

VOCABULARY 5 (11/1-1)

arid (*adj*) dry; parched

circumlocution (*n*) an indirect or lengthy way of expressing something

derogatory (*adj*) belittling; uncomplimentary

ephemeral (*adj*) temporary; brief; short-lived

forbearance (*n*) patience; self-restraint

impugn (*v*) to contradict

malediction (*n*) curse; evil spell

penchant (*n*) a strong liking or fondness

provocative (*adj*) tempting

satiric (*adj*) indulging in the use of ridicule/sarcasm to expose/attack vice, folly, etc

tractable (*adj*) easily led or managed

zenith (*n*) point directly overhead in the sky

boycott (*v*) to refuse to deal with something/someone

conscious (*adj*) keenly aware; intentional

endorse (*v*) support somebody or something

gratuitous (*adj*) unnecessary

militia (*n*) soldiers who are also civilians

mull (*v*) period of careful deliberation

repeal (*v*) to abolish or undo a law

spinster (*n*) unmarried woman