

Eng 10 H Vocabulary: Group C, Set Two

- 1) **Contumacious** (adj.) - (especially of a defendant's behavior) stubbornly or willfully disobedient of authority.
"The fractious miners, contumacious on their best day, were itching for a fight with the federal authorities."
- 2) **Trite** (adj.) - (of a remark, opinion, or ideat) overused and consequently of little import; lacking originality or freshness; stale
"Their trite commentary left the professor wholly unimpressed."
- 3) **Derelict** (adj.) - in a very poor condition as a result of disuse or neglect
"The mechanic immediately recognized that the derelict car would require an extensive overhaul to be roadworthy."
- 4) **Hubris** (adj.) - excessive pride or overconfidence
"Many Greek heroes were undone by their hubris."
- 5) **Carapace** (n.) - the hard upper shell of a turtle, crustation, or arachnid; something regarded as a protective or defensive covering
"The lobster behaved as if its carapace would shield it from all harm."
- 6) **Mottled** (adj.) - having spots or patches of color
"The bird's mottled feathers rendered it nearly invisible on the forest floor."
- 7) **Recumbent** (adj.) - lying down; in a position of comfort or rest
"The art teacher kept droning on about the inherent beauty of Modigliani's recumbent nude, but I found it distasteful."
- 8) **Brusque** (n.) - in a blunt, direct manner
"Impatient to arrive at the truth, her manner was brusque and demanding."
- 9) **Pantomime** (n.) - a performance using gestures and movements without words
"After being given a word related to birds, the contestant acted out a pantomime of a winged creature on the stage."
- 10) **Scoff** (v.) - laugh at with contempt or derision
"A seasoned veteran, the lieutenant scoffed at the idea advanced by the private ."
- 11) **Mein** (n.) - a person's look or manner, especially one of a particular kind indicating their character or mood; appearance
"Her menacing mein suggested that she was no one to be trifled with."

12) **Destitute** (adj.) - poor enough to need help from others; without the basic necessities of life

"This charity cares exclusively for destitute children."

13) **Enigma** (n.) - a person or thing that is mysterious, puzzling, or difficult to understand

"Despite their years of experience, the detectives concluded that the young girl's disappearance was something of an enigma."

14) **Contort** (v.) - Twist or bend out of the normal shape

"A spasm of pain contorted his otherwise handsome face."

15) **Confide** (v.) - reveal in private; divulge secretly

"I could no longer keep this secret to myself; I decided to confide to my brother that I had wrecked dad's prized car."