

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

- 1) **Sedulous** (adj.) - diligent in application or pursuit  
"Manchin has been such a sedulous supporter of fossil fuel industry, some have suggested that he is on the take."
- 2) **Frugal** (adj.) - sparing or economical with regard to money or food  
"My grandmother was a frugal shopper; she bought only those items that were on sale."
- 3) **Disdain** (n.) - the feeling that someone or something is unworthy of one's consideration or respect; contempt  
"At the sight of the pitiable youth, her lip curled in disdain."
- 4) **Churlish** (adj.) - marked by a lack of civility or graciousness; difficult to work with  
"Sometimes childish, frequently sullen and occasionally downright churlish, Stephen tested the patience of his parents."
- 5) **Paragon** (n.) - a model of excellence or perfection  
"Owing to her unblemished record, she was considered a paragon of virtue!"
- 6) **Deviate** (v.) - stray from an established course or norm  
"Owing to his deviationist tendencies, he was considered to be somewhat of a rebel."
- 7) **Maverick** (n.) - an independent individual who does not go along with the group  
"Owing to his deviationist tendencies, Al's friends referred to him as a maverick."
- 8) **Scurrilous** (adj.) - using or given to coarse language; vulgar  
"The hoodlums defiled the church with their scurrilous language."
- 9) **Stickler** (n.) - one who insists on exactness or completeness  
"A stickler for the rules, she insisted that all students remain seated until the bell rang."
- 10) **Atavism** (n.) - recurrence of or reversion to a past style, manner, outlook, approach, or activity  
"Ruby's red locks were seen as atavism since her great-grandmother had the same red hue."
- 11) **Clemency** (n.) - a disposition to be merciful or to moderate the severity of punishment due  
"The clearly guilty criminal begged for the judge's clemency."

12) **Atrophy** (v.) - a wasting away or progressive decline

"An ability may atrophy is not used."

13) **Guffaw** (n.) - a loud or boisterous outburst of laughter

"The new joke passed from student to student, producing instant guffaws each time it was told."

14) **Serration** (n.) - a toothed formation resembling the toothed edge of a saw

"The knife's micro serrations enable it to cut bread so easily."

15) **Waffle** (v.) - to vacillate or waver in mind, will, or feeling

"With uncertain feelings about the issue, he waffled during the debate."