Vocabulary List: B

1. **myriad**  (n) (adj) (myriadly-adv) a large indefinite number

*The* ***myriad*** *flecks of the plankton were annulled now by the high sun and it was only the great deep prisms in the blue water that the old man saw now with his lines going straight down into the water that was a mile deep.*

2. [**humility**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/humility)(n) a disposition to be humble; a lack of false pride

*“Thank you,” the old man said. He was too simple to wonder when he had attained* ***humility****.*

3. [**gaunt**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/gaunt) (adj) (gauntness-n, gauntly) very thin, haggard or drawn, especially from disease or hunger or cold

*The old man was thin and* ***gaunt*** *with deep wrinkles in the back of his neck.*

4. **[benevolent](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/benevolent) (**adj) (benevolently-adv) intending or showing kindness

*The brown blotches of the* ***benevolent*** *skin cancer the sun brings from its reflection on the tropic sea were on his cheeks.*

5. [**annul**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/annul) **(**v) to make null or void; abolish; cancel officially

*The myriad flecks of the plankton were* ***annulled*** *now by the high sun and it was only the great deep prisms in the blue water that the old man saw now with his lines going straight down into the water that was a mile deep.*

6. [**imperceptible**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/imperceptible)(adj) (imperceptibility-n, imperceptibleness-n) impossible or difficult to perceive by the mind or senses

*As it went down, slipping lightly through the old man’s fingers, he still could feel the great weight, though the pressure of his thumb and finger were almost* ***imperceptible****.*

7. [**sustenance**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/sustenance) **(n)** (sustenanceless-adj) a source of materials to nourish the body

*My hand is only cut a little and the cramp is gone from the other. My legs are all right. Also now I have gained on him in the question of* ***sustenance****.*

8. [**malignancy**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/malignancy)(n) quality of being disposed to evil; intense ill will

*He hit it with his blood mushed hands driving a good harpoon with all his strength. He hit it without hope but with resolution and complete* ***malignancy****.*

9.[**interminable**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/interminable) (adj) (interminableness-n, interminability-n) tiresomely long; seemingly without end

*He took all his pain and what was left of his strength and his long gone pride and he put it against the fish’s agony and the fish came over onto his side and swam gently on his side, his bill almost touching the planking of the skiff and started to pass the boat, long, deep, wide, silver and barred with purple and* ***interminable*** *in the water.*

10. [**mysticism**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/mysticism)(n) 1. obscure thought or speculation. 2 a doctrine of an immediate spiritual intuition of truths believed to transcend ordinary understanding, or of a direct, intimate union of the soul with God through contemplation or ecstasy.

*He had no* ***mysticism*** *about turtles although he had gone in turtle boats for many years.*