

English IV Vocabulary List #58

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For each word below, I've supplied the most basic of definitions to guide you when words have multiple denotations. Part of your job is to augment each definition with more information, including examples and illustrations. Round out your understanding of each word by adding details to explain its meaning, connecting it to other words that use the same stems, and finding and creating sentences that use the word properly.

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1) sapient —adj. wise sap=know			
2) indigenous —adj. native in=in or not gen=origin ous=full of			
3) demented —adj. insane de=down cap=mind			
4) metaphysics —n. speculative philosophy meta=beyond phys=nature			
5) inquisition —n. punitive investigation in=in or not quis=ask tion=act or state			
6) prerogative —n. exclusive privilege pre=before rog=ask			
7) tenacious —adj. hold firmly ten=hold ous=full of			

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8) teratology —n. science of monstrosities terato=monster logy=science of			
9) tergiversate —v. to desert ter=back vert=turn			
10) esprit de corps —n. group pride spir=breath (<i>spiritus</i>) corps=body			
11) anthology —n. literary collection antho=flower logy=science of or study of			
12) platitude —n. a flat, dull, trite remark platy=flat tude=state of			
13) interregnum —n. time between rulers inter=between reg=rule			
14) infraction —n. violation fract=break in=in or not -ion=condition; state of			
15) idiosyncrasy —n. peculiar behavior idio=peculiar syn=together			