

Vocabulary – 10th grade

1. Advanced Word Analysis & Etymology

- . Denotation vs. Connotation:**
Understanding subtle differences in meaning and emotional impact.
- . Latin & Greek Roots: Breaking down words to infer meaning (e.g., "omni-" = all, "cred-" = believe).**
- . Morphology: How prefixes, suffixes, and roots modify word meaning (e.g., "benevolent" → "bene-" (good) + "volent" (wishing)).**

2. Academic & SAT/ACT Vocabulary

. Abstract & Complex Terms:

- **Aberration (deviation from the norm)**
- **Capricious (unpredictable, impulsive)**
- **Equanimity (mental calmness)**
- **Disparate (essentially different)**
- **Ubiquitous (present everywhere)**
- **Reticent (reserved, reluctant to speak)**
- **Esoteric (understood by a select few)**
- **Lethargic (lacking energy)**

- **Superfluous (unnecessary, excessive)**
- **Zealous (passionately devoted)**

3. Context Clues & Inference

- **Types of Context Clues:**
 - **Definition clues: "Her reticent nature made her hesitant to share her thoughts."**
 - **Example clues: "Many philosophers explore esoteric ideas that only experts understand."**
 - **Contrast clues: "Unlike his usual energetic self, he seemed lethargic today."**

4. Advanced Synonyms & Antonyms

- **Synonyms:**

- **Capricious → Unpredictable**
- **Ubiquitous → Omnipresent**
- **Zealous → Passionate**

- **Antonyms:**

- **Reticent → Talkative**
- **Superfluous → Essential**
- **Lethargic → Energetic**

5. Vocabulary in Writing & Rhetoric

- **Precision in Word Choice: Selecting the most effective words for tone and clarity.**
- **Diction & Style: How vocabulary impacts an author's voice (formal vs. informal).**

- . Using Sophisticated Vocabulary in Essays: Applying academic words in arguments and analysis.**

6. Vocabulary Strategies & Critical Thinking

- . Analogies & Logical Connections:**
 - Ubiquitous is to rare as superfluous is to necessary.**
- . Paraphrasing & Summarizing: Expressing complex ideas in different words.**
- . Word Association & Memory Techniques: Mnemonics, visualization, and root analysis.**

7. Assessment & Application

- . In-Class Quiz: Sentence completions, analogies, and context-based questions.**
- . Homework Assignment:**
 - Choose 10 advanced words from the lesson.**
 - Write a short essay (200-250 words) incorporating at least 5 words naturally.**
 - Identify connotation shifts in 3 words based on different contexts.**