

## Vocabulary Set 10

### **Magniloquence**

(n) high-flown language

syn: grandiosity, pomposity

The Queen was known for her magniloquence, always using big words to say something very simple.

### **Façade**

(n) the face or front of a building; a false appearance

syn: show, front, a false display

When she discovered that her boyfriend had lied to her, she put up a façade and pretended like nothing was wrong.

### **Transcendental**

(adj) existing outside of nature

syn: supernatural, spiritual

She believed the tragedy was no accident, but rather a transcendental occurrence that served a higher purpose.

### **Exculpate**

(v) declare that someone is not guilty; clear from blame

syn: absolve, acquit, exonerate

I was exculpated from the crime of stealing cookies from the kitchen when my mother found crumbs all over my brother's face.

## Innocuous

(adj) not harmful or offensive  
syn: harmless, safe

Once thought to be innocuous, cigarette smoke has found to be linked to several diseases including cancer.

## Latent

(adj) existing but undeveloped  
syn: hidden, dormant, concealed

The volcano, which had been latent for decades, erupted shortly after the earthquake occurred.

## Malady

(n) a disease or sickness  
syn: ailment

The recent pandemic proved to be the greatest malady in over a century.

## Genial

(adj) friendly and cheerful  
syn: agreeable, affable, cordial, amiable

My friends always loved visiting my grandmother, who would always greet them with a genial smile and a plate full of snacks.

## Mulct

(v) deprive someone of money or possessions  
syn: defraud, swindle

The unknowing grandmother clicked on the email stating that her computer had a virus and was ultimately mulcted of \$5,000.

## Duplicity

(n) deceitfulness; double-dealing  
syn: deception, two-facedness

The politician lived a life of duplicity; in public, he was lauded as a kindhearted and generous man, but at home he was truly an indecent human with very low morals.

## Bemoan

(v) express discontent, sorrow, or strong regret  
syn: lament, bewail, deplore

The employees bemoaned the myriad policies that made requesting vacation from the company next to impossible.

## Conducive

(adj) make something more likely to happen  
syn: propitious, facilitate

Turning off all the lights is conducive to sleeping.

## Seminal

(adj) strongly influencing later developments; very original  
syn: influential, groundbreaking, pioneering

Her seminal book on witchcraft sparked an entire generation of authors attempting to recreate the masterpiece.

## Evanescent

(adj) quickly fading or disappearing  
syn: fleeting, temporary

The sunset was evanescent, leaving as quickly as it came.

## Dissemble

(v) conceal one's true motives or thoughts  
syn: dissimulate, pretend, deceive

Although he tried to dissemble his reason for asking who her friends are, Julie knew he was trying to find out if she had a boyfriend.

## **Vacillate**

(v) alternate between opinions or actions

syn: waver, fluctuate, be indecisive

He vacillated between which career path to take and changed his major six times in college.

## **Fledgling**

(n) a person or organization that is inexperienced or undeveloped

syn: neophyte, potential

Even the great Mozart was once a fledgling at the piano.

## **Gregarious**

(adj) sociable

syn: convivial, affable

Unlike my cat, my dog is a gregarious animal and will jump on any stranger to lick them.