Mr. Valentine's 12th Grade English - Vocabulary List 8 for DL

*The following words are taken from A Midsummer Night's Dream, Acts II and III*

1. Adamant - (Noun) - very hard native crystalline carbon valued as a gem. (Adjective) - Being hard or stubborn, like said material.

Example - The door on the space station was so impenetrable that the spacemen joked it must be made of both adamant and mithril.

Synonyms - Hard, stubborn, unmoveable. Antonyms - Flexible, malleable, soft.

2. Asunder - (Adjective) - In separate parts or pieces.

Example - The lightning split the tree asunder.

Synonyms - Split, rend, shatter. Antonyms - Mend, heal, join, fix.

3. Beguile - (Verb) - To attract or cause to be enamored by.

Example - One of Puck's favorite jokes is to change his voice to that of a female horse and beguile male horses into thinking there truly is a female horse around.

Synonyms - Attract, deceive, trick. Antonyms - Refuse, repulse, be honest.

4. Chide - (Verb) - To censure or scold severely or angrily.

Example - Joe-Bob chided Gilbert for throwing his empty soda can on the floor.

Synonyms - Censure, scold, criticize. Antonyms - Praise, commend, compliment.

5. Derision - (Noun) - The act of treating with contempt.

Example - Helena cannot believe her lover's compliments, thinking they are actually insults and derision.

Synonyms - Insults, offenses, scorn, mockery. Antonyms - Praises, compliments, truths, sincerity.

6. Disparage - (Verb) - To express a negative opinion of.

Example - The viewers disparaged the poorly-made movie for having an incoherent plot, bad acting, and poorly-written lines.

Synonyms - Belittle, scorn, insult, criticize. Antonyms - Admire, honor, praise, approve.

7. Enthrall - (Verb) - To hold spellbound, captivate, or charm.

Example - The performer's grace, skill, and virtuousity enthrall her audiences.

Synonyms - Charm, captivate, enchant. Antonyms - Repulse, repell, push away.

8. Entice - (Verb) - To lead on by way of exciting hope or desire; allure; excite.

Example - Many settlers were enticed westward by dreams of gold.

Synonyms - Excite, allure, attract. Antonyms - Repel, repulse, disgust.

9. Impeach - (Verb) - To accuse of misconduct; to challenge the credibility of; to call into question or cast doubt upon.

Example - The trash, slime, and dirty dishes all over the house impeached Joe-Bob's earlier claims that he kept a clean house.

Synonyms - Accuse, criticize, impugn, question. Antonyms - Absolve, praise, approve, commend.

10. Knavish - (Adjective) - Untrustworthy or dishonest, waggish, roguish, mischievous.

Example - The knavish imp pulled pranks on all the men and women of the village.

Synonyms - Impish, mischievous, dishonest. Antonyms - Honest, noble, honorable.

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1. The man was as hard and immovable as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

2. The business owner harshly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Joe-Bob for kicking the vending machine.

3. The review critiqued and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the new film.

4. The commercial \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ viewers with a massive close-up shot of a cheeseburger.

5. When Joe-Bob found Swiss-Roll wrappers all over Gilbert's house, he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Gilbert's claims that he had stayed true to his diet.

6. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ individual set up each door on the block to drop a can of periwinkle paint onto whoever opened it.

7. Bringing down the sledge hammer, Joe-Bob broke the concrete block \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

8. One thief \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the crowd with magic tricks while his partner slipped behind them and took their wallets.

9. The mean lady had nothing but \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and scorn for the singer's performance.

10. The sorceress \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the people with her spells, so that they stood as still as statues.