**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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