Mr. Valentine's 12th Grade English - Vocabulary List 9 - Honors

1. Amiable - (Adjective) - having or showing pleasant, good-natured personal qualities.

Example - The amiable hostess was happy to accommodate our requests.

Synonyms - affable, friendly, sociable. Antonyms - mean, nasty, unsociable

2. Amity - (Noun) - friendship; peaceful harmony; mutual understanding.

Example - After going through so much together, Joe-Bob and Betty-Jo found amity between them.

Synonyms - concord, goodwill, harmony Antonyms - discord, hostility, hatred.

3. Audacious - (Adjective) - extremely bold or daring; recklessly brave; fearless.

Example - The audacious hero ran into the dragon's cave.

Synonyms - adventurous, bold, courageous. Antonyms - Meek, cautious, afraid.

4. Beshrew - (Verb) - To curse or invoke evil upon.

Example - Beshrew me if I'm wrong.

Synonyms - N/A Antonyms - N/A

5. Concord - (Noun) - agreement between persons, groups, nations etc; concurrence of attitudes or feelings.

Example - The warring clans at last found concord between them.

Synonyms - accord, agreement, amity. Antonyms - Discord, disagreement, disharmony.

6. Constancy - (Noun) - the quality of being unchanging or unwavering, as in purpose, love, or loyalty; firmness of mind; faithfulness.

Example - Joe-Bob knew of Gilbert's constancy and decided he could depend on Gilbert in tough times.

Synonyms - dependability, steadfastness, trustworthiness. Antonyms - Unsteadiness, wavering, dishonesty.

7. Discord - (Noun) - lack of concord or harmony between persons or things.

Example - Joe-Bob and Betty-Jo had been arguing much of late, causing discord in their relationship.

Synonyms - disharmony, dissonance, tumult. Antonyms - accord, agreement, concord.

8. Dote - (Verb) - to bestow or express excessive love or fondness habitually.

Example - They dote on their youngest daughter.

Synonym - fawn, cherish, flatter, praise. Antonyms - ignore, offend, denounce.

9. Enamored - (Verb) - Filled or inflamed with love; charmed of captivated.

Example - When Joe-Bob first saw Betty-Jo, he was enamored of her beauty.

Synonyms - Charmed, captivated, enraptured. Antonyms - disgusted, repulsed, turned off by.

10. Expound - (Verb) - to set forth or state in detail; to explain or interpret.

Example - The professor expounded the complex ideas of the lecture to the students.

Synonym - explain, interpret, clarify. Antonyms - complicate, confuse, obscure.

11. Gaud - (Noun) - a showy ornament or trinket.

Example - The lady liked to wear many jewels, gauds, and other flashy accessories.

Synonyms - baubles, ornaments, novelties. Antonyms - N/A

12. Imbrue (Verb) - to stain or wet thoroughly.

Example - He refused to imbrue his hands with the blood of more killing.

Synonyms - douse, immerse, soak. Antonyms - dehydrate, dry, parch.

13. Palpable - (Adjective) - readily or plainly seen, heard, perceived, etc; obvious; evident.

Example - When Joe-Bob said he'd flown on a unicorn to the land of flying flapjacks, the fact that he was lying was quite palpable.

Synonyms - obvious, evident, plain. Antonyms - hidden, obscure, uncertain.

14. Paragon - (Noun) - a model or pattern of excellence or of a particular excellence.

Example - The hero was a paragon of virtue.

Synonyms - ideal, epitome, exemplar. Antonyms - opposite, non-example.

15. Paramour - (Noun) - an illicit lover, especially of a married person; any lover.

Example - Betty-Jo caught Joe-Bob with a paramour and decided to leave him

Synonyms - lover, mistress. Antonyms - N/A

16. Reprehend - (Verb) - to reprove or find fault with; rebuke; censure; blame.

Example - Gilbert reprehended Joe-Bob for having a paramour, and comforted Betty-Jo.

Synonyms - Rebuke, scold, blame, censure. Antonyms - praise, commend, extoll.

17. Revel - (Noun) - boisterous merrymaking or festivities.

Example - Gilbert attended Susie-Jo's birthday revels.

Synonym - party, celebration, merrymaking, festivity. Antonyms - N/A

18. Seethe - (Verb) - to surge or foam as if boiling; to be in a state of agitation or excitement.

Example - Betty-Jo seethed at Joe-Bob for quite some time after finding out he had a paramour.

Synonyms - boil, fume, smolder, burn. Antonyms - be happy, freeze.

19. Valor - (Noun) - boldness or determination in facing great danger, especially in battle; heroic courage; bravery.

Example - Beowulf proved his valor when he stood his ground against the monsters.

Synonyms - bravery, courage, boldness. Antonyms - Cowardice, cravenness, fear.

20. Visage - (Noun) - the face, usually with reference to shape, features, expression, etc.

The villagers' visages were twisted in fear as the dragon swooped down on their village.

Synonyms - countenance, face, facial expression. Antonyms - N/A