

Eng 10 H Vocabulary: Group B, Set Two

- 1) **Furtive** (adj.) - attempting to avoid notice or attention, typically because of guilt or a belief that discovery would lead to trouble; secretive
“When the teacher turned his back, the cheating student cast a furtive glance at his neighbor’s test paper.”
- 2) **Fetid** (adj.) - smelling extremely unpleasant
“The fetid water at low tide made my stomach turn.”
- 3) **Feckless** (adj.) - lacking initiative or strength of character; irresponsible
“They viewed the unhoused gentleman--wrongly in my opinion--as a feckless ne’er-do-well.”
- 4) **Wanton** (adj.) - (of a cruel or violent action) deliberate and unprovoked
“Since the security camera failed to pick up who was responsible for the wanton destruction of the library, the university hired a guard.”
- 5) **Wan** (adj.) - (of a person’s complexion or appearance) pale and giving the expression of illness or exhaustion or unhappiness
“After toiling for hours, he looked fragile and wan.”
- 6) **Conscientious** (adj.) - characterized by extreme care and great effort
“A conscientious student, they regularly submitted high quality work.”
- 7) **Prolix** (adj.) - (of speech or writing) tediously wordy; verbose
“The prolix nature of the paper made it difficult to discern the main point.”
- 8) **Intimation** (n.) - a subtle or slight indication or hint
“There was no intimation from the doctor that she was seriously ill.”
- 9) **Contiguous** (adj.) - sharing a common border; touching
“California is contiguous with Oregon, but not Washington.”
- 10) **Interpose** (v.) - place or insert one thing between another
(Usage note: frequently used with preposition “between.”)
“The coach interposed herself between the arguing players.”
- 11) **Languid** (adj.) - lacking spirit or liveliness
“The excessive heat made her languid and quiet.”
- 12) **Strident** (adj.) - lacking imagination, foresight, or intellectual insight
“Yes or no: that’s a slightly myopic way to view this debate.”

13) **Vacuous** (adj.) - having or showing a lack of thought or intelligence; mindless

"He was about fifty years of age, clean shaven, with vacuous eyes and a weak mouth."

14) **Din** (n.) - loud, hard, or strident noise

"We had a hard time communicating over the din of the crowd."

15) **Somnambulate** (v.) - to walk in one's sleep; sleepwalking

"The exhausted students somnambulated through the first period of the day."