1. **Falter**: hesitate
2. **Edict**: decree; official command
3. **Gambol**: skip; leap playfully
4. **Harrowing**: agonizing; distressing; traumatic
5. **Absolve**: to free from responsibility
6. **Lap**: take in food or drink with one’s tongue; splash gently
7. **Malediction**: curse
8. **Aborigine**: original inhabitant
9. **Bait**: (two meanings) to entrap or to seduce (verb); a decoy (noun)
10. **Rancid**: having the odor of stale fat
11. **Farce**: broad comedy; mockery
12. **Gamely**: bravely; with spirit
13. **Tawdry**: cheap and gaudy
14. **Malevolent**: wishing evil
15. **Tautological**: needlessly repetitious
16. **Bagatelle**: thing of little value; trifle
17. **Cadence**: rhythm; beat
18. **Illimitable**: infinite
19. **Cajole**: to coax; to persuade
20. **Malefactor**: evildoer; criminal
21. **Rancor**: bitterness; hatred
22. **Cadaverous**: pale; ghastly; corpselike
23. **Variegated**: many-colored
24. **Rankle**: irritate; fester
25. **Dastardly**: sneaking and cowardly; shameful
26. **Unctuous**: oily; bland; insincerely suave
27. **Edify**: instruct; correct morally
28. **Malign**: speak evil of; bad-mouth; defame
29. **Eclectic**: selecting; choosing for various sources
30. **Malfeasance**: wrongdoing
31. **Ecology**: study of the environment
32. **Neutral**: impartial; not supporting one side over another
33. **Undermine**: weaken; sap
34. **Echelon**: rank of authority; level of power
35. **Callow**: youthful; immature; inexperienced
36. **Nihilist**: one who believes traditional beliefs to be groundless and existence meaningless
37. **Factotum**: an employee who can do all kinds of work
38. **Illuminate**: brighten; clear up or make understandable
39. **Vapid**: dull and unimaginative; insipid and flavorless
40. **Factious**: causing disagreement
41. **Gadfly**: a person who annoys others
42. **Obfuscate**: to confuse; to bewilder; to perplex
43. **Calorific**: heat-producing
44. **Illusion**: misleading vision
45. **Fallow**: plowed but not sowed; uncultivated
46. **Gait**: manner of walking
47. **Hackneyed**: trite; commonplace; overused
48. **Callous**: hardened; unfeeling
49. **Hale**: healthy
50. **Nirvana**: in Buddhist teachings, the ideal state in which the individual loses himself in the attainment of an impersonal beatitude
51. **Fathom**: comprehend; investigate
52. **Effectual**: able to produce a desired effect; valid
53. **Gambit**: opening in chess in which a piece is sacrificed
54. **Ignoble**: dishonorable
55. **Fastidious**: difficult to please; squeamish
56. **Oblivion**: obscurity; forgetfulness
57. **Wanton**: Unrestrained; willfully malicious; unchaste
58. **Abridge**: condense or shorten
59. **Idolatry**: excessive or blind adoration; worship of idols
60. **Balmy**: mild; fragrant
61. **Obnoxious**: offensive
62. **Jaundiced**: pertaining to a yellowed skin; prejudiced
63. **Abrade**: wear away by friction; scrape; erode
64. **Kinetic**: pertaining to motion
65. **Banal**: hackneyed; commonplace, trite; lacking originality
66. **Kaleidoscopic**: constantly changing
67. **Lackadaisical**: uninterested; listless
68. **Abortive**: unsuccessful; fruitless
69. **Salvage**: rescue from loss
70. **Lactic**: pertaining to milk
71. **Obscure** **(adj.)**: dark, vague; unclear
72. **Macroscopic**: visible to naked eye
73. **Bane**: cause of ruin; curse
74. **Maim**: to cripple; to deprive of the use of some part of the body
75. **Calumny**: malicious misrepresentation; slander
76. **Illusory**: deceptive; not real
77. **Nascent**: coming into being; being born
78. **Palpable**: tangible; easily perceptible
79. **Obeisance**: a bow or similar gesture expressing deep respect
80. **Bantering**: good-natured ridiculing
81. **Camaraderie**: good-fellowship
82. **Pall**: something that covers or conceals; to become wearisome or unpleasant
83. **Sanction**: approve; ratify
84. **Jollity**: gaiety; cheerfulness
85. **Dearth**: scarcity
86. **Quack**: an untrained doctor; a pretender to any skill
87. **Palpitate**: throb; flutter
88. **Radical**: extreme; complete; violent
89. **Pan**: criticize harshly
90. **Jostle**: shove; bump
91. **Rampant**: widespread; raging
92. **Debacle**: sudden downfall; complete disaster
93. **Tarantula**: venomous spider
94. **Salutary**: healthful; wholesome
95. **Hardy**: sturdy, robust; able to stand inclement weather
96. **Tableau**: dramatic scene or picture
97. **Qualified**: limited; restricted
98. **Jubilation**: rejoicing
99. **Tact**: silent; not expressed
100. **Ecstasy**: rapture; joy; any overpowering emotion
101. **Warble**: sing; babble
102. **Debilitate**: weaken; enfeeble
103. **Eddy**: swirling current of water, air, etc.
104. **Debase**: reduce in quality or value; lower in esteem; degrade
105. **Harbor:** provide a refuge for hide
106. **Uncanny**: weird; strange
107. **Taut**: tight; ready
108. **Gamut**: entire range
109. **Vagary**: an odd notion; an unpredictable action
110. **Languid**: weary; sluggish; listless
111. **Quandary**: dilemma
112. **Wallow**: to indulge oneself; to roll around in
113. **Languish**: lose animation; lose strength
114. **Xyloid**: pertaining to wood
115. **Debauch**: corrupt; seduce from virtue
116. **Toke**: to join together; to link
117. **Zany**: comical; clownishly crazy
118. **Candor**: honesty of expression
119. **Obdurate**: stubborn
120. **Ramble**: wander aimlessly