**McKinney Academic Vocabulary**

**List 3.2.1**

1. **abhor (ab HOR) <verb>** to regard with extreme repugnance; to hate; to detest; to loathe *Many baseball fans in Boston* ***abhor*** *the New York Yankees.*
2. **ascetic (uh SET ik) <noun or adjective> noun** one who leads a life of self-denial and contemplation; **verb** absent of luxury *He chooses to have no material things in his home except a chair and a bed; he truly lives the life of an* ***ascetic****. His* ***ascetic*** *lifestyle was quite different from that of the famous actor and his multiple mansions.*
3. **charlatan (SHAR luh tun) <noun>** one who claims to know something that he does not; a quack *This fool was pretending to be a professional magician, but in reality he was just a* ***charlatan*** *off the street.*
4. **dearth (DURTH) <noun>** a lack; a scarcity; an inadequate supply *The* ***dearth*** *of talent on the team led to many losses last season.*
5. **effervescent (ef ur VES unt) <adjective>** showing high spirits *She put me in a good mood because she was always so* ***effervescent****.*
6. **expunge (ik SPUNJ) <verb>** to remove; to erase *We will need to* ***expunge*** *her name from the invitation list because of that gossip she started about me last week.*
7. **implausible (im PLAU zuh bul) <adjective>** not believable *When he said that he ate 17 hot dogs in the hog dog eating contest, most of his friends found that claim to be highly* ***implausible****.*
8. **placate (PLAY kate) <verb>** to appease or to pacify by making concessions *My wife is so angry at me that I cannot seem to* ***placate*** *her.*
9. **reiterate (ree IT uh rate) <verb>** to repeat *The professor continued to* ***reiterate*** *the same points over and over again causing the students to become bored.*
10. **vigilant (VIJ uh lunt) <adjective>** very alert; watchful *The police have been extremely* ***vigilant****in trying to find the thief.*