

Vocabulary #3

1. fastidious: finicky, overly critical, picky

The fastidious woman took 5 minutes to order her non-fat, soy, half sugar, vanilla, extra hot latte.

2. novel: new and interesting

The novel idea for spirit days was so exciting that everyone participated.

3. parsimony: stinginess, frugality, skimpiness

The man practiced so much parsimony that he never gave more than a 8% tip. Although it is good to save money, too much parsimony can make life miserable.

4. provincial: narrow-minded, unsophisticated

His provincial views reflected the ideas of a century ago. The provincial man believed that calculators were the devil's toys.

5. respite: a break, a rest

After hiking for 6 hours straight, he was in desperate need of a respite.

6. anecdote: a brief, humorous story

On a good day, we can distract Ms. Taylor into telling anecdotes for the first 15 minutes of class.

7. drone: to talk on and on in a dull way

Although some students (Nate and Matt) may complain about Ms. Taylor's funny voices, at least she doesn't drone on.

8. desecrate: to show disrespect or to deface something sacred

Matt desecrated the church by tagging it with his name.

9. euphonious: melodious, pleasant sounding

Matt thought he was euphonious but really he sounded terrible.

10. cacophonous: harsh sounding

The cacophonous sound coming from Matt's mouth was so harsh that we had to plug our ears.

11. guile: cunning, deceitfulness

Matt thought he would use guile to trick Ms. Taylor, but she always outthinks him.

12. immutable: unchanging, permanent

**Ms. Taylor's droning will become
immutable if you don't get on your knees
and beg now.**