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*THE LAST LECTURE* VOCAB

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| **WORD** | **DEFINITION** | **IN A SENTENCE** | **SYNONYM** | **ANTONYM** | **REMINDS ME** |
| Adulation | Extreme admiration or praise | The rugby player enjoyed the adulation of his fans. |  |  |  |
| Contingent (adj)  Contingency  (n) | (adj) Likely but not certain to happen; dependent upon something else.  (n): an event that may happen but will likely not. | In making our plans, we tried to prepare for every contingency or misfortune. |  |  |  |
| Deference | Showing respect for someone or something, usually to an elder, by doing what is asked or leaving a decision to said elder | Treating the judge with deference earned his favor. |  |  |  |
| Deter | To turn aside, discourage or prevent from acting; to inhibit | Painting the metal will deter rust. |  |  |  |
| Discretionary | Available to be used when and how you decide; done or used when necessary | It’s nice to have a little discretionary income to play with. |  |  |  |
| Dissonance | Lack of agreement; an instance of inconsistency | Dissonance, often caused by misunderstanding, broke up our friendship |  |  |  |
| Gregarious | Enjoying the company of other people | Her gregarious nature causes her to put off doing homework. |  |  |  |
| Iterate/ Iteration | To say or do again and again and again | No matter how many times I iterated the importance of not forgetting, he forgot. |  |  |  |
| Palliative | Making the effects of something less painful, harmful or harsh | The palliative effects of the medication took three hours to begin. |  |  |  |
| Pragmatic | A practical or reasonable approach to a problem; | His pragmatic view of public ed. Comes from years of working in city schools. |  |  |  |
| Repertoire | A list of, or all of the skills a person has (i.e. all the plays, songs, dances a performer may know) | The band’s repertoire includes both classic and modern jazz. |  |  |  |
| Reprimand | A severe or formal reproof, rebuke or criticism | While I hate yelling at students, sometimes they need some reprimanding for bad behavior. |  |  |  |
| Reticent | Reluctant; hesitant to reveal knowledge or secrets | Despite not being in trouble for her prank, she was still reticent to talk about it. |  |  |  |
| Rudimentary | Fundamental, consisting of basic principles. Also, primitive or of unskilled labor | The class requires a rudimentary knowledge of human anatomy. |  |  |  |
| Ruminate | To think carefully about something, usually for a long time | The question got me ruminating on the real value of wealth. |  |  |  |
| Sabbatical | A period of time during which someone does not work at his regular job, usually performing research instead | The professor who usually teaches this class is on sabbatical, so we have this one instead. |  |  |  |
| Salve | A creamy substance used for healing wounds | Put this salve on your cut to disinfect it. |  |  |  |
| Seminal | Having a strong influence on ideas, work, events to come; influential, important | He was awarded the Nobel Prize for his seminal work in chemistry |  |  |  |
| Tenacious | Not easily stopped or pulled apart, determined or strong | A tenacious athlete, she adheres to a grueling workout regimen. |  |  |  |
| Visceral | Coming from strong emotion rather than logic or reason | Her visceral reaction was to curse at the other driver. |  |  |  |

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