Vocabulary Words

Week 1

Bewail v. to mourn or express great sorrow for; wail or cry over; lament.	Intermittent adj. alternately stopping and starting with pauses in between.
Destitute adj. 1.having no money or other means of living; impoverished. 2. having none of a specified thing or quality.	Maxim n. a brief, concise statement of a general or basic truth or rule, especially for proper conduct.
Detract v. to diminish or take away; to cause to be diverted or distracted.	Obligatory adj. 1. binding in a moral or legal sense. 2. required; compulsory.
Emancipate V. 1. to free from some external control or constraint, such as enslavement or ignorance. 2. in law, to release (a child) from parental control.	Plumb V. 1. to use a plumb to check the depth or alignment of. 2. to investigate thoroughly. 3. to fit with plumbing fixtures.
Extol V. to speak of with high praise or enthusiasm.	Visage n. the face of a person, statue, or the like, especially in regard to its appearance or expression.
Flamboyant adj. 1. exceptionally showy or dashing in one's speech, manner, or appearance. 2. elaborately or ornately decorated. 3. boldly or brilliantly colored; showy.	Wheedle v. 1. to try to persuade or influence by coaxing or flattery; cajole. 2. to win or obtain by such means.
Impetus n. 1. something that urges or impels; a driving force. 2. the force or energy of motion; momentum.	
Insuperable adj. not able to be conquered or overcome.	

Alacrity N. 1. Promptness in responding. 2. Eagerness.	Ingenious Adj. Marked by imagination, resourcefulness, or cleverness.
Array N. 1. A large group of people or things. 2. An orderly arrangement or display. V. 1. To place in order. 2. To dress up.	Laggard N. One who falls behind others because of moving slowly or loitering; a straggler.
Deduce V. To draw a conclusion from given facts.	Sustenance N. Something that provides nourishment; food needed to live.
Encumber V. 1. To weigh down or burden. 2. To impede the action of.	Torrid Adj. 1. Intensely hot and dry. 2. Burning with passion.
Fraught Adj. Full of or accompanied by (usually followed by with).	Traverse V. To pass over, across, or through.
Haphazard Adj. Marked by lack of plan, order, or direction.	Ubiquitous Adj. Appearing to be present in large numbers or in many different places.
Incontrovertible Adj. Impossible to dispute; unquestionable.	Zenith N. 1. The highest point; the peak. 2. The point in the sky directly above the observer.
Inexplicable Adj. Hard to explain or impossible to understand.	

Allude V. To refer to in an indirect way (used with to). Allusion n.	Monetary Adj. Of or relating to money or currency.
Consecrate V. 1. To set apart as holy. 2. To dedicate to a cause; to devote.	Pensive Adj. Deep in thought; dreamily thoughtful.
Disseminate V. To scatter or spread widely. Dissemination n.	Pomp N. A showy or dignified display.
Dote V. To show excessive fondness for (used with on or upon).	Stilted Adj. Artificially stiff or formal in manner.
Exhort V. To urge strongly; to warn or appeal. Exhortation n.	Subjugate V. To bring under control; to conquer. Subjugation n.
Feckless Adj. Careless or irresponsible.	Trauma N. 1. A severe bodily injury. 2. Emotional shock. Traumatic adj.
Implicate V. To show to be involved with something, especially something dishonest or illegal.	Wanton Adj. 1. Ignoring what is right. 2. Excessive or unrestrained. 3. Playful or frolicsome.
Lament V. To feel or express grief. Lamentation (or lament) n. An expression of sorrow or grief in the form of a poem, song, etc.	

Adage	Punctilious
N. An old saying that has come to be accepted as true; a proverb.	Adj. Careful of and attentive to details, especially ones relating to good manners and behavior.
<u>Camaraderie</u>	<u>Recuperate</u>
N. Good will and warm feelings among friends.	V. To regain health or strength.
Contend	Regale
V. 1. To struggle with.2. To maintain or assert.Contention n. 1. A conflict or struggle.2. A point made in an argument.	V. To entertain or delight.
<u>Extraneous</u>	Sedentary
Adj. Not necessary; irrelevant.	Adj. Doing or requiring a lot of sitting.
<u>Hubbub</u>	<u>Spartan</u>
N. Noisy confusion; uproar.	Adj. Marked by simplicity and lack of luxury.
Meander	Temporal
V. 1. To follow a winding course.2. To wander aimlessly.	Adj. Relating to the everyday world as opposed to that which is spiritual or eternal.
<u>Odoriferous</u>	Wry
Adj. Having or giving off a smell.	Adj. 1. Turned or bent to one side in distaste or humor. 2. Amusing in a quiet but sharp way.
<u>Paraphernalia</u>	
N. 1. Personal belongings.2. Equipment associated with a particular activity.	

callow	<u>sagacious</u>
adj. Young and inexperienced; immature.	adj. Showing sound judgment; wise. n. Sound judgment; wiseness.
contemporary	secular
n. A person living during the same period as another. adj. Existing or occurring at the same time.	adj. Worldly; not connected with a church or religion.
cynic	<u>speculate</u>
n. One who doubts the sincerity of other's motives; one who is skeptical.	v.1. To think about or make guesses. 2. To engage in a risky business venture.
despot	strife
n. A ruler with absolute power or tyrannical control over a group of people.	n. Conflict or struggle.
<u>enunciate</u>	<u>venerate</u>
v.1. To pronounce clearly. 2. To state; to announce.	v. To show great respect for.
impediment	voracious
n. Anything that gets in the way; an obstacle.	adj.1. ravenous; desiring and eating a large amount of food. 2. Greatly eager.
impoverish	wane
v.1. To make poor. 2. To take away. adj. The state of being poor.	v. To get smaller, dimmer, or weaker; to near an end.
indolent	
adj. Indulging in ease; avoiding exertion; lazy.n. Laziness.	

Apropos	<u>Impart</u>
Adj. Fitting the occasion; suitable or apt.	V. 1. To make known; disclose. 2. To bestow.
Ascendancy	<u>Oratory</u>
N. Controlling influence; domination.	N. The art of public speaking. Orator n. A public speaker. Oratorical adj.
<u>Assess</u>	<u>Propagate</u>
V. To analyze and determine the nature, value, or importance of. Assessment n.	V. 1. To reproduce.2. To cause to reproduce.3. To foster the spread of.Propagation n.
Aver	Proponent
V. To declare positively; to state as the truth.	N. Someone who proposes or supports an idea; an advocate.
Concede	Rudimentary
V. 1. To admit to be true, often reluctantly. 2. To grant or let have.	Adj. 1. Not yet fully developed; basic. 2. Elementary.
<u>Deficient</u>	<u>Sojourn</u>
Adj. Lacking. Deficiency n.	N. A visit or temporary stay. V. To stay for a while.
<u>Dogma</u>	<u>Vociferous</u>
N. An unproven principle or belief held to be true. Dogmatic adj. Overly positive and assertive about something that cannot be proved.	Adj. Making one's feelings known in a loud way.
Embody	
V. 1. To put an idea into a form that can be	
seen. 2. To make part of a system; incorporate.	

Amorous	<u>Ingrate</u>
Adj. Expressing love or the state of being in love.	N. An ungrateful person.
Belittle	<u>Injunction</u>
V. To present or speak of as unimportant or of little value.	N. 1. An order or command.2. A court order prohibiting someone from doing something.
Censure	Moribund
V. To blame or find fault with. N. A severe criticism or harsh judgment.	Adj. Close to death; in a dying state.
<u>Deem</u>	Motif
V. To consider; to believe.	N. 1. A theme or idea in a work of art or literature that is developed or repeated.2. A figure or design repeated in the decoration of something, such as a building or textile.
<u>Divulge</u>	Subsidize
V. To make known something secret; to reveal.	V. To support by giving financial aid. Subsidy n. A grant of money, often provided by a government to a group or individual.
Exorbitant	Sumptuous
Adj. Exceeding normal bounds; greater or more than seems reasonable.	Adj. Extravagantly splendid or costly; luxurious.
<u>Expostulate</u>	Voluble
V. To argue earnestly in an attempt to dissuade or show strong disapproval.	Adj. Characterized by a ready flow of words; talkative.
<u>Fateful</u>	
Adj. Having great or significant consequences.	

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Week 8

Adroit	<u>Lapse</u>
Adj. Clever at dealing with difficult situations; adept; skillful.	V. 1. To fall or slip from a certain level of conduct or accomplishment. 2. To come to an end; to expire. N. 1. A minor mistake; a slip. 2. A pause or interval.
<u>Affront</u>	<u>Militant</u>
V. To insult or to offend deliberately. N. A deliberate insult or offensive act.	Adj. Ready to fight, especially for a cause. N. One who is ready to fight for a cause.
Avocation	<u>Pariah</u>
N. An activity pursued for pleasure; a hobby.	N. A social outcast.
Crusade N. A prolonged, impassioned struggle for what is believed to be a just cause. V. To engage in such a struggle.	Prodigy N. 1. A person who shows remarkable talent at an early age. 2. An amazing or extraordinary thing or event.
<u>Definitive</u>	<u>Protege</u>
Adj. Supplying a final answer; conclusive.	Masc. N.; protegee, fem. N. One whose training or career is helped along by another.
<u>Demeanor</u>	Raucous
N. Behavior; bearing.	Adj. 1. Rough and unpleasant to the ear. 2. Boisterous and disorderly.
Erudite	<u>Tacit</u>
Adj. Having or demonstrating extensive knowledge; learned. Erudition n.	Adj. Expressed without words; implied.
Induct	
V. 1. To install in office, sometimes with a formal ceremony.2. To admit to a society or to military service. Induction n.	

Alluro	Nandagovint
Allure	<u>Nondescript</u>
N. The power to attract or charm.	Adj. Hard to describe because of a lack of distinctive qualities or features.
Antiquity	Quandary
N. 1. The ancient world, especially before the Middle Ages.2. The quality of great age.Antiquities n. Valuable objects from ancient times.	N. A state of being in doubt about what to do.
<u>Appraise</u>	Repose
V. 1. To estimate the value of.2. To form a judgment of; to evaluate.	V. 1. To lie at rest.2. To place (power, etc.) in some person or group.N. A state of rest or relaxation.
Cleave	<u>Scintillate</u>
V. 1. To cling to or be faithful to. 2. To split with force or a sharp instrument.	V. To flash or sparkle. Adj. Lively and witty.
<u>Depreciate</u>	<u>Scrutinize</u>
V. 1. To make or become less in value.2. To represent as of little value; to belittle.	V. To examine with great care. Scrutiny n. Close examination.
Facet	<u>Synthetic</u>
N. 1. Any of the many small, flat surfaces on a precious stone made by cutting.2. One of many sides or aspects of something.	Adj. Not naturally produced; made by artificial processes.
<u>Facsimile</u>	<u>Transmute</u>
N. An exact copy.	V. To change the form or appearance of.
<u>Impervious</u>	
Adj. 1. Incapable of being penetrated. 2. Not affected or disturbed by.	

<u>Amputate</u>	Inception
V. To cut off a body part, especially by surgery.	N. The beginning of an action or process.
<u>Aptitude</u>	<u>Magnanimous</u>
N. A natural talent.	Adj. Generous, unselfish, or forgiving. Magnanimity n. Quality of being above meanness or spite; generosity of spirit enabling one to bear trouble calmly.
Beneficiary	<u>Myriad</u>
N. One who benefits or gains an advantage from something.	N. A very large number. Adj. Very many.
Boon	<u>Practicable</u>
N. A welcome gift or blessing.	Adj. 1. Capable of being done; feasible. 2. Usable.
Commiserate	Remunerate
V. To feel or express sorrow or compassion for; to sympathize.	V. To pay or reward. Remuneration n.
Garner	Solicit
V. To collect or gather; to acquire or obtain.	V. To ask for in a formal way. Solicitation n.
<u>Gratis</u>	<u>Trite</u>
Adj. Without payment; free of charge. Adv.	Adj. Used so much that it is no longer fresh or new.
<u>Incapacitate</u>	
V. To make helpless or incapable. Incapacity n.	

Amenity N. 1. A feature that contributes to physical comfort. 2. A feature that increases the attractiveness or value of a location. Amenities n. Pl. Acts of social courtesy.	Fallacy N. A false or mistaken idea. Fallacious adj.
Averse Adj. Having a feeling of opposition or distaste. Aversion n.	Furor N. An uproar; a state of great anger or excitement.
Complacent Adj. So self-satisfied that one sees no need for change; unconcerned. Complacency n.	Idyll N. An episode or experience that is calm and carefree. Idyllic adj.
Decompose V. To decay or to break down into basic elements.	Paucity N. Scarcity; smallness in number or amount.
Defray V. To supply the money for; to pay.	Porous Adj. Full of tiny holes or spaces; easily penetrated by gas or liquid.
Emanate V. To come out from a source.	Supersede V. To replace; to cause to be set aside because of superiority.
Envisage V. To picture in one's mind; to imagine something in the future.	Tangible Adj. 1. Real; able to be touched. 2. Possible to understand or realize; not vague or uncertain.
Facetious Adj. Playfully or inappropriately humorous.	

Adversity	Intuition
N. Misfortune; hardship.	N. Knowing or sensing something without the use of reason; an insight. Intuitive adj.
Cardinal	Manifest
Adj. Most important; chief.	Adj. Plain to see; evident. V. To make clear; to reveal.
Cardinal	Nuance
Adj. Believable; reliable. Credibility n.	N. A very slight change in feeling or meaning; a gradation.
Empathize	Pernicious
V. To show or feel understanding of another's feelings or problems. Empathy n.	Adj. Very destructive or harmful.
<u>Faculty</u>	Solace
N. 1. Any of the natural powers of the mind and body, such as sight or hearing.2. An inborn ability; a knack.3. All the teachers of a school.	N. Comfort or relief in sorrow or distress; consolation.
Harrowing	<u>Treatise</u>
Adj. Very distressing or acutely painful.	N. A methodically and thoroughly written discussion of a topic.
<u>Impair</u>	<u>Vogue</u>
V. To damage, weaken, or lessen. Impairment n.	N. The popular fashion of the time; wide acceptance or favor.
<u>Infer</u>	
V. To reach a conclusion through reasoning. Inference n.	

Blandishment N. (Often plural) that which is intended to coax or persuade, such as flattery; an allurement.	Rift N. 1. A split or crack. 2. A break in friendly relations.
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<u>Deprecate</u>	Solicitous
V. 1. To criticize or express disapproval of. 2. To represent as of little value.	Adj. Showing interest and care; concerned.
Discomfit	Succinct
V. To make uneasy by confusing or embarrassing a person.	Adj. Expressed clearly and in few words; concise.
Meteoric	Sylvan
Adj. Coming into existence swiftly, suddenly, brightly, like a meteor.	Adj. Having to do with trees or wooded areas.
Overbearing	Trepidation
Adj. Acting in an arrogant, domineering way.	N. Apprehension; dread.
<u>Precocious</u>	<u>Untoward</u>
Adj. Showing exceptionally early	Adj. Not favorable;
development of abilities. Precocity n.	unlucky.
Proffer	<u>Virtuoso</u>
V. To offer for acceptance or consideration. N. An offer.	N. A person with great skill in some art, especially music. Adj. Done with great skill and dash.
Remonstrate	
V. To say in protest; to raise an objection.	

Amass	Nurture
V. To gather or collect for one's use or profit; to accumulate.	V. To care for and give sustenance to. N. The process of raising one's young.
<u>Articulate</u>	<u>Obtrusive</u>
V. 1. To pronounce distinctly. 2. To express one's thoughts, feelings, or beliefs in words. Adj. Able to speak in clear and effective language.	Adj. 1. Tending to push oneself forward in an unwelcome manner. 2. Noticeable in an undesirable way.
<u>Decimate</u>	<u>Parody</u>
V. To kill or destroy a large portion of a group.	V. To imitate the style of someone or something in order to make fun of it. N. An imitation that exaggerates for comic effect.
<u>Dexterous</u>	<u>Pugnacious</u>
Adj. Skillful in the use of hands or mind. Dexterity n.	Adj. Aggressive; eager to fight or quarrel. Pugnacity n.
Garb	Reprehensible
N. A style of clothing; costume. V. To clothe or dress.	Adj. Deserving blame or rebuke.
<u>Gregarious</u>	<u>Tractable</u>
Adj. Enjoying the company of others; sociable.	Adj. Easily managed or controlled.
Inherent	Zany
Adj. Existing as a natural part of something.	Adj. Comical because of strangeness; clownish.
<u>Maternal</u>	
Adj. 1. Motherly. 2. Related to or inherited through one's mother.	

Accentuate	Jaded
V. To emphasize or stress.	Adj. Dulled or wearied by excess or overindulgence.
<u>Aficionado</u>	<u>Masochistic</u>
N. An enthusiastic follower; a supporter or fan.	Adj. Deriving pleasure from being mistreated mentally or physically. Masochist n.
Antecedent	<u>Momentum</u>
N. A thing or event that precedes another. Adj. Going before; preceding.	N. Force or speed of movement; force or energy that keeps something moving.
Centrifugal	Obsolescent
Adj. Moving or tending away from the center.	Adj. Going out of use; becoming obsolete.
Convoluted	Potential
Adj. 1. Having numerous coils or folds. 2. Complicated; intricate.	Adj. Having possibility or capability. N. The capacity for growth or development.
<u>Decapitate</u>	<u>Viscera</u>
V. To kill by cutting off the head.	N. Pl. The internal organs of the body. Visceral adj. Felt strongly, as if in the viscera.
<u>Disingenuous</u>	Volition
Adj. Not straightforward; insincere.	N. An act of consciously choosing or deciding.
<u>Indubitable</u>	
Adj. Too evident to be doubted; unquestionable.	

<u>Belated</u>	<u>Expend</u>
Adj. Done too late; having been delayed beyond the usual time.	V. To use up; consume.
Caliber	Expire
N. 1. Degree of importance or excellence.2. The diameter of a bullet or inside of a gun barrel.	V. 1. To come to an end. 2. To die.
<u>Chagrin</u>	Exponent
N. A feeling of embarrassment or annoyance caused by having failed or being disappointed. V. To cause to feel unease.	N. A person who explains, interprets, or works to make something popular.
Contravene	Novice
V. To act against or be counter to.	N. A person new at something; a beginner.
<u>Default</u>	Spry
N. 1. Failure to do what is required by duty or law.2. An automatic selection made according to a computer program when the user does not make a choice.V. To fail to pay what or when one should.	Adj. Moving with quickness and ease; lively.
<u>Doldrums</u>	<u>Tenuous</u>
N. Pl. A condition of feeling sad, bored, or sluggish.	Adj. 1. Lacking substance, flimsy. 2. Not thick; slender. 3. Lacking density; thin.
<u>Emblazon</u>	<u>Truism</u>
V. To inscribe or decorate conspicuously.	N. A truth that is so well known that it is almost unnecessary to say it.
Eminent	
Adj. Standing above others in worth, rank, or fame. Eminence n.	

Blight N. 1. Any disease that damages plants. 2. Something that harms or destroys. V. To do harm to.	Ostracize V. To exclude from a group; to banish.
Cite V. 1. To mention or quote as an example or authority. 2. To mention for praise. 3. To summon before a court of law.	Posthumous Adj. Occurring after a person has died.
Clemency N. Mercy shown in punishing or judging someone.	Quash V. 1. To put down by force. 2. To put a stop to legally.
Eccentric Adj. Departing from accepted or normal behavior; odd. N. One who behaves in an odd or peculiar way.	Recipient N. One who receives.
Farce N. 1. A humorous stage play marked by improbable situations and exaggerated behavior. 2. An absurd or ridiculous event or situation; a mockery.	Ribald Adj. Funny in a crude way.
Foray N. A sudden raid or advance into enemy territory.	Suffrage N. The right to vote.
Glean V. To gather bit by bit.	Verve N. Enthusiasm; vivacity.
Nominal Adj. 1. In name only, not in fact. 2. Very small.	

Adhere	<u>Plaintive</u>
V. 1. To stick to; stay attached. 2. To follow closely or faithfully. Adherence n. Adherent n. A follower or supporter of an idea.	Adj. Expressing sorrow; mournful.
<u>Aplomb</u>	<u>Plaudit</u>
N. Complete self-confidence and poise.	N. (Usually plural) a demonstration of strong approval or praise.
<u>Brandish</u>	<u>Regalia</u>
V. To shake or wave in a threatening way.	N. Pl. The symbols, objects, or special costumes worn by or associated with a group; special clothing.
Broach	Resplendent
V. To bring up for discussion; to begin to talk about.	Adj. Dazzling in appearance.
<u>Devotee</u>	Subordinate
N. An ardent follower, supporter, or enthusiast.	Adj. Less important; secondary. N. A person under the command or control of another. V. To give less importance to; to place in a lesser position.
Diffident	<u>Surmount</u>
Adj. Unsure of oneself; shy; reserved in manner. Diffidence n.	V. To defeat or overcome.
<u>Extravaganza</u>	<u>Tenable</u>
N. An elaborate and spectacular display or event.	Adj. Capable of being defended; reasonable.
Integrity	
N. 1. Honesty; trustworthiness. 2. The condition of being whole or complete.	