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**McKinney Academic Vocabulary**

**List 3.1.1**

1. **abstruse (ab STRUSE) <adjective>** difficult to understand, esoteric *Some concepts of Einstein were so* ***abstruse*** *that many physicists could not understand them.*
2. **audacity (aw DAS uh tee) <noun>** excessive boldness, rashness, daring *I was surprised that she had the* ***audacity*** *to question the professor in front of the class.*
3. **deprecate (DEP ruh kate) <verb>** to disapprove regretfully, to belittle, to express mild disapproval *It is quite common for people to* ***deprecate***Tony Romo after he throws fourth quarter interceptions.
4. **didactic (die DAK tik) <adjective>** instructive, designed to teach *She was a very* ***didactic*** *basketball coach, always teaching new plays and concepts.*
5. **dormant (DOR munt) <adjective>** inactive, sleeping *In Texas, bluebonnets are* ***dormant*** *most of the year, but bloom in many places in the spring.*
6. **erudite (ER yoo dite) <adjective>** scholarly, studious *My neighbor is very* ***erudite****; he is always reading books on history and philosophy.*
7. **loathe (LOETH) <verb>** to detest *I* ***loathe*** *the actor Nicolas Cage; he has little talent and a limited number of facial expressions.*
8. **mitigate (MIT uh gate) <verb>** to cause to become less harsh or hostile; to make less severe *After he insulted his coworker, he tried to* ***mitigate*** *the situation with a formal apology letter.*
9. **nullify (NUL eh fie) <verb>** to cause not to be in effect, to negate *I am going to* ***nullify*** *this contract because she has not complied with the terms.*
10. **pretentious (preh TEN shus) <adjective>** making an extravagant outward show, self-important *Spending 120,000 dollars on that Porsche 911 Turbo is very* ***pretentious****.*