

## LOTF Ch. 1-2 Vocabulary

1. **Motif** (noun): a recurring subject, theme, or idea  
*The motif of the evening was Old Hollywood so I wore a Marilyn Monroe outfit.*
2. **Specious** (adj): having the ring of truth, but proving false  
*The plant has a specious appearance; though beautiful, it was extremely poisonous.*
3. **Enmity** (noun): a feeling of hatred; hostility  
*I had great enmity for my sister after she stole my favorite sweater.*
4. **Eccentric** (adj): odd, peculiar  
*The man dancing on the street corner displayed some eccentric behavior.*
5. **Decorous** (adj): dignified, proper in conduct, manner, appearance  
*Her pantsuit was the type of decorous outfit we expect from the First Lady.*
6. **Effulgence** (noun): brilliant radiance  
*The effulgence of the sunset over the ocean left me speechless.*
7. **Hiatus** (noun): a break or interruption in work  
*The movie star took a hiatus from acting to pursue a music career.*
8. **Multitude** (noun): a great number  
*There are a multitude of colleges for you to choose from your senior year.*
9. **Furtive** (adj): done in secret; sly  
*His furtive entrance into the party left no one knowing he was there.*
10. **Mortification** (noun): a feeling of humiliation or shame  
*I felt such mortification when my mother picked me up from the party in her bathrobe!*
11. **Gesticulated** (verb): to have made gestures, especially in an animated way  
*The speaker rarely gesticulated, making him feel stiff and unapproachable.*
12. **Ebullience** (noun): high spirits, enthusiasm  
*There was a sense of ebullience in the students on the last day of school.*
13. **Attain** (verb): to achieve, accomplish  
*I hope to attain straight A's this quarter.*
14. **Festooned** (verb): adorned with ribbons, garlands, or other decorations.  
*The gym was festooned in decoration for the Homecoming dance.*
15. **Contrite** (adj): showing sincere remorse, guilt  
*He did not seem contrite after ruining my art project; he never even apologized.*
16. **Indignantly** (adv): having done with a feeling of strong displeasure at something considered unjust or offensive  
*My little brother indignantly cleaned his room after my mom wouldn't let him go to the movies.*