Mr. Valentine’s 12th Grade English Class - Vocabulary List 2 - Standard

1. Assail - (Verb) - To attack vigorously or violently; to assault.

Example - The warrior assailed the fortress where the evil wizard lived.

Synonyms - Attack, assault, beset. Antonyms - Uphold, protect, preserve.

2. Bairn - (Noun) - A child; a son or daughter.

Example - Joe-Bob had three bairns:  Gilbert, Suzie, and Anna-Jo.

Synonyms - Child, son, daughter, offspring. Antonyms - Adult.

3. Bane - (Noun) - Death, destruction, ruin.

Example - When Anna-Jo killed the dragon, she named her sword the dragon’s bane.

Synonyms - Death, destruction, ruin. Antonyms - Aid, boon, blessing, benefit.

4. Billow - (Noun) - A great wave or surge of the sea.

Example - Gilbert sailed across the mighty billows of the stormy sea.

Synonyms - Breaker, crest, roller, surge, swell, tide, wave. Antonyms - N/A

5. Extol - (Verb) - to praise highly; laud; eulogize.

Example - Mary-Lou liked the cake so much she extolled the baker’s skills aloud.

Synonyms - Praise, laud, acclaim, exalt. Antonyms - Censure, condemn, criticize.

6. Furl - (Verb) - to gather into a compact roll and bind securely, as with a sail or flag.

Example - Since he was finished wrapping the present, the man furled the excess wrapping paper.

Synonyms - Curl, roll, roll up. Antonyms - Unroll, unfurl, uncurl.

7. Lavish - (Adjective) - Occurring in excessive, profuse, or extravagant ways.

Example - Joe-Bob thought Myrtle’s gift of a brand new car was far too lavish for a first date.

Synonyms - Excessive, profuse, extravagant. Antonyms - Austere, stingy, wanting.

8. Resolute - (Adjective) - firmly resolved or determined; set in purpose or opinion.

Example - Suzie kept trying to win, as she was resolute.

Synonyms - Resolved, determined, set. Antonyms - Fearful, surrendering, yielding.

9. Vehemently - (Adverb) - characterized by rancor or anger; violent.

Example - After being slapped across the face a few times, the alligator snapped vehemently at the foolish man.

Synonyms - Angrily, fiercely, viciously. Antonyms - Calmly, gently, mildly, tamely.

10. Welkin - the sky; the vault of heaven.

Example - Clouds and birds and a shining sun were all that stood against the blue welkin above.

Synonyms - sky, heavens. Antonym - Ground, earth.