

St. Joseph by-the-Sea High School

Summer Vocabulary List- Juniors (English 11)

1. Abash-*verb*-to astonish; to destroy self confidence; to embarrass.
2. Abstemious-*adjective* - showing restraint in food or drink.
3. Abyss- *noun* - pit; bottomless pit; intellectual or moral depths.
4. Altruistic- *adjective* - unselfishly generous.
5. Amalgamate- *verb* - to unite; to merge into a single body; to combine.
6. Assailable- *adjective* - attacking violently.
7. Auspicious- *adjective* - favorable; favoring success.
8. Aviary- *noun* – a place for keeping birds.
9. Bellicose- *adjective* – quarrelsome; warlike; belligerent.
10. Berate- *verb* – to scold or condemn
11. Bizarre- *adjective* – out of the ordinary; odd; very eccentric.
12. Bravado- *noun* – false bravery; foolhardiness; assumed air of defiance.
13. Cacophony- *noun* – harsh or discordant sounding; dissonance.
14. Cajole- *verb* – to persuade with flattery; to deceive with soothing words.
15. Chagrin- *noun* – humiliation; disappointment.
16. Cognizant- *adjective* – knowledgeable; mindful; aware.
17. Commiserate- *verb* – to express sympathy; console.

18. Consolidate- *verb* – to join together; unite; strength
19. Copious- *adjective* – abundant; plentiful.
20. Correlate- *noun* – establish a mutual relation
21. Crass- *adjective* – grossly vulgar or stupid; coarse or thick.
22. Debility- *noun* – weakness; infirmity.
23. Desecrate-*verb* – to profane; to treat disrespectfully; to violate the sanctity of.
24. Dialect- *noun* – a regional variety of language.
25. Disparage- *verb* – to lower; to degrade; to belittle.
26. Dregs- *noun* – sediment; last remaining part; dross.
27. Dubious- *adjective* – doubtful; unsettled.
28. Enigma- *noun* – obscure speech or writing; mysterious; puzzling.
29. Enmity- *noun* – hatred; ill-will; hostility.
30. Ephemeral- *adjective* – lasting one day; short lived; evanescent.
31. Eulogy- *noun* – high praise; encomium.
32. Exacerbate- *verb* – to make more violent; bitter or severe; to worsen.
33. Flippant- *adjective* – glib; talkative.
34. Fortitude- *noun* – strength of mind; courage.
35. Fortuitous- *adjective* – fortunate; lucky.
36. Fruition- *noun* – realization; enjoyment.
37. Hackneyed- *adjective* – trite; lacking originality; commonplace.

38. Heckler- *noun* – one who harasses or challenges.
39. Histrionic- *adjective* – theatrical; affected.
40. Idiosyncrasy- *noun* – peculiarity; eccentricity.
41. Impugn- *verb* – to oppose; to assail
42. Infirmary- *noun* – frailty; weakness.
43. Inimitable- *adjective* – matchless; not capable of being imitated.
44. Iniquitous- *adjective* – vicious; wicked.
45. Irascible- *adjective* – easily angered; easily provoked.
46. Lugubrious- *adjective* – mournful; gloomy.
47. Maudlin- *adjective* – sentimental; overly emotional.
48. Menial- *adjective* – servile; lowly.
49. Mentor- *noun* – teacher – verb – to serve as a tutor.
50. Nepotism- *noun* – favoritism, especially to a relative.
51. Officious- *adjective* – meddlesome; impertinent.
52. Panacea- *noun* – a remedy; a cure-all.
53. Pariah- *noun* – a member of a low caste of southern India; one that is depressed; an outcast.
54. Perennial- *adjective* – continual; enduring; perpetual.
55. Perplexity- *noun* – bewilderment; entanglement.
56. Philistine- *noun* – an uncultured person; one who is guided by materialism.

57. Pithy- *adjective* – concise; essential.
58. Precipice- *noun* – cliff; brink.
59. Prolific- *adjective* – fruitful; abundant.
60. Propensity- *noun* – inclination; tendency.
61. Recoil- *verb* – to shrink back; to recoil.
62. Redundant- *adjective* – superfluous; exceeding what is necessary.
63. Ruse- *noun* – trick; scheme; stratagem.
64. Salient- *adjective* – prominent; conspicuous.
65. Seditious- *adjective* – resisting lawful authority.
66. Sporadic- *adjective* – occasional; irregular; infrequent.
67. Subservient- *adjective* – slave-like; submissive; subordinate.
68. Sumptuous- *adjective* – luxurious; magnificent.
69. Sycophantic- *adjective* – fawning; self-seeking; obsequious.
70. Tawny- *adjective* – tan; sandy color.
71. Tenacious- *adjective* – holding fast; persistent.
72. Tirade- *noun* – a speech marked by harsh language.
73. Unbridled- *adjective* – unrestrained; unchecked.
74. Viable- *adjective* – workable; practical.
75. Volatile- *adjective* – evaporating rapidly or explosively; characterized by sudden change.