

Eng 10 H Vocabulary: Group B, Set One

- 1) **Impediment** (n.) - a hindrance or obstruction in doing something; a defect in a person's speech, such as a lisp or stammer
"The country's debt has been an impediment to development."
- 2) **Abscond** (v.) - leave hurriedly and secretly, typically to avoid detection of or arrest for an unlawful
(Usage note: frequently used with the preposition "with.")
"After the robbery, thief absconded with his ill-gotten gain."
- 3) **Conciliate** (v.) - to stop (someone) from being angry or discontented; placate; pacify
"The employers attempted to conciliate the workers by increasing their wages by 10%. Unmoved by the gesture, the workers burned the factory to the ground."
- 4) **Obviate** (v.) - remove (a need or difficulty)
"Our new bicycles obviated the need for a bus pass."
- 5) **Equivocate** (v.) - use ambiguous language especially with the intent to deceive; to avoid committing oneself in what one says
"I wish he would stop equivocating and give me a definitive explanation for the cause of the debacle."
- 6) **Verbose** (adj.) - using or expressed in more words than are needed; wordy
"Legal writing is often unclear and verbose."
- 7) **Garish** (adj.) - obtrusively bright and showy; lurid
"Since my aunt like to flaunt the fact that she has quite a bit of money, she often wears garish jewelry to casual events."
- 8) **Ebullient** (adj.) - cheerful and full of energy
"The ebullient song was so uplifting that I danced in my chair."
- 9) **Irascible** (adj.) - having or showing a tendency to be easily angered
"The irascible coach was quick to show displeasure whenever one of her players failed to learn a new strategy."
- 10) **Craven** (adj.) - contemptibly lacking in courage; cowardly
"Unwilling to stand up for themselves, they cravenly accepted the pittance offered to them."
- 11) **Pittance** (n.) - a very small or inadequate amount of money paid to someone as an allowance or wage

"The pittance that the teacher earned forced him to take a second job to make ends meet."

12) **Myopic** (adj.) - lacking imagination, foresight, or intellectual insight

"Yes or no: that's a slightly myopic way to view this debate."

13) **Nonplus** (v.) - to cause to be at a loss as to what to say, do, or think; confuse; confound

"Unprepared for the test, I was nonplussed by the first questions ."

14) **Injunction** (n.) - an authoritative warning or order

"My friend issued a stern injunction: don't get caught looking at your cell phone during class; Mr. Giorgi will confiscate your phone."

15) **Efficacy** (n.) - the ability to produce the desired result; effectiveness

"Vaccines exist, but their efficacy against aerosolized plague is unknown."