

Vocabulary #2

1. prosaic: commonplace, uninspired, dull

After hours of prosaic homework, he fell asleep at his desk.

2. austere: severe, strict

The mortician looked very austere in his black suit and somber appearance.

3. complacent: smug, self-satisfied

His complacent attitude about vocabulary caused him to get a C on the quiz instead of the A he was capable of.

4. dubious: doubtful, uncertain, suspicious

The man's dubious appearance caused the police officer to pick him out of the crowd to be questioned for the crime.

5. ephemeral: short-lived, fleeting

The ephemeral stream only flowed in the spring.

6. insipid: bland, boring

The students' insipid conversation about bad movies bored Ms. Taylor into a stupor.

7. obscure: unclear, clouded, partly hidden, little known

The obscure artifact was worth millions because it was so rare.

8. depravity: corruption, wickedness

Voldemort's depravity terrified millions.

9. expedite: to quicken, accelerate

He had to use Federal Express to expedite the delivery of his application because he had procrastinated for so long.

10. peripheral: on the edge, unimportant

Although he always tried to be the center of attention, he was really peripheral to the class.

11. taciturn: quiet, uncommunicative, silent

Ms. Taylor's unusually taciturn behavior reminded the students to pay attention.

12. expedient: advantageous, convenient

It would be expedient for Matt to quiet down before Ms. Taylor politely asked for his attention.