

Seniors Vocabulary List #14

Assuage (v) – to ease; to lessen as in pain

Criterion (n) – standard used in judging

Cryptic (adj) – hidden; secret; mysterious

Dogmatic (adj) – asserting an opinion, positive in manner

Droll (adj) – odd and laughter-provoking

Expedient (adj) – advantageous, useful

Façade (n) – front; superficial or artificial appearance

Furtive (adj) – done by stealth; sly

Interrogate (adj) – to question; to examine by asking questions

Intrepid (adj) – very brave, fearless, unshakable

Introspective (adj) – deeply thoughtful; looking into one's own mind

Nurture (v) – to feed; to foster; to bring up

Prodigious (adj) – extraordinary in bulk, huge; monstrous

Profane (adj) – to treat (usually a holy object) with great disrespect; desecrate

Profusion (n) – lavish expenditure; overabundant condition

Quell (v) – to subdue; to put down forcibly

Reputed (adj) – according to reputation or general belief; having widespread acceptance

Resigned (adj) – unresisting; patiently submissive

Spontaneous (adj) – arising unnaturally; not planned in advance

Trite (adj) – commonplace; unoriginal