**10H Vocabulary Unit Twelve Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Period\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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| **Word, pronunciation, and stressed syllables** | **Parts of speech and Definitions**  **Underline key components of the definition** | **Synonyms**  **(make sure you know what these mean)** | **Antonyms**  **(make sure you know what these mean)** | **Sentences** | **Other forms of the word or notes about the word** |
| absolve  **P:** [ab-zolv, -solv] | (v.) to clear from blame, responsibility, or guilt | Acquit, exonerate, vindicate, excuse, pardon | Condemn, convict, incriminate, inculpate | They assumed that their alibi would \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ them of suspicion. |  |
| caricature  **P:** [kar-i-kuh-cher, -choo r] | (n.) a representation (especially a drawing) in which the subject’s characteristic features are deliberately exaggerated; (v.) to present someone or something in a deliberately distorted way. | Cartoon, burlesque, parody, lampoon |  | What began as a hasty newspaper \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ soon turned up on coffee mugs, T-shirts, and sweatshirts. |  |
| clangor  **P:** [klang-er, klang-ger] | (n.) a loud ringing sound; (v.) to make a loud ringing noise | (n) din, clamor, uproar | (n) silence, stillness, peace and quiet | For more than a century, American grade schools summoned children to school with the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of a bell. |  |
| contiguous  **P:** [kuh n-tig-yoo-uh s] | (adj.) side by side, touching; near; adjacent in time | Adjoining, abutting, next door to | Detached, apart, distant, distant, remote | Trouble arose over who should control the weeds and bushes that rioted in the lot \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to ours. |  |
| cupidity  **P:** [kyoo-pid-i-tee] | (n.) an eager desire for something; greed | Avarice, rapacity, craving, lust | Generosity, contentment, satiation, gratification | You say that these catalogue prices show the quality of the good, but I say they show the seller’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. |  |
| deleterious  **P:** [del-i-teer-ee-uh s] | (adj.) harmful, injurious | Detrimental, destructive, pernicious, damaging | Helpful, beneficial, harmless, innocuous | Wishing can give zest and purpose to anyone’s life, but wishful thinking can have a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ effect. |  |
| enhance  **P:** [en-hans, -hahns] | (v.) to raise to a higher degree; to increase the value or desirability of | Improve, magnify, heighten, elevate | Diminish, reduce, lessen, degrade | She sanded and varnished the old table in order to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ its appearance and value. |  |
| enthrall  **P:** [en-thrawl] | (v.) to captivate, charm, hold spellbound; to enslave; to imprison | Fascinate, enchant, attract, bewitch | Bore to tears, repel, put someone off | All the critics were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by the performance and wrote rave reviews. |  |
| extenuate  **P:** [ik-sten-yoo-eyt] | (v.) to lessen the seriousness or magnitude of an offense by making partial excuses | Moderate, mitigate, diminish, downplay | Intensify, aggravate, worsen, exacerbate | Because hunger caused the novel’s young hero to steal the bread, the jurors believed that the crime had been committed under \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ circumstances. |  |
| implicit  **P:** [im-plis-it] | (adj.) implied or understood though unexpressed; without doubts or reservations unquestioning; potentially contained in | Inferred, tacit, unspoken, unconditional | Explicit, expressed, stated, revealed | Though she never said so, it was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that she did not like to have long conversations before her morning coffee. |  |
| incisive  **P:** [in-sahy-siv] | (adj.) sharp, keen, penetrating (with a suggestion of decisiveness and effectiveness) | Acute, cutting, perceptive, trenchant |  | I am truly thankful for your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ remarks about my report. |  |
| ostentatious  **P:** [os-ten-tey-shuh s, -tuh n-] | (adj.) marked by conspicuous or pretentious display, showy | Flashy, overdone, affected, flamboyant | Modest, plain, simple, demure, retiring | The inside of the restaurant was so \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that the meager meal, when it came, seemed only a hasty afterthought. |  |
| paragon  **P:** [par-uh-gon, -guh n] | (n.) a model of excellence or perfection | Exemplar, ideal, paradigm, model, good example |  | I may not be a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of scholarship, but I do try my best. |  |
| paraphrase  **P:** [par-uh-freyz] | (v.) to restate in other words; (n.) a statement that presents a given idea in new language | (v.) reword, rephrase; (n.) a rendition, version | (v.) repeat verbatim, duplicate, quote | You can \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ “The Gettysburg Address,” but in doing so you will diminish its force. |  |
| politic  **P:** [**pol**-i-tik] | (adj.) prudent, shrewdly conceived and developed; artful, expedient | Tactful, diplomatic, judicious, circumspect | Unwise, injudicious, imprudent, rash | In your angry state I think it would be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to say nothing, at least until you have calmed down. |  |
| prosaic  **P:** [proh-**zey**-ik] | (adj.) dull, lacking in distinction and originality; matter-of-fact, straightforward; characteristic of prose, not poetic | Commonplace, humdrum, literal, pedestrian | Remarkable, distinctive, poetic, inspired | I remember his singing voice as being on key and clear but also \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. |  |
| redundant  **P:** [ri-duhn-duh nt] | (adj.) extra, excess, more than is needed; wordy, repetitive; profuse, lush | Unnecessary, superfluous, verbose, prolix | Succinct, terse, laconic, scarce, inadequate | Some \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ expressions, such as “hollow tubing,” are considered an acceptable part of the English language. |  |
| sanctimonious  **P:** [sangk-tuh-moh-nee-uh s] | (adj.) making a show of virtue or righteousness; hypocritically moralistic or pious, self-righteous, canting, holier-than-thou |  | Heartfelt, sincere, humble | Cautionary tales that take on a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ tone often achieve the opposite of the desired result. |  |
| scintillating  **P:** [sin-tl-ey-ting] | (adj., part.) sparkling, twinkling, exceptionally brilliant (applied to mental or personal qualities) | Stimulating, lively, glittering, flashing | Dull, boring, insipid, flat, tame, vapid | She was known for her \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ conversation. |  |
| winsome  **P:** [win-suh m] | (adj.) charming, attractive, pleasing (often suggesting a childlike charm or innocence) | Winning, engaging, delightful, prepossessing | Unattractive, unappealing, repulsive | When my brother wanted something badly, he became as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as a puppy. |  |