English 10
Vocab 17
PRODIGIOUS
(pra dij us) adj.
enormous in size, quantity, degree;
marvelous, amazing
Link: DISH

“A PRODIGIOUS DISH.”

☐ The construction of the Panama Canal was a PRODIGIOUS undertaking.

☐ The trainer managed to escape a ferociously PRODIGIOUS lion by climbing a tree.

☐ The PRODIGIOUSNESS of marathon runners who run twenty-six miles in a few hours is truly extraordinary.
BOOR
(buur) n.
a rude person; someone that is unrefined
Link: BOAR

"Dan was a real BOOR at parties."

☐ His BOORISH manners at prom made everyone uncomfortable.
☐ She BOORISHLY asked for a take home bag at the wedding reception.
☐ Jake’s BOORISHNESS was apparent as soon as he started slurping soup and eating salad with his fingers.
PANACHE
(pa NASH) n.
dashing elegance of manner or style
Link: MUSTACHE

“Sir Charles’ MUSTACHE is a symbol of his PANACHE.”

- Eric entered the room with PANACHE, wearing his new tux, Rolex watch, and $500 shoes.
- It was evident by the woman’s PANACHE that she was a member of the royal family.
- Mom was impressed with my PANACHE after I returned home from finishing school.
FORBEARANCE
(for BAYR ans) adj.
patience
Link: FOUR PARENTS

“FOUR PARENTS exhibiting FORBEARANCE.”

- Teachers must FORBEAR when they deal with unruly students.
- The hunter showed great FORBEARANCE by sitting in the tree stand all day long.
- Social workers must possess FORBEARANCE to deal with their difficult clients.
AGOG
(ah gog) adj.
highly excited by eagerness
Link: EGGNOG

“Our dog is AGOG for EGGNOG.”

- Michelle was AGOG when her mom said she could spend the night at her friend’s house.
- Betty and Laura are always AGOG on Christmas morning.
- Jim sat AGOG when his name was announced as the winner of the Pulitzer Prize.
FORTHRIGHT
(FOWRTH ryt) adj.
frank; going straight to the point
Link:  FOURTH FROM THE RIGHT

"The soldier FOURTH FROM THE RIGHT was FORTHRIGHT."

☐ Whenever I want a FORTHRIGHT opinion, I always ask my two year old son.

☐ The boss asked everyone to be FORTHRIGHT at the company meeting.

☐ When Kathy asked Mark if her dress made her look fat, she wasn’t expecting his answer to be so FORTHRIGHT.
PROFOUND
(pro FOWND) adj.
intellectually deep or penetrating; reaching to, rising from, or effecting the depth’s of one’s nature
Link: TOES FOUND

“The TOES of King Two TOES Kahmin was a PROFOUND discovery.”

☐ Many psychologists believe violence on television and in film has a PROFOUND effect on our behavior toward others.

☐ Advertising has a PROFOUND effect on the failure or success of many products.

☐ Although they at first seem simple, Emily Dickinson’s poems are PROFOUND in their philosophy.
FIASCO
(fee AS koh) n.
a complete or humiliating failure
Link: TABASCO

“A TABASCO FIASCO.”

- The children’s plan to release all the animals at the Humane Society was an utter FIASCO.
- Our government has been involved in numerous FIASCOES which will go down in history.
- Teresa ordered $300 worth of Girl Scout cookies and her parents had to pay for the FIASCO.
DOLEFUL
(DOHL ful) adj.
sorrowful; melancholy
Link: BOWL FULL

“Billy was DOLEFUL because he had to eat a BOWL FULL of split pea soup.”

☐ The DOLEFUL expression on the dog’s face suggested he thought he had been deserted by his owner.

☐ A DOLEFUL procession of mourners followed the hearse to the cemetery.

☐ When the doctor arrived to see her ailing husband, Jim’s wife DOLEFULLY opened the door to let him in.
OPAQUE
(oh PAYK) adj.
having no luster; dull; hard to understand
Link: FAKE

“This “diamond” is OPAQUE; it’s a FAKE.”

☐ Jean put an OPAQUE blue glaze on her ceramic teapot.

☐ The photographer’s use of OPAQUE lighting enhanced the family portrait.

☐ The ballerina’s tights were an OPAQUE pink, revealing none of her skin.
Quiz Today
Study Now!
REVIEW #17: Match the word with its definition.

1. prodigious – (dish)  
2. boor – (boar)  
3. panache – (mustache)  
4. forbearance – (four parents)  
5. agog – (eeggnoog)  
6. forthright – (4th from the right)  
7. profound – (toes found)  
8. fiasco – (tabasco)  
9. doleful – (bowl full)  
10. opaque – (fake)  

   a. straight to the point  
   b. intellectually deep  
   c. a rude person  
   d. dashing elegance of manner or style  
   e. enormous; amazing  
   f. sorrowful; melancholy  
   g. patience  
   h. having no luster; dull  
   i. a complete failure  
   j. eager; highly excited

Fill in the blanks with the appropriate word. The word form may need changing.

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