RHETORIC

(RET or ik) n.
the art or study of using language effectively and persuasively; over-elaborate language

Link: RENT-A- WRECK

“A salesman's RENT-A-WRECK RHETORIC.”

- A person’s use of RHETORIC can indicate much about that person’s character.
- She asked a RHETORICAL question, but he answered anyway.
- William Cullen Bryant was a master of RHETORIC and one of our country’s most famous editors.
DOGMATIC
(dawg MAT ik) adj.
characterized by an authoritative, often arrogant, assertion of opinions or beliefs

Link:  DOG

“A DOGMATIC DOG trainer”

- Grandpa was always DOGMATIC about his views on politics.
- The tyrant was a DOGMATICAL ruler who would not permit anyone to disagree with him.
- The opinions or ideas DOGMATICALLY asserted by a DOGMATIC person are known as DOGMA.

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PHILIPPIC
(fe LIP ik) n.
a verbal denunciation characterized by harsh, insulting language; a tirade
Link: FLIP IT

“The cook unleashed a PHILIPPIC when his new helper couldn’t FLIP IT.”

- The coach, in seeking to rouse the team, pronounced bitter PHILIPPICS against the opposing team.
- Rachel unleashed a PHILIPPIC when her brother broke her bike.
- Dad always directed PHILIPPICS at me whenever I got a bad grade.
PANDEMIC
(pan DEM ik) adj. widespread; general

Link: PANDA

“PANDAS are PANDEMIC to China.”

- AIDS has spread in PANDEMIC proportions around the world.
- Disco’s PANDEMIC popularity was short-lived in the 1970’s.
- Boating is a PANDEMIC form of outdoor recreation in Florida.
IDYLLIC
(eye DIL ik) adj.
charming in a rustic way: naturally peaceful

Link: DILL LICK

“An IDYLLIC DILL LICK”

- Chuck and Cathy bought an IDYLLIC cabin in the Smoky Mountains.
- Our camping trip was IDYLLIC; we went for long hikes and didn’t watch TV all weekend.
- Uncle Frank likes to paint IDYLLIC seascapes.
CRYPTIC
(KRIP tik) adj.
having an ambiguous or hidden meaning

Link: LIPSTICK

“A CRYPTIC note in LIPSTICK”

- Jim’s messages were so CRYPTIC; I was baffled by their meaning.
- Breaking Germany’s CRYPTIC codes during World War II helped the Allies win the war.
- While exploring the cave, we stumbled across a CRYPTIC message written on the wall.
CHOLERIC
(KAHL ur ik) adj.
hot-tempered; quick to anger
Link: COLLAR

“Our dog became CHOLERIC whenever we COLLARED him.”

- When my dad gets in one of his CHOLERIC moods, everyone stays clear.
- The neighbor’s CHOLERIC dog is always chained to the tree.
- The bullfighter ran from the CHOLERIC bull.
Norm thought running over an ARMADILLO was a PECCADILLO.

The reporters were more interested in the president’s personal PECCADILLOES than the state of the economy.

Being ticketed for running a red light is a mere PECCADILLO compared to driving while intoxicated.

Bob couldn’t believe he could be punished for the PECCADILLO of not cleaning his room at boarding school.

PECCADILLO
(pek ah DIL oh) n.
a slight or trifling sin; a minor offense

Link: ARMADILLO
“Rex became EMPHATIC when he saw a FAT TICK on his back.”

- The scientist was EMPHATIC that no materials be brought to the test site.
- My mom EMPHATICALLY told me to be home by midnight.
- The sign EMPHATICALLY warned visitors to keep their hands out of the cage.
LOGISTICS
(loh JIS tiks) n.
the management of the details of an operation

Link: LOGS AND STICKS

“Lumber mill LOGISTICS consist of LOGS AND STICKS.”

- The Normandy invasion is a great example of military LOGISTICS.
- The LOGISTICS involved in building the Golden Gate Bridge required an immense amount of time and resources.
- General Eisenhower was an expert of military LOGISTICS.
Fill in the blanks with the appropriate word.

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**Review Answers**  
**Review #7**

Matching: | Fill in the Blank:  
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1-j | 1-mustered  
2-c | 2-glutton  
3-e | 3-catapults  
4-b | 4-facilitate  
5-i | 5-mode  
6-a | 6-alienated  
7-h | 7-paranoia  
8-d | 8-beget  
9-g | 9-curtail  
10-f | 10-craven