

Vocabulary for midterm eng102

ENG102 ADVANCED ENGLISH VOCABULARY LIST

IN NORWAY, GLOBAL SEED VAULT GUARDS GENETIC RESOURCES

At an/the alarming rate: (to grow) so much that it is worrying or disturbing

Flagship: 1) The **flagship** of a group of things that are owned or produced by a particular organization is the most important one. 2) A **flagship** is the most important ship in a fleet of ships, especially the one on which the commander of the fleet is sailing. 3) the best or most important one of a group or system

Backup: **Backup** consists of extra equipment, resources, or people that you can get help or support from if necessary.

Scour: 1) If you **scour** something such as a place or a book, you make a thorough search of it to try to find what you are looking for. 2) If you **scour** something such as a sink, floor, or pan, you clean its surface by rubbing it hard with something rough.

Extinct: A species of animal or plant that is **extinct** no longer has any living members, either in the world or in a particular place.

Hodgepodge: A **hodgepodge** is a mixture of all **sorts** of different things.

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Amass: If you **amass** something such as money or information, you gradually get a lot of it.

Scattershot: A **scattershot** approach or method involves doing something to a lot of things or people in a disorganized way, rather than focusing on particular things or people.

Consolidate: 1) If you **consolidate** something that you have, for example power or success, you strengthen it so that it becomes more effective or secure. 2) To **consolidate** a number of small groups or **companies** means to make them into one large organization.

On the heels of: in close pursuit of

Nonprofit: doesn't try to profit

Inevitable: unavoidable

Underscore: 1) If something such as an action or an event **underscores** another, it draws attention to the other thing and emphasizes its importance. 2) If you **underscore** something such as a word or a sentence, you draw a line underneath it in order to make people notice it or give it extra importance.

Crucial: extremely important, necessary

Harbor: 1) A **harbor** is an area of the sea at the **coast** which is **partly enclosed** by land or strong walls, so that **boats** can be left there safely. 2) If you **harbor** an **emotion**, **thought**, or **secret**, you have it in your mind over a long period of time.

Plant pests: In the **plant** world, **pests** refers to harmful organisms that latch on to **plants**, rendering them unsuitable for harvest. While most of these organisms tend to be insects, some fungi or **plants** can also be classified as **pests**.

Vulnerability: Someone who is **vulnerable** is **weak** and without **protection**, with the result that they are easily **hurt** physically or emotionally. [...]

Looters: people who steal things during a war

Vagaries: **Vagaries** are unexpected and unpredictable changes in a situation or in someone's behavior that you have no control over.

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Confronting: If you **are confronted with** a problem, task, or difficulty, you have to deal with it.

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SET IN OUR WAYS: WHY CHANGE IS SO HARD

Impulsive: People who act suddenly without thinking about it

Conduct a study/research/experiment/investigation/survey

Novelty: being new, fresh, different, interesting

Lose one's appetite

Cheer on: support, encourage

Pledge: promise, assure

Yearn for: to want something very much, desire, aspire to

Thwart: to prevent somebody from doing something they want to do

Extraversion: enjoying being with other people

Agreeableness: being friendly and pleasant

Conscientious: someone who is trying to do things carefully and correctly and be fair

The jury is still out

Conceivable: possible, imaginable, likely

Livelihood: the way someone earns money in order to live

Imbue: to fill with strong feelings, opinions or values

Competence: being able to do something very well

Sweeping (conclusions): important, extensive, comprehensive

Undertake: to do something, especially difficult

Overhaul: fix, repair

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THE KEYS TO HAPPINESS:

Wrestle: fight, contend, strive

Contend: argue, dispute, cope

Treadmill: a large wheel turned by the weight of people or animals walking on steps around its inside edge / work or a way of life that involves always doing the same things (monotonous)

Hedonism: the belief that pleasure is the most important thing in life

Chiefly: mostly

Diminish: decrease, reduce

Futile: pointless

Rewarding: fruitful, satisfying, productive

Cast about for: strive, look for

Savor: appreciate, relish

Way off: incorrect, unreliable

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STRESS FOR SUCCESS

Weigh down: overburden, hold down

Chasm: cleavage, void

Rustle: soft and dry sound

Cascade: waterfall

Hasty: rush

Retreat: move back

Lightheadedness: losing the balance, dizziness

To take heart: to find courage

Tap into: make use of

Poised to: ready to

Turnabout: U-turn

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FOREVER YOUNG: AMERICA'S OBSESSION WITH NEVER GROWING OLD & WORRYING ABOUT GETTING OLDER MIGHT BE WORSE THAN ACTUALLY GETTING OLDER

Put a premium on something: to consider something to be very important or valuable

Plethora: plenty

Virtually: practically, basically, nearly

Cutting edge: newest, latest

Constant: consistent, nonstop

Quest: to search for something, chase, journey

Coincide with: characterize with, connected to, occur with

Coveting: being greedy, desirous

To be deprived of something: lacking something

Cling to: hold tight, grasp, to refuse to stop believing something

Sentiment: feeling, attitude, opinion

Dismiss: put aside, expel, reject

Resilient: strong

Dampen: upset, depress, discomfort

Zap: to get rid of, kill

Devalued: depreciated

Apprehension: worry, fear, anxiety

Over the hill: old, no longer attractive

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WHY ARE WE OBSESSED WITH SUPERHEROES?

Box office: 1) The **box office** in a theater or concert hall is the place where the tickets are sold. 2) When people talk about **the box office**, they are referring to the degree of success of a film or play in terms of the number of people who go to watch it or the amount of money it makes.

Riveting: If you describe something as **riveting**, you mean that it is extremely interesting and exciting, and that it holds your attention completely

Morph / morphed: If one thing **morphs into** another thing, especially something very different, the first thing changes into the second.

Mere mortal: someone who's gonna die someday, only human not god.

Otherworldly: **Otherworldly** people, things, and places seem strange or spiritual, and not much connected with ordinary things.

Flaw / flawed: A **flaw in** something such as a theory or argument is a mistake in it, which causes it to be less effective or valid. 2) A **flaw in** someone's character is an undesirable quality that they have.

Score: In a sport or game, if a player **scores** a goal or a point, they gain a goal or point.

Average: An **average** is the result that you get when you add two or more numbers together and divide the total by the number of numbers you added together.

Cynical: If you are **cynical about** something, you do not believe that it can be successful or that the people involved are honest.

Straight-arrow: A **straight arrow** is someone who is very traditional, honest, and moral.

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Do-gooder: If you describe someone as a **do-gooder**, you mean that they do things which they think will help other people, although you think that they are interfering.

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Dated: **Dated** things or **ideas** seem old-fashioned, although they may once have been fashionable or modern.

Camp: A **camp** is a collection of huts and other buildings that is provided for a particular group of people, such as refugees, prisoners, or soldiers, as a place to live or stay.

Die-hard (fans): If you say that habits or attitudes **die hard**, you mean that they take a very long time to disappear or change, so that it may not be possible to get rid of them completely.

Debuted: The **debut** of a performer or sports player is their first public performance, appearance, or recording.

Debris: **Debris** is pieces from something that has been destroyed or pieces of **trash** or unwanted material that are spread around.

Spawning: 1) When fish or animals such as frogs **spawn**, they lay their eggs.

\2) If something **spawns** something else, it causes it to happen or to be created.

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Typecast: If an actor **is typecast**, they play the same type of character in every play or **movie** that they are in.

Ingrate: ungrateful

NOTE: One way to check the definitions of given terms is, of course, consulting dictionaries. However, you can also use *Thesaurus Synonyms Dictionary* in order to find the synonyms of a certain word. By doing that, you can get the gist of the meanings of the terms, even if you do not understand their definitions when you consult dictionaries.