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

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| **Word, pronunciation, and stressed syllables** | **Part/s 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** |
| **abate**  **P:** | (v.) to make less in amount, degree, etc.; to subside, become less, nullify; to deduct, omit | Diminish, decrease, subside, let up | Intensify, increase, magnify, wax | We stood on the dock on that moonless night, waiting for the storm to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. |  |
| **adulation**  **P:** | (n.) praise or flattery that is excessive | Adoration, idolization, hero-worship | Ridicule, derision, scorn, odium | Athletes have little choice but to enjoy the sometimes puzzling \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ adoration of their fans. |  |
| **anathema**  **P:** | (n.) and object of intense dislike; a curse or strong denunciation (often used adjectivally without the article) | Malediction, imprecation, abomination | Benediction, blessing | The author’s views on bringing up children are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to my dad but a delight to my mother. |  |
| **astute**  **P:** | (adj.) shrewd, crafty, showing practical wisdom | Shrewd, acute, sagacious, judicious, wily | Obtuse, doltish, empty-headed, dumb | The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ management of money is a valuable skill but may not by itself make a good executive. |  |
| **avarice**  **P:** | (n.) a greedy desire, particularly for wealth | Cupidity, rapacity, acquisitiveness |  | Her career exhibited both the miser’s ever-growing \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and the miser’s diminishing charm. |  |
| **culpable**  **P:** | (adj.) deserving blame, worthy of condemnation | Guilty, delinquent, peccant, blameworthy | Blameless, innocent, laudable, meritorious | It was the inspector’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ neglect of duty that left such old buses in service. |  |
| **dilatory**  **P:** | (adj.) tending to delay or procrastinate, not prompt; intended to delay or postpone | Stalling, slow, tardy, laggard | Prompt, punctual, speedy, expeditious | She hired an assistant because, on her own, she was always \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in paying her bills. |  |
| **egregious**  **P:** | (adj.) conspicuous, standing out from the mass (used particularly in an unfavorable sense) | Glaring, flagrant, blatant | Unnoticeable, paltry, piddling | Whoever allowed that man on a stage is guilty of an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ blunder. |  |
| **equivocate**  **P:** | (v.) to speak or act in a way that allows for more than one interpretation; to be deliberately vague or ambiguous | Palter, hedge, to talk out of both sides of one’s mouth. | To speak one’s mind clearly | I won’t soon give my vote to a candidate who shows such a marked tendency to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. |  |
| **evanescent**  **P:** | (adj.) vanishing, soon passing away; light and airy | Ephemeral, transient, transitory | Everlasting, immortal, imperishable | Looking back, I see the magic of the summer was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. |  |
| **irresolute**  **P:** | (adj.) unable to make up one’s mind, hesitating | Indecisive, vacillating, wavering | Determined, decisive, unwavering | In *Hamlet,* the prince is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ about whether to obey his father’s ghost or to go on as if nothing happened. |  |
| **nebulous**  **P:** | (adj.) cloudlike, resembling a cloud, cloudy in color, not transparent; vague, confused, indistinct. | Hazy, fuzzy, cloudy, vague, murky, opaque, indeterminate | Definite, distinct, clear, sharply focused | By the time everyone present had expressed an opinion, the original idea had become somewhat \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. |  |
| **novice**  **P:** | (n.) one who is just a beginner at some activity requiring skill and experience (also used adjectivally) | Neophyte, tyro, trainee, apprentice | Veteran, past master, pro, expert | You must be patient and realize that all his mistakes are typical of a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in this line of work. |  |
| **penury**  **P:** | (n.) extreme poverty; barrenness, insufficiency | Destitution, want, indigence | Affluence, abundance, luxury | We never seem to tire of stories of people who go from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to sudden wealth. |  |
| **pretentious**  **P:** | (adj.) done for show, striving to make a big impression; claiming merit or position unjustifiably; making demands on one’s skill or ability | Inflated, ostentatious, affected | Unassuming, unaffected, modest | Talking about one’s wealth is thought to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and in poor taste. |  |
| **recapitulate**  **P:** | (v.) to review a series of facts; to sum up | Review, summarize, sum up, go over |  | Don’t bother to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the plot of the book; instead, tell me if you liked it. |  |
| **resuscitate**  **P:** | (v.) to revive, bring back to consciousness or existence | Revitalize, reanimate, restore, reactivate |  | We need someone who can \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ our neighborhood council and thus perk up the community spirit. |  |
| **slovenly**  **P:** | (adj.) untidy, dirty, careless | Unkempt, slatternly, slipshod, lax | Neat, tidy, careful, meticulous | Her room was in a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ state, and it took her an entire Saturday to clean it. |  |
| **supposition**  **P:** | (n.) something that is assumed or taken for granted without conclusive evidence. | Assumption, presumption, hypothesis |  | Guided by a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that turned out to be false, they made some disastrous decisions. |  |
| **torpid**  **P:** | (adj.) inactive, sluggish, dull | Sluggish, lethargic, otiose, languid | Energetic, dynamic, vigorous | We all felt \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ after that long, dull lecture. |  |