

EN102 Grammar and Composition II

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SET 1–

1. **balmy**
 - The nights in Florida are very balmy—soothing, mild and tranquil.
 - The balmy weather was a welcome change from the harsh, chill Wisconsin winter back home.
2. **beguile**
 - At the car dealership, I remembered my father’s warning to avoid being beguiled by deceitful salesmen.
 - She was a foolish, impressionable girl who was easily beguiled by the speaker’s charisma and promises.
3. **buckler**
 - Jesus Christ Himself is the Christian’s buckler, the shield that deflects every enemy blow.
 - The archer protected his chest and shoulders with a buckler; and on his legs and body, he wore a coat of iron mail.
4. **constrain**
 - The weak economy and diminishing corporate profit constrained businesses to enact hiring freezes.
 - The love of Christ constrains us; it compels us to live for Him.
5. **deft**
 - He deftly dodged the verbal assaults, and with great wit turned the stinging words back on his accusers.
 - The circus elephants had been trained to pick up coins, turn knobs, and do many other deft, skillful maneuvers with their trunks.
6. **embalm**
 - The undertaker embalmed the body, preparing it for burial.
7. **frenzy**
 - Kara went on a spending frenzy buying a new house, a new car, clothes, and furniture.
 - The National Mall became the scene of frenzied activity as excited mobs congregated before the inauguration.
8. **homely**
 - She had a glamorous name, but her face was homely and her mind dull.
 - The crushing news made his face contort, giving him a more homely appearance than he normally had.
9. **languish**
 - For Sale signs languish on lawns for months as desperate homeowners seek to offload their property.
 - Some American churches languish, but others hold their own or even thrive.
10. **muse**
 - I cannot comprehend God’s love for me, yet I like to muse on the theme.
 - Let me muse on your problem for a while, and I’ll see if I can figure out a solution.
11. **pestilence**
 - So the LORD sent a pestilence upon Israel from the morning even to the time appointed: and there died of the people from Dan even to Beersheba seventy thousand men. II Sam 24:15
 - In 1165, the Great Plague of London, a pestilence spread by fleas and rats, killed approximately 75,000 people.
12. **prose**
 - I find Mr. Daryll’s poetry delightful but his prose dull.
 - Perhaps you’d have to be a lawyer to enjoy the prose of court cases and judicial decisions.

SET 2-13. **apprehension**

- The unsaved, uncertain of eternal destiny, must be filled with apprehension at the thought of dying.
- Many citizens were elated by the election results, but others were apprehensive about the direction the newly elected president would take the country.

14. **begrudge**

- The boss begrudgingly allowed his employee to take a vacation during the company's busy season.
- Although he never had the opportunity to go himself, the young man did not begrudge his sister's plans to tour Europe.

15. **cow**

- The bully used threats to cow his victim into handing over her lunch.
- In 1995 and 1996, China tried to cow United States and Taiwanese leaders by carrying on a vigorous missile-testing campaign.

16. **despondent**

- Having being laid off, he fought off despondency and made himself continue to look for a new job.
- The car accident that took the lives of her husband and son left the young woman despondent.

17. **detest**

- Most students don't mind doing assignments if they see value in them, but they detest busy work.
- I detest alcohol; I've seen how it can destroy lives!

18. **expectancy**

- Having prayed and fasted for his congregation for weeks, the pastor was filled with expectancy as the revival meetings drew near.
- The English teacher had a positive, expectant attitude toward her students; she knew they could do well.

19. **furtive**

- The burglar went about his business in a furtive manner, taking measures not to be caught.
- The intelligence officer often held furtive meetings with his spy ring deep in enemy territory; they were just sly and secretive enough not to get caught.

20. **grizzled**

- The old lady answered, "no" with the shake of her grizzled head, her gray-streaked hair falling in her eyes.
- The dog's coat was completely black except for a grizzled patch of gray and white near his right ear.

21. **implore**

- I implore you to do your best in this class; I really want you to pass it.
- The convicted felon implored the judge to have mercy during the sentencing portion of the trial.

22. **profanation**

- In Nazi Germany, Jews were often accused of the profanation, or defiling, of sacred sites.
- To add to or to take away from the Bible would be a profanation of the Holy Book.

23. **salutation**

- Sandra read the love letter's salutation again, filled with wonder that it was indeed addressed to her.
- The letter started out with a pleasant salutation, but its body contained a scathing rebuke.

24. **sedate**

- Without the customary lively interference of the children, our evening was quite sedate.
- The agitated animal was given a sedative to calm it down.

25. **solace**

- In the days after 9/11, Mrs. Bush encouraged Americans to take solace in their families and communities.
- The Holy Spirit gives solace to a grieving heart like no other can.

26. **solitude**

- Samuel's solitude was interrupted when his brother burst into the room.
- Everyone enjoys solitude rather than crowds from time to time.

27. **supplicate**

- Early each day, the prayerful mother spent time supplicating God on behalf of her husband and children.
- Before Jacob died, Joseph supplicated a blessing from him for his son Manasseh.

SET 3

28. **amiable**
- Janet's new boss, having a good-natured, amiable personality, was easy to get along with.
 - The comedian's routine was an amiable mix of slapstick and humorous discourse.
29. **belated**
- The belated birthday card arrived two weeks after my birthday.
 - The student's belated efforts to do assignments were not enough to bring up his failing grade.
30. **contrive**
- Although the boy knew the truth, he contrived lies and excuses to cover up his involvement.
 - The bus worker contrived ways to boost his number of riders on his bus for the spring campaign.
31. **distress**
- Being caught in an undertow and dragged out to the sea, the swimmer called in distress to the lifeguard.
 - Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? – Romans 8:35
32. **famish**
- Having not eaten all day, we were famished when we arrived at the cabin; so we scoured the kitchen for anything edible.
 - Famished and weary from a long day in the field, Esau foolishly sold his birthright for a bowl of soup.
33. **incumbent**
- It is incumbent upon a soldier to perform his duty when he is called upon to serve.
 - If a person accepts the position of a Sunday school teacher, it is incumbent upon him to prepare for his class and pray for his students.
34. **lavish**
- The hotel was lavishly furnished with expensive rugs, furniture, artwork, and linens.
 - The investor paid for his lavish lifestyle with the millions he made on the stock market.
35. **negligence**
- The careless mother's negligence almost cost her son his life when he wandered into busy the street.
 - Negligent electrical work may have caused of the young Marine's accidental electrocution.
36. **notional**
- We don't have a firm figure for the cost of the project; the numbers offered up so far are just notional.
 - The mayor had a notional rather than actual timeline for the new library's completion.
37. **perplex**
- Hal's timing perplexes me; I can't figure out why he wants to go to Alaska in December instead of June.
 - The question seemed to perplex them, so I gave them a hint.
38. **plaintive**
- The plaintive poem resonated with her sorrowful spirit.
 - The lone violinist played a plaintive melody as guests entered the chapel for the funeral service.
39. **predecessor**
- My predecessor left me all of his files and notes before he left, so I was able to continue his job without a rocky transition.
 - Although Dr. Oxford's second book is shorter than his first; it seems to ramble more than its predecessor.
40. **relish**
- Knowing my daughter will soon graduate and move out, I relish the time we can spend together.
 - Gregory is such a natural actor that he relishes any opportunity to perform before an audience.
41. **reluctance**
- Although Jenny asked him for advice, Sam was reluctant to give her his opinion.
 - Many people have a reluctance to speak in front of an audience.
42. **solicitous**
- The distraught mother made solicitous inquiries about her missing soldier son.

