

VOCABULARY LIST - 12

#1

1. condiment-seasoning, sauce or spice
2. pungent-sharp or strong in smell or taste
3. maladroit-unskillful, clumsy
4. transient(transitory)-temporary, fleeting
5. onus-burden, responsibility
6. fait accompli-an accomplished and presumably irreversible deed, fact or action
7. dastardly-cowardly
8. inebriated-drunk
9. florid-red, ruddy
10. zenith-highest point

#2

1. apparition-a ghost
2. allusion-reference
3. buffoon-clown
4. adamant-firm, unbending(opinion)
5. amalgamate-to combine
6. capitulate-to surrender
7. limpid-clear
8. destitute-very poor
9. accord-agreement
10. proselytize-to attempt to convert someone from one religion or belief to another

#3

1. berserk-crazed, madly excited
2. broach-to bring up(a subject)
3. brooch-an ornamental pin
4. cite-to quote, to mention
5. procrastinate-to delay, put off
6. rectify-to correct
7. masticate-to chew
8. adage-a saying
9. caricature-exaggerated drawing of someone's peculiarities(poke fun at)
10. nihilism-a belief that there are no values, morals or goodness in the world

#4

1. incognito-disguised
2. clairvoyant-a psychic
3. panacea-a cure-all
4. malingerer-one who feigns illness
5. gape-to stare(openly)
6. gist-real meaning
7. fissure-narrow opening
8. sepulcher-tomb
9. affluent-wealthy
10. taut-tight

#5

1. circuitous-rambling, indirect, roundabout
2. ambidextrous-able to use both hands
3. pensive-thoughtful, reflective
4. garish-gaudy, flashy
5. deluge-to overwhelm, to flood

#5(cont.)

- 6.deluge-a flood,heavy rain
- 7.hirsute-hairy
- 8.erudite-learned,scholarly
- 9.indigent-very poor
- 10.astute-wise,shrewd

#6

- 1.lucrative-profitable,money-making
- 2.cajole-to coax
- 3.tepid-lukewarm
- 4.nebulous-cloudy,unclear(meaning)
- 5.copious-plentiful
- 6.coquette-a flirt
- 7.debilitate-to weaken
- 8.toxic-poisonous
- 9.risque-"almost" improper
- 10.trepidation-fear

#7

- 1.abysse-bottomless pit
- 2.frugal-thrifty
- 3.parody-a humorous imitation
- 4.harass-to annoy,to bother
- 5.agnostic-one uncertain about God
- 6.ascertain-to find out for sure
- 7.gregarious-fond of company, sociable
- 8.arduous-difficult
- 9.diaphanous-sheer
- 10.ubiquitous-seemingly everywhere at once

#8

- 1.illimitable-boundless,measureless
- 2.incorrigible-unmanageable
- 3.nefarious-very wicked, evil
- 4.dilettante-a person who follows an art or study superficially though with interest(intellectual butterfly)
- 5.opiate-a drug,narcotic(dulls the senses)
- 6.pittance-a small portion, amount
- 7.cartage-act or rate charged for transporting freight
- 8.quell-to put down or cursh
- 9.cogent-convincing
- 10.dirge-sad poem or song, a funeral hymn

#9

- 1.gauche-socially awkward or clumsy
- 2.coy-bashful or shy to attract attention(flirting)
- 3.covert-secret,hidden
- 4.crone-hag, withered old woman
- 5.placid-calm,peaceful
- 6.crux-crucial point
- 7.schism-a split or division
- 8.dauntless-brave
- 9.nepotism-favoritism to relatives
- 10.facade-a front

#10

- 1.chastise-to punish or scold
- 2.brusque-blunt, abrupt
- 3.callous-unfeeling, hardened
- 4.callus-thickened part of skin
- 5.dank-damp(dark place)
- 6.feasible-practical
- 7.burly-stout, husky
- 8.attenuate-to make thin or weaken(emotionally)
- 9.poignant-painfully touching or piercing(emotionally)
- 10.throes-anguish, pangs

#11

- 1.buoyant-cheerful
- 2.chagrin-embarrassment, disappointment
- 3.adulation-excessive praise, flattery
- 4.tribulation-suffering, distress
- 5.compunction-refret, remorse
- 6.antipathy-a strong dislike
- 7.a capella-without musical accompaniment
- 8.acme-the highest point
- 9.archaic-old-fashioned, no longer used
- 10.haggard-gaunt, careworn

#12

- 1.nostalgia-yearning for the past; homesickness
- 2.aloof-withdrawn
- 3.apiary-place where bees are kept
- 4.vain-worthless, to no avail or conceited
- 5.diffident-lacking self-confidence, shy
- 6.paltry-practically worthless, piddling, petty
- 7.malleable-capable of being shaped by hammering(a metal), adaptable
- 8.specious-apparently reasonable but not really so
- 9.fallacious-erroneous, misleading
- 10.fallible-labile to be mistaken

#13

- 1.choleric-easily angered, irritable
- 2.indubitable-certain, indisputable
- 3.carrion-decaying flesh of a carcass
- 4.flotsam-wreckage of a ship or cargo found floating on sea
- 5.jetsam-goods deliberately cast overboard to lighten a ship in distress
- 6.teetotaler-a person who totally abstains from liquor
- 7.callow-young and inexperienced
- 8.dross-waste, refuse
- 9.delectable-very pleasing
- 10.phlegmatic-calm, collected(cool), hard to rouse to action, apathetic

#14

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| 1.disconsolate-cheerless, inconsolable   |                                     |
| 2.bliss-perfect happiness                |                                     |
| 3.lackey-slavish follower                | 8.malodorous-stinking, ill-smelling |
| 4.sanguine-cheerful, optimistic, hopeful | 9.harlequin-buffoon, clown          |
| 5.melancholy-dejected, depressed         | 10.malevolent-evil                  |
| 6.gala-characterized by festivity        |                                     |
| 7.antithesis-the direct opposite         |                                     |

#15

- 1.insouciant-blithely indifferent or unconcerned;carefree;happy-go-lucky
- 2.declivity-downward slope
- 3.maudlin-weakly sentimental and tearful(overdone)
- 4.svelte-slender,lithe
- 5.obsequious-slavishly attentive,fawning
- 6.ornithology-study of birds
- 7.benign-kindly,harmless
- 8.salubrious-healthy
- 9.plaudit-applause,enthusiastic praise(plaudits)
- 10.inveterate-firmly established by age,deep-rooted,habitual

#16

- 1.progeny-children
- 2.pathos-quality that arouses pity(literature,music,etc.)
- 3.cherubic-chubby,innocent-looking(angel in form of a child)
- 4.blandishment-word or deed of mild flattery
- 5.lesion-injury,wound
- 6.aviary-place where birds are kept
- 7.panache-a confident and stylish manner;dash; a strikingly elaborate or colorful display
- 8.laudatory-expressing praise,eulogistic
- 9.calumnious-falsely and maliciously accusing;defamatory;slanderous
- 10.staid-settled,sedate

#17

- 1.empathy-ability to put oneself in another's place,feel someone's emotions
- 2.misanthropy-hatred for mankind
- 3.atypical-not like the typical
- 4.macrocasm-universe,the "big" world
- 5.microcosm-the "little" world
- 6.monocle-eyeglass for one eye
- 7.neurology-study of the nervous system and its diseases
- 8.matriarchy-social organization with mother in charge of family
- 9.sardonic-bitterly sarcastic,mocking,sneering
- 10.loath-unwilling,reluctant,averse

#18

- 1.apogee-farthest point from earth in orbit of a satellite or heavenly body, highest point
- 2.perigee-nearest point from earth in orbit of a satellite or heavenly body
- 3.abject-sunk to a low condition,wretched,deserving contempt
- 4.gentility-good manners, aristocratic birth
- 5.sophistry-clever,but deceptive reasoning(cookies)
- 6.dipsomania-alcoholism
- 7.tenable-capable of being defended or maintained
- 8.acrophobia-fear of being at a great height
- 9.excoriate-to denounce
- 10.loquacious-talkative

#19

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|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1.anhydrous-lacking water      | 4.grouse-to complain |
| 2.euphonious-pleasing in sound | 5.halcyon-peaceful   |
| 3.cacophonous-harsh-sounding   |                      |

- 6.homily-a sermon
- 7.heinous-atrocious,hateful
- 8.sobriquet-nickname
- 9.pundit-a learned man
- 10.nubile-voluptuous

#20

- 1.nexus-a connection
- 2.mendicity-beggary
- 3.recondite-hard to understand(refers to difficult or scholarly language)
- 4.mendacity-untruthfulness
- 5.ecumenical-universal
- 6.ferret-to search
- 7.denizen-inhabitant
- 8.prosaic-dull,ordinary,lacking distinction and originality
- 9.portentous-ominous,bad sign of things to come
- 10.lugubrious-exaggeratedly mournful

#21

- 1.sylvan-pertaining to the woods or forest
- 2.surfeit-an excess
- 3.tautology-useless repetition
- 4.vacuity-stupidity
- 5.umbrage-offense
- 6.effete-worn out,exhausted,barren
- 7.paradigm-a model
- 8.pariah-outcast
- 9.peccadillo-a small fault or sin
- 10.pícaro-rascal,rogue

#22

- 1.pontificate-to speak pompously
- 2.precursor-predecessor
- 3.precipitous-steep
- 4.petulant-peevisish
- 5.miscreant-villain
- 6.moribund-dying
- 7.narcissism-love of oneself
- 8.nirvana-freedom from pain
- 9.orifice-opening
- 10.naiveté-innocence(usually very trusting)

#23

- 1.philippic-using strong or abusive(condemning) language
- 2.archetype-an original model after which similar things are patterned,a perfect or typical example
- 3.precipitate-to cause or bring about suddenly
- 4.filch-to steal
- 5.bovine-sluggish,unresponsive,cow-like
- 6.evanescent-temporary,quickly passing away
- 7.vignette-a thumbnail sketch or anecdote
- 8.surreptitious-secretive,stealthy
- 9.cupidity-greed(especially money)
- 10.antediluvian-related to or typical of ancient times

#24

- 1.dichotomy-a split or division(in two)
- 2.anthropomorphic-attributing human characteristics to non-humans, espec.  
gods
- 3.periphery-outer boundary
- 4.asymmetrical-lacking balanced proportions
- 5.carnivorous=flesh-eating
- 6.conjecture-a guess
- 7.esprit de corps-feeling of union and common interest pervading a group
- 8.falsetto-unnaturally high-pitched male voice; artificial voice
- 9.fortissimo-very loud
- 10.mélange-a mixture

#25

- 1.voracious-greedy(in eating); incapable of being satisfied
- 2.vendetta-feud for blood revenge
- 3.veracity-truthfulness
- 4.tactile-pertaining to touch
- 5.tete-a-tete=a private conversation between two persons
- 6.stringent-strict
- 7.regress-to move backward; go back to a former state of mind, etc.
- 8.proximity-nearness
- 9.resumé-a summary
- 10.myopic(myopia)=near-sighted(near-sightedness)

#26

- 1.omnivorous-eating anything
- 2.mercurial-changeable, lively
- 3.mentor-wise and trusted advisor, coach
- 4.defamatory-harmful or destroying a reputation
- 5.entre nous-between us
- 6.aficionado-enthusiastic fan
- 7.euthanasia=mercy-killing
- 8.abstemious-moderate in eating or drinking
- 9.a la carte-dish by dish(stated price for each dish)
- 10.acrid-sharp in smell or taste

#27

- 1.paragon-a model; a type of perfection
- 2.pernicious-deadly, injurious
- 3.potpourri-a mixture
- 4.precocious-showing exceptionally advanced mental development
- 5.tenacious-inclined to hold fast
- 6.rapport-relationship characterized by harmony, communication
- 7.impasse-deadlock; predicament affording no escape
- 8.expectorate-to spit
- 9.garrulous-talkative
- 10.gratis-free, out of kindness; a favor

#28.

- 1.apocryphal-of doubtful authenticity, fictitious, mystical
- 2.affinity-attraction, likeness, relationship
- 3.brine-salty water, ocean
- 4.bombastic-using pompous language, grandiose, boastful
- 5.laconic-using words sparingly
- 6.refute-to prove wrong

- 7.faux pas-misstep or blunder in conduct, manners, pseech
- 8.filet-slice of meat or fish without bones or fat
- 9.ingenue-naive young woman; actress playing such a role
- 10.virile-having qualities of fully developed manhood; macho

#29

- 1.proffer-to offer, present for acceptance such as an idea
- 2.patois-a dialect other than the standard or literary dialect
- 3.rout(v)=to put to flight; to defeat decisively
- 4.rout(n)=a state of wild confusion or disorderly retreat; a disastrous defeat; a fashionable gathering
- 5.paucity-smallness of number or quantity
- 6.élan-a flair or "dash"; a spirit of self-assurance
- 7.weal=well-being; prosperity
- 8.verisimilitude-honesty, truthfulness
- 9.matriculate-to enroll in a college or university
- 10.bagatelle-a trifle(of little importance or value)

#30

- 1.saturnine-gloomy, dull
- 2.morphology-study of language
- 3.acolyte-a person who assists a clergyman in a religious ceremony
- 4.paroxysm-a sudden, sharp attack as of pain or coughing
- 5.gadfly-a person who bothers or harasses(a fly also)
- 6.manic depressive-characterized by wide moodswings(mania & depression)
- 7.seigneur-a feudal lord
- 8.indelibly-can't be erased or removed
- 9.relegate-to send into exile, to entrust, to assign to a particular area
- 10.vicissitude-a change in fortune, an upheaval

#31

- 1.postulate(n)-something accepted as true without proof
- 2.largess-generosity on a big scale; a "huge" gift
- 3.retinue-a group of followers accompanying a distinguished person
- 4.hermetic-airtight
- 5.savoir faire-knowledge of just what to do
- 6.olfactory-pertaining to the sense of smell
- 7.monophobia-fear of being alone
- 8.nouveaux riches-persons newly rich; bourgeoisie
- 9.malediction-a curse
- 10.missive-a letter

#32

- 1.guise-a pretense; a false or deceiving appearance
- 2.prolific-producing abundantly
- 3.plausible-apparently trustworthy; superficially true or reasonable
- 4.hyperactive-overactive
- 5.hypoactive-underactive
- 6.convivial-jovial; hospitable; fond of eating & drinking with friends
- 7.fractious-cross, irritable
- 8.genuflect-to bend the knee; to touch the knee to ground as in worhsip
- 9.credible-believable
- 10.credulous-too ready to believe; easily deceived; gullible

#33

1. demagogue—a manipulative leader or a rabble-rouser
2. amulet—a good-luck charm
3. bane—a curse; something that destroys or ruins
4. beneficent—doing good, kind
5. cauldron—large kettle or pot
6. candor—frankness; straightforwardness
7. conflagration—a raging fire
8. deprecate—to disapprove of
9. obfuscate—to confuse, to muddy the waters, to obscure
10. exemplary—worthy of imitation

#34

1. litigation—a lawsuit
2. magnanimous—generous; noble; honorable
3. multiplicity—a great number
4. penury—extreme poverty
5. perdition—ruin; damnation
6. pugnacious—ready to fight; quarrelsome; belligerent
7. rabble—a mob
8. rotund—rounded
9. ruminare—to ponder; to think (muse)
10. salient—noticeable; outstanding

#35

1. sequestered—retired, secluded
2. taciturn—silent; not inclined to talk
3. tawdry—showy; not in good taste
4. upbraid—to rebuke
5. vehemently—furiously; intensely
6. vestige—a trace
7. turbid—clouded; muddled
8. titillate—to tickle; to give pleasurable excitement
9. wax—to grow; to increase
10. wane—to decrease; to get smaller

#36

1. flippant—treating a serious matter lightly
2. expedite—to speed up, to make easy
3. genre—kind, type
4. cravat—tie
5. coup d'état—sudden, violent or illegal overthrow of a government
6. contrition—regret for wrongdoing
7. bacchanalian—jovial or wild with drunkenness
8. appropriate(v)—to take for oneself
9. bearish—rough, tending to depress stock prices
10. bullish—obstinate, tending to cause a rise in stock prices

#37

1. hoary—white or gray with age, ancient
2. polyglot—speaking several languages
3. cursive—running or flowing handwriting; letters are joined
4. cursory—running over hastily; superficially done (Ex: a cursory glance)
5. contiguous—touching, adjoining, in contact



#37(cont.)

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- 6.prehensile-adapted for seizing(Ex: a prehensile claw)
- 7.emissary-person sent on a mission
- 8.grandiloquent-using lofty or pompous words(bombastic)
- 9.interlocutor-questioner, one who participates in a conversation
- 10.pestiferous-infected with or bearing disease; pestilential; evil

#38

- 1.flaccid-flabby
- 2.diatribes-bitter discord; tirade; harangue
- 3.banal-commonplace, dull or ordinary
- 4.buxom-bosomy,plump and attractive
- 5.ancillary-subordinate; auxiliary
- 6.temerity-boldness;rashness
- 7.obviate-to make unnecessary; to prevent by effective measures
- 8.vanguard-front part of an army; leading position in any field or movement
- 9.recalcitrant-disobedient; resisting authority
- 10.paeon-a song of joy, praise or triumph

#39

- 1.Philistine-uncultured, crude
- 2.truculent-fierce; cruel; harsh;threatening
- 3.moribund-in the process of dying; approaching death
- 4.eclectic-selecting what appears to be best in various doctrines, styles  
methods
- 5.anomaly-irregularity; inconsistency
- 6.eclat-dazzling or conspicuous success or acclaim; great brilliance(of  
performance or achievement
- 7.mendacious-lying
- 8.sapient-wise
- 9.lassitude-weariness
- 10.lampoon-written satire;(v) to ridicule in writing a person or institution

#40

- 1.penchant-an inclination
- 2.culpable-deserving blame
- 3.meretricious-gaudy,cheap
- 4.rancor-bitter ill will, deep hatred
- 5.perspicacious-having insight
- 6.euphuism-flowery expression
- 7.euphemism-agreeable or inoffensive expression which is substituted for  
one which may be offensive
- 8.saffron-a deep yellow color or a spice(Indian)
- 9.respite-a brief,short rest period
- 10.quixotic-idealistic,visionary