**Vocabulary List: A**

1. **Apathy**  n (adj. apathetic) lack of interest, enthusiasm, or concern.

People have shown surprising apathy toward these important social problems.

*Another reason for employees' apathy* *may be poor management, or the lack of spare cash, particularly if they are not paid much.*

1. **Empathy** n (adj. empathetic) the ability to understand and share the feelings of another. Identification with or vicarious experiencing of the feelings, thoughts, or attitudes of another.

*His utter lack of empathy* *and understanding-- on any level-- prevents him from forming health relationships.*

1. **Passive** *adj* (adv passively n. passivity)accepting or allowing what happens or what others do, without active response or resistance.

*Most jellyfish are passive* *; they drift up and down in the water column, or are pulled to and fro by the tides and winds.*

1. **Terse** *adj. (*tersely, adverb terseness, noun)sparing in the use of words; abrupt

*My comments on the first manuscript were fairly terse* *and probably about a page long.*

1. **Solicitous** *adj (*solicitously, adverb solicitousness, noun. Solicit v. to seek (something) by entreaty, earnest or respectful request, formal application, etc.) characterized by or showing interest or concern. eager or anxious to do something.

*He is polite and solicitous* *and makes you feel-even as you try to resist him-that he truly has your interests at heart.*

1. **Strident** *adj (*stridence, stridency, noun stridently, adverb nonstrident, adjective overstridence, noun overstridency, noun) loud and harsh; grating. presenting a point of view, especially a controversial one, in an excessively and unpleasantly forceful way.

*But journalists are apt to be less strident* *and more evenhanded than many of the people they quote.*

1. **Implacable** *adj (*implacability, implacableness, noun implacably, adverb) unable to be placated, or satisfied.

*At this point, and this was where his cruel, implacable* *nature showed itself, the past ceased to exist for him.*

1. **Expostulate** v. (expostulatingly, adverb expostulator, noun unexpostulating, adjective) to reason earnestly with someone against something that person intends to do or has done; remonstrate:

*Is* it *possible for you to* expostulate *without getting so angry*

1. **Sordid** *adj (*sordidly, adverb sordidness, noun unsordid, adjective unsordidly, adverb unsordidness, noun)involving ignoble actions and motives; arousing moral distaste and contempt.

*He'd then refer to some incident and twist the scenario into a sordid* *situation that never took place just to defame her character.*

1. **Peruse** *v (*perusable, adjective peruser, noun preperuse, verb (used with object), preperused, preperusing.) read or observe (something), typically in a thorough or careful way. Examine carefully or at length.

*There are already 5081 photos to peruse, along with family stories and treasured recipes.*