

AP E11 – Vocabulary 13 - Tone Words & Academic Verbs

Malicious – characterized by malice; intending or intended to do harm.

Earnest – serious in intention, purpose, or effort; sincerely zealous:

Pedestrian - **lacking** inspiration or excitement; dull

Pejorative - **expressing** contempt or disapproval

Pessimistic - **tending** to see the worst aspect of things or believe that the worst will happen

Callous - showing or having an insensitive and cruel disregard for others

Satiric - relating to or constituting satire

Inflammatory - arousing or intended to arouse angry or violent feelings

Admonish – warn or reprimand someone firmly.

Beseeches – ask (someone) urgently and fervently to do something; implore; entreat;

Adjure - urge or request (someone) solemnly or earnestly to do something

Insult - disrespectful or scornfully abusive

Attack - to direct unfavorable criticism against; criticize severely; argue with strongly

Assert - to state a fact or belief confidently and forcefully

Advise - offer suggestions about the best course of action to someone.

Expound - to interpret, present, or explain (a theory or idea) systematically and in detail

Assess - evaluate or estimate the nature, ability, or quality of

Regret - sorrowful because of what is lost, gone, or done

Ascertain - to find out definitely; learn with certainty or assurance

Advance - to move forward, typically in a purposeful way