

McKinney Academic Vocabulary: List 3.6.2

1. **anarchy (AN ar kee) <noun>** the absence of government; a state of lawlessness *After the terrible dictator was overthrown, a state of **anarchy** set in for several months until the situation stabilized.*
2. **dissonance (DIS uh nuns) <noun>** unrelated or harsh combination of sounds, discord *The rock band was known for its use of **dissonance** in many of its songs.*
3. **dubious (DOO be us) <adjective>** doubtful; not clear *I am **dubious** about the fine print at the bottom of any contract that I am possibly going to sign.*
4. **facilitate (fuh SIL eh tate) <verb>** to make less difficult *My new Keurig single cup coffee maker **facilitates** my morning; it makes a fresh cup of coffee in less than 90 seconds.*
5. **graphic (GRAF ik) <adjective>** vivid *The video game was known by many for its **graphic** violence.*
6. **jocular (JOK yu lur) <adjective>** jesting or joking *She was famous for her **jocular** personality; she was always making other people laugh.*
7. **misnomer (mis NO mer) <noun>** misnaming, use of a wrong name *Referring to his gun as his "little friend" seems like a bit of a **misnomer**.*
8. **prudent (PROOD unt) <adjective>** wise and careful about practical matters *He was very **prudent** in managing his money.*
9. **pulverize (PUL vuh rize) <verb>** to reduce into small pieces, to demolish *The old building was **demolished** by the wrecking ball.*
10. **recapitulate (ree kuh PICH uh leyt) <verb>** to review by a brief summary, as at the end of a speech or discussion; to summarize *It is often effective to **recapitulate** your major ideas at the end of your essay.*