

## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Harbor Vocabulary List

### Harbor Vocabulary List #1

1. **Profound** (adj)– deep; intense [dig a hole]  
"They entered the profound depths of the crater."
2. **Alleviate** (t-verb)– make easy; lighten [throw knapsack off of back]  
"He alleviated the homework load."
3. **Prodigious** (adj)– extraordinary; enormous [draw a big circle with both hands]  
"The prodigious storm caused terrible damage."
4. **Expedite** (t-verb)– carry out promptly [salute and say "It's done sir!"]  
"I will expedite the assignment."
5. **Celerity** (noun)– speed; rapidity [feet on fire]  
"She works with celerity."
6. **Usurp** (t-verb)– seize; grab [say "carpe diem" while hugging self]  
"He usurped the position of president."
7. **Paltry** (adj)– petty; worthless [hold nose while showing palm to ground]  
"She was paid a paltry amount for her work."
8. **Condone** (t-verb)– excuse; pardon [sneeze and say "gesundheit"]  
"He condoned his brother's thievery."
9. **Trivial** (adj)– of little importance; insignificant [stomp on the ground]  
"Bobby constantly complained of trivial complaints."
10. **Bizarre** (adj)– fantastic; odd [say "wow, it's Spidey!"]  
"Jenny wore a bizarre Halloween costume."

### Harbor Vocabulary List #2

1. **Menial** (adj)– humble; degrading [everyone kneels]  
"The job was menial."
2. **Venerable** (adj)– respected; worshipped [put thumbs under armpits]  
"Gramps was a venerable old man."
3. **Extraneous** (adj)– foreign; not belonging; unnecessary [turn palms up and outward, like "I don't know where to go"]  
"Julie added extraneous information to the research paper."
4. **Ambiguous** (adj)– vague; undefined; not specific [place hand, parallel to ground, on brow and look into the distance, unseeingly]  
"The descriptions in the magazine were ambiguous."
5. **Succinct** (adj)-brief; concise [put hands up straight and parallel in front of face, with hands close together, fingers facing ceiling]  
"The writer used succinct phrases of description."
6. **Archaic** (adj)– out of date [put up left hand like looking at watch and get a puzzled look, put watch up to ear and tap on it with right hand]  
"The museum was filled with archaic material."
7. **Emulate** (t-verb)– copy; strive to be equal [girls say "carpe diem," then boys say "carpe diem"]  
"Barbara emulated her older sister's hair style."
8. **Facetious** (adj)– humorous; witty; slightly sarcastic [whole class says in mocking tone, "Of course I'd love another piece of liver pie. Who wouldn't?"]  
"The facetious comment was not received with humor."
9. **Rabid** (adj)– furious; mad; fanatical [yell "furious" and "mad" and after "fanatical" growl]  
"Joseph was a rabid Seahawks fan."
10. **Salubrious** (adj)– healthful; wholesome [hold out right hand and say "Mom, may I have my vitamins?" and then throw imaginary vitamins into mouth and pop mouth and with hand]  
"The menu only has salubrious food."