

10th Grade English Vocabulary

List 1

ADULTERATE	(v.) To make impure by adding extraneous, improper, or inferior ingredients
AMBIDEXTROUS	(adj.) Having the ability of using both hands with equal skill or ease
AUGMENT	(v.) To make bigger
BEREFT	(adj.) Left desolate or alone, especially by death
DEPLOY	(v.) To distribute persons or forces systematically or strategically
DOUR	(adj.) Silently ill-humored; gloomy
FORTITUDE	(n.) Patient courage
GAPE	(v.) To stare wonderingly or stupidly, often with the mouth open
GIBE	(n.) A taunting or bitterly sarcastic remark; (v.) To utter taunts or jeers
GUISE	(n.) The external appearance as produced by garb or costume
INSIDIOUS	(adj.) Harming by slow and stealthy means
INTIMATION	(n.) A hint; an obscure or indirect suggestion or notice
OPULENT	(adj.) Wealthy
PLIABLE	(adj.) Easily influenced, persuaded, or swayed
REITERATE	(v.) To say or do again and again
STOLID	(adj.) Not easily aroused or excited; dull
TENTATIVE	(adj.) Not certain or final; Done without confidence, hesitant
UNKEMPT	(adj.) Not properly maintained; disorderly or untidy
VERBATIM	(adj.) Using exactly the same words, corresponding word for word; (adv.) In exactly the same words, word for word
WARILY	(adv.) Characterized by caution

Spelling:

absence
accept (to receive)
accidentally
accommodate
accompanied
ache
across
admitting
advice (noun)
advise (verb)
alley (back street)
ally (friend)
already
altar (used in worship)
alter (to change)

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List 2

ADROIT (adj.) Having skill in the use of the bodily or mental powers
AMICABLE (adj.) characterized by friendliness and good will
AVERSE (adj.) Opposed to, having a strong dislike of or opposition to something
BELLIGERENT (adj.) Hostile, argumentative or aggressive; (n.) A hostile or aggressive person
BENEVOLENT (adj.) Loving others and actively desirous of their well-being
CURSORY (adj.) Hastily or superficially performed
DUPLICITY (n.) Double-dealing, dishonesty or deceitfulness
EXTOL (v.) To praise 85
FEASIBLE (adj.) That may be done, performed, or effected
GRIMACE (n.) A distortion of the face expressive of pain, contempt, or disgust; (v.) To make a sharp distortion of the face
HOLOCAUST(n.) Great destruction resulting in the extensive loss of life, especially by fire
IMPERVIOUS (adj.) impenetrable; also, not capable of being affected
IMPETUS (n.) Any impulse or incentive
JEOPARDY (n.) Risk of loss or injury; peril or danger
METICULOUS (adj.) Extremely or excessively careful about details
NOSTALGIA (n.) A longing for things, persons, or situations of the past
QUINTESENCE (n.) The purest or most typical instance
RETROGRESS (v.) To return to an earlier, inferior, or less complex condition; to go backward
SCRUTINIZE (v.) To examine or observe with great care; inspect critically
TEPID (adj.) Lacking in emotional warmth or enthusiasm; halfhearted

Spelling:

always
angel (celestial being)
angle (geometric being)
already
analyze
appearance
argue
arguing
argument
awkward
bathe
beginning
benefited
born (brought into being)
borne (carried)

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List 3

ADVERSARY	(n.) An opponent; an enemy
ALIENATE	(v.) To cause to turn away
ARTIFICE	(n.) Trickery
COERCE	(v.) To force
CRAVEN	(n.) A coward; (adj.) Characterized by shameless fear, cowardly
CULINARY	(adj.) Of or pertaining to cooking or the kitchen
DELETE	(v.) To remove by striking out or canceling
DEMISE	(n.) A Death
EXHILARATE	(v.) To fill with high or cheerful spirits
FALLOW	(n.) Land that has been plowed but not yet seeded; (v.) To plow land but not seed it; (adj.) plowed and left unseeded, regarding land, uncultivated
HARASS	(v.) To trouble with importunities, cares, or annoyances
INCLEMENT	(adj.) Stormy; Showing no mercy
MUSE	(v.) To be absorbed in one's thoughts; ponder; ruminate
NEGLIGIBLE	(adj.) Not significant or important enough to be worth considering; trifling
PERPETUATE	(v.) To preserve from extinction or oblivion
PRECEDENT	(n.) An instance that may serve as a guide or basis for a rule
PUNITIVE	(adj.) Pertaining to punishment
REDRESS	(v.) to set right
SOJOURN	(n.) A temporary stay, a brief period of residence; (v.) To stay for a time in place, to live temporarily
URBANE	(adj.) Polite, refined, and often elegant in manner

Spelling:

breath (noun)
breathe (verb)
business
capital
capitol
captain
careful
ceiling
cemetery
changeable
chauffer
choose
chose
collar
color

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List 4

AFFILIATED	(adj.) Being joined in close association
ASCERTAIN	(v.) To discover with certainty, as through examination or experimentation
ATTAINMENT	(n.) An accomplishment or achievement that is gained or reached
BEQUEATH	(v.) To give by will
COGENT	(adj.) appealing to the mind or to reason; convincing
CONVERGE	(v.) To cause to incline and approach nearer together
DISPERSE	(v.) To drive off or scatter in different directions
ESTEEM	(n.) A favorable opinion or judgment; (v.) To regard with respect
EXPUNGE	(v.) To eliminate completely; annihilate
FINITE	(adj.) Limited
INVULNERABLE	(adj.) That can not be wounded or hurt
MALEVOLENT	(adj.) Wishing evil to others
NONCHALANT	(adj.) Seeming to be coolly unconcerned or indifferent
OMNISCIENT	(adj.) Characterized by unlimited or infinite knowledge
PANACEA	(n.) a cure-all
SCRUPULOUS	(adj.) Cautious in action for fear of doing wrong
SKULK	(v.) To move about stealthily
SUPERCILIOUS	(adj.) lofty with pride
UNCANNY	(adj.) Peculiarly unsettling, as if of supernatural origin or nature; eerie
VENIAL	(adj.) Capable of being forgiven

Spelling:

comma
committee
conceive
conscience
conscious (awake)
conquer
convenient
cough
definite
desert
dessert
discussion
economize
especially
except
extremely

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English 10 List 5

ALTRUISTIC	(adj.) Unselfish concern for the welfare of others; selflessness
ASSENT (n.)	Agreement with a statement or proposal; (v.) To agree or express agreement
BENEFACTOR	(n.) A doer of kindly and charitable acts
CHIVALROUS	(adj.) Characterized by consideration and courtesy, especially toward women
CLEMENCY	(n.) Mercy, forgiveness
DEARTH	(n.) Scarcity, as of something customary, essential ,or desirable
DIFFIDENT	(adj.) Bashful or unassertive
DISCREPANCY	(n.) Divergence or disagreement, as between facts or claims; difference
EMBARK	(v.) To make a start, begin something
FACILE	(adj.) Not difficult to do
INDOMITABLE	(adj.) Not to be subdued; Unconquerable
INFALLIBLE	(adj.) Free from error of judgment, perfect
PLOD	(v.) To move or walk heavily or laboriously; trudge
PUNGENT	(adj.) Affecting the sense of smell
REMISS (adj.)	Negligent or careless in one's duties
REPOSE (n.)	The state of being at rest or relaxing; (v.) To rest or relax
TEMERITY	(n.) Audacity, boldness
TRUCULENT	(adj.) Fierce, harsh, aggressive
UNFEIGNED	(adj.) Genuine; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed
VIRULENT	(adj.) Exceedingly noxious or dangerous

Spelling:

1. different
2. discussion
3. economize
4. especially
5. except
6. exhausted
7. existence
8. familiar
9. famous
10. February
11. field
12. flour (meal)
13. flower (bloom)
14. forty
15. forward

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English 10 List 6

ACCEDE(v.) To agree or assent to
BRANDISH (v.) To wave, shake, or flourish triumphantly or defiantly
COMPRISE (v.) To consist of
DEFT (adj.) Clever and skillful
DESTITUTE (adj.) Poverty-stricken, lacking
EXPLICIT (adj.) Definite, clearly stated
EXTIRPATE (v.) To destroy totally; exterminate
INOOPORTUNE (adj.) Unsuitable or inconvenient, especially regarding time
IRONIC (adj.) Seemingly contrary to what was expected or intended
MUSTY (adj.) Stale or moldy in odor or taste
OFFICIOUS (adj.) Meddlesome
OMINOUS (adj.) Unfavorable, menacing, threatening
PINNACLE (n.) A high or topmost point, as a mountain-peak
PREMEDITATED (adj.) Deliberately planned, considered beforehand
RAMPANT (adj.) Growing, climbing, or running without check or restraint
SOLACE (n.) Comfort in grief, trouble, or calamity; (v.) To offer comfort or consolation
STATELY (adj.) Dignified and impressive; Majestic; Lofty
SUPPLE (adj.) Easily bent
SUPPRESS (v.) To put an end to forcibly
VENAL (adj.) Capable of being bribed, open to corruption

Spelling:

1. fourth
2. government
3. guard
4. having
5. height
6. heroes
7. laboratory
8. liable
9. library
10. literature
11. manual
12. marriage
13. meant
14. mischievous
15. murmur

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English 10 List 7

ABHOR (v.) To regard with loathing; hate

AMEND(v.) To remove the faults or errors in; correct

BUFFET (n.) A blow with the hand or fist; (v.) To hit or beat, especially repeatedly

CHAOS (n.) A condition of great disorder or confusion

COMMODIOUS (adj.) Spacious; roomy

CORROSIVE (adj.) That which causes gradual decay by crumbling or surface disintegration

DISCERN (v.) To detect with the senses, to see clearly

EXTANT(adj.) Still existing

IMPLICATE (v.) To be related to; To involve in

INTER (v.) to place (a dead body) in a grave or tomb; bury.

MARTINET (n.) One who demands absolute adherence to forms and rules

OBVIATE (v.) To prevent by interception

RENEGADE (n.) Someone who deserts a cause or principle, an outlaw, a rebel; (adj.) Having deserted a cause or principle

REPREHENSIBLE(adj.) Deserving blame or punishment

SOMBER (adj.) Gloomy, depressing and melancholy

SQUALID (adj.) Having a dirty appearance

TURBULENT (adj.) Violently agitated or disturbed; chaotic

VOCIFEROUS (adj.) Noisy and loud; Commanding attention

VOLUMINOUS (adj.) Having great size, fullness, or number

WAIVE (v.) To give up, especially temporarily, as a right or claim

Spelling:

1. necessary
2. neither
3. niece
4. shepherd
5. shone (light)
6. shown (past participle of show)
7. siege
8. similar
9. sincerely
10. solemn
11. souvenir
12. stationary (standing still)
13. stationery (paper and envelope)
14. steal (take by theft)
15. steel (tempered iron)

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English 10 List 8

ANIMOSITY (n.) Hatred, Strong dislike
APATHY(n.) Lack of concern or emotion; Indifference
APPREHENSIVE (adj.) Anxious or fearful about the future; Uneasy
COMMEND (v.) To express approval of; praise
COMPATIBLE (adj.) Capable of existing or performing in harmonious, agreeable, or congenial combination
CONDOLENCE (n.) Expression of sympathy with a person in pain, sorrow, or misfortune
CONSECRATE (v.) To set apart as sacred
DECREPIT (adj.) Worn and broken down by hard use
DERIDE (v.) To laugh at with scorn; To ridicule
INGENUOUS (adj.) Characterized by an inability to mask your feelings; Not devious in a naive way
MULTIFARIOUS (adj.) Having great variety; diverse
OBSOLETE (adj.) No longer practiced or accepted; Outdated
OMNIVOROUS (adj.) Eating or living upon food of all kinds indiscriminately
PARSIMONIOUS(adj.) Excessively unwilling to spend; Stingy
QUANDARY (n.) A state of difficulty or perplexity; A dilemma
RECALCITRANT (adj.) Stubbornly disobedient; Resisting to authority
REPRISAL (n.) An injury done in return for injury
REVEL (n.) A noisy festivity or celebration, merrymaking; (v.) To take great pleasure or delight
STULTIFY (v.) To render useless; To cripple
SUAVE (adj.) Smooth and pleasant in manner

Spelling:

1. superintendent
2. surprise
3. syllable
4. thieves
5. thorough
6. threw (hurled)
7. through (by way of)
8. tragedy
9. tyranny
10. usually
11. weak (feeble)
12. week (space of time)
13. weather (rain, snow)
14. whether
15. Wednesday

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English 10 List 9

ALLOCATE	(v.) To set apart for a special purpose; To distribute
ARDENT	(adj.) Burning with passion
ASSIDUOUS	(adj.) Marked by care and persistent effort
BRASH	(adj.) Lacking in sensitivity or tact
CAPRICIOUS	(adj.) Characterized by or subject to whim; Impulsive and unpredictable 7
CHASTISE	(v.) To punish, as by beating
COPIOUS	(adj.) Plentiful, abundant
DEVIATE	(n.) A person whose behavior is different from what is acceptable; (v.) To take a different course; (adj.) Markedly different from acceptable behavior
EMACIATED	(adj.) Extremely thin, especially as a result of starvation
EXULT	(v.) To rejoice greatly; To be jubilant or triumphant
GNARLED	(adj.) Knotty and misshapen, usually from age or work
INDEMNITY	(n.) Compensation for damage, loss, or injury suffered
INKLING	(n.) A hint, vague notion
LIMPID	(adj.) Easily intelligible; clear
OMNIPOTENT	(adj.) Possessed of unlimited and universal power
PALATABLE	(adj.) Acceptable to the taste; Sufficiently agreeable in flavor to be eaten
POIGNANT	(adj.) Deeply and emotionally affecting, very touching
RANCOR	(n.) Bitter, long-lasting resentment; deep-seated ill will
SOPHOMORIC	(adj.) Exhibiting great immaturity and lack of judgment
SPONTANEOUS	(adj.) Not planned in advance; Impulsive

Spelling:

abbreviation
aristocrat
conservationist
entrepreneur
abhorred
arraignment
consignment
enunciate
absolution
assassinate
consternation
enzyme
absorbency
auspices
consubstantial
Ephesians

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English 10 List 10

ACQUIESCE	(v.) To agree or accept something without protest; To submit to one's demands
ALLURE	(v.) To attract with something desirable; (n.) The power to entice or attract through personal charm
ASKEW	(adj.) Twisted or turned to one side, crooked; (adv.) To one side, in a crooked position
BLITHE	(adj.) Carefree and lighthearted; Casual and unconcerned
CONTENTIOUS	(adj.) Quarrelsome; Inclined to disagree or argue
COVET	(v.) To desire or wish for something that belongs to someone else
CRESTFALLEN	(adj.) Dispirited and depressed; Discouraged; Feeling low in spirit
DISHEVELED	(adj.) Being in disarray; Messy, as hair or clothing
EXPONENT	(n.) One that speaks for, represents, or explains an idea; (adj.) Serving or intended to explain, explanatory
GARRULOUS	(adj.) Inclined to give lengthy and rambling talks; Wordy and rambling; Extremely chatty
INSUPERABLE	(adj.) Impossible to overcome; Unbeatable
LAMENTABLE	(adj.) Deserving regret or pity; Pathetic; Mournful
MISNOMER	(n.) A name wrongly or mistakenly applied
PROFESS	(v.) To declare openly; To affirm or claim
RESPIRE	(n.) A short interval of rest or relief; A pause
RETRIBUTION	(n.) Something demanded in repayment; A payback of sorts
SINUOUS	(adj.) Having many curves or turns; Winding
SONOROUS	(adj.) Having or producing a full, deep or rich sound
VANGUARD	(n.) The foremost or leading position in a trend or movement; The front position in an advancing army
WASTREL	(n.) One who spends resources self-indulgently

Spelling:

absurdity
baccalaureate
crescendo
equilateral
acceleration
backgammon
curriculum
equilibrium
accelerator
ballistic
cybernetics
espionage
accessible
baroque
debonair
etiquette

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English 10 List 11

ALLUDE (v.) To refer to indirectly; To hint at or insinuate

CLAIRVOYANT (n.) Someone who has the ability to see the future; (adj.) Able to see the future; Having the ability to perceive things beyond others

CONCLUSIVE (adj.) Putting an end to debate or question; Final

DISREPUTABLE (adj.) Lacking respectability in character, appearance or behavior; Disgraceful; Shady

ENDEMIC (adj.) Native to some specified country or region

EXEMPLARY (adj.) Fitted to serve as a model or example worthy of imitation; Ideal or commendable

FATHOM (n.) A unit of length equal to six feet usually used to measure the depth of water; (v.) To comprehend or understand

GUILE (n.) The quality of being crafty; Skillful deceit or treacherous cunning; Deviousness

INTEGRITY (n.) High moral standards, honesty; Adherence to a strict moral or ethical code; Soundness

ITINERARY (n.) A detailed account or diary of a journey; A guidebook or route of travel

MISCONSTRUE (v.) To mistake the meaning of; To misinterpret

OBNOXIOUS (adj.) Very annoying, offensive or objectionable

PLACATE (v.) To calm the anger of; To appease or pacify

PLACID (adj.) Serene, calm and peaceful

PLAGIARISM (n.) The stealing of passages from the writings of another and publishing them as one's own

POTENT (adj.) Physically powerful; Highly effective

PRETEXT (n.) A fictitious reason; A false excuse

PROTRUDE (v.) To push out or thrust forth; To stick out

STARK (adj.) Grim or desolate, harsh; (adv.) Utterly, absolutely or completely

SUPERFICIAL (adj.) On or near the surface; Comprehending only what is on the surface, apparent and obvious