*The Importance of Being Earnest* by Oscar Wilde – list 2

1. Celibacy n =abstaining from marriage and sexual relations

2. Neologistic adj =a relatively new or isolated word or phrase, perhaps entering common use

3. Portmanteaus n =a large two-compartment trunk or suitcase, typically stiff leather

4. Equanimity n =calmness, composure, especially in a difficult situation

5. Machination n =scheming or crafty action, usually with evil intentions

6. Credulity n =too ready to believe; being gullible

7. Morbidity n =how often a disease occurs in a specific area or a focus on death

8. Ostentatious adj =vulgar or pretentious display; designed to impress or attract notice

9. Oxonian adj =From Oxford, England or relating to Oxford University

10. Tutelage n =a guardianship

11. Heresy n =believing in or practicing beliefs outside the norm (the orthodox)

12. Anabaptists n =Christians who baptize those who can confess faith in Christ, not babies

13. Vestry n =a room or building attached to a church, used as an office and changing into vestments

14. Vestments n =a chasuble or other robe worn by the clergy or choristers during services.

15. Chasuble n =a sleeveless outer vestment worn by the celebrant at Mass

16. Perambulator n =a baby carriage or baby buggy

17. Tableau vivant n =motionless figures representing a scene from a story or history

18. Canon n =a collection of sacred books or a standard upon which to make judgments

19. Canonical practice n =an institution having full recognition and status within the church,

20. Shilly-shally v =to be undecided, dithering

21. Notorious adj =famous or well known, typically for bad reasons

22. Debonair adj =confident, stylish and charming

23. Reproach v/n =disgrace or shame

24. Chafe v =extreme irritation or anger

25. Supercilious adj =behaving or looking superior to others

26. Effrontery n =boldness, shamelessness, disrespect, cockiness, gall

27. Insuperable (inSOOPerable) adj =impossible to overcome

28. Apprise v =make aware of

29. Interpose v =to insert between things or to intervene between parties

30. Quail v =to feel or show fear or apprehension