

English 10/10H Vocabulary Lists 16-20

List 16

1. obsolete – (adj.) out of date, no longer in use
2. omnivorous – (adj.) eating every kind of food
3. multifarious – (adj.) having great variety; numerous and diverse
4. parsimonious – (adj.) stingy, miserly; meager, poor, small
5. quandary – (n.) a state of perplexity or doubt
6. suave – (adj.) smoothly agreeable or polite; pleasing to the senses
7. stultify – (v.) to make ineffective or useless, cripple
8. revel – (v.) to take great pleasure in (n.) a wild celebration
9. reprisal – (n.) an injury done in return for an injury
10. recalcitrant – (adj.) stubbornly disobedient, resisting authority

List 17

1. allocate – (v.) to set apart or designate for a special purpose
2. ardent – (adj.) very enthusiastic, impassioned
3. assiduous – (adj.) persistent, attentive, diligent
4. brash – (adj.) prone to act in a hasty manner
5. capricious – (adj.) subject to whims or passing fancies
6. chastise – (v.) to inflict physical punishment as a means of correction
7. copious – (adj.) abundant; plentiful
8. deviate – (v.) to turn aside; to stray from the norm
9. emaciated – (adj.) unnaturally thin
10. exult – (v.) to rejoice greatly

List 18

1. rancor – (n.) bitter resentment or ill-will
2. sophomoric – (adj.) immature and over confident; conceited
3. spontaneous – (adj.) arising naturally; not planned in advance
4. gnarled – (adj.) knotted, twisted, lumpy
5. indemnity – (n.) a payment for damage or loss
6. inkling – (n.) a hint; a vague notion
7. limpid – (adj.) clear, transparent; readily understood
8. omnipotent – (adj.) almighty, having unlimited power or authority
9. palatable – (adj.) agreeable to the taste; suitable for consumption
10. poignant – (adj.) deeply affecting, touching

List 19

1. allure – (v.) to entice, tempt; to be attractive to
2. acquiesce – (v.) to accept without protest; to agree or submit
3. exponent – (n.) one who advocates, speaks for, explains, or interprets
4. blithe – (adj.) cheerful, lighthearted; casual, unconcerned
5. covet – (v.) to desire something belonging to another
6. garrulous – (adj.) given to much talking, tediously chatty
7. crestfallen – (adj.) discouraged, dejected, downcast
8. askew – (adj.) twisted to one side, crooked
9. contentious – (adj.) quarrelsome, inclined to argue
10. disheveled – (adj.) ruffled, mussed; hanging in disorder

List 20

1. insuperable – (adj.) incapable of being overcome
2. lamentable – (adj.) to be regretted or pitied
3. misnomer – (n.) an unsuitable or misleading name
4. profess – (v.) to affirm openly; to state belief in
5. respite – (n.) a period of relief or rest
6. retribution – (n.) a repayment; a deserved punishment
7. sinuous – (adj.) winding, having many curves; flexible
8. sonorous – (adj.) full, deep, or rich in sound
9. vanguard – (n.) the foremost part of an army, the leading position in any field
10. wastrel – (n.) a wasteful person; a good-for-nothing