

English III Unit 12 Vocabulary

	Part of Speech	Definition	Synonym	Antonym
1. jocular	Adj	characterized by jokes and good humor	jolly; playful; jocund	Serious; grim; cold
2. obfuscate	Verb	To make difficult to understand, unclear, or confusing	Complicate Muddle Bewilder	Clarify Clear up Illuminate
3. prude	Noun	a person excessively concerned about propriety and decorum	puritan goody-goody stuffed shirt	libertine immoralist
4. surmise	Verb	infer from incomplete evidence	imagine; infer; guess	None
5. trite	Adj	repeated too often; overfamiliar through overuse	unoriginal; not fresh; clichéd	fresh; novel

Root	Definition	Cognates
1. eu-	good, well	euphemism, eulogy, euphonious, euthanasia
2. scrib-	write, record	ascribe, circumscribe, inscription, scripture
3. mal	bad	maladjusted, malady, malapropism, malcontent
4. bene	good	benediction, benefit, benevolent, benign
5. umbr-	shade	somber, umbrage, umbrella, sombrero