

Vocabulary #5b
English 10 Honors

Denotation: dictionary definition, the literal meaning

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

1. balmy - (adj.) soothing; temperate
2. blitzkrieg – (n.) a violent surprise offensive by massed air forces and mechanized ground forces in close coordination
3. consternation – (n.) amazement or dismay that hinders or throws into confusion
4. contentious – (adj.) likely to cause disagreement or argument
5. deign – (v.) to condescend to give or offer due to feelings of superiority: to stoop
6. dispirited – (adj.) deprived of morale or enthusiasm
7. droll – (adj.) having a humorous, whimsical or odd quality (in a humorous way)
8. effulgence – (n.) radiant splendor: brilliance
9. encumbrance – (n.) an impediment, burden
10. galvanize – (v.) to stimulate or excite as if by electric shock
11. impinge – (v.) to have an effect or make an impression
12. indignant – (adj.) feeling or showing anger because of something unjust or unworthy
13. irate – (adj.) indignant: furious
14. irresolute - (adj.) uncertain about how to act or proceed: vacillating
15. mordant – (adj.) biting or caustic in thought, manner or style: caustic: acerbic
16. nondescript – (adj.) lacking distinctive or interesting qualities: dull
17. provocative – (adj.) serving to provoke or excite
18. sabotage – (n.) an act or process tending to hamper or hurt: a deliberate subversion
19. sedate – (adj.) keeping a quiet, steady attitude or pace: unruffled

20. sinecure – (n.) an office or position that requires little or no work and that usually provides an income

21. specter – (n.) something that haunts or perturbs the mind: phantasm

22. sultry – (adj.) very hot and humid: sweltering

23. tacit – (adj.) expressed or carried on without words or speech: implied

24. transfixed – (adj.) to hold motionless by or as if by piercing

25. vindicate – (v.) to free from allegation or blame