

Senior Vocabulary

Lesson #1

- 1.)adroit (adj.) skillful, clever
- 2.)adulterate (verb) to make impure, to contaminate
- 3.)adventitious (adj.) accidental, nonessential
- 4.)aegis (noun) a shield; protection, sponsorship
- 5.)aesthetic (adj.) pertaining to beauty
- 6.)affectation (noun) a phony attitude; pose
- 7.)affinity (noun) an attraction to
- 8.)agape (adj.) open-mouthed; surprised; agog
- 9.)aggrandize (verb) to enlarge or to expand
- 10.) altruism (noun) a concern for others; generosity
- 11.) amoral (adj.) lacking a sense of right and wrong
- 12.) animosity (noun) hatred

Lesson #2

- 1.)antipathy (noun) an intense dislike
- 2.)antithesis (noun) an exact opposite; an opposite extreme
- 3.)banal (adj.) common, ordinary
- 4.)baroque (adj.) overly decorated
- 5.)bauble (noun) a showy but useless thing
- 6.)besiege (verb) to overwhelm; to surround and attack
- 7.)surround and attack
- 8.)besmirch (verb) to make dirty; to stain
- 9.)bestial (adj.) savage, brutal
- 10.)bilious (adj.) bad tempered; cross
- 11.)blandishment (noun) flattery
- 12.)bombast (noun) impressive but meaningless language
- 13.)bona fide (noun) in good faith

Lesson #3

- 1.)boor (adj.) a rude or impolite person
- 2.)brevity (noun) briefness; short duration
- 3.)bucolic (adj.) pertaining to the countryside; rural, rustic
- 4.)callow (adj.) young and inexperienced
- 5.)carrion (noun) decaying flesh
- 6.)cataclysm (noun) a violent change
- 7.)caveat (noun) a warning
- 8.)censure (verb) to criticize sharply
- 9.)cessation (noun) a stopping; a discontinuance
- 10.)chagrin (noun) embarrassment; or a complete loss of courage
- 11.)coalesce (verb) to blend, to merge
- 12.)debacle (noun) a complete failure; a total collapse

Lesson #4

- 1.)debauchery (noun) corruption; self-indulgence
- 2.)deference (noun) respect, consideration

- 3.)defile (verb) to pollute, to corrupt
- 4.)deign (verb) to lower oneself before an inferior
- 5.)demeanor (noun) behavior; manner of conducting oneself
- 6.)deride (verb) to ridicule, to mock
- 7.)desiccated (adj.) dried up
- 8.)despicable (adj.) contemptible, hateful
- 9.)deviate (verb) to turn aside
- 10.)diadem (noun) a crown
- 11.)diaphanous (adj.) very sheer and light
- 12.)ebullient (adj.) enthusiastic

Lesson #5

- 1.)eclectic (adj.) choosing from various sources
- 2.)edify (verb) improve someone morally
- 3.)egregious (adj.) remarkably bad; outrageous
- 4.)elicit (verb) to draw forth; to call forth
- 5.)elixir (noun) supposed remedy for all ailments
- 6.)elucidate (verb) to make clear
- 7.)emanate (verb) to come forth; to send forth
- 8.)emendation (noun) a correction
- 9.)empathy (noun) an understanding of another's feelings
- 10.)empirical (adj.) based on practical experience rather than theory
- 11.)enervate (verb) to weaken
- 12.)epitome (noun) a typical example; a condensed account

Lesson # 6

- 1.)ergo (adv.) therefore
- 2.)eschew (verb) to keep away from; to shun
- 3.)facetious (adj.) comical; jocular; flippant
- 4.)factious (adj.) causing disagreement
- 5.)fastidious (adj.) hard to please; fussy
- 6.)fatuous (adj.) foolish, inane
- 7.)fervent (adj.) eager, earnest
- 8.)fiscal (adj.) pertaining to finances
- 9.)fissure (noun) opening; groove, split
- 10.)flaunt (verb) to show off
- 11.)flout (verb) to ridicule, to show contempt
- 12.)foment (verb) to stir up; to incite

Lesson #7

- 1.)fortuitous (adj.) lucky; by chance
- 2.)garish (adj.) tastelessly gaudy
- 3.)garner (verb) to gather, to acquire
- 4.)garrulous (adj.) talkative
- 5.)gibe (verb) to scoff, to ridicule
- 6.)gloat (verb) to look at, or think about with great satisfaction
- 7.)glower (verb) to stare angrily at
- 8.)grandiose (adj.) impressive, showy, magnificent
- 9.)gratuitous (adj.) unnecessary or uncalled for
- 10.)grotesque (adj.) absurd; distorted
- 11.)gumption (noun) courage and initiative
- 12.)hackneyed (adj.) commonplace; overused

Lesson #8

- 1.)halcyon (adj.) calm, pleasant
- 2.)harbinger (noun) an omen or sign
- 3.)harlequin (noun) a clown
- 4.)hector (verb) to bully; to pester
- 5.)hegira (noun) flight, escape
- 6.)hermetic (adj.) tightly sealed
- 7.)hiatus (noun) a pause or gap
- 8.)hoi polloi (noun) common people; the masses
- 9.)hospice (noun) a shelter
- 10.)hubris (noun) excessive pride or self-confidence
- 11.)idiosyncrasy (noun) a peculiar personality trait
- 12.)idolatry (noun) excessive or blind adoration; worship of an object

Lesson #9

- 1.)ignoble (adj.) dishonorable, shameful
- 2.)imminent (adj.) likely to happen; threatening
- 3.)immolate (verb) to kill someone as a sacrificial victim, usually by fire
- 4.)immutable (adj.) unchangeable, fixed
- 5.)impalpable (adj.) cannot be felt
- 6.)impecunious (adj.) without money; penniless
- 7.)impediment (noun) a barrier; obstruction
- 8.)imperative (adj.) extremely necessary; vitally important
- 9.)imperious (adj.) domineering; haughty
- 10.)impinge (verb) to strike; to encroach
- 11.)importune (verb) to persistently ask; to beg
- 12.)imprecation (noun) a curse

Lesson#10

- 1.)jocular (adj.) humorous, lighthearted
- 2.)juxtapose (verb) to place side by side for comparison
- 3.)kinetic (adj.) pertaining to motion
- 4.)kismet (noun) destiny, fate, fortune (one's lot in life)
- 5.)labyrinth (noun) a complicated network of wilding passages; a maze
- 6.)lachrymose (adj.) tearful, weepy
- 7.)laconic (adj.) using few words; short, concise
- 8.)languid (adj.) sluggish; drooping from weakness
- 9.)lascivious (adj.) lustful or lewd; inciting sexual desire
- 10.)legerdemain (noun) sleight of hand; deception
- 11.)libertine (noun) one who leads an immoral life
- 12.) machination (noun) an evil design or plan

Lesson#11

- 1.)macroscopic (adj.) visible to the naked eye
- 2.)maelstrom (noun) whirlpool, turbulence; agitated state of mind
- 3.)malapropism (noun) a word humorously

- misused
- 4.)martinet (noun) a strict disciplinarian; taskmaster
- 5.)masochist (noun) one who enjoys his or her own pain and suffering
- 6.)mendacious (adj.) lying; false, deceitful
- 7.)milieu (noun) environment, setting
- 8.)miscreant (noun) a vicious person
- 9.)nebulous (adj.) hazy, vague, uncertain
- 10.)nihilism (noun) a total rejection of established laws
- 11.) nirvana (noun) a place of great peace or happiness
- 12.)nonentity (noun) a person of thing or little importance

Lesson#12

- 1.)non sequitur (noun) something that does not logically follow
- 2.)obdurate (adj.) stubborn, hardhearted
- 3.)obfuscate (verb) to confuse; to bewilder
- 4.)obviate (verb) to prevent; to get around
- 5.)onerous (adj.) burdensome; heavy; hard to endure
- 6.)onus (noun) a burden, responsibility, obligation
- 7.)optimum (noun) the best, the most favorable, the ideal
- 8.)opulent (adj.) rich, luxurious; the trappings of great wealth
- 9.)orifice (noun) mouth; opening
- 10.)palliate (verb) to ease, to lessen, to soothe
- 11.)panache (noun) self-confidence; a showy manner
- 12.)panegyric (noun) an expression of praise

Lesson#13

- 1.)paradigm (noun) a model, an example
- 2.)parochial (adj.) local; narrow; limited
- 3.)parody (noun) a work which imitates another in a ridiculous manner
- 4.)paroxysm (noun) a sudden outburst; a fit
- 5.)patent (adj.) evident or obvious
- 6.)pecuniary (adj.) pertaining to money; financial
- 7.)pedantic (adj.) tending to show off one's learning
- 8.)pedestrian (adj.) a person or thing said to be ordinary or dull
- 9.)pejorative (adj.) having a negative effect; insulting
- perfunctory (adj.) done without care; on a routine
- 10.)fashion
- 11.)perspicacity (noun) keenness of judgment
- 12.)peruse (verb) to read carefully; scrutinize

Lesson#14

- 1.)quagmire (noun) a swamp; a difficult or inextricable situation
- 2.)quandary (noun) a puzzling situation; a

dilemma

3.)querulous (adj.) complaining; grumbling

4.)quiddity (noun) an essential quality

5.)rakish (adj.) carefree; dashing, jaunty

6.)ratiocinate (verb) to reason; to think

7.)rationalize (verb) to make an excuse for

8.)rebuke (verb) to scold; to blame

9.)recant (verb) to withdraw or disavow a statement or opinion

10.)recapitulate (verb) to summarize; to repeat briefly

11.)recoil (verb) to retreat; to draw back

12.)recreant (noun) a coward, a traitor

13.)rectify (verb) to correct; to make right

14.)redolent (adj.) having a pleasant odor; suggestive or evocative

15.) sagacious (adj.) wise; having keen perception and sound judgment

16.)salient (adj.) significant, conspicuous; standing out from the rest

17.)sanguine (adj.) cheerful; optimistic