

Vocabulary List #9

Destitute- Utterly lacking; devoid: Young recruits destitute of any experience.

prosperous, rich, wealthy

Devoid- Completely lacking; destitute or empty: a novel devoid of wit and inventiveness.

filled, full, replete, supplied

Devout- Devoted to religion or to the fulfillment of religious obligations.

agnostic, atheistic, irreligious, unbelieving, undevout, unholy

Diabolical- Of, concerning, or characteristic of the devil; satanic.

admirable, elegant, fine, good, tasteful

Diffidence- The quality or state of being diffident; timidity or shyness

confidence

Dilate- To make wider or larger; cause to expand.

constrict, contract, lessen, reduce, shrink

Dilatory- Intended to delay.

diligent, hard-working, on time, prompt, ready, timely Diminution

Diminution- the act, process, or an instance of diminishing : decrease

Appreciation, growing

Disconsolate- Seeming beyond consolation; extremely dejected: disconsolate at the loss of the dog.

cheerful, euphoric, happy, joyous

Disheveled- To loosen and let fall (hair or clothing) in disarray.

To disarrange the hair or clothing of.

groomed, neat, ordered, sharp, tidy, unwrinkled

Disingenuous- Not straightforward or candid; insincere or calculating: “an ambitious, disingenuous, philistine, and hypocritical operator, who... exemplified... the most disagreeable traits of his time” (David Cannadine).

candid, honest, ingenuous, naive, open, sincere, straightforward

Disinterested- Free of bias and self-interest; impartial:

biased, concerned, interested, involved, passionate, prejudiced, riveted

Disjointed- To put out of joint; dislocate.

affiliated, attached, coherent, connected, jointed, united

Disparity- The condition or fact of being unequal, as in age, rank, or degree; difference:

consistency, correspondence, equality, equivalence, likeness, parity, sameness

Dispirited- To lower in or deprive of spirit; dishearten.

cheerful, enthused, euphoric, happy, heartened, high-spirited, inspired

Dissipate- To drive away; disperse.

collect, conserve, gather, hoard, save

Dissonance- A harsh, disagreeable combination of sounds; discord.

harmony

Distend- To swell out or expand from or as if from internal pressure.

compress, constrict, contract, shrink

Distract- Inattentive or preoccupied, especially because of anxiety:

alert, attentive, aware, conscious, focused, heedful, observant, sharp, wary, watchful

Diurnal- Relating to or occurring in a 24-hour period; daily.

intermittent, nightly, periodic, sporadic