

Eng 10 H Vocabulary: Group B, Set Three

- 1) **Concurrent** (adj.) - existing, happening, or done at the same time
“Jim despaired. His son and daughter had concurrent track meets in two different locations. How on earth could he be in two different places at once?”
- 2) **Nascent** (adj.) - (especially of a process or organization) just coming into existence and beginning to display signs of future potential
“Elon Musk’s nascent space program shows great promise.”
- 3) **Askance** (adj.) - with an attitude or look of suspicion or disapproval
“A thoroughly rational individual, they looked askance on any discussion that smacked of mysticism.”
- 4) **Comeuppance** (n.) - a punishment or fate that one deserves; instant karma
“Johnny, the class bully, laughed so hard after Jim tripped and fell that he dropped his icecream cone. Janey, a frequently target of Johnny’s bullying, reveled he finally got his comeuppance.”
- 5) **Vapid** (adj.) - offering nothing that is stimulating or challenging
“I wasted hours of my day watching vapid musical comedies.”
- 6) **Strident** (adj.) - harsh and loud; grating
“The strident tone of his voice revealed his anger.”
- 7) **Rejoinder** (n.) - a reply, especially a sharp or witty one
“The teacher was nonplussed by the student’s devastating rejoinder.”
- 8) **Circumspect** (adj.) - careful to consider all circumstances and possible consequences; wary
“In their business dealings, the brothers tended to be rather circumspect.”
- 9) **Infer** (v.) - deduce or conclude (information) from evidence and reasoning rather than explicit statements
“Since he was coughing yesterday, I inferred that the teacher was absent today due to illness.”
- 10) **Imply** (v.) - strongly suggest the truth of something not expressly stated
“The salesperson used fancy jargon to imply that he knew a great deal about the product.”
- 11) **Allude** (v.) - suggest or call attention to indirectly; hint at; mention without discussing at length
“She alluded to James without ever mentioning his name.”

12) **Intuit** (v.) - to understand or work out by instinct

"She intuited a connection between the two crimes."

13) **Epigone** (n.) - a less distinguished follower or imitator, especially an artist or follower

"The art critic dismiss their work as the unconvincing effort of an epigone."

14) **Dilatory** (adj.) - slow to act; intended to cause delay

"For reasons that we could not fathom, he was dilatory in naming a replacement for the head of the research department."

15) **Tentative** (adj.) - not certain or fixed; provisional; done without confidence; hesitant

"The frightened boy took a few tentative steps towards the stage."