1. **Gaffe**: social blunder
2. **Abate**: subside; decrease, lessen
3. **Hiatus**: break, interruption, vacation
4. **Liberation**: freedom, emancipation
5. **Martinet**: strict disciplinarian, one who rigidly follows rules
6. **Badinage**: teasing conversation
7. **Novitiate**: state of being a beginner or novice
8. **Opine**: to express an opinion
9. **Cadaver**: corpse
10. **Peerless**: unequaled
11. **Cajole**: coax; wheedle
12. **Dais**: raised platform for guests of honor
13. **Recondite**: relating to obscure learning; known to only a few
14. **Abbreviate**: shorten
15. **Veracity**: accuracy, truth
16. **Yen**: longing; urge
17. **Derivative**: copied or adapted; not original
18. **Eccentric**: irregular; odd; whimsical; bizarre
19. **Hoary**: very old; whist or gray from age
20. **Fabricate**: build; lie
21. **Iconoclastic**: attacking cherished traditions
22. **Facetious**: joking; humorous
23. **Lien**: right to possess and sell the property of a debtor
24. **Gainsay**: deny
25. **Numismatics**: coin collecting
26. **Penultimate**: next to last
27. **Recruit** **(v.)**: to draft, enlist; to seek to enroll
28. **Unobtrusive**: modest, unassuming
29. **Haggard**: wasted away; gaunt
30. **Derogate**: to belittle, disparage
31. **Talon**: claw of bird
32. **Hallucination**: delusion
33. **Ichthyology**: study of fish
34. **Icon**: religious image, idol
35. **Facet**: small plane surface; a side
36. **Quack**: charlatan; imposter
37. **Idiom**: expression whose meaning as a whole differs from the meanings of its individual words
38. **Jabber**: chatter rapidly or unintelligibly
39. **Lissome**: easily flexed, limber, agile
40. **Jargon**: language used by a special group; technical terminology
41. **Oration**: lecture, formal speech
42. **Jaunt**: trip; short journey
43. **Kaleidoscope**: tube in which patterns made by the reflection in mirrors of colored pieces of glass, etc., produce interesting symmetrical effects
44. **Kernel**: central or vital part; whole seed
45. **Inane**: foolish, silly, lacking significance
46. **Despondent**: feeling discouraged and dejected
47. **Kindred**: related; belonging to the same family
48. **Laborious**: demanding much work or care; tedious
49. **Gadfly**: animal-biting fly; an irritating person
50. **Laceration**: torn, ragged wound
51. **Haggle**: argue about prices
52. **Lackadaisical**: lacking purpose or zest; halfhearted; languid
53. **Machinations**: evil schemes or plots
54. **Clairvoyant** **(adj.)**: psychic
55. **Eccentricity**: oddity; idiosyncrasy
56. **Magnanimous**: generous; great-hearted
57. **Magnate**: person of prominence or influence
58. **Facile**: easily accomplished; ready or fluent; superficial
59. **Naiveté**: quality of being unsophisticated; simplicity; artlessness; gullibility
60. **Cacophonous**: discordant; inharmonious
61. **Narrative**: related to telling a story
62. **Imprecation**: curse
63. **Oaf**: stupid, awkward person
64. **Pedestrian** **(adj.)**: commonplace
65. **Theocracy**: government by priests representing a god
66. **Daub**: smear
67. **Obfuscate**: confuse; muddle; cause confusion; make needlessly complex
68. **Dank**: damp
69. **Enthrall**: to captivate, enchant, enslave
70. **Fission**: process of splitting into two parts
71. **Gross** **(n.)**: total before deductions
72. **Paean**: song of praise or joy
73. **Façade**: front; superficial or false appearance
74. **Ultimate**: final; not susceptible to further analysis
75. **Narcissist**: conceited person; someone in love with his own image
76. **Quaff**: drink with relish
77. **Matrilineal**: tracing ancestry through mother’s line rather than father’s
78. **Raconteur**: story teller
79. **Wizened**: withered, shriveled, wrinkled
80. **Raiment**: clothing
81. **Rally**: call up or summon; revive or recuperate
82. **Saboteur**: one who commits sabotage; destroyer of property
83. **Thwart**: to block or prevent from happening; frustrate
84. **Sacrilegious**: desecrating; profane
85. **Sadistic**: inclined to cruelty
86. **Maelstrom**: whirlpool
87. **Tactile**: pertaining to the organs or sense of touch
88. **Taint**: contaminate; cause to lose purity; modify with a trace of something bad
89. **Sacrosanct**: most sacred; inviolable
90. **Ubiquitous**: being everywhere; omnipresent
91. **Vagrant**: a homeless wanderer
92. **Ambidextrous**: able to use both hands equally well
93. **Babble**: chatter idly
94. **Unanimity**: complete agreement
95. **Vacillate**: waver; fluctuate
96. **Ebb**: recede; lessen
97. **Dappled**: spotted
98. **Nadir**: lowest point
99. **Waffle**: speak equivocally about an issue
100. **Cadence**: rhythmic rise and fall; beat
101. **Yield**: give in; surrender
102. **Kindle**: start a fire; inspire
103. **Yore**: time past
104. **Zany**: crazy; comic
105. **Hackneyed**: commonplace; trite
106. **Zealot**: fanatic; person who shows excessive zeal
107. **Opulence**: wealth
108. **Refute**: to oppose with proof of the opposite; to prove false or wrong
109. **Badger**: pester; annoy
110. **Saccharine**: cloyingly sweet
111. **Jocular**: joking, jolly
112. **Anomaly**: irregularity or deviation from the norm
113. **Parapet**: a wall for protection
114. **Vent**: to express, say out loud
115. **Denounce**: to accuse, blame
116. **Rail**: scold; rant
117. **Semantic**: related to the study of word development or to change in word usage
118. **Omnivorous**: eating everything; absorbing everything
119. **Abdicate**: to formally give up a right or position
120. **Dolt**: idiot: dimwit, foolish person