

Eng 10 H Vocabulary: Group E, Set Three

- 1) **Choleric** (adj.) - easily moved to often unreasonable or excessive anger
“On account of his choleric temperament, Mr. Smith was prone to intemperate outbursts.”
- 2) **Neologism** (n.) - a new word, usage, or expression
“‘So I just grabbed his phone and yeeted it into the river,’ explained Mr. Giorgi. His students regarded him with stony expressions, singularly unimpressed with his feeble attempt to appropriate this neologism.”
- 3) **Boorish** (adj.) - resembling or befitting a boor (as in crude insensitivity)
“That boorish behavior might pass in the lockerroom, but it won’t do here!”
- 4) **Rapacious** (adj.) - aggressively greedy or grasping
“Our rapacious landlords raised the rent again. This marks the third time in four years.”
- 5) **Visceral** (adj.) - relating to deep inward feelings rather than to the intellect
“Although she knew that they were largely harmless, Sarah had a visceral dislike of spiders.”
- 6) **Wry** (adj.) - using or expressing dry, especially mocking, humor
“When I asked her after winning the race, she gave me a wry smile and said, ‘pretty tired.’”
- 7) **Discreet** (adj.) - careful and circumspect in one’s speech or actions, especially in order to avoid causing offense or to gain an advantage
“Given his propensity for being caught engaging in illicit activities, I warned him: ‘you’ve got to be more discreet in your indiscretions.’”
- 8) **Discrete** (adj.) - individually separate and distinct
“You’re conflating these two ideas, but they’re actually discrete.”
- 9) **Tenuous** (adj.) - very weak or slight
“Her abysmal test results indicated that her understanding of the material was tenuous at best.”
- 10) **Vicissitude** (n.) - the quality of being changeable; a change of circumstance or fortune that occurs by chance
“The vicissitudes of daily life convinced Mr. Bower that planning for the future was fruitless.”
- 11) **Tirade**(n.) - a long, angry speech of criticism or accusation
“Mr. Bower’s halftime speech was little more than an expletive-filled tirade.”

12) **Travesty** (n.) - a debased, distorted, or grossly inferior imitation of

"The acquittal represented nothing less than a travesty of justice."

13) **Acumen** (n.) - the ability to make good judgments and quick decisions, typically in a particular domain; savvy

"Corporate lawyers with business acumen are invaluable to any firm."

14) **Ilk** (n.) - sort or kind

"I'm tired of you and your ilk!"

15) **Sybarite** (n.) - a person who is self-indulgent in their fondness for sensuous luxury

"His sybaritic inclinations rendered him unfit for the position of treasurer."