

Vocabulary : The Gioconda Smile

1. **flirt (v)** – to act toward someone as if you are sexually attracted to him or her but not in a serious way

The boss liked to flirt with all the pretty women in the office.

noun: flirtation

2. **affair(n)** – a sexual relationship with someone who is married to another person

Sally was shocked to learn that her husband was having an affair with his secretary.

3. **mistress (n)** – a woman that a man has a sexual relationship with, even though he is married to someone else.

Mr. Hutton had an old wife and a young mistress.

4. **charms (n, plural)** – a special quality that makes people like a person

She had many charms but the one he liked the best was her beautiful smile.

adjective: charming

5. **nausea (n)** – the feeling you have in your stomach when you think you are going to vomit

The doctor asked Joe if he had a headache or nausea after he hit his head.

6. **genuine (adj.)** – something that is real or true; sincere

The ring was very expensive because it was a genuine diamond.

adverb: genuinely

7. **proper (adj)** – correct; the right action or words for a specific situation

She asked her sister if it was proper to wear a black dress to her friend's wedding.

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8. reject (v) – to not accept someone or something

Harvard University rejected Edward's application because his high school grades were too low.

9. mysterious (adj.) – strange or difficult to explain or understand

Joann got a mysterious package in the mail. She did not know who sent it or why.

10. rumor (n) – information passed from one person to another which may or may not be true.

Someone started a rumor that there will be no school next week but that is not true.