

# VOCABULARY 9

**amass (v)** to collect together; accumulate

**candid (adj)** honest; truthful; sincere

**culpable (adj)** blameworthy

**duress (n)** force; constraint

**flout (v)** to mock; to sneer

**immune (adj)** protected; unthreatened by

**knavery (n)** dishonesty; trickery

**nullify (v)** cancel; invalidate

**plumb (v)** 1. to fall or sink straight down; 2. to hang vertically

**reticent (adj)** silent; reserved; shy

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**superficial (adj)** on the surface; narrow-minded; lacking depth

**virtuoso (n)** highly skilled artist

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**discussion (n)** 1. talk between people 2. spoken or written examination of a topic

**elusive (adj)** 1. difficult to describe 2. difficult to detect or grasp by the mind

**ephemeral (adj)** enduring a very short time

**fissure (n)** a long narrow opening

**marginal (adj)** at, on, or close to a border or edge

**mutable (adj)** tending to change

**niche (n)** a position particularly well suited to the person or thing which occupies it

**pallid (adj)** (of light) lacking in intensity or brightness; dim or feeble