Year 9 Term 3 Vocabulary Words

Week 1

**Dissolute** (adj.) without rules or restraints; immoral; indulging in vices

**Entourage** (noun) a group of people who work for an important person and travel around with them

**Languid** (adj.) weak and sluggish, lacking in energy or enthusiasm

**Ebullient** (adj.) cheerful and full of energy

**Benign** (adj.) Gentle, kindly or mild. In medicine, a condition or growth that is harmless

**Extol** (verb) to praise highly

**Resolute** (adj.) showing firm determination

**Turgid** (adj.) swollen or bloated; writing or speaking that is too long, wordy and pompous

**Chastening** (noun) correction by punishment or suffering

**Meet** (adj.) suitable or right, perfect for a particular situation or need

Week 2

**Corporeal** (adj.) having a physical body; substantial

**Derive** (verb) to gain or receive

**Errant** (adj.) behaving badly, straying away from the right path; wandering in search of adventure

**Dubious** (adj.) doubtful; uncertain

**Languor** (noun) lack of energy or vitality; sluggishness

**Goad** (verb) to provoke or annoy someone to get a response; to drive an animal with a spiked stick

**Equivocal** (adj.) ambiguous, misleading; open to more than one interpretation.

**Resplendent** (adj.) impressive or splendid; shining or glowing with brilliant colours

**Ruminate** (verb) to mediate or think deeply; to chew something over and over

**Assail** (verb) to attack suddenly and violently; to criticize strongly

Week 3

**Beget** (verb) to cause or bring about; to bring into existence; to produce offspring

**Delusion** (noun) a false belief or opinion

**Recourse** (noun) a source of help; a way of dealing with a difficult situation

**Discourse** (noun) a conversation or discussion; a formal speech or debate

**Bellicose** (adj.) warlike or hostile, aggressive, willing to fight

**Garrison** (noun) a military post, especially one that is permanently established

**Auspicious** (adj.) lucky or favourable; promising success or a good outcome

**Vexation** (noun) irritation; annoyance

**Tumultuous** (adj.) excited and disorderly; making an uproar or a loud, confused noise

**Vigilant** (verb) keenly watchful to detect danger

Week 4

**Emulate** (verb) to imitate or copy, trying to do just as well or better

**Conducive** (adj.) making possible; providing the best conditions for something to happen or exist

**Cavil** (verb) to criticize or find fault with unnecessarily; to raise unimportant objections

**Proprietary** (adj.) relating to ownership; having exclusive legal right to something

**Fungible** (adj.) replaceable or interchangeable

**Imperious** (adj.) arrogant and domineering; making demands in a haughty way

**Morose** (adj.) gloomy, sullen, bad-tempered

**Garrulous** (adj.) annoyingly talkative, especially about unimportant things

**Zeal** (noun) great enthusiasm or eagerness

**Whet** (verb) to sharpen

Week 5

**abrogate** (verb) to officially forbid or put an end to

**expurgate** (verb) To remove unsuitable or offensive material from a book before publication

**gauche** (adj.) unsophisticated, lacking social skills; awkward, crude or tactless

**antebellum** (adj.) before the war (any war, but especially the American Civil War)

**deleterious** (adj.) causing harm or damage

**inculcate** (verb) to teach or instil something in the minds of others by frequent instruction or repetition

**wrought** (adj.) carefully made, fashioned or worked; metal beaten into a particular shape

**belie** (verb) to prove false; to contradict

**nihilism** (noun) The belief that nothing matters, all theories are false, and existence is pointless

**fiduciary** (noun) someone who acts on behalf of another, especially in matters of finance

Week 6

**compendium** (noun) a short, complete summary

**coalesce** (verb) to merge together; to unite or form into one

**desiccate** (verb) to dry thoroughly; to dehydrate

**echelon** (noun) a level; a rank of command or authority

**melee** (noun) a confused hand-to-hand fight or struggle involving a crowd of people

**germane** (adj.) relevant or pertinent; connected to the subject under consideration

**guise** (noun) a false outer appearance; a pretence

**occlude** (verb) to block; to close off or obstruct

**slough** (noun) a muddy swamp; a situation characterised by no progress or activity

**ramification** (noun) a possible result, effect or consequence

Week 7

**soporific** (adj.) causing sleep

**misogyny** (noun) hatred or contempt for women and girls

**liaison** (noun) communication between two groups, or someone who makes it happen

**carcinogenic** (adj.) cancer-causing

**demure** (adj.) quiet and well-behaved; shy or modest

**disparity** (adj.) difference; lack of similarity or equality

**imbroglio** (noun) a complicated, embarrassing situation or disagreement

**onerous** (adj.) burdensome, oppressive or troublesome

**rudimentary** (adj.) basic, limited or undeveloped

**apropos** (adj.) fitting, suitable, relevant

Week 8

**abeyance** (noun) a temporary pause; put on hold or suspended for a time

**adage** (noun) a proverb or wise saying

**dogmatic** (adj.) having extremely strong beliefs; stating opinions as facts; being absolutely convinced you’re right

**cardinal** (adj.) of the greatest importance; principal; fundamental

**egregious** (adj.) outstandingly bad; shocking; offensive

**haughty** (adj.) proud; snobbish and unfriendly; looking down on others

**pariah** (noun) an outcast; someone who is disgraced or not accepted by society

**monolithic** (adj.) massive or impressive; made from a single large block of stone

**supersede** (verb) to replace something older or less effective

**unkempt** (adj.) untidy, messy or scruffy; not well cared for

Week 9

**contempt** (noun) The feeling that a person or thing is worthless or beneath you

**prejudice** (noun) bias; unfair dislike; judging before you know anything about it

**probity** (noun) honesty; integrity; good moral principles

**apprehension** (noun) Fear or worry; anxiety about the future

**arbitrary** (adj.) random; based on chance or a whim rather than any particular reason

**mediator** (noun) a go-between; someone who settles disputes by acting as an impartial third party and helping both sides communicate

**baleful** (adj.) Threatening harm; menacing

**seclusion** (noun) isolation or separation; the state of being away from others in a sheltered or private place

**facilitate** (verb) to make easier

**encompass** (verb) to surround or encircle