English III Vocabulary 1

1. Acumen (n) a man with is **acumen** (keen sight) is not easily imposed on.
2. Adamant (adj) he was **adamant** (unyielding, absolutely firm) is his refusal to reveal the name of his accomplice.
3. Anomaly (n) anomalous (adj) his coonskin cap was an **anomaly** (deviation from the usual, out of the ordinary) in the Congressional cloakroom.
4. Antipathy (n) antipathetic (adj) my **antipathy** (dislike of, hatred for) for communism was no secret.
5. Apathy (n) apathetic (adj) his **apathy** (lack of feeling, absence of emotion) about the injured child was shocking.
6. Assiduous (adj) assiduity (n) an **assiduous** (constant, persistent) reader often makes a good scholar.
7. Autonomous (adj) autonomy (n) although the store carried the name of a chain, it was really **autonomous** (self-governing, independent of outside control).
8. Banal (adj) banality (n) the pompous speaker bored his audience with **banal** (trite, commonplace, uninspired) remarks.
9. Candor (n) candid (adj) the senator talked about political issues with surprising **candor** (frankness, outspokenness).
10. Caprice (n) capricious (adj) it was simply **caprice** (a whim, an unmotivated decision) which made him order the promotion of all red-headed men in the platoon.
11. Castigate (v) castigation (n) editors love to **castigate** (severely criticize) crooked politicians.
12. Chicanery (n) many people assume that there is always a certain amount of **chicanery** (trickery, subterfuge) in the letting of city contracts.
13. Depraved (adj) depravity (n) the judge found the young hoodlum to be **depraved** (incorrigibly evil).
14. Discursive (adj) discursiveness (n) john simply could not stick to the point; he always told a story in a **discursive** (rambling, digressive) manner.
15. Dissonance (n) dissonant (adj) musical composers often use **dissonance** (discord, unharmonious effects) to suggest a state of restlessness.
16. Dour (adj) the **dour** (sour, sullen, gloomy) expression on his face discouraged people from making pleasant conversation.
17. Ebullient (adj) ebullience (n) since he was basically **ebullient** (full of enthusiasm, bubbling with energy) nothing discouraged him for long.
18. Ecstatic (adj) ecstasy (n) the reunited lovers were **ecstatic** (overpowered by delight).
19. Enervate (v) enervation (n) hiking up the mountain will **enervate** (deprive of nervous energy, weaken) all but the toughest of men.
20. Engender (v) such violent language is more likely to **engender** (cause, produce) resentment than remove it.
21. Ephemeral (adj) ephemera (n) the popularity of rock and roll will probably be **ephemeral** (short-lived, fleeting).
22. Esoteric (adj) the **esoteric** (hidden, secret) meaning of the parables was revealed by the master to only a few.
23. Expiate (v) to **expiate** (atone for, make amends for) his terrible crime is impossible.
24. Fiasco (n) an early rocket launching attempt was a **fiasco** (complete, utter failure).
25. Flaccid (adj) flaccidity (n) a long illness results in **flaccid** (flabby, weak) muscles.
26. Laconic (adj) laconism (n) he opened just enough to let out his few, **laconic** (brief, terse) remarks.
27. Latent (adj) latency (n) although he was not yet produced a masterpiece, we believe his has **latent** (unrevealed, unused) genius.
28. Lethargic (adj) lethargy (n) because of the heat, people felt **lethargic** (sluggish, drowsily lazy).
29. Lugubrious (adj) lugubriousness (n) he kept the dead dog’s collar on his desk, a **lugubrious** (ridiculously sorrowful, mournful) reminder of his departed friend.
30. Moribund (adj) moribundity (n) he tried to revive the bridge club, but is was already **moribund** (dying, ending).
31. Myopic (adj) myopia (n) his favorite cartoon character was **myopic** (near-sighted) Mr. Magoo.
32. Obstreperous (adj) obstreperousness (n) the longer the teacher was out of the room, the more **obstreperous** (boisterous, unruly) the children became.
33. Parsimonious (adj) parsimony (n) the belief that the Scottish people are **parsimonious** (excessively frugal, penny pinching) is the basis of many jokes.
34. Perfidious (adj) perfidy (n) Benedict Arnold is usually remembered as a **perfidious** (traitorous, treacherous) soldier.
35. Perfunctory (adj) perfunctoriness (n) the clerk performed his duties in a **perfunctory** (mechanical, indifferent) manner.
36. Perspicuity (n) the **perspicuity** (clearness, lucidity) of his arguments makes his opponents see is side of the issue.
37. Polemic (n) the argument was one long, noisy **polemic** (controversy, argumentative debate) and nothing was decided.
38. Procrastinate (v) procrastination (n) don’t **procrastinate** (postpone, put off); do it today.
39. Prototype (n) prototypic (adj) Napoleon is the **prototype** (model, pattern) of modern dictators.
40. Regressive (adj) a **regressive** (going backwards) tendency is one that seeks to return to some previous condition.
41. Sagacity (n) sagacious (adj) his **sagacity** (wisdom) is so well known that people come for miles to get his opinions.
42. Sententious (adj) sententiousness (n) you call him wise, but I think he’s only **sententious** (full of old sayings, maxims, or proverbs).
43. Tacit (adj) tacitness (n) they had a **tacit** (unexpressed but understood) agreement never to talk about religion at meals.
44. Tenuous (adj) tenuousness (n) John’s **tenuous** (thin, unsubstantial, flimsy) arguments did not aid his debating team.
45. Turgid (adj) turgidity (n) his **turgid** (swollen, bombastic) eloquence made some of his listeners yawn and some laugh.
46. Ubiquitous (adj) ubiquitousness (n) freedom cannot flourish in spots; it must be **ubiquitous** (everywhere at the same time)
47. Unctuous (adj) unctuousness (n) the waiter’s **unctuous** (oily, overly suave) manners made the customers suspicious.
48. Vapid (adj) vapidity (n) his conversation is so **vapid** (empty, dull) it puts me to sleep.
49. Voluptuous (adj) voluptuousness (n) the actress’s **voluptuous** (sensual, pleasure loving and giving) charms had made her a popular favorite.
50. Wry (adj) wryness (n) his quiet but **wry** (indirect, twisted) wit made it a delight to listen to him.