

Vocabulary List #11

1. **Destination**: the place designated as the end, as of a race or journey'
Example: Airports get stacked up with planes that can't take off for their **destinations**.
2. **Diminish**: decrease in size, extent, or range
Example: By Friday morning, most of the heavy rain is expected to **diminish**.
3. **disdain** : lack of respect accompanied by a feeling of intense dislike
Example: In the visage of Grumpy Cat, it seems, her fans found the perfect holy expression of indifferent **disdain** for all things.
4. **dismal** : causing dejection
Example: It's been a pretty **dismal** month, as far as world events go, but the news wasn't all bad thanks to some very entertaining on-air mishaps.
5. **Dispel**: force to go away
Example: For most of us, **dispelling** the darkness is as simple as turning on a light.
6. **Eavesdrop**: listen without the speaker's knowledge
Example: They **eavesdrop** on the noises that other birds make while hiding food in order to steal the stash later, new research shows.
7. **Egregious**: conspicuously and outrageously bad or reprehensible
Example: Prosecutors questioned him about killings and other **egregious** human rights abuses perpetrated by his regime.
8. **ember** : a hot, smoldering fragment of wood left from a fire
Example: "Every hot spot is an **ember** that, if not contained, can become a new fire," Obama said.
9. **Emerge**: come out into view, as from concealment
Example: They say that program has helped them **emerge** from the shadows, making possible a work permit, a Social Security number and enhanced self-respect.
10. **Engross**: consume all of one's attention or time
Example: I don't know how long I was reading; I was so **engrossed** in the paper that I did not hear any footsteps.