

St. Joseph by-the-Sea High School

Summer Vocabulary List- Sophomore (English 10)

1. abate – *verb*- lessen; subtract
2. accede – *verb* – accept; comply
3. alienate – *verb*- estrange; turn away
4. altruistic – *adjective*- unselfish; charitable
5. analogous – *adjective* – comparable; correspondent
6. apathy – *noun* – indifference; uncaring
7. apropos – *adjective* – suitable; relevant
8. assiduous- *adjective* – diligent; hard-working
9. autocratic – *adjective* – absolute; despotic
10. aversion – *noun* – dislike; opposition to
11. banal – *adjective* – lacking originality; commonplace
12. benign – *adjective* – kindly; amiable
13. besiege – *verb* – to surround; blockade
14. bovine – *adjective* – sluggish; characteristic of oxen or cows
15. callous – *adjective* –insensitive; unsympathetic
16. caustic – *adjective* – sarcastically biting; acerbic
17. coalesce – *verb* – combine; blend

18. comprise – *verb* – include; incorporate
19. covet – *verb* – desire; envy
20. dour – *adjective* – doubtful; gloomy
21. foil – *verb* – defeat; frustrate
22. frugal – *adjective* – thrifty; conserving
23. garrulous – *adjective* – talkative; verbose
24. harass – *verb* – badger; annoy
25. idiosyncrasy – *noun* – peculiarity; oddity
26. idle – *adjective* – inactive; stationary
27. imperative – *adjective* – urgent, obligatory
28. perfunctory – *adjective* – heedless; carelessly done; cursory
29. incredulous – *adjective* – unbelievable; doubtful
30. infallible – *adjective* – authoritative; incontrovertible
31. ingenuous – *adjective* – honest; candid
32. ironic – *adjective* – sarcastic; incongruous
33. lethargic – *adjective* – listless; languid
34. levity – *noun* – lightness of speech or manner; triviality
35. loiter – *verb* – to loaf; saunter
36. malignant – *adjective* – evil; diseased
37. manifest – *adjective* – clear; obvious

38. meticulous – *adjective* – detailed; accurate
39. mitigate – *verb* – appease; moderate
40. nominal – *adjective* – insignificant; minimal
41. nonchalant – *adjective* – appearing indifferent; aloof
42. propriety – *noun* – correct conduct; suitableness
43. bequeath – *verb* – bestow; entrust
44. nullify – *verb* – invalidate; cancel
45. obstinate – *adjective* – stubborn; cantankerous
46. obtuse – *adjective* – lacking sharpness or quickness of sensibility; dense
47. officious – *adjective* – meddlesome; opinionated
48. petty – *adjective* – minor; trivial
49. pilferage – *noun* – stealing; looting
50. precedent – *noun* – example; paradigm
51. priority – *noun* – concern; prerogative
52. proportionate – *adjective* – significantly equal; balanced
53. prudent – *adjective* – careful; wise
54. pungent – *adjective* – acrid; piquant
55. reprehensible – *adjective* – shameful; errant
56. repudiate – *verb* – disown; abandon
57. saturnine – *adjective* – sluggish; sullen

58. scrupulous – *adjective* – careful; precise
59. smug – *adjective* – highly self-satisfied; complacent
60. sophomoric – *adjective* – inexperienced; brash
61. strident – *adjective* – loud; harsh
62. supplant – *verb* – conquer; displace
63. surreptitious – *adjective* – sneaky; underhanded
64. taciturn – *adjective* – uncommunicative; aloof
65. tedium – *noun* – boredom; dullness
66. feasible – *adjective* – possible; achievable
67. jeopardy – *noun* – danger; hazard
68. retrogress – *verb* – to go or move backward; to return to an inferior condition
69. tenacious – *adjective* – persistent; adamant
70. vex – *verb* – distress; harass
71. virulent – *adjective* – poisonous; malignant
72. voracious – *adjective* – gluttonous; hungry
73. waive – *verb* – cede; abandon
74. whimsical – *adjective* – brisk; playful
75. wretched – *adjective* – dejected; miserable