

# The Raven- Vocabulary

1.Quaint- attractively unusual in an old fashioned way

Ex. My grandmother lives in a quaint cottage in the woods by a lake.

2 .Bleak– an area lacking vegetation or exposed to the elements

Ex. The weather has been bleak all winter; we haven't seen the sun yet.

Ex. My future looks bleak since I dropped out of school.



# Day 2

- Obeisance- deferential respect

Ex. There was immediatel obeisance when Mr. Abraham walked into the room.

- Countenance- a person's facial expression

Ex. His countenance immediately fell when he realized he had forgotten to study for the test.

# Day 3

- Placid-a person or animal not easily upset
- Ex. The teacher getting upset scared everyone because she was usually a very placid person.
- Lore- a body or traditions and knowledge on a subject or held by a particular group, traditionally passed from person to person by word of mouth
- Ex. There was such lore about what the Calculus teacher was like, when I met her, I thought I would get destroyed by her smoke-filled dragon breath.

# Day 4

- Beguiling- charming or enchanting, often in a deceptive way
- Ex. Her beguiling smile got him to buy her a Michael Kors purse when he really didn't have the money.
- Discourse- written or spoken communication or debate
- Ex. The public discourse has gotten too mean-spirited lately.

# Day 5

- Decorum- behavior in keeping with good taste and propriety
- Ex. There is supposed to be decorum at a high school graduation, but it also breaks down.
  
- Undaunted- not intimidated
- Related word- daunting- intimidating
  
- Ex. Although college seems daunting, I'm ready to go.

# Day 6

- Balmy- pleasantly warm
  - Ex. The balmy weather of Florida made everyone want to go there.
  - Balm- a fragrant ointment used to heal or soothe skin
  - Ex. “Is there a balm in Gilead”?
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- Melancholy-n- a feeling of pervasive sadness typically with no obvious cause
  - Ex. The melancholy music made me sad even though I wasn't.

# Day 7

- Refulgent- shining bright
- Ex. Her refulgent glow on the stage confirmed that she should have been voted Miss Bartlett.
  
- Interpose-v- place or insert between one thing and another
- Ex. The fly interposed between Emily Dickinson and the “light.”

# Day 8

- Taciturn- a person who doesn't talk much, not communicative
- Ex. The taciturn student was often misunderstood as being shy, but really he just enjoyed observing.
  
- Repugnant-adj.-extremely distasteful and unacceptable
- Ex. The idea of dating the cruel boy was repugnant to her, even if he did have a lot of money.



# Day 9

- Querulous- adj- complaining in a petulant or whining manner
- Ex. The querulous student seemed to be caught by surprise every day of his life with his school assignments.
  
- Disconsolate- without consolation or comfort
- Ex. After losing the championship, Grant Williams was disconsolate....until next season!

# Day 10

- Incredulous- unwilling and unable to believe something
- Ex. When my mom said I could go to Europe for my senior trip, I was incredulous!!
  
- Plaintive- sounding sad and mournful
  
- Ex. The plaintive tone in her voice made me know she really had been hurt by her teacher's remarks.