

## ENGLISH II VOCABULARY

### GRADE 10: TERM 1

TERM 1 WORD	PART OF SPEECH	DEFINITION
abate	verb	(of something perceived as hostile, threatening, or negative) to become less intense or widespread
banal	adjective	so lacking in originality as to be obvious and boring
augment	verb	to make (something) greater by adding to it; increase
peruse	verb	to read (something), typically in a thorough or careful way
disposition	noun	the predominant tendency of one's spirits; natural emotional outlook
emulate	verb	to try to equal or excel; imitate with effort to equal or surpass
latent	adjective	present but not visible, apparent, or actualized; existing as potential
extraneous	adjective	not pertinent; irrelevant
partial	adjective	biased
<u>gratuitous</u>	adjective	free; uncalled for
furtive	adjective	slyly or secretly done
exuberant	adjective	joyously unrestrained
pernicious	adjective	harmful
saturate	verb	to cause (something) to become thoroughly soaked
prosaic	adjective	dull, boring
scrutinize	verb	to examine or inspect closely and thoroughly
rebuttal	noun	a refutation or contradiction
profane	adjective	disrespectful; sacrilegious
aberration	noun	a departure from what is normal, usual, or expected, typically one that is unwelcome
apogee	noun	highest or farthest point (in an orbit); climax
chronic	adjective	constant, habitual, recurring

**GRADE 10: TERM 2**

TERM 2 WORD	PART OF SPEECH	DEFINITION
analogous	adjective	comparable in certain respects, typically in a way that makes clearer the nature of the things compared
verbose	adjective	using or expressed in more words than are needed
untenable	adjective	(especially of a position or view) not able to be maintained or defended against objection
provoke	verb	to stimulate or give rise to (a reaction or emotion, typically a strong or unwelcome one) in someone
placid	adjective	(of a person or animal) not easily upset or excited
impute	verb	to represent (esp. something undesirable) as being done, caused, or possessed by someone; attribute
propagate	verb	to spread and promote (an idea, theory, etc.) widely; breed
acquiesce	verb	to accept something reluctantly but without protest
stoic	adjective	enduring pain and hardship without showing one's feelings or complaining
tedious	adjective	too long, slow, or dull: tiresome or monotonous
<b>undermine</b>	verb	to damage or weaken (someone or something), especially gradually or insidiously
waver	verb	to shake with a quivering motion
vindictive	adjective	having or showing a strong or unreasoning desire for revenge
mitigate	verb	to make less severe, serious, or painful
obsolete	adjective	no longer produced or used; out of date
ominous	adjective	giving the impression that something bad or unpleasant is going to happen
morose	adjective	sullen and ill-tempered
vigilant	adjective	keeping careful watch for possible danger or difficulties
prodigious	adjective	remarkably or impressively great in extent, size, or degree
collude	verb	to come to a secret understanding for a harmful purpose; conspire

<b>terse</b>	adjective	sparing in the use of words; abrupt
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### GRADE 10: TERM 3

TERM 3 WORD	PART OF SPEECH	DEFINITION
meander	verb	to (of a river or road) follow a winding course
digress	verb	to deviate or wander away from the main topic or purpose in speaking or writing
galvanize	verb	to shock or excite (someone), typically into taking action
forlorn	adjective	pitifully sad and abandoned or lonely
malicious	adjective	characterized by malice; intending or intended to do harm
nebulous	adjective	in the form of a cloud or haze; hazy
vehement	adjective	showing strong feeling; forceful, passionate, or intense
desecrate	verb	to violate the sacred character of a place or language
indifferent	adjective	without interest or concern; not caring; apathetic: his indifferent attitude
binary	adjective	relating to, composed of, or involving two things
<b>entice</b>	verb	to attract or tempt by offering pleasure or advantage
diffuse	verb	to pour out and spread, as a fluid; spread or scatter widely or thinly; disseminate
incisive	adjective	(of a person or mental process) intelligently analytical and clear-thinking
implore	verb	to beg someone earnestly or desperately to do something
tertiary	adjective	third in order or level (primary-secondary-tertiary)
wanton	adjective	(of a cruel or violent action) deliberate and unprovoked
homogenous	adjective	of the same kind; alike
heterogeneous	adjective	diverse in character or content

inane	adjective	silly; stupid
<b>formidable</b>	adjective	inspiring fear or respect through being impressively large, powerful, intense, or capable

#### GRADE 10: TERM 4

TERM 4 WORD	PART OF SPEECH	DEFINITION
deprecate	verb	to express strong disapproval of; deplore; belittle
inadvertent	adjective	unintentional
flagrant	adjective	shockingly noticeable or evident; obvious; notorious; scandalous
lethargic	adjective	lazy, indolent, torpid
peripheral	adjective	relating to the outer edges of something
pervade	verb	to spread through and be perceived in every part of
inundate	verb	to flood; cover or overspread with water; deluge; to overwhelm
erratic	adjective	not even or regular in pattern or movement; unpredictable
judicious	adjective	having, exercising, or characterized by good or discriminating judgment; wise, sensible, or well-advised
frivolous	adjective	characterized by lack of seriousness or sense; self-indulgently carefree; lacking any serious purpose
<b>obstinate</b>	adjective	stubborn
overt	adjective	not secret, obvious: an overt lie
insurgent	noun	a rebel (usually using military force)
eminent	adjective	of a person) famous and respected within a particular sphere or profession
enigma	noun	a person or thing that is mysterious, puzzling, or difficult to understand
salient	adjective	most noticeable or important
lackluster	adjective	lacking brilliance or radiance; dull; lacking liveliness, vitality, spirit, or enthusiasm
imbue	verb	to inspire or permeate with a feeling or quality
alleviate	verb	to make (suffering, deficiency, or a problem) less severe
polarize	verb	to divide or cause to divide into two sharply contrasting groups or sets of opinions or beliefs
<b>juxtapose</b>	verb	to place or deal with close together for contrasting effect