

Eng 10 H Vocabulary: Group A, Set Five

- 1) **Impecunious** (adj.) - having little or no money
“They were a respected family, but they were impecunious.”
- 2) **Desultory** (adj.) - lacking a plan, purpose, or enthusiasm
“It was late at night, and there were only a handful of people at the club, dancing in a desultory fashion.”

“Burnt out from the exam on Tuesday, the students limped through a desultory study session on Wednesday.”
- 3) **Magnanimous** (adj.) - generous or forgiving, especially toward a rival or less powerful person
“We should have been magnanimous in victory, but we couldn’t help but rub it in: they had beaten us too many times for us to be in a generous spirit.”
- 4) **Enervate** (v.) - to cause someone to feel drained of energy or vitality; weaken
“Ascending the steep cliff was an enervating experience.”
- 5) **Mollify** (v.) - to appease the anger or anxiety of someone
“Traffic lights were placed at the intersection of G Street and 2nd Street to mollify the concerned pedestrians.”
- 6) **Fabulist** (n.) - a creator or writer of fables; a liar, especially a person who invents elaborate, dishonest stories
“An accomplished fabulist, she sought to get out of trouble by spinning convincing, but ultimately spurious tales about her whereabouts on the evening in question.”
- 7) **Sclerotic** (adj.) - (medical) of, relating to, or affected by sclerosis; growing rigid or unresponsive especially with age; unable or reluctant to adapt or compromise
“Accustomed to years of success with little effort, the management team became sclerotic and unimaginative.”
- 8) **Demotic** (adj.) - denoting or relating to the language used by the ordinary people; popular or colloquial
“Having spent several joyless years studying the rarified language of learned specialists, she retained a special fondness for the demotic references made on *American Idol*.”
- 9) **Lurid** (adj.) - very vivid in color, especially so as to create an harsh or unnatural effect
“I know that you’re a fan of the series, but please spare me the lurid details of the most recent episode of *The Walking Dead*.”

- 10) **Exacerbate** (v.) - make (a problem, bad situation, or negative feeling) worse
“The fact that there were so few jobs that paid a living wage exacerbated the lingering effects of the pandemic.”
- 11) **Exorbitant** (adj.) - (of a price or amount charged) unreasonably high
“Many would-be home buyers considered the price of even a modest, starter home to be exorbitant.”
- 12) **Innocuous** (adj.) - not harmful or offensive
“No one took offense at the remarks made by the discussion leader. They were deliberately innocuous.”
- 13) **Jejune** (adj.) - naive, simplistic, and superficial
“Inwardly, the professor groaned. She was exhausted by the students’ jejune interpretations of this profound text.”
- 14) **Upbraid** (v.) - to find fault with someone; to scold
“The teacher upbraided her students for the superficial quality of their analysis.”
- 15) **Tirade** (n.) - a long, angry speech of abuse or accusation
“Furious that she lost the race, she launched into a tirade against her coach.”