Year 9 Vocabulary – Term 2 All Words Revision List

Week 1

**Corpulent** – having a large bulky body; obese

**Derisive** – mocking; showing ridicule or contempt

**Effeminate** – unmanly; having feminine qualities of appearance or manner that are not typical of a man

**Jocund** – cheerful and light-hearted; merry

**Manifest** – to make clear or obvious by signs or actions; to show

**Ostentatious** – showy; trying to impress or get attention by flashing wealth or possessions

**Sanguine** – positive or cheerful, especially in a bad situation; optimistic

**Strident** – characterized by harsh, insistent and discordant sound; loud

**Vehement** – showing strong feeling; forceful; passionate or intense

**Elegy** – a speech or poem expressing sorrow for someone who has died

Week 2

**Fecund** – fruitful in offspring or vegetation; fertile or productive

**Fortuitous** – fortunate; lucky

**Infirmity** – frailness or feebleness caused by illness or old age; physical weakness or ailment

**Malady** – a disease or disorder of the body or mind; a serious problem

**Nuance** – a subtle distinction or variation

**Profligate** – wild; lacking restraint

**Remonstrance** – a complaint; a strong protest or criticism

**Scintillate** – to sparkle; to perform brilliantly or be very clever and lively; to fascinate

**Vitiate** – to destroy or damage; to spoil, weaken, or reduce in value

**Analogy** – a comparison between two things with similar features, used to explain or make a point

Week 3

**Brigand** – a bandit; one who lives by stealing, often as a member of a group

**Emissary** – a representative or ambassador; someone sent on a diplomatic mission

**Felicity** – great happiness; bliss

**Incendiary** – inflammatory; tending to start fires or stir up conflicts

**Magnanimous** – generous or forgiving, especially towards a rival

**Mandatory** – required by law or rules; compulsory; not optional

**Repartee** – a quick and witty reply

**Ubiquitous** – widespread; found everywhere

**Venerable** – deserving respect because of great age or achievements

**Countenance** – face; expression

Week 4

**Deposition** – a statement or testimony made in court, under oath

**Discursive** – moving from topic to topic without order; rambling

**Disdain** – a feeling of contempt for something regarded as unworthy or inferior; scorn

**Epigram** – a witty saying; an idea expressed in a clever or amusing way

**Feign** – to pretend; to give a false impression

**Laconic** – using a minimum of words; concise

**Mien** – appearance or manner

**Veracity** – truth; accuracy

**Wry** – showing a mocking, grim, or sarcastic humour

**Confound** – to confuse or perplex

Week 5

**Curate** – to select and organise items for a display

**Ethereal** – extremely light and delicate; as though from another world

**Gambol** – to skip about joyfully; to frolic

**Mutability** – tendency to change; inconsistency

**Nascent** – just coming into existence or having recently appeared

**Nonplussed** – so surprised and confused that you don’t know how to react

**Pedantic** – too concerned with minor details or rules; always correcting people's tiny unimportant mistakes

**Quail** – to tremble or draw back in fear; to cower

**Rhetorical** – relating to rhetoric (persuasion) OR a question asked for effect without expecting a response

**Fatuous** – silly and pointless; foolish

Week 6

**Febrile** – caused by a fever; feverish

**Furtive** – sneaky, secretive; trying not to be noticed or seen

**Incredulous** – disbelieving; unwilling to accept something is true

**Interminable** – long and boring, seeming to go on forever

**Obliquely** – not in a straightforward manner; indirectly

**Pernicious** – having a harmful effect or influence, especially in a slow and subtle way

**Sardonic** – grimly mocking; cynical; sarcastic

**Ultimatum** – a final demand; a warning that consequences will follow if conditions are not met

**Writhe** – to squirm or twist in discomfort or pain

**Astute** – quick to understand things and figure out how to use them to your advantage; clever and perceptive

Week 7

**Beseech** – to beg or plead

**Capitulate** – to surrender; to cease resisting

**Depreciate** – to decrease in price or value over time

**Glean** – to gather something in small amounts, bit by bit

**Obfuscate** – to make something unclear, difficult to see, or harder to understand (often on purpose)

**Pathos** – a quality that brings on an emotional response, especially pity or sadness

**Primeval** – relating to the earliest ages of the world or human history; ancient

**Salubrious** – promoting health or wellbeing

**Solicitous** – showing care or attention; full of concern or fear

**Redundant** – not needed or useful; unnecessary

Week 8

**Providence** – the protective care of God - can also mean forethought, preparing in advance

**Intercession** – a prayer or request on behalf of someone else

**Visage** – the face or appearance of a person

**Bereft** – deprived or lacking something; without

**Upbraid** – to find fault with; to scold

**Diadem** – a crown; a headpiece worn to show royalty or authority

**Prodigal** – wasteful and extravagant; spending money or using resources freely and recklessly

**Apparel** – clothing

**Conduit** – a channel or tunnel for directing the flow of water

**Profane** – non-religious; showing disrespect for God or things that are sacred

Week 9

**Tenacity** – Determination or persistence. Sticking with something no matter what

**Parapet** – a low protective wall along the edge of a roof or balcony; or above a trench to protect soldiers

**Brevity** – the quality of being brief or getting to the point in a few words

**Decorum** – behaviour that is calm and polite; good manners

**Exposition** – a detailed description and explanation of an idea or theory

**Commemorate** – to remember and show respect for an event or person, usually with a formal ceremony

**Impute** – to lay the responsibility or blame on someone else

**Temperance** – self-control; restraint or moderation in words or actions

**Divulge** – to reveal or make known information that is private or secret

**Inference** – a conclusion that is based on evidence or reasoning; an educated guess

Week 10:

**Enamoured** – filled with love, admiration or fascination

**Copious** – a large amount; abundant in supply or quantity; more than enough

**Sundry** – of various kinds; several

**Irksome** – boring and annoying

**Gout** – a disease causing painful inflammation of the joints

**Ponderous** – slow and clumsy because of great weight

**Impugn** – to call into question or challenge; to dispute the truth or validity of something

**Scrupulous** – careful and thorough; doing everything correctly

**Transcend** – to go beyond, to surpass or be greater than

**Timorous** – timid and fearful; nervous; not confident