

Eng 10 H Vocabulary: Group C, Set Five

- 1) **Fatuous** (adj.) - silly or foolish
“Geoffrey’s fatuous comment derailed the entire conversation.”
- 2) **Mendicant** (adj.) - given to begging; a beggar
“The mendicant monks live an austere life defined by asceticism.”
- 3) **Baleful** (adj.) - threatening harm; menacing; having a harmful or destructive effect
“The coach regarded the team with baleful eyes; the players were thoroughly chastened.”
- 4) **Partisan** (n./adj.) - (n.) a strong supporter of a party, cause, or person; (adj.) prejudiced in favor of a particular cause
“A decade ago, the local paper was evenhanded in its coverage, but now, it’s little more than a partisan rag.”
- 5) **Germane** (adj.) - relevant to a subject under consideration
“That’s an interesting point, but it’s not germane to the present discussion.”
- 6) **Pensive** (adj.) - engaged in, involving, or reflecting deep or serious thought
“After a moment of pensive silence, he responded to my question.”
- 7) **Lampoon** (v.) - publicly criticize (someone or something) by using ridicule, irony, or sarcasm
“Owing to his penchant for making outlandish statements, he was frequently lampooned in the press.”
- 8) **Accolade** (n.) - an award or privilege granted as a special honor or as an acknowledgement of merit
“He received several accolades for his important and pioneering research.”
- 9) **Consternation** (n.) - feelings of anxiety or dismay, typically at something unexpected
“Much to the consternation of the students, the teacher noted that pop quizzes would occur regularly during the semester.”
- 10) **inure** (v.) - to accustom to accept something undesirable
“Growing up in New England, Mr. Giorgi believed that he was inured against the cold.”
- 11) **Sinecure** (adj.) - a position requiring little or no work, but giving the holder status or financial benefit
“Requiring long hours and offering few benefits, this job was a far from being a sinecure as possible.”

12) **Tacit** (adj.) - understood or implied without being stated

“We have a tacit agreement with our enemies: neither side will commence hostilities unless provoked by the other.”

13) **Pellucid** (adj. - admitting maximum light without diffusion or distortion; clear in style or meaning; easily understood

“Her philosophical musings, though trenchant, were never difficult to grasp since she wrote in pellucid prose.”

14) **Prose**(n.) - writing that is not poetry; ordinary writing

“I did not know that my friend could write such elegant prose until he started emailing me regularly.”

15) **Epistle** (n.) - a formal or elegantly written letter

“He wrote me an epistle of his college life.”