

**Vocabulary #4a**  
English 10 Honors

**Denotation:** dictionary definition, the literal meaning

**Connotation:** an idea or meaning that a word invokes in addition to its literal meaning

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1. aesthetic - (n.) a brand of philosophy dealing with the nature of beauty, art and taste and with the creation and appreciation of beauty
2. aloof - (adj.) removed or distant (physically or emotionally)
3. archaic - (adj.) of, relating to or characteristic of a more primitive time
4. belie - (v.) to give a false impression of
5. contentious - (adj.) exhibiting an often perverse and wearisome tendency to quarrels and disputes
6. daunt - (v.) to lessen the courage of
7. debilitate - (v.) to impair the strength of
8. discord - (n.) lack of agreement or harmony
9. dissemination - (n.) the act of spreading, diffusing or dispersing
10. dogmatic - (adj.) stubbornly opinionated; characterized by an authoritative, arrogant assertion of unproved principles
11. duplicity - (n.) contradictory doubleness of thought, speech or action; deceitfulness
12. egocentric - (adj.) concerned with the individual, rather than society
13. euphemism - (n.) the substitution of an offensive/harsh statement with one that is more agreeable or inoffensive (passed on vs. dead)
14. gluttonous - (adj.) indulging in something in excess; voracious
15. intrepid - (adj.) brave, fearless, adventurous
16. mundane - (adj.) characterized by the practical, transitory or ordinary

17. ominous - (adj.) being or exhibiting an omen; foreshadowing an evil or tragic event
18. perfidious - (adj.) disloyal; treacherous; deceitful
19. petulance - (n.) unreasonably irritable or ill tempered; peevishness
20. pompous - (adj.) exhibiting self-importance; bombastic
21. precocious - (adj.) exhibiting mature qualities at an unusually early age
22. trivia - (n.) unimportant matters; insignificant facts or details
23. verbose - (adj.) containing more words than necessary
24. virulent - (adj.) marked by a rapid, severe or malignant course
25. volatile - (adj.) easily aroused