

Eng 10 H Vocabulary: Group D, Set Three

- 1) **Picayune** (adj.) - trivial; of little value or importance; petty
"I didn't want to seem picayune by criticizing Sarah's minor grammatical mistakes during her speech."
- 2) **Perfunctory** (adj.) - (of an action or gesture) performed with a minimum of effort or reflection
"A perfunctory inspection of the locker revealed nothing out of the ordinary."
- 3) **Perfidy** (n.) - deliberate breach of trust
"Jason's perfidy was obvious when he was caught driving his dad's car without permission."
- 4) **Tenable** (adj.) - capable of being maintained against attack or dispute
"The fort was constructed on top of a hill, making it a tenable outpost in case of attack."
- 5) **Dire** (adj.) - hopeless and dangerous or fearful
"When the police didn't explain right away what was happening, Jane knew that the situation must be dire."
- 6) **Tractable** (adj.) - easily managed or controlled; yielding; docile
"The tractable group of kids was talked into staying out after curfew."
- 7) **Ambivalent** (adj.) - uncertainty or fluctuation; mixed feelings
"Gretchen was ambivalent about going to the beach on a windy day."
- 8) **Facetious** (adj.) - not meant seriously or literally
"I was being facetious when I said that I loved your jeans with the huge rips in them."
- 9) **Penchant** (n.) - a strong inclination or liking; tendency
"Nora has a penchant for eating all the cookie dough before it's baked."
- 10) **Lament** (v.) - to feel or express sorrow or grief
"Jasmine lamented the closing of her favorite restaurant."
- 11) **Recrimination** (n.) - a retaliatory accusation
"Accusations and recriminations passed back and forth between the divorcing couple."
- 12) **Prosaic** (adj.) - commonplace or dull; unimaginative
"Dolores used prosaic passwords, so it was easy to hack her email accounts."

13) Prophetic (adj.) - having the abilities of a prophet; being able to predict what will happen
"I had a prophetic dream that I'd one day win the Pulitzer prize."

14) Prevalent (adj.) - widespread
"Mosquitoes are prevalent here."

15) Wistful (adj.) - characterized by melancholy, longing
"Katrina gets a wistful feeling every time she hears songs from her childhood."