**Hackensack High School**

**AP English Literature and Composition**

**Cacophony Worksheet**

*Circle the examples of* ***cacophonous*** *diction in John Updike’s “Piano Player” (1954).*

My stick fingers click with a snicker

And, chuckling, they knuckle the keys;

Light footed, my steel feelers flicker

And pluck from these keys melodies.

My paper can caper; abandon

Is broadcast by dint of my din,

And no man or band has a hand in

The tones I turn on from within.

At times I'm a jumble of rumbles,

At others I'm light like the moon,

But never my numb plunker fumbles,

Misstrums me, or tries a new tune.

Explain how you made the assessment of which words were cacophonous.

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