Vocabulary #16:

Catalyst aggrandize

Arbitrary allusion

Ambivalent dulcet

Mutable modicum

Abate eclectic

1. The coach’s halftime speech was a catalyst for a much better second half.
2. Rather than following sound business principles, the manager made decisions in an arbitrary manner.
3. He had long been ambivalent about going to college, but after graduation he resolved to do so.
4. Her feelings on that subject are mutable, changing depending on whom she talked to last.
5. Hoping the pain from the twisted ankle would abate soon, the hiker continued down the path toward the campground.
6. To his friends who didn’t know better, Billy would aggrandize his accomplishments in academics and in sports.
7. Several literary allusions appear in *Fahrenheit 451*, including one reference to *Julius Caesar*.
8. There was something in the dulcet sounds of nature that filled him with happiness and contentment.
9. She showed only a modicum of interest in what her friends were discussing.
10. His music tastes were eclectic, ranging from classical to hip-hop to country.