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**McKinney Academic Vocabulary**

**List 3.5.1**

1. **belligerent (buh LIJ er unt) <adjective>** waging war; inclined to or exhibiting assertiveness or aggressiveness *Many people throughout the world regarded the totalitarian dictator as* ***belligerent****.*
2. **censure (SEN shur) <verb>** to blame or to condemn *When the politician was found guilty of taking bribes, the entire community* ***censured*** *him for weeks.*
3. **defile (deh FILE) <verb>** to make dirty, to desecrate, to pollute *It was unfortunate to see that the public park had been* ***defiled*** *with graffiti by hoodlums.*
4. **galling (GAUL ing) <adjective>** very irritating *It was an incredibly* ***galling*** *experience to see my favorite team get beat in the playoffs.*
5. **incantation (in kan TAY shun) <noun>** a spell, written or recited formula of words designed for a particular effect *The evil witch used her* ***incantation*** *on her hopeless victim.*
6. **luscious (LUSH us) <adjective>** very pleasant to the taste *The raspberry cheesecake was absolutely* ***luscious****; I wound up eating two pieces.*
7. **nomadic (no MAD ik) <adjective>** characterized by moving about from place to place; wandering *In the 1950s, a group of men known as the “beats” roamed the country from city to city; they were truly* ***nomadic*** *people.*
8. **pungent (PUN junt) <adjective>** sharp or irritating to the taste or smell, acrid *Certain kinds of cheeses have a very* ***pungent*** *aroma.*
9. **sagacious (suh GAY shus) <adjective>** wise, shrewd, very discerning *I have an elderly neighbor who is very* ***sagacious****; I often go to her for advice.*
10. **spiteful (SPITE ful) <adjective>** full of malice or hate; malicious; malevolent *That little brat in 3rd period is so* ***spiteful****; she is constantly engaging in acts of malice.*