Mr. Valentine's 12th Grade English - Vocabulary List 5 - Standard

1. Barbican - (Noun) - an outwork of a fortified place, as a castle; a defensive outpost.

Example - The soldier admired the **barbican** of the castle and said that it would help in an attack.

Synonyms - N/A Antonyms - N/A

2. Beseech - (Verb) - to implore urgently; to beg eagerly for; solicit.

Example - The captive **beseeched** the prison guard for mercy.

Synonyms - Beg, plead, solicit. Antonyms - Refuse, command.

3. Bower - (Noun) - a leafy shelter or recess; a rustic dwelling; a lady's bedroom in a medieval castle.

Example - The lady felt tired and retired to her **bower**.

Synonyms - Shelter, recess, bedroom. Antonyms - N/A

4. Commune - (Verb) - to converse or talk together, usually with profound intensity, intimacy, etc; interchange of thoughts or feelings.

Example - The man and woman found a quiet table at the restaurant so that they could better **commune** with one another on their date.

Synonyms - Converse, speak, chat. Antonyms - N/A

5. Damask - (Adjective) - being variegated in two colors.

Example - The Tudor rose is **damasked** with red and white petals.

Synonyms - Variegated. Antonyms - N/A

6. Goad - (Verb) - to prick or drive with, as if using a prod; to incite.

Example - The farmer **goaded** the cattle with his electric prod.

Synonyms - Drive, prod, incite. Antonyms - Discourage, dissuade, stop.

7. Gramercy - (Interjection) - Used as an exclamation expressing surprise, sudden strong feeling, or great thanks.

Example - The traveler said, "**Gramercy**!" to his host, who offered him food and shelter after his long journey.

Synonyms - Great thanks, thank you, thanks a lot, thank you very much. Antonyms - No thank you.

8. Hostel - (Noun) - a hotel, inn, or residence hall.

Example - The weary travelers hoped there would be vacancies at the nearest **hostel**.

Synonyms - Hotel, inn, residence hall. Antonyms - N/A

9. Truant - (Adjective) - Neglectful of duty or responsibility.

Example - The knight felt that if he did not go out to face the dragon and save the children, that he would be truant in his duties.

Synonyms - Idle, remiss, lazy. Antonyms - N/A

10. Tryst - (Noun) - An appointment to meet at a certain time and place, especially one made somewhat secretly by lovers.

Example - Romeo and Juliet arranged a tryst where neither the Montagues nor the Capulets could find them.

Synonyms - Date, rendezvous, appointment. Antonyms - Separation, division.