

Eng 10 H Vocabulary: Group E, Set Two

- 1) **Phlegmatic** (adj.) - (of a person) having an unemotional and stolidly calm disposition
"Though normally phlegmatic, Niles was becoming increasingly alarmed."
- 2) **Intransigent** (adj.) - characterized by a refusal to compromise or abandon an extreme position or attitude
"On account of his intransigence, he's frequently referred to as pig-headed."
- 3) **Attenuate** (v.) - reduce in thickness, density, or force; diminish
"You cannot eliminate the risk but, through extensive training, you could attenuate it."
- 4) **Parody** (n./v.) - a feeble or ridiculous imitation of something; to produce a humorously exaggerated imitation of (something or someone)
"On account of the fact that the guest lecturer took himself so seriously, he was easy to parody."
- 5) **Cloister** (v.) - provide shelter from contact with the outside world
"Since her existence at the private school was so cloistered, she knew little about contemporary music."
- 6) **Propensity** (n.) - an often intense natural inclination or preference
"On hot days, dad had a propensity for walking around in his shorts and flipflops. It wasn't a good look."
- 7) **Gullible** (adj.) - easily duped or cheated
"He was a gullible fool; as a result, he quickly lost his fortune."
- 8) **Hallow** (v.) - to make holy or set apart for holy use
"We will bury the bone in hallowed ground."
- 9) **Commandeer** (v.) - to compel to perform military service; to take arbitrary or forcible possession of
"In desperate need of transportation to the front lines, the soldiers commandeered our bus."
- 10) **Interloper** (n.) - one who becomes involved in a place or situation where they are not wanted or are considered not to belong; intruder
"The security team was unable to prevent the interloper from getting on stage during the ceremony."
- 11) **Unctuous** (adj.) - (of a person) excessively or ingratiatingly flattering; oily
"Disgusted by his unctuous compliments, Sally flatly refused to go out with him."

12) **Lickspittle** (n.) - a person who behaves obsequiously to those in power or authority
“*News Hour with Jim Bower* is a partisan news program whose host is more of a lickspittle for the White House than a serious journalist.”

13) **Exact** (v.) - demand and obtain (something, especially payment) from someone
“They would not stop until they had exacted revenge.”

14) **Indemnify** (v.) - compensate someone for harm or loss; secure (someone) against legal liability for their actions
“The insurance company will indemnify the owner in the event of loss.”

15) **Evoke** (v.) - to call forth or up
“The old house evoked memories from his childhood.”