Northern Highlands Regional High School
English 9

List 5

1. 

**abhor**

**Definition:** To detest; to regard with horror or loathing.

Anyone devoted to democratic ideals must **abhor** the idea of making distinctions on the basis of religion or race.

**Related Forms:** abhorrent, abhorrence

**Synonyms:** loathe, abominate, execrate

**Antonyms:** relish, fancy, cherish, revere

2. 

**agile**

**Definition:** quick-moving and skillful in mind or body.

A circus clown, like a good comic actor, must be not only funny but also **agile**.

**Related Form:** agility

**Synonyms:** brisk, nimble, deft, lithe, supple, limber, active, alert, lively

**Antonyms:** sluggish, inert, torpid, lethargic, phlegmatic, quiescent, dormant, inactive

3. 

**compassion**

**Definition:** feeling of sympathy or sorrow stirred by another’s suffering.

America is often quick to show **compassion** for the oppressed.

**Related Forms:** compassionate, compassionateness

**Synonyms:** mercy, pity, condolence, tenderness, clemency, commiseration

**Antonyms:** cruelty, apathy, ruthlessness, insensitivity, callousness, indifference, inclemency, severity.

4. 

**defunct**

**Definition:** Dead; no longer in existence.

Although Latin is a **defunct** language, as far as speaking it is concerned, it is still useful in a basic liberal education.

**Synonyms:** extinct, deceased

**Antonyms:** extant, animate

5. 

**delete**

**Definition:** To erase.

As a result of the protest by many members of the committee, one phrase in the bill was **deleted**.

**Related Form:** deletion

**Synonyms:** expunge, take out, cancel, obliterate

**Antonyms:** include, insert, add

6. 

**hue**

**Definition:** Color; a modification of color.

The brilliant **hues** of the sunset became less vivid as night approached.

**Synonyms:** tint, tinge, shade
Note: the word *hue* meaning “outcry” is now used only in the expression “hue and cry”. Historically, the expression was used to describe an outcry against a felon. All who heard the cry were obliged to join in the pursuit. Today a “hue and cry” is a popular clamor raised against an unpopular person or event.

7. **intimate**

**Definitions:**
1. A close friend.
   
   Since he came from a theatrical family, Mr. Thorne became an intimate of many actors.

2. (adjective) Well-acquainted; resulting from close or constant study.
   
   Early in life Admiral Byrd attained an intimate knowledge of the science of navigation.

3. To hint or make known indirectly.
   
   Although he did not say so in as many words, Barry intimated that he might enlist in the Navy when he graduates.

**Related Forms:** intimacy, intimation, intimately

**Synonyms:** confidant; (adjectives) familiar, close; (verbs) hint, allude, insinuate, imply, suggest

8. **omnipotent**

**Definition:** Of unlimited power.

The ruler of the Asian province was omnipotent in his kingdom of nearly eight million subjects.

**Related Forms:** omnipotence, omnipotently, potent

**Synonyms:** almighty, all-powerful, autocratic

**Antonyms:** powerless, weak

9. **redundant**

**Definition:** More than necessary.

The expression, “I personally think,” contains a redundant word.

**Related Forms:** redundancy, redundancy

**Synonyms:** superfluous, surplus, verbose, wordy, tautological, circumlocutory, periphrastic, excessive

**Antonyms:** concise, brief, laconic, pointed

10. **whimper**

**Definition:** To cry with low, whining, broken sounds.

The new puppy whimpered all night long.

**Synonyms:** cry, whine