

English 11-A*

Vocabulary Unit 4

narcissism (NAHR si SIZ um)
 nebulous (NED yuh lus)
 nefarious (ni FAIR ee us)
 neologism (nee OL uh JIS um)
 nepotism (NEP uh tis um)
 obdurate (OB doo rit)
 obfuscate (on FUS kate)
 oblique (uh BLEEK)
 oblivion (uh BLIV ee un)
 obscure (ub SKYOOOR)

patent (PATE unt)
 paternal (puh TUR nul)
 pathology (puh THOL uh jee)
 patriarch (PAY tree AHRK)
 patrician (puh TRISH un)
 qualify (KWOL uh FYE)
 qualitative (KWOL ih TATE iv)
 querulous (KWER uh lus)
 quixotic (kwik SOT ik)
 patronize (PAY truh NIZE)

	Stubborn and insensitive	
	Vague; hazy; indistinct	
	A person of noble birth; an aristocrat	
	Obvious	
	Having to do with the quality as opposed to the quantity	
	Showing favoritism to family and friends in business or politics	
	Unknown; hard to understand; dark	
	To darken; to confuse; to make confusing	
	The male head of a family or tribe	
	To modify or restrict	
	Excessive love of one's body or self	
	Indirect; at an angle	
	The science of diseases	
	Complaining; grumbling; whining	
	Fatherly; father like	
	Evil; flagrantly wicked	
	A new word or phrase; a new usage of a word	
	Romantic or idealistic to a foolish or impractical degree	
	To treat as inferior; to condescend to	
	Total forgetfulness; the state of being forgotten	

1. Throwing a kiss to your reflection in the mirror is an act of _____. So is filling your living room with all your bowling trophies or telling everyone how smart and good-looking you are.
2. A few of the young actors would find fame, but most were headed for _____.
3. The _____ lead his followers to victory when they went into war. He showed great strength.

4. For many years, Mr. Morris led a(n) _____ effort to repeal the federal income tax.
5. Susan _____ her praise of Judith by saying that her kind words applied only to Judith's skillful cooking and not to her abhorrent personality.
6. Clarence had no business acumen, so he was counting on _____ when he married the boss's daughter.
7. The committee's _____ refusal to listen to our plan was heartbreaking to us since we had spent ten years coming up with it.
8. To say that the earth is flat is a(n) _____ absurdity since the world is obviously spherical.
9. If a school achieves a(n) _____ improvement in attendance, it means the school is being attended by better students.
10. Our guide at the art gallery was extremely _____, treating us as though we wouldn't be able to distinguish a painting from a piece of sidewalk without her help.
11. Oscar's views are so _____ that no one can figure out what he thinks about anything.
12. The exasperated mother finally managed to hush her _____ child.
13. Fred is _____ toward his niece.
14. Pedants don't like _____. They like the words we already have.
15. An allusion could be said to be a(n) _____ reference.
16. The radicals' _____ plot was to destroy New York by filling the reservoir with strawberry Jell-O.
17. Mr. Anderson was a(n) _____, and he was never truly happy unless his place at the dinner table was set with at least half a dozen forks.
18. The spokesman's attempt to explain what the president had meant merely _____ the issue further.
19. The comedy nightclub was filled with _____ comedians who stole each other's jokes and seldom got any laughs.
20. If one says that Brad is an inveterate, incorrigible, _____ liar, she says that Brad's lying is a sickness.