

Eng 10 H Vocabulary: Group D, Set Seven

- 1) **Abortive** (adj.) - failing to accomplish an intended aim or purpose; only partially or imperfectly developed
“After his second abortive effort to become king, the prince fled the country.”
- 2) **Gamut** (n.) - an entire range or series
“His face was capable of expressing a gamut of emotions.”
- 3) **Imminent** (adj.) - about to happen; threatening
“The mass of tanks situated just outside the city suggested that an attack was imminent.”
- 4) **Cessation** (n.) - a stopping; ceasing
“The signing of the peace treaty brought a cessation to hostilities.”
- 5) **Fastidious** (adj.) - overly demanding or hard to please; excessively careful in regard to details
“The plant thrives in sandy soil, and is not fastidious, coming from sandy, gravelly areas”
- 6) **Clique** (n.) - a small, exclusive group of people
“The club is dominated by a small clique of do-gooders.”
- 7) **Impunity** (n.) - without punishment; freedom from punishment, harm, or loss
“With no territory to defend, the invaders could rampage with impunity.”
- 8) **Parsimonious** (adj.) - stingy, miserly
“Difficult to please, the teacher was parsimonious with his praise.”
- 9) **Raze** (v.) - to lay level with the ground; demolish; overthrow; destroy
“The invading army threatened to raze the village to the ground if its citizens did not surrender immediately.”
- 10) **Flagrant** (adj.) - conspicuously bad; glaring
“The judge called the decision a “flagrant violation of international law.”
- 11) **Nominal** (adj.) - so small, slight, or the like as to be hardly worth the name
“Despite his immense wealth, Frank is a selfish man who gives only a nominal amount to charities each year.”
- 12) **Concede** (v.) - to admit, yield, give in
“Since he was trailing so much in the polls, the politician decided to concede the election.”

13) Opportunist (n.) - an individual who sacrifices principle for expediency by taking advantage of circumstances
“The sleazy hotel owner was an opportunist who took advantage of the hurricane to raise his room rates.”

14) Arbitrary (adj.) - unreasonable; based on one's own wishes or whims without regard for reason or fairness; spur of the moment
“The decision was arbitrary, based on no valid evidence.”

15) Extol (v.) - praise; glorify
“His book extolling the benefits of a vegetarian diet sold thousands of copies.”