

English 10H Vocabulary Overview

ALL THOSE BIG WORDS. LOVE IT.

Vocab. 10H Unit 1

1. Adulterate: to corrupt, make worse, by the addition of something of lesser value
2. Ambidextrous: able to use both hands equally well; very skillful; deceitful, hypocritical
3. Augment: to make larger; to increase
4. Bereft: deprived of; made unhappy through a loss
5. Deploy: to position or arrange; to utilize; to form up
6. Dour: stern, unyielding, gloomy, ill-humored
7. Fortitude: courage in facing difficulties
8. Gape: to stare with open mouth; to open the mouth wide; to open wide
9. Gibe: to utter taunting words; an expression of scorn
10. Guise: an external appearance, cover, mask
11. Insidious: intended to deceive or entrap; sly; treacherous
12. Intimation: a hint or indirect suggestion
13. Opulent: wealthy, luxurious; ample; grandiose
14. Pliable: easily bent, flexible; easily influenced
15. Reiterate: to say again, repeat
16. Stolid: not easily moved mentally or emotionally; dull, unresponsive
17. Tentative: experimental in nature; uncertain, hesitant
18. Unkempt: not combed; untidy; not properly maintained; unpolished rude
19. Verbatim: word for word; exactly as written or spoken
20. Warily: cautiously, with great care

Vocab. 10H Unit 2

1. Adroit: skillful; expert in the use of hands or mind
2. Amicable: peaceful; friendly
3. Averse: having a deep-seated distaste; opposed; unwilling
4. Belligerent: given to fighting; war-like; combative; aggressive; one engaged at war
5. Benevolent: kindly; charitable
6. Cursory: hasty; not thorough
7. Duplicity: treachery; deceitfulness
8. Extol: to praise extravagantly
9. Feasible: possible; able to be done
10. Grimace: a wry face, facial distortion; to make a wry face
11. Holocaust: a large scale destruction, especially by fire; a vast slaughter; a burnt offering
12. Impervious: not affected or hurt by; admitting of no passage or entrance
13. Impetus: a moving force, impulse, stimulus
14. Jeopardy: danger
15. Meticulous: extremely careful; particular about details
16. Nostalgia: a longing for something past; homesickness
17. Quintessence: the purest essence or form of something; the most typical example
18. Retrogress: to move backward; to return to an earlier condition
19. Scrutinize: to examine closely
20. Tepid: lukewarm; unenthusiastic; marked by an absence of interest

Vocab. 10H Unit 3

1. Adversary: an enemy; an opponent
2. Alienate: to turn away; to make indifferent or hostile; to transfer, convey
3. Artifice: a skillful or ingenious device; a clever trick; a clever skill; trickery
4. Coerce: to compel, force
5. Craven: cowardly; a coward
6. Culinary: of or related to cooking or the kitchen
7. Delete: to erase, wipe out, cut out
8. Demise: a death, especially of a person in a lofty position
9. Exhilarate: to enliven, cheer, give spirit or liveliness to
10. Fallow: plowed but not seeded; inactive; reddish-yellow; land left unseeded; to plow, but not seed
11. Harass: to disturb, worry; to trouble by repeated attacks
12. Inclement: stormy, harsh; severe in attitude or action
13. Muse: to think about in a dreamy way; to ponder
14. Negligible: so unimportant that it can be disregarded
15. Perpetuate: to make permanent or long lasting
16. Precedent: an example that may serve as a basis for imitation or later action
17. Punitive: inflicting or aiming at punishment
18. Redress: to set right, remedy; relief from wrong or injury
19. Sojourn: a temporary stay; to stay for a time
20. Urbane: refined in manner or style, suave

Vocabulary 10H Unit 4

1. Affiliated: associated, connected
2. Ascertain: to find out
3. Attainment: an accomplishment, the act of achieving
4. Bequeath: to give or pass on as an inheritance
5. Cogent: forceful; convincing; relevant and to-the-point
6. Converge: to move toward one point, approach nearer together
7. Disperse: to scatter, spread far and wide
8. Esteem: to regard highly
9. Expunge: to erase, obliterate, destroy
10. Finite: having limits; lasting for a limited time
11. Invulnerable: not able to be wounded or hurt; shielded against attack
12. Malevolent: spiteful, showing ill will
13. Nonchalant: cool and confident, unconcerned
14. Omniscient: knowing everything; having unlimited awareness or understanding
15. Panacea: a remedy for all ills; a cure-all; an answer to all problems
16. Scrupulous: exact, careful, attending thoroughly to details
17. Skulk: to move about stealthily; to lie in hiding
18. Supercilious: proud and contemptuous; showing scorn due to perceived superiority
19. Uncanny: strange; mysterious; weird; beyond explanation
20. Venial: easily excused; pardonable

Vocabulary 10H Unit 5

1. Altruistic: unselfish, concerned with the welfare of others
2. Assent: to express agreement
3. Benefactor: one who does good to others
4. Chivalrous: marked by honor, courtesy, and courage; knightly
5. Clemency: mercy humaneness; mildness, moderateness
6. Dearth: a lack, scarcity, inadequate supply; a famine
7. Diffident: shy; lacking self-confidence; modest, reserved
8. Discrepancy: a difference; a lack of agreement
9. Embark: to go aboard; to make a start to invest
10. Facile: easily done or attained; superficial; ready; fluent
11. Indomitable: unconquerable, refusing to yield
12. Infallible: free from error; absolutely dependable
13. Plod: to walk heavily or slowly; to work slowly
14. Pungent: causing a sharp sensation; stinging; biting
15. Remiss: neglectful in performance of one's duties; careless
16. Repose: to rest; lie; place; calmness; peace of mind
17. Temerity: rashness, boldness
18. Truculent: fierce and cruel; aggressive; deadly, destructive
19. Unfeigned: sincere, real; without pretense
20. Virulent: extremely poisonous; full of malice; spiteful

Vocab. 10H Unit 6

1. Accede: to yield to; to assume an office or dignity
2. Brandish: to wave or flourish in a menacing or vigorous fashion
3. Comprise: to include or contain; to be made up of
4. Deft: skillful, nimble
5. Destitute: deprived of the necessities of life; lacking in
6. Explicit: definite, clearly stated
7. Extirpate: to tear up by the roots; to destroy totally
8. Inopportune: coming at a bad time; not appropriate
9. Ironic: suggesting an incongruity between what might be expected and what actually happens; given to irony, sarcastic
10. Musty: stale, moldy; out-of-date
11. Officious: meddling; excessively forward in offering services or assuming authority
12. Ominous: unfavorable, threatening, of bad omen
13. Pinnacle: a high peak or point
14. Premeditated: considered beforehand, deliberately planned
15. Rampant: growing without check, running wild
16. Solace: comfort, relief; to comfort, console
17. Stately: dignified, majestic
18. Supple: bending easily; bending with agility; readily adaptable; servile
19. Suppress: to stop by force, put down
20. Venal: open to or marked by bribery or corruption

Vocab. 10H Unit 7

1. Abhor: to regard with horror or loathing; to hate deeply
2. Amend: to change in a formal way; to change for the better
3. Buffet: to slap or cuff; to strike repeatedly; to drive or force with
4. Chaos: great confusion or disorder
5. Commodious: roomy; spacious
6. Corrosive: eating away gradually, acid-like; bitterly sarcastic
7. Discern: to see clearly; to recognize
8. Extant: still existing; not exterminated, destroyed, or lost
9. Implicate: to involve in; to connect with or be related to
10. Inter: to bury, commit to earth; to consign to oblivion
11. Martinet: a strict disciplinarian; a stickler for the rules
12. Obviate: to anticipate and prevent; to remove, dispose of
13. Renegade: one who leaves a group; a deserter, outlaw; traitorous, unconventional, unorthodox
14. Reprehensible: deserving blame or punishment
15. Somber: dark, gloomy; depressed or melancholy in spirit
16. Squalid: filthy, wretched, debased
17. Turbulent: disorderly riotous, violent; stormy
18. Vociferous: loud and noisy; compelling attention
19. Voluminous: of great size; numerous; writing or speaking at great length
20. Waive: to do without, give up voluntarily; to put off temporarily, defer

Vocab. 10H Unit 8

1. Animosity: strong dislike; bitter hostility
2. Apathy: a lack of feeling, emotion, or interest
3. Apprehensive: fearful or anxious, especially about the future
4. Commend: to praise, express approval; to present as worthy of attention; to commit to the care of
5. Compatible: able to get along or work well together; capable of use with some other model or system
6. Condolence: an expression of sympathy
7. Consecrate: to make sacred, hallow; to set apart for a special purpose
8. Decrepit: old and feeble; worn-out, ruined
9. Deride: to ridicule, laugh at with contempt
10. Ingenuous: innocent; simple; frank, sincere
11. Multifarious: having great variety; numerous and diverse
12. Obsolete: out-of-date; no longer in use
13. Omnivorous: eating every kind of food; eagerly taking in everything; having a wide variety of tastes
14. Parsimonious: stingy, miserly; meager, poor, small
15. Quandary: a state of perplexity or doubt
16. Recalcitrant: stubbornly disobedient, resisting authority
17. Reprisal: an injury done in return for an injury
18. Revel: to take great pleasure in; a wild celebration
19. Stultify: to make ineffective or useless, cripple; to have a dulling effect on
20. Suave: smoothly agreeable or polite; pleasing to the senses

Vocab. 10H Unit 9

1. Allocate: to set apart or designate for a special purpose
2. Ardent: Very enthusiastic, impassioned
3. Assiduous: persistent, diligent
4. Brash: prone to act in a hasty manner; imprudent
5. Capricious: subject to whims or passing fancies
6. Chastise: to inflict physical punishment as a means of correction
7. Copious: abundant; plentiful; wordy; verbose
8. Deviate: to turn aside; to stray from the norm
9. Emaciated: unnaturally thin
10. Exult: to rejoice greatly
11. Gnarled: knotted and twisted
12. Indemnity: a payment for damage or loss
13. Inkling: a hint; a vague notion
14. Limpid: clear and transparent
15. Omnipotent: almighty, having unlimited power or authority
16. Palatable: agreeable to the taste or one's sensibilities
17. Poignant: deeply affecting or deeply touching
18. Rancor: bitter resentment
19. Sophomoric: immature and overconfident; conceited
20. Spontaneous: arising naturally; not planned or engineered in advance

Vocab. 10H Unit 10

1. Acquiesce: to accept without protest
2. Allure: to entice or tempt
3. Askew: twisted to one side
4. Blithe: cheerful, lighthearted
5. Contentious: quarrelsome, inclined to argue
6. Covet: to desire something belonging to another
7. Crestfallen: discouraged, dejected, downcast
8. Disheveled: ruffled, mussed; hanging in disorder
9. Exponent: one who advocates, speaks for, explains, or interprets
10. Garrulous: given to much talking
11. Insuperable: incapable of being overcome
12. Lamentable: to be regretted or pitied
13. Misnomer: an unsuitable or misleading name
14. Profess: to affirm openly
15. Respite: a period of relief or rest
16. Retribution: a repayment
17. Sinuous: winding; having many curves
18. Sonorous: full, deep, rich in sound
19. Vanguard: the foremost part of an army
20. Wastrel: a wasteful person; a good-for-nothing

Vocab. 10H Unit 11

1. Allude: to refer to casually or indirectly
2. Clairvoyant: supernaturally perceptive
3. Conclusive: serving to settle an issue
4. Disreputable: not respectable; not esteemed
5. Endemic: native or confined to a particular region or people
6. Exemplary: worthy of imitation
7. Fathom: to understand
8. Guile: treacherous cunning
9. Integrity: honesty; high moral standards
10. Itinerary: a route of travel
11. Misconstrue: to interpret wrongly
12. Obnoxious: highly offensive
13. Placate: to appease
14. Placid: calm and peaceful
15. Plagiarism: passing off or using another person's work
16. Potent: powerful; highly effective
17. Pretext: a false reason
18. Protrude: to stick out
19. Stark: harsh, unrelieved, desolate
20. Superficial: on or near the surface; concerned with or understanding only what is on the surface

Vocab. 10H Unit 12

1. Abjure: to renounce
2. Acrid: harsh in taste or odor; sharp in manner or temper
3. August: majestic, inspiring admiration and respect
4. Callous: emotionally hardened
5. Clandestine: secret, concealed
6. Compunction: remorse or regret
7. Conflagration: a large destructive fire
8. Elated: in high spirits
9. Indelible: not able to be erased
10. Indulgent: yielding to the wishes or demands of others
11. Inveterate: firmly established
12. Irrelevant: not to the point, not applicable or pertinent
13. Nocturnal: of or occurring at night
14. Platitude: a commonplace, stale, or trite remark
15. Quell: to subdue
16. Quiescent: inactive; at rest
17. Ruminates: to meditate or think about at length
18. Tacit: unspoken; silent; implied; inferred
19. Tangible: capable of being touched
20. Trenchant: incisive, keen; forceful, effective; clear-cut

Vocab. 10H Unit 13

1. Antipathy: a strong dislike, hostile feeling
2. Applicable: capable of being applied
3. Asset: something of value
4. Beset: to attack from all sides
5. Compassion: sympathy for another's suffering; pity
6. Decorum: proper behavior
7. Duress: compulsion by threat
8. Exuberant: high-spirited, enthusiastic
9. Facsimile: an exact copy
10. Imbibe: to drink
11. Implacable: not to be satisfied or pacified
12. Infinitesimal: so small as to almost be immeasurable
13. Innocuous: harmless, inoffensive
14. Militate: to have effect or force on or against someone or something
15. Patent: exclusive rights over an invention
16. Prowess: superior skill or ability
17. Sedate: quiet, settled, sober
18. Stentorian: extremely loud
19. Stipulate: to arrange specifically
20. Ultimatum: a final proposal or statement

Vocab. 10H Unit 14

1. Alacrity: a cheerful readiness; brisk and eager action
2. Alleviate: to relieve
3. Antithesis: the direct opposite; a sharp contrast
4. Appall: to fill with dismay or horror
5. Bellicose: warlike in manner
6. Disparage: to belittle; to undervalue
7. Dissonant: not in harmony
8. Droll: amusingly odd
9. Edict: an order issued by someone in authority
10. Elucidate: to clarify or explain
11. Laud: to praise
12. Loll: to act in a lazy manner
13. Loquacious: talkative
14. Magnanimous: generous in forgiving
15. Mandatory: required
16. Nondescript: ordinary
17. Phlegmatic: slow-moving, sluggish
18. Rescind: to repeal
19. Vivacious: lively; sprightly
20. Whet: to sharpen