McKinney Academic Vocabulary: List 3.6.1

- 1. ambulatory (AM bew luh tor ee) <adjective> able to walk or to move around; moving about from place to place, not stationary *The ambulatory tribe roamed from the prairie region to the mountain region*.
- 2. congeal (kun JEEL) <verb> to solidify or to coagulate It takes quite a while for Jell-O to congeal.
- **3. demagogue (DEM uh gog) <noun>** a person or leader who appeals to passions or prejudices.

 Huey P. Long, Governor of the State of Louisiana in the late 1920s, was accused by his enemies of being a **demagogue**, appealing primarily to the needs and wishes of the rural poor.
- **4. fledgling (FLEJ ling) <noun>** an immature or inexperienced person, a young bird that is ready to fly *The first year player is merely a fledgling compared to the veteran players.*
- **5. gilded (GIL did) <adjective>** covered with gold or a golden color, having a background of wealth The **gilded** aristocrats were eventually overthrown by the peasants in the French Revolution.
- 6. introvert (IN truh vurt) <noun> one who turns inward and concentrates thoughts upon himself, a shy person *The introvert did not enjoy doing group activities in class; she preferred to work alone.*
- 7. malcontent (MAL kun tent) <adjective> not satisfied or content with current conditions or circumstances The malcontent board member was frustrated with the current leadership of the company.
- 8. **obstinate (OB stuh nit) <adjective>** unyielding regardless of reason or logic *He was extremely* **obstinate**; no matter how much I tried to reason with him he would not change his mind.
- 9. prevalent (PREV uh lunt) <adjective> generally or widely accepted, current, or practiced The prevalent form of pizza in Chicago is the deep dish style with a very thick crust.
- **10. tactile (TAK til) <adjective>** perceptible by touch; capable of being felt *Going in the fabric shop* and feeling the various samples was a very **tactile** experience.