INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF MONTERREY

9th grade Literature

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TARGET WORDS

1. **advantage** (*adv.* advantageously; *adj.* advantageous)

   n. something that may help one to be successful or to gain something
   syn. benefit

   Is there any **advantage** in arriving early?
   He was **advantageously** born into a rich family.

2. **advent**

   n. the coming or appearance of something
   syn. arrival

   With the **advent** of computers, many tasks have been made easier.
   The orchestra's latest newsletter announced the **advent** of the upcoming concert season.

3. **agile** (*adv.* agilely; *n.* agileness; n. agility)

   adj. able to move in a quick and easy way
   syn. nimble

   Deer are very **agile** animals.
   She moved **agilely** across the stage.

4. **albeit**

   conj. in spite of the facts, regardless of the fact
   syn. although

   His trip was successful, **albeit** tiring.
   Albeit difficult at times, speaking another language is rewarding.

5. **appealing** (*v.* appeal; *n.* appeal; *adv.* appealingly)

   adj. attractive or interesting
   syn. alluring

   Working abroad is **appealing** to many people.
   Through his speeches, the candidate **appealed** to the voters.

6. **celebrated**

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adj. acclaimed; well-known and popular
sy*n.* renowned

The **celebrated** pianist will be giving a concert this weekend.
San Francisco is **celebrated** for its multicultural makeup.

7. **circumvent** (*n.* circumvention)

v. to go around; avoid
sy*n.* evade

The hacker attempted to **circumvent** the computer's security system.
Circumvention of the freshman math requirement is possible.

8. **collide** (*n.* collision)

v. to hit one object against another with violent force; to be in opposition
sy*n.* crash

The **collision** caused major damage to both cars.
Moon craters were caused when large asteroids **collided** with the moon.

9. **contemporary** (*n.* contemporary)

adj. modern, up-to-date, or (*n.*) a person living at the same time as another person
syn. current

Contemporary architecture makes very good use of space.
Cervantes was a contemporary of Shakespeare.

10. **distribute** (*n.* distribution)

v. to divide among people or to give out
sy*n.* dispense

Many publishers now **distribute** their newspapers via the Internet.
The **distribution** of seeds is very quick with this new machine.

11. **encourage** (*n.* encouragement; n. encourager; *adv.* encouragingly; adv. encouraging)

v. to promote, help, or support
sy*n.* stimulate

The government cut taxes in order to **encourage** spending.
The professor gave each student the **encouragement** that was needed to learn the material.

12. **energetic** (*n.* energy; *adv.* energetically)

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adj. full of life, action, or power
syn. vigorous

Sam hasn't been as **energetic** as he usually is.
There's a lot of **energy** in these batteries.

13. **frail** (*n.* frailty)

adj. weak in health or in body
syn. fragile

The **frail** wings of the newborn bird could not lift it off the ground.
One of the **frailties** of human beings is laziness.

14. **heyday**

n. a high point of success or abundance
syn. pinnacle

Many settlers became rich during the **heyday** of the California gold rush of the 1800s.
We are living in the **heyday** of digital communications.

15. **myth** (*adj.* mythological; *n.* mythology)

n. an invented story or idea
syn. legend

Throughout history **myths** were created in an attempt to explain many common natural occurrences.
Mythology is the study of legends and fables.

16. **refine** (*n.* refinement; *adj.* refined)

v. to make pure; to improve
syn. perfect (verb)

Factories must **refine** oil before it can be used as fuel.
A squirt of lime juice is the perfect **refinement** to cola.

17. **worthwhile**

adj. value in doing something
syn. rewarding

It was **worthwhile** waiting ten hours in line for the tickets.
It's **worthwhile** to prepare for the TOEFL.

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