English 10- Vocabulary

Semester One- Quarter One

## *Week 1*

**Serendipity (n): an apparent aptitude for making fortunate discoveries accidentally**

**Catastrophic (adj): disastrous or tragic**

**Commemorative (adj): intended to call to remembrance**

**Strew (v): spread by scattering**

**Befuddle (v): to confuse**

**Chasm (n): gorge; any break or gap**

**Defile (v): make unclean**

**Endow (v): furnish**

**Haughty (adj): proud; arrogant**

**Censure (v): to express disapproval of; find fault; blame, criticize**

## *Week 2*

**Impediment (n): physical defect or obstacle**

**Levity (n): lack of seriousness**

**Negate (v): to deny; to bring to nothing; to make ineffective**

**Pallid (adj): pale; lacking color**

**Parable (n): a short story designed to teach a moral lesson**

**Rational (adj): sensible; reasonable**

**Rote (n): routine; a fixed mechanical way**

**Solvent (adj): able to pay one’s debts**

**Tedious (adj): long and tiresome**

**Foible (n): a minor flaw in a person’s character**

## *Week 3*

**Barter (v): exchange in trade**

**Deplore (v): to feel or express regret**

**Edifice (n): large, impressive building**

**Facetious (adj): amusing**

**Gait (n): manner of walking**

**Haggard (adj): wild-looking; thin and careworn**

**Impale (v): pierce with a sharpened stake**

**Aberration (n): a departure from what is right, true, or correct**

**Abhor (v): to detest or hate**

**Abortive (adj): unsuccessful; fruitless**

### *Week 4*

**Jaunty (adj): smartly trim in dress; easy and lively manner**

**Literary (adj): engaged in writing of or having to do with books**

**Martyr (n): one who is willing to suffer death for their beliefs**

**Naïve (adj): simple as a child; not suspicious; unsophisticated**

**Niche (n): place or position**

**Obliterate (v): destroy**

**Ransack (v): to search thoroughly; pillage; rob**

**Taint (v): to stain, spot, contaminate**

**Fallacy (n): a false notion or belief**

**Cache (n): hiding place**

***Week 5***

**Hale (adj): strong and well**

**Impart (v): to make known; tell**

**Maim (v): to cripple; disable**

**Oblique (adj): slanting or sloping: not straight or direct**

**Pithy (adj): full of meaning; short but clear**

**Rapture (n): very great joy or delight**

**Simper (v): to smile in a silly way**

**Abiding (adj): lasting; permanent**

**Belated (adj): late, tardy, delayed**

**Judicious (adj): using or showing good judgment**

### *Week 6*

**Delve (v): to search deeply**

**Engross (v): to occupy wholly**

**Ferret (v): to search out**

**Impending (adj): near-by; about to happen**

**Tawdry (adj): cheap and showy**

**Vaunt (v): to boast**

**Waif (n): person (usually a child) without a home**

**Bestow (v): to give as a gift**

**Coincide (v): to occupy the same place or time**

**Enmity (n): hatred or ill-will**

### *Week 7*

**Fervent (adj): very earnest; glowing**

**Gaunt (adj): thin and bony**

**Imperative (adj): necessary; urgent**

**Loiter (v): to move in a slow, aimless manner**

**Mettle (n): spirit; courage**

**Reticent (adj): inclined to keep one’s personal affairs to one’s self**

**Opus (n): a work or composition**

**Patron (n): one who supports or protects**

**Adapt (v): to adjust**

**Zenith (n): summit**

### *Week 8*

**Incognito (adv): in a disguised state**

**Notorious (adj): well-known usually because of misdeeds**

**Perspective (n): relationship of things to each other; a particular point of view**

**Perturb (v): to make uneasy**

**Prodigious (adj): extraordinary in size**

**Relevant (adj): connected with the matter at hand**

**Veritable (adj): actual, real, true**

**Wrangle (v): to quarrel**

**Adage (n): proverb; wise saying**

**Collaborate (v): to work together**

#### Quarter 2

### *Week 1*

**Ensue (v): to happen as a result**

**Festoon (v): to adorn or decorate with a chain of flowers in a curve**

**Impunity (n): freedom from punishment**

**Mien (n): air, manner, appearance**

**Novel (adj): of a new kind**

**Penal (adj): having to do with punishment**

**Pert (adj): bold, forward, lively**

**Recompense (v): to pay back; reward**

**Regale (v): to feast; to entertain agreeably**

**Remorse (n): deep regret**

### *Week* *2*

**Tenet (n): opinion; belief**

**Tractable (adj): easily managed**

**Ungainly (adj): clumsy; awkward**

**Venerate (v): regard with reverence**

**Vernal (adj): of or belonging to spring**

**Adjacent (adj): near; next to**

**Bliss (n): great joy**

**Cater (v): to provide means of enjoyment**

**Fickle (adj): likely to change without reason**

**Abet (v): to incite; sanction; help; encourage**

### *Week 3*

**Gloat (v): to look back or think with great, and usually evil, satisfaction**

**Inaudible (adj): not able to be heard**

**Nonentity (n): person or thing of no great importance**

**Pertinent (adj): related to the matter at hand; relevant**

**Refrain (v): to keep oneself from doing something**

**Relic (n): something surviving from the past**

**Renowned (adj): famous or glorified**

**Unison (n): sounding together**

**Verify (v): to prove to be true**

**Vie (v): to compete**

### *Week 4*

**Advocate (v): to support or favor**

**Ambrosia (n): food of the gods; anything especially delicious**

**Annals (n): yearly records**

**Banter (n/v): joking; playful teasing**

**Construe (v): to explain or interpret**

**Discretion (n): good judgment**

**Equine (adj): horse-like**

**Genial (adj): cheerful; warm**

**Molten (adj): melted**

**Plaudit (n): enthusiastic praise**

### *Week 5*

**Preclude (v): to make impossible; eliminate**

**Residue (n): remainder**

**Rigorous (adj): harsh; very severe**

**Vociferous (adj): shouting, loud**

**Amass (v): to bring together**

**Apparition (n): ghost**

**Assert (v): to declare**

**Convey (v): to communicate; transport**

**Distort (v): to twist out of shape**

**Embody (v): to give form to**

### *Week 6*

**Inert (adj): lifeless**

**Mercenary (adj): acting or working for only self-gain**

**Plebeian (adj): common; vulgar**

**Prefabricate (v): to construct or make beforehand**

**Proximity (n): nearness**

**Resolute (adj): bold; determined**

**Tumult (n): noise; uproar**

**Void (n): empty; vacant**

**Abduct (v): to carry off with force**

**Snivel (v): to whine**

### *Week 7*

**Clairvoyant (adj): having foresight (We need not heed his clairvoyant warning.)**

**Clamber (v): to climb by crawling**

**Cleave (v): to split asunder**

**Comely (adj): attractive; agreeable**

**Commiserate (v): to feel or express pity or sympathy for**

**Conclave (n): private meeting**

**Crass (adj): very unrefined**

**Craven (adj): very cowardly**

**Criterion (n): standard used in judging**

**Inscrutable (adj): not easily understandable**

**Semester 2**

# Quarter 3

## *Week* *1*

**Conjecture (n): guess**

**Fortuitous (adj): occurring by chance or accidentally**

**Ilk (n): kind, sort**

**Nominal (adj): slight**

**Schism (n): split**

**Timorous (adj): fearful**

**Fractious (adj): quarrelsome**

**Importune (v): ask urgently**

**Incontrovertible (adj): undeniable**

**Surreptitious (adj): accomplished by secret**

### *Week 2*

**Eventuate (v): to result finally**

**Viable (adj): capable of living or growing; workable and likely to survive**

**Permeate (v): to spread through**

**Propitious (adj): favorable**

**Curtail (v): to cut short**

**Cryptic (adj): puzzling**

**Licentious (adj): indulging freedom to excess; morally unrestrained**

**Prate (v): to chatter**

**Overt (adj): open**

**Supine (adj): lying on the back**

### *Week 3*

**Incisive (adj): acute; sharp**

**Precipitate (v): to hasten; to cause to happen before expected**

**Sinecure (n): soft job**

**Complicity (n): partnership in wrongdoing**

**Recant (v): withdraw previous statement**

**Culpable (adj): deserving blame**

**Predispose (v): to make receptive beforehand**

**Invalidate (v): to deprive of legal force**

**Extrinsic (adj): foreign; coming from outside**

**Fetter (v): to hamper**

### *Week 4*

**Entrepreneur (n): a person who enters into a business**

**Asperity (n): harshness of temper**

**Gregarious (adj): sociable**

**Frugal (adj): thrifty**

**Antithesis (n): exact opposite**

**Vex (v): to annoy**

**Coterie (n): small group having something in common**

**Cupidity (n): greed**

**Progeny (n): descendants**

**Embellish (v): adorn; touch up**

***Week 5***

**Consummate (adj): complete; of the highest degree**

**Subterfuge (n): trick**

**Concoct (v): devise, make, plan; to make by combining several ingredients**

**Assiduous (adj): devoted; attentive**

**Fraught (adj): filled**

**Exult (v): to rejoice**

**Attest (v): to certify**

**Ardent (adj): passionate**

**Foment (v): to stir up**

**Thwart (v): to prevent someone from achieving something**

### *Week 6*

**Innate (adj): natural**

**Myriad (n): a countless number**

**Deem (v): to believe; to judge**

**Tortuous (adj): winding**

**Itinerant (adj): wandering**

**Megalomania (n): abnormal desire for wealth and power**

**Profligate (adj): wasteful**

**Mendacious (adj): lying**

**Parsimonious (adj): miserly**

**Pecuniary (adj): financial; of or involving money**

### *Week 7*

**Redolent (adj): fragrant**

**Disparate (adj): different**

**Extant (adj): still existing**

**Sultry (adj): extremely hot and humid**

**Trenchant (adj): keen, incisive, forceful, vigorous**

**Maudlin (adj): sentimental**

**Lugubrious (adj): very sad**

**Scion (n): person/child descendant of royalty**

**Rapport (n): harmonious relationship**

**Lethargic (adj): lazy, lacking energy**

### *Week 8*

**Opulence (n): wealth**

**Fulsome (adj): excessive; insincere**

**Destitution (n): extreme poverty**

**Metamorphosis (n): change**

**Nirvana (n): freedom from care and pain;**

**Juxtapose (v): place side by side**

**Flout (v): to treat with scorn**

**Soiree (n): evening party**

**Concomitant (adj): accompanying**

**Anomaly (n): deviation from the rule**

**Quarter 4**

# *Week 1*

**Demure (adj): serious; sober**

**Cumulative (adj): accumulated**

**Recondite (adj): concealed; hidden**

**Surmise (v): to guess**

**Analogous (adj): similar**

**Neurotic (adj): suffering from a nervous disorder**

**Pedagogue (n): teacher**

**Introspective (adj): looking into one’s own feelings**

**Inducement (n): motive; anything that leads to some action**

**Idiom (n): the language to a particular people, district, area**

### *Week 2*

**Entreat (v): to appeal; beg**

**Rue (v): to regret**

**Lucrative (adj): profitable**

**Intrinsic (adj): natural; inborn**

**Transient (adj): brief; short-lived**

**Gist (n): main point**

**Pinnacle (n): peak**

**Array (n): system; a grouping**

**Culminate (v): reach the highest point**

**Besmirch (v): soil, stain, dim the reputation**

### *Week 3*

**Retrospect (n): looking backward**

**Sedate (adj): sober; calm**

**Avarice (n): greed**

**Condescend (v): lower oneself**

**Omnipotent (adj): all-powerful**

**Succulent (adj): juicy; full of juice**

**Insouciance (n): lack of concern; carefreeness**

**Intercessor (n): one who acts between two parties**

**Archaic (adj): of an earlier time, ancient, old fashioned**

**Retrench (v): economize**

### *Week 4*

**Mince (v): to cut up; hold back; spare**

**Circuitous (adj): indirect**

**Bovine (adj): slow, patient, stupid**

**Munificent (adj): lavish, very liberal**

**Quixotic (adj): idealistic, not practical**

**Invective (n): violent denunciation or accusation**

**Sanguine (adj): warm, hopeful, cheerful**

**Sequester (v): to set aside from view**

**Urbane (adj): polished, witty**

**Moot (adj): debatable**

***Week 5***

**Inured (adj): used to; accustomed to**

**Misanthrope (n): hater of mankind**

**Indigenous (adj): native to**

**Protract (v): draw out**

**Ethereal (adj): light, heavenly; fine**

**Abominate (v): loathe, hate**

**Baneful (adj): ruinous, poisonous**

**Bedraggle (v): wet thoroughly**

**Calumniate (v): slander**

**Defalcate (v): misuse money held in trust; embezzle**

### *Week 6*

**Virulent (adj): extremely poisonous**

**Effusion (n): pouring forth**

**Fauna (n): animals of a period or region**

**Fealty (n): loyalty, faithfulness**

**Gloaming (n): twilight**

**Heresy (n): opinion contrary to popular belief**

**Impropriety (n): state of being inappropriate**

**Laudable (adj): praiseworthy**

**Maunder (v): talk incoherently; to move/walk in a dreamy, aimless way**

**Nexus (n): connection**

### *Week 7*

**Paucity (n): scarcity**

**Pell-mell (adv): in confusion, disorderly**

**Requite (v): repay; revenge**

**Savant (n): scholar**

**Toady (v): flatter for favors**

**Aegis (n): shield, defense**

**Braggadocio (n): boasting**

**Chary (adj): cautiously watchful**

**Demur (v): delay, object**

**Descry (v): to catch sight of**

### *Week 8*

**Estrange (v): to alienate**

**Exacerbate (v): to worsen**

**Foppish (adj): vain about dress and appearance**

**Frowzy (adj): slovenly, unkempt, dirty**

**Hoyden (n): boisterous girl**

**Incubus (n): burden, mental care, nightmare**

**Alter ego (n): another aspect of oneself; a very close friend or companion**

**Mendicant (n): beggar**

**Misogynist (n): hater of women**

**Perfidy (n): violation of trust**