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**McKinney Academic Vocabulary**

**List 3.4.2**

1. **arid (AIR id) <adjective>** very dry *West Texas and Eastern New Mexico have an* ***arid*** *environment.*
2. **beleaguer (buh LEEG er) <verb>** to harass *The class bully continued to* ***beleaguer*** *the other students until the teacher realized what was happening and made it stop.*
3. **cynical (SIN uh kul) <adjective>** given to faultfinding, sneering, and sarcasm *That girl in 2nd period is so* ***cynical****; she sarcastically makes fun of everything others say.*
4. **dour (DOUR) <adjective>** sullen, stern, harsh *He was in a* ***dour*** *mood after he bogeyed four holes in row when we played golf yesterday.*
5. **felicitous (feh LIS eh tus) <adjective>** happy or delightful *The Thanksgiving holiday celebration was a* ***felicitous*** *occasion for the entire family.*
6. **imperturbable (im pur TUR buh bul) <adjective>** marked by extreme calm, impassivity, assurance and steadiness *Over the years, many of my students and colleagues have told me that I am one of the most* ***imperturbable*** *people they have ever known; I have a calming effect on them.*
7. **obdurate (OB doo rit) <adjective>** extremely stubborn, unwilling to accept advice *He was a really* ***obdurate*** *coworker; he refused to agree with the team on every issue and continued to do things his own way.*
8. **platitude (PLAT eh tood) <noun>** trite remark, banal statement *I don’t understand why that talk show host is so popular; she mainly just spouts off one* ***platitude*** *after another without anything original to say.*
9. **pugnacious (pug NAY shus) <adjective>** looking for a fight, combative, belligerent *The character Curly in Of Mice and Men is a very pugnacious little man, always wanting to pick fights with other people on the ranch.*
10. **supercilious (soo pur SIL ee us) <adjective>** haughty, vain, and arrogant *I can’t stand that guy because he is so* ***supercilious****; he is constantly talking about how much better he is than everyone else.*