

# **Am. Lit. Vocabulary**

Level F, Unit 14

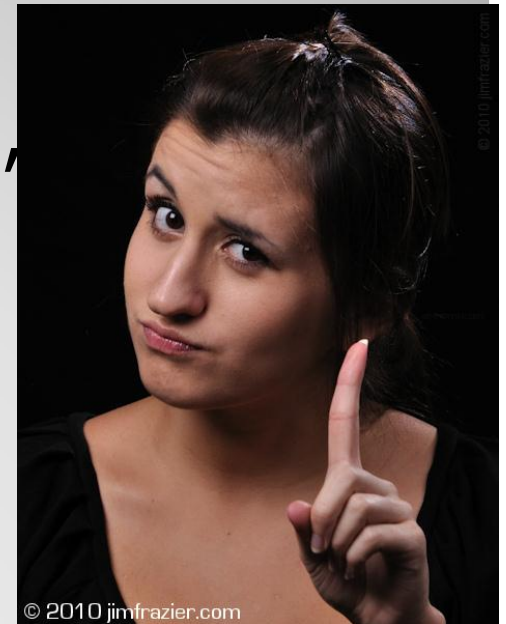
# amenable

- (adj.) willing to follow advice or authority, tractable, submissive; responsive; liable to be held responsible
- Synonyms: agreeable, compliant, docile
- Antonyms: unresponsive, resistant, recalcitrant



# berate

- (v.) to scold sharply
- Synonyms: chide, rebuke, reprove, reprimand
- Antonyms: praise, compliment, pat on the back



# carnage

- (n.) large-scale slaughter or loss of life
- Synonyms: butchery, bloodbath, massacre



# credulous

- (adj.) too ready to believe, easily deceived
- Synonym: gullible
- Antonyms: dubious, skeptical



# criterion (plural: criteria)

- (n.) a rule, test; a standard for judgment or evaluation
- Synonyms: yardstick, touchstone, gauge, canon

Photography rule of thirds



# deplete

- (v.) to use up as a result of spending or consumption; to diminish greatly
- Synonyms: exhaust, empty, drain, bankrupt
- Antonyms: replenish, refill, restock, resupply



# expatiate



- (v.) to expand on, write or talk at length or in detail; to move about freely
- Synonyms: elaborate, enlarge, descant, wander, roam
- Antonyms: sketch roughly, summarize, condense, adumbrate





# extraneous

- (adj.) coming from the outside, foreign; present but not essential, irrelevant
- Synonyms: incidental, extrinsic
- Antonyms: intrinsic, relevant, pertinent, germane



# inception

- (n.) the beginning, start, earliest stage of some process, institution, etc.
- Synonyms: commencement, inauguration, outset
- Antonyms: completion, conclusion, termination

Big Bang



# infirmity

- (n.) a weakness or ailment (physical, mental, moral, etc.)
- Synonyms: affliction, malady, defect



# jejune

- (adj.) lacking in nutritive value; lacking in interest or substance; immature, juvenile
- Synonyms: vapid, insipid, puerile, childish
- Antonyms: stimulating, mature



# obdurate

- (adj.) stubborn, unyielding
- Synonyms: obstinate, adamant
- Antonyms: yielding, tractable, flexible



# potpourri



- (n.) a collection of diverse or miscellaneous items; a general mixture; petals mixed with spices for scent
- Synonyms: hodgepodge, mélange, farrago, medley
- Antonyms: homogenous or uniform group



# precocious

- (adj.) showing unusually early development (especially in talents and mental capacity)
- Synonyms: forward, gifted, advanced
- Antonyms: backward, retarded, slow



# sadistic

- (adj.) delighting in cruelty, excessively cruel
- Synonyms: brutal, vicious, inhuman, fiendish
- Antonyms: masochistic, clement, humane, merciful





# sententious

- (adj.) self-righteous, characterized by moralizing; given to use of maxims or adages; saying much in few words, pithy
- Synonyms: aphoristic, epigrammatic, moralistic
- Antonyms: discursive, diffuse, episodic



# supplicate

- (v.) to beg earnestly and humbly
- Synonyms: plead, petition, implore, entreat



# surfeit

- (n.) an excess or overindulgence, as in eating or drinking, causing disgust; (v.) to feed or supply with anything to excess
- Synonyms: (n.) excess, glut; (v.) cloy, satiate
- Antonyms: (n.) dearth, paucity, lack



# tortuous

- (adj.) winding, twisted, crooked; highly involved, complex; devious
- Synonyms: circuitous, serpentine, labyrinthine
- Antonyms: direct, straight, straightforward



# turgid

- (adj.) swollen, bloated, filled to excess; overdecorated or excessive in language
- Synonyms: inflated, pompous, bombastic, overblown
- Antonyms: muted, understated, unadorned, austere

