Class Vocab #1

1. Impervious

Unable to be affected by.

He worked from day to night in the blazing sun as if he was impervious to the heat.

Adjective

2. Voracious

Wanting or devouring great quantities of food; having a very eager approach to an activity

His voracious appetite for learning was insatiable, even after reading every non-fiction book he could find.

Adjective

3. Sagacious

Having or showing acute mental discernment and keen practical sense.

Tiv was sagacious enough to know not to lie to her parents about being busy, but she also really did not want to change the litter boxes.

Adjective

4. Pathos

A quality of pity and sadness.

The play Hamlet was such a tragedy, full of pathos.

Noun

5. Vanquished

To defeat thoroughly

The army vanquished the city during the civil war.

Verb

6. Pauper

A very poor person who has no money to pay for food, clothing, etc. (a person with limited or no financial resources)

Tiffany was generous enough to donate money to the pauper on her block to buy warm clothes to keep him warm this winter.

Noun

7. Circumvent

To avoid being stopped by (something, such as a law or rule); to get around (something) in a clever and sometimes dishonest way

We circumvented the game by cheating.

Verb

8. Gawk

To stare stupidly:gape An awkward, foolish person

The guy gawked at the disabled kid across the room making him feel self conscious.

Verb

9. Impertinent

Not pertinent or relevant; irrelevant.

The skull was impertinent to the Christmas party, what was it doing here?

Adjective

10. Obstinacy

Unyielding or stubborn adherence to one’s purpose, opinion, etc.

The obstinacy of the women was so annoying, she accepted no other answer than that of her own.

Noun