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**McKinney Academic Vocabulary**

**List 3.3.2**

1. **ascertain (as sur TANE) <verb>** to find out definitely; to determine *The detective attempted to* ***ascertain*** *the truth through her questioning of the suspect.*
2. **desolate (DES uh lit) <adjective>** deserted, without inhabitants, barren *Many people consider a large part of West Texas to be* ***desolate*** *land.*
3. **dissuade (deh SWADE) <verb>** to advise against, to talk out of *I tried to* ***dissuade*** *him from going over Niagara Falls in a barrel, but he would not listen.*
4. **indelible (in DEL uh bul) <adjective>** cannot be removed, washed away, or erased *Her words made an* ***indelible*** *impression on his mind, and he was never able to forget.*
5. **obliterate (uh BLIT eh rate) <verb>** to remove all traces of; to do away with; to destroy completely; to cancel *The men began to* ***obliterate*** *the old building because it had become unsafe.*
6. **piety (PIE eh tee) <noun>** devotion and reverence to God *The man was noted for his* ***piety*** *and devotion to the church.*
7. **precarious (pre KARE ee us) <adjective>** dangerous, risky, not a secure situation *Professional window washers who work on tall buildings are constantly in* ***precarious*** *situations.*
8. **quiescent (kwee ES unt) <adjective>** inactive, dormant *The eruption was a surprise because the volcano had been* ***quiescent*** *for many years.*
9. **scintillating (SIN tuh lay ting) <adjective>** sparkling, shining, or flashing *The rapper’s gaudy jewelry was quite* ***scintillating*** *to the eye.*
10. **vexation (vek SAY shun) <noun>** discomfort or distress *The rowdy young children were a source of* ***vexation*** *to their nervous, neurotic mother.*