

ABATE = TO DECREASE; REDUCE

ABDICATE = TO GIVE UP A POSITION, RIGHT, OR POWER

ABERRANT = DEVIATING FROM WHAT IS NORMAL

ABEYANCE = TEMPORARY SUPPRESSION OR SUSPENSION

ABJECT = MISERABLE; PITIFUL

ABJURE = TO REJECT; ABANDON FORMALLY

ABSCISSION = N. THE ACT OF CUTTING; THE NATURAL SEPARATION OF A LEAF OR OTHER PART OF A PLANT, V. TO CUT OFF OR AWAY (ABSCISE)

ABSCOND = TO DEPART SECRETLY

ABSTEMIOUS = MODERATE IN APPETITE

ABSTINENCE = THE GIVING UP OF CERTAIN PLEASURES

ABYSMAL = VERY BAD

ACCRETION = GROWTH IN SIZE OR INCREASE IN AMOUNT

ACCRUE = TO ACCUMULATE; GROW BY ADDITIONS

ADAMANT = UNCOMPROMISING; UNYIELDING

ADJUNCT = SOMETHING ADDED, ATTACHED, OR JOINED

ADMONISH = TO CAUTION OR REPRIMAND

ADULTERATE = TO CORRUPT OR MAKE IMPURE

AESTHETIC = ADJ. RELATING TO BEAUTY OR ART, N. A CONCEPTION OF WHAT IS ARTISTICALLY BEAUTIFUL

AFFECTED = PRETENTIOUS, PHONY

AFFINITY = FONDNESS; LIKING; SIMILARITY

AGGRANDIZE = TO MAKE LARGER OR GREATER

AGGREGATE = ADJ. AMOUNTING TO A WHOLE; TOTAL, V. TO COLLECT INTO A MASS, N. COLLECTIVE MASS OR SUM

ALACRITY = CHEERFUL WILLINGNESS; EAGERNESS; SPEED

ALCHEMY = MEDIEVAL CHEMICAL PHILOSOPHY BASED ON CHANGING METAL INTO GOLD; A SEEMINGLY MAGICAL POWER OR PROCESS OF TRANSMUTATION

ALLAY = TO LESSEN; EASE; SOOTHE

ALLEViate = TO RELIEVE; IMPROVE PARTIALLY

ALLOY = A COMBINATION; A MIXTURE OF TWO OR MORE METALS

ALLURE = THE POWER TO ENTICE BY CHARM

AMALGAMATE = TO COMBINE INTO A UNIFIED WHOLE

AMBIGUOUS = UNCLEAR OR DOUBTFUL IN MEANING

AMBIVALENCE = THE STATE OF HAVING CONFLICTING EMOTIONAL ATTITUDES

AMBROSIA = SOMETHING DELICIOUS; THE FOOD OF THE GODS

AMELIORATE = TO IMPROVE

AMENABLE = AGREEABLE; COOPERATIVE; SUITED

AMENITY = SOMETHING THAT INCREASES COMFORT

AMULET = ORNAMENT WORN AS A CHARM AGAINST EVIL SPIRITS

ANACHRONISM = SOMETHING OUT OF THE PROPER TIME

ANALGESIC = MEDICATION THAT REDUCES OR ELIMINATES PAIN

ANALOGOUS = ADJ. COMPARABLE, N. A SIMILARITY IN SOME WAYS BETWEEN THINGS THAT ARE OTHERWISE DISSIMILAR (ANALOGY)

ANARCHY = N. ABSENCE OF GOVERNMENT; STATE OF DISORDER, ADJ. LACKING ORDER OR CONTROL (ANARCHIC)

ANODYNE = N. SOMETHING THAT CALMS OR SOOTHES PAIN, ADJ. RELAXING, OR CAPABLE OF SOOTHING PAIN

ANOMALOUS = IRREGULAR; DEVIATING FROM THE NORM

ANTECEDENT = SOMETHING THAT COMES BEFORE

ANTEDILUVIAN = PREHISTORIC

ANTIPATHY = DISLIKE; HOSTILITY

APATHY = INDIFFERENCE

APEX = THE HIGHEST POINT

APOGEE = THE POINT IN AN ORBIT MOST DISTANT FROM THE BODY BEING ORBITED; THE HIGHEST POINT

APOTHEGM = A TERSE, WITTY SAYING

APPEASE = TO CALM; PACIFY; PLACATE

APPELLATION = NAME

APPOSITE = STRIKINGLY APPROPRIATE AND RELEVANT

APPRISE = TO INFORM

APPROBATION = PRAISE; APPROVAL

APPROPRIATE = TO TAKE POSSESSION FOR ONE'S OWN USE; CONFISCATE

APROPOS = RELEVANT

ARABESQUE = ORNATE DESIGN FEATURING INTERTWINED CURVES; A BALLET POSITION IN WHICH ONE LEG IS EXTENDED IN BACK WHILE THE OTHER SUPPORTS THE WEIGHT OF THE BODY

ARCHEOLOGY = THE STUDY OF MATERIAL EVIDENCE OF PAST HUMAN LIFE

ARDOR = GREAT EMOTION OR PASSION

ARDUOUS = EXTREMELY DIFFICULT; LABORIOUS

ARGOT = A SPECIALIZED VOCABULARY USED BY A GROUP

ARREST = TO STOP; TO SEIZE

ARTIFACT = ITEM MADE BY HUMAN CRAFT

ARTLESS = GUILTESS; NATURAL

ASCETIC = N. ONE WHO PRACTICES SELF-DENIAL, ADJ. SELF-DENYING OR AUSTERE

ASPERITY = SEVERITY; HARSHNESS; IRRITABILITY

ASPERSION = SLANDER; FALSE RUMOR

ASSIDUOUS = DILIGENT; HARD-WORKING

ASSUAGE = TO MAKE LESS SEVERE

ASTRINGENT = HARSH; SEVERE

ASYLUM = PLACE OF REFUGE OR SHELTER

ATAVISM = IN BIOLOGY, THE REAPPEARANCE OF A CHARACTERISTIC IN AN ORGANISM AFTER SEVERAL GENERATIONS OF ABSENCE; INDIVIDUAL OR A PART THAT EXHIBITS ATAVISM; RETURN OF A TRAIT AFTER A PERIOD OF ABSENCE

ATTENUATE = TO WEAKEN

AUDACIOUS = BOLD; DARING

AUSTERE = STERN; UNADORNED

AUTONOMOUS = SELF-GOVERNING; INDEPENDENT

AVARICE = GREED

AVER = TO AFFIRM; DECLARE TO BE TRUE

AVOCATION = SECONDARY OCCUPATION

AVUNCULAR = LIKE AN UNCLE, BENEVOLENT AND TOLERANT

AXIOMATIC = TAKEN FOR GRANTED

BACCHANALIAN = PERTAINING TO RIOTOUS OR DRUNKEN FESTIVITY; PERTAINING TO REVELRY

BANAL = COMMONPLACE; TRITE

BANTER = PLAYFUL CONVERSATION

BARD = POET

BAWDY = OBSCENE

BEATIFY = TO SANCTIFY; TO BLESS; TO ASCRIBE A VIRTUE TO

BEDIZEN = TO DRESS IN A VULGAR; SHOWY MANNER

BEHEMOTH = HUGE CREATURE; ANYTHING VERY LARGE AND POWERFUL

BELIE = TO CONTRADICT; MISREPRESENT; GIVE A FALSE IMPRESSION

BENEFICENT = KINDLY; DOING GOOD

BIFURCATE = TO DIVIDE INTO TWO PARTS

BLANDISHMENT = N. FLATTERY, V. TO COAX WITH FLATTERY (BLANDISH)

BLASE = BORED BECAUSE OF FREQUENT INDULGENCE; UNCONCERNED

BOLSTER = TO GIVE A BOOST TO; PROP UP; SUPPORT

BOMBASTIC = POMPOUS; USING INFLATED LANGUAGE

BOORISH = RUDE; INSENSITIVE

BOVINE = COWLIKE

BRAZEN = BOLD; SHAMELESS

BROACH = TO MENTION FOR THE FIRST TIME

BUCOLIC = CHARACTERISTIC OF THE COUNTRYSIDE; RUSTIC; PASTORAL

BURGEON = TO FLOURISH

BURNISH = TO POLISH

BUTTRESS = TO REINFORCE; SUPPORT

CACOPHONOUS = UNPLEASANT OR HARSH-SOUNDING

CADGE = TO BEG; SPONGE

CALLOUS = THICK-SKINNED; INSENSITIVE

CALUMNY = FALSE AND MALICIOUS ACCUSATION; SLANDER

CANARD = FALSE, DELIBERATELY MISLEADING STORY

CANON = AN ESTABLISHED PRINCIPLE; A BASIS OR STANDARD FOR JUDGMENT; A GROUP OF LITERARY WORKS

CANT = INSINCERE TALK; LANGUAGE OF A PARTICULAR GROUP

CANTANKEROUS = IRRITABLE; ILL-HUMORED

CAPRICIOUS = ADJ. FICKLE, N. INCLINATION TO CHANGE ONE'S MIND COMPULSIVELY

CAPTIOUS = FAULTFINDING; INTENDED TO ENTRAP, AS IN AN ARGUMENT

CARDINAL = OF FOREMOST IMPORTANCE

CARNAL = OF THE FLESH OR BODY; RELATED TO PHYSICAL APPETITES

CARPING = TO FIND FAULT; COMPLAIN

CARTOGRAPHY = SCIENCE OF MAKING MAPS

CASTE = ANY OF THE HEREDITARY SOCIAL CLASSES OF HINDU SOCIETY; SOCIAL STRATIFICATION

CASTIGATION = PUNISHMENT; CHASTISEMENT; CRITICISM

CATAclysm = A VIOLENT UPHEAVAL THAT CAUSES GREAT DESTRUCTION AND CHANGE

CATALYST = SOMETHING CAUSING CHANGE

CATEGORICAL = ABSOLUTE; WITHOUT EXCEPTION

CAUCUS = SMALLER GROUP WITHIN AN ORGANIZATION

CAUSAL = INVOLVING A CAUSE

CAUSTIC = SARCASTICALLY BITING; BURNING

CELESTIAL = CONCERNING THE SKY OR HEAVENS; SUBLIME

CENTRIFUGAL = MOVING AWAY FROM A CENTER

CENTRIPETAL = MOVING OR DIRECTED TOWARD A CENTER

CHAMPION = TO DEFEND OR SUPPORT

CHASTEN = TO CORRECT BY PUNISHMENT OR REPROOF; TO RESTRAIN OR SUBDUE

CHICANERY = TRICKERY; FRAUD

CHIVALRY = THE QUALITIES IDEALIZED BY KNIGHTHOOD SUCH AS BRAVERY AND GALLANTRY TOWARD WOMEN

CHURLISH = RUDE; BOORISH

CIRCUITOUS = ROUNDABOUT

CLAIRVOYANT = ONE WHO CAN PREDICT THE FUTURE; PSYCHIC

CLAMOR = NOISY OUTCRY

CLIQUE = A SMALL, EXCLUSIVE GROUP

COAGULATE = THICKEN; CONGEAL

CLOISTER = V. TO CONFINED; SECLUDE, N. MONASTERY OR CONVENT, ADJ. SHUT AWAY FROM THE WORLD (CLOISTERED)

COALESCE = TO CAUSE TO BECOME ONE

CODA = CONCLUDING PART OF A LITERARY OR MUSICAL COMPOSITION; SOMETHING THAT SUMMARIZES OR CONCLUDES

CODIFY = SYSTEMATIZE

COGNIZANT = INFORMED; CONSCIOUS; AWARE

COLLAGE = ARTISTIC COMPOSITION OF MATERIALS PASTED OVER A SURFACE; AN ASSEMBLAGE OF DIVERSE ELEMENTS

COMMENSURATE = PROPORTIONAL

COMPENDIUM = BRIEF, COMPREHENSIVE SUMMARY

COMPLACENT = SELF-SATISFIED

COMPLAISANT = OVERLY POLITE; WILLING TO PLEASE; OBLIGING

COMPLEMENT = SOMETHING THAT COMPLETES OR MAKES UP A WHOLE

COMPLIANT = YIELDING

COMPUNCTION = UNEASINESS CAUSED BY GUILT

CONCAVE = CURVING INWARD

CONCILIATORY = OVERCOMING DISTRUST OR HOSTILITY

CONCOCT = INVENT

CONCOMITANT = EXISTING CONCURRENTLY

CONDONE = TO OVERLOOK VOLUNTARILY; FORGIVE

CONFOUND = TO BAFFLE; PERPLEX; MIX UP

CONGENIAL = SIMILAR IN TASTES AND HABITS; FRIENDLY; SUITED TO

CONJUGAL = PERTAINING TO MARRIAGE AGREEMENT

CONNOISSEUR = A PERSON POSSESSING EXPERT KNOWLEDGE OR TRAINING; A PERSON OF INFORMED AND DISCRIMINATING TASTE

CONSCRIPT = N. PERSON COMPULSORILY ENROLLED FOR MILITARY SERVICE, V. TO ENROLL A PERSON FOR MILITARY SERVICE

CONSECRATE = TO DECLARE SACRED

CONTEND = V. TO ASSERT, N. AN ASSERTION (CONTENTION)

CONTENTIOUS = QUARRELSOME; CAUSING QUARRELS

CONTINENCE = SELF-CONTROL; ABSTENTION FROM SEXUAL ACTIVITY

CONTRITE = VERY SORROWFUL FOR A WRONG

CONTUMACIOUS = DISOBEDIENT; REBELLIOUS

CONUNDRUM = RIDDLE; PUZZLE WITH NO SOLUTION

CONTIGUOUS = TOUCHING, NEIGHBORING; CONNECTING WITHOUT A BREAK

CONVENTION = N. PRACTICE WIDELY OBSERVED IN A GROUP; CUSTOM; ACCEPTED TECHNIQUE OR DEVICE, ADJ. CUSTOMARY OR COMMONPLACE (CONVENTIONAL)

CONVERGE = TO APPROACH; COME TOGETHER; TEND TO MEET

CONVEX = CURVED OUTWARD

CONVIVIAL = SOCIABLE

CONVOLUTED = TWISTED; COMPLICATED

COPIOUS = ABUNDANT; PLENTIFUL

COQUETTE = WOMAN WHO FLIRTS

CORNUCOPIA = HORN OVERFLOWING WITH FRUIT AND GRAIN; STATE OF ABUNDANCE

COSMOLOGY = STUDY OF THE UNIVERSE AS A TOTALITY; THEORY OF THE ORIGIN AND STRUCTURE OF THE UNIVERSE

COVERT = HIDDEN; SECRET

COVETOUS = DESIRING SOMETHING OWNED BY ANOTHER

COZEN = TO MISLEAD BY TRICK OR FRAUD; DECEIVE

CRAVEN = COWARDLY

CREDENCE = ACCEPTANCE OF SOMETHING AS TRUE

CREDO = STATEMENT OF BELIEF OR PRINCIPLE; CREED

DAUNT = TO DISCOURAGE; INTIMIDATE; DISHEARTEN

DEARTH = SCARCITY

DEBAUCHERY = CORRUPTION

DECORUM = PROPER BEHAVIOR

DEFAME = TO MALIGN; HARM SOMEONE'S REPUTATION

DEFAULT = TO FAIL TO ACT

DEFERENCE = RESPECT; REGARD FOR ANOTHER'S WISH

DEFUNCT = NO LONGER EXISTING

DELINEATE = TO REPRESENT OR DEPICT

DEMOGRAPHIC = RELATED TO POPULATION BALANCE

DEMOTIC = PERTAINING TO PEOPLE

DEMUR = TO EXPRESS DOUBT

DENIGRATE = TO SLUR SOMEONE'S REPUTATION

DENIZEN = AN INHABITANT; A REGULAR VISITOR

DENOUEMENT = OUTCOME; UNRAVELING OF THE PLOT OF A PLAY OR WORK OF LITERATURE

DERIDE = TO MOCK

DERIVATIVE = SOMETHING DERIVED; UNORIGINAL

DESICCATE = TO DRY COMPLETELY

DESUETUDE = STATE OF DISUSE

DESULTORY = RANDOM; DISCONNECTED; RAMBLING

DETERRENT = SOMETHING THAT DISCOURAGES OR HINDERS

DETRACTION = THE ACT OF TAKING AWAY; DEROGATORY COMMENT ON A PERSON'S CHARACTER

DIAPHANOUS = TRANSPARENT; FINE-TEXTURED; INSUBSTANTIAL; VAGUE

DIATRIBE = BITTER VERBAL ATTACK

DICHOTOMY = DIVISION INTO TWO USUALLY CONTRADICTIONARY PARTS

DIFFIDENCE = SHYNESS; LACK OF CONFIDENCE

DIFFUSE = V. TO SPREAD OUT, ADJ. WORDY; RAMBLING; SPREAD OUT

DIGRESSION = ACT OF STRAYING FROM THE MAIN POINT

DIRGE = FUNERAL HYMN

DISABUSE = TO FREE FROM MISCONCEPTION

DISCERNING = PERCEPTIVE; EXHIBITING KEEN INSIGHT AND GOOD JUDGMENT

DISCOMFIT = TO MAKE UNEASY; DISCONCERT

DISCORDANT = NOT IN TUNE

DISCREDIT = TO DISHONOR; DISGRACE; CAUSE TO BE DOUBTED

DISCREPANCY = DIFFERENCE BETWEEN

DISCRETE = CONSTITUTING A SEPARATE THING; DISTINCT

DISCRETION = QUALITY OF SHOWING SELF-RESTRAINT IN SPEECH OR ACTIONS; CIRCUMSPECTION; FREEDOM TO ACT ON ONE'S OWN

DISINGENUOUS = NOT CANDID; CRAFTY

DISINTERESTED = UNPREJUDICED; OBJECTION

DISJOINTED = LACKING ORDER OR COHERENCE; DISLOCATED

DISMISS = PUT AWAY FROM CONSIDERATION; REJECT

DISPARAGE = TO BELITTLE

DISPARATE = DISSIMILAR

DISSEMBLE = TO PRETEND; DISGUISE ONE'S MOTIVES

DISSEMINATE = TO SPREAD; SCATTER; DISPERSE

DISSIDENT = PERSON WHO DISAGREES ABOUT BELIEF, ETC.

DISSOLUTION = DISINTEGRATION; DEBAUCHERY

DISSONANCE = DISCORD; LACK OF HARMONY

DISTEND = TO EXPAND; SWELL OUT

DISTILL = EXTRACT THE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS

DISTRAIT = INATTENTIVE; PREOCCUPIED

DIVERGE = TO VARY; GO IN DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS FROM THE SAME POINT

DIVEST = TO STRIP; DEPRIVE; RID

DIVULGE = TO MAKE KNOWN SOMETHING THAT IS SECRET

DOCTRINAIRE = RELATING TO A PERSON WHO CANNOT COMPROMISE ABOUT POINTS OF A THEORY OR DOCTRINE; DOGMATIC; UNYIELDING

DOCUMENT = TO PROVIDE WITH WRITTEN EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT



DOGGEREL = POOR VERSE

DOGMATIC = STATING OPINIONS WITHOUT PROOF

DORMANT = INACTIVE

DROSS = WASTE; WORTHLESS MATTER; TRIVIAL MATTER

DUPE = TO DECEIVE; TRICK

EBULLIENT = EXHILARATED; ENTHUSIASTIC

ECLECTIC = SELECTING FROM VARIOUS SOURCES

EFFERVESCENCE = STATE OF HIGH SPIRITS OR LIVELINESS; THE PROCESS OF BUBBLING AS GAS ESCAPES

EFFETE = DEPLETED OF VITALITY; OVERREFINED; DECADENT

EFFICACY = EFFICIENCY; EFFECTIVENESS

EFFRONTERY = SHAMELESS BOLDNESS; PRESUMPTUOUSNESS

EGOISM = THE TENDENCY TO SEE THING IN RELATION TO ONESELF; SELF-CENTERED

EGOTISTICAL = EXCESSIVELY SELF-CENTERED; CONCEITED

ELEGY = POEM OR SONG EXPRESSING LAMENTATION

ELICIT = TO PROVOKE; DRAW OUT

ELIXIR = A SUBSTANCE BELIEVED TO HAVE THE POWER TO CURE ILLS

ELYSIAN = BLISSFUL; DELIGHTFUL

EMACIATED = THIN AND WASTED

EMBELLISH = TO ADORN; DECORATE; ENHANCE; MAKE MORE ATTRACTIVE BY ADDING DETAILS

EMOLLIENT = ADJ. SOOTHING; MOLLIFYING, N. AN AGENT THAT SOOTHES OR MAKES MORE ACCEPTABLE

EMPIRICAL = DERIVED OBSERVATION AND EXPERIMENT

EMULATE = TO IMITATE; COPY

ENCOMIUM = A FORMAL EXPRESSION OF PRAISE

ENDEMIC = INHERENT; BELONGING TO AN AREA

ENERVATE = TO WEAKEN

ENGENDER = TO CAUSE; PRODUCE

ENHANCE = TO INCREASE; IMPROVE

ENTOMOLOGY = THE SCIENTIFIC STUDY OF INSECTS

ENUCIATE = TO PRONOUNCE CLEARLY

EPHEMERAL = SHORT-LIVED; FLEETING

EPISTEMOLOGY = BRANCH OF PHILOSOPHY THAT EXAMINES THE NATURE OF KNOWLEDGE

EQUABLE = STEADY; UNVARYING; SERENE

EQUANIMITY = COMPOSURE; CALMNESS

EQUIVOCATION = TO INTENTIONALLY USE VAGUE LANGUAGE

ERRANT = MISTAKEN; STRAYING FROM THE PROPER COURSE

ERUDITE = LEARNED; SCHOLARLY

ESOTERIC = HARD TO UNDERSTAND; KNOWN ONLY TO A FEW

ESSAY = TO MAKE AN ATTEMPT; SUBJECT TO A TEST

ESTIMABLE = ADMIRABLE; POSSIBLE TO ESTIMATE

ETHNOCENTRIC = BASED ON THE ATTITUDE THAT ONE'S GROUP IS SUPERIOR

ETIOLOGY = CAUSES OR ORIGINS

ETYMOLOGY = ORIGIN AND HISTORY OF A WORD

EUGENICS = STUDY OF FACTORS THAT INFLUENCE THE HEREDITARY QUALITIES OF THE HUMAN RACE AND WAYS TO IMPROVE THESE QUALITIES

EULOGY = HIGH PRAISE, ESPECIALLY OF A PERSON WHO HAS RECENTLY DIED

EUPHEMISM = USE OF AGREEABLE OR INOFFENSIVE LANGUAGE IN PLACE OF UNPLEASANT OR OFFENSIVE LANGUAGE

EUPHORIA = A FEELING OF EXTREME HAPPINESS

EUTHANASIA = MERCY KILLING

EVINCE = TO SHOW PLAINLY; BE AN INDICATION OF

EVOCATIVE = TENDING TO CALL TO MIND OR PRODUCE A REACTION

EXACERBATE = TO AGGRAVATE; MAKE WORSE

EXACT = V. TO FORCE THE PAYMENT OF; DEMAND AND OBTAIN BY AUTHORITY, ADJ. EXTREMELY DEMANDING (EXACTING)

EXCULPATE = TO CLEAR OF BLAME; VINDICATE

EXECRABLE = DETESTABLE; ABHORRENT

EXHORT = TO URGE BY STRONG APPEALS

EXIGENCY = CRISIS; URGENT REQUIREMENTS

EXISTENTIAL = HAVING TO DO WITH EXISTENCE; BASED ON EXPERIENCE; HAVING TO DO WITH THE PHILOSOPHY OF EXISTENTIALISM

EXORCISE = TO EXPEL EVIL SPIRITS; FREE FROM BAD INFLUENCES

EXPATiate = TO SPEAK OR WRITE AT LENGTH

EXPATRIATE = TO SEND INTO EXILE

EXPIATE = TO ATONE FOR

EXPLICATE = TO EXPLAIN; INTERPRET; CLARIFY

EXPOSITORY = EXPLANATORY

EXTANT = IN EXISTENCE; NOT LOST

EXTEMPORANEOUS = UNREHEARSED

EXTIRPATE = TO ROOT UP; TO DESTROY

EXTRANEOUS = NOT ESSENTIAL

EXTRAPOLATION = THE ACT OF ESTIMATION BY PROJECTING KNOWN INFORMATION

EXTRINSIC = NOT INHERENT OR ESSENTIAL

FACETIOUS = HUMOROUS

FACILITATE = TO MAKE LESS DIFFICULT

FACTOTUM = A PERSON WHO DOES ALL SORTS OF WORK; A HANDYMAN

FALLACIOUS = BASED ON A FALSE IDEA OR FACT; MISLEADING

FALLOW = PLOWED BUT NOT SOWED; UNCULTIVATED

FATUOUS = FOOLISHLY SELF-SATISFIED

FAUNA = ANIMALS OF A PERIOD OR REGION

FAWNING = SEEKING FAVOR BY FLATTERY

FELICITOUS = SUITABLY EXPRESSED; APPROPRIATE; WELL-CHOSEN

FERAL = EXISTING IN A WILD OR UNTAMED STATE

FERVOR = N. WARMTH AND INTENSITY OF EMOTION, ADJ. FULL OF STRONG EMOTION OR IMPASSIONED (FERVENT)

FETID = HAVING A BAD SMELL

FETTER = V. TO BIND; CONFINED, N. SOMETHING THAT RESTRICTS OR RESTRAINS

FIAT = ARBITRARY ORDER; AUTHORIZATION

FIDELITY = LOYALTY; EXACT CORRESPONDENCE

FILIBUSTER = USE OF OBSTRUCTIVE TACTICS IN A LEGISLATURE TO BLOCK PASSAGE OF A LAW

FINESSE = TO HANDLE WITH A DECEPTIVE OR EVASIVE STRATEGY; TO USE FINESSE, THAT IS, REFINEMENT IN PERFORMANCE

FISSURE = CREVICE

FLAG = TO DROOP; GROW WEAK

FLEDGLING = BEGINNER; NOVICE

FLORA = PLANTS OF A REGION OR ERA

FLORID = RUDDY; REDDISH; FLOWERY

FLOURISH = N. AN EMBELLISHMENT OR ORNAMENTATION, V. MEANING TO GROW VIGOROUSLY, OR TO THRIVE

FLOUT = TO TREAT SCORNFULLY

FLUX = FLOWING; A CONTINUOUS MOVING

FOMENT = TO INCITE; AROUSE

FORBEARANCE = PATIENCE

FORESTALL = TO PREVENT; DELAY

FORMIDABLE = MENACING; THREATENING

FORSWEAR = RENOUNCE; REPUDIATE

FOUNDER = TO SINK; FAIL; COLLAPSE

FRACAS = A LOUD QUARREL; BRAWL

FRACTIOUS = QUARRELSOME; UNRULY; REBELLIOUS

FRESCO = A PAINTING DONE ON PLASTER

FRIEZE = ORNAMENTAL BAND ON A WALL

FROWARD = STUBBORNLY CONTRARY; OBSTINATELY DISOBEDIENT

FRUGALITY = THRIFT

FULMINATE = TO ATTACK LOUDLY; DENOUNCE

FULSOME = SO EXCESSIVE AS TO BE DISGUSTING

FUSION = UNION; SYNTHESIS

FUTILE = INEFFECTIVE; USELESS; FRUITLESS

GAINSAY = TO DENY; DISPUTE; OPPOSE

GAMBOL = TO FROLIC; LEAP PLAYFULLY

GARRULOUS = VERY TALKATIVE; WORDY

GAUCHE = COARSE AND UNCOUTH; CLUMSY

GENIALITY = CHEERFULNESS; KINDLINESS; SOCIABILITY

GERRYMANDER = TO DIVIDE AN AREA INTO VOTING DISTRICTS IN A WAY THAT FAVORS A POLITICAL PARTY

GLIB = FLUENT IN AN INSINCERE WAY; OFFHAND

GOAD = TO PROD; URGE ON

GOSSAMER = SHEER; LIGHT AND DELICATE, LIKE COBWEBS

GOUGE = TO TEAR OUT; SCOOP OUT; OVERCHARGE

GRANDILOQUENT = POMPOUS; BOMBASTIC

GREGARIOUS = SOCIABLE

GROUSE = TO COMPLAIN

GUILELESS = FREE OF CUNNING OR DECEIT; ARTLESS

GUISE = OUTWARD APPEARANCE; FALSE APPEARANCE; PRETENSE

GULLIBLE = EASILY DECEIVED

GUSTATORY = AFFECTING THE SENSE OF TASTE

HALCYON = CALM AND PEACEFUL; HAPPY; GOLDEN; PROSPEROUS

HALLOWED = HOLY; SACRED

HARANGUE = LONG, POMPOUS SPEECH; TIRADE

HARROWING = EXTREMELY DISTRESSING; TERRIFYING

HERBIVOROUS = RELATING TO A HERBIVORE, AN ANIMAL THAT FEEDS MAINLY ON PLANTS

HERMETIC = TIGHTLY SEALED; MAGICAL

HETERODOX = UNORTHODOX; NOT WIDELY ACCEPTED

HIEROGLYPHICS = A SYSTEM OF WRITING IN WHICH PICTORIAL SYMBOLS REPRESENT MEANING OR SOUNDS; WRITING OR SYMBOLS THAT ARE DIFFICULT TO DECIPHER; THE SYMBOLS USED IN ADVANCED MATHEMATICS

HIRSUTE = COVERED WITH HAIR

HISTRIONIC = RELATING TO EXAGGERATED EMOTIONAL BEHAVIOR CALCULATED FOR EFFECT; THEATRICAL ARTS OR PERFORMANCES

HOMEOSTASIS = AUTOMATIC MAINTENANCE BY AN ORGANISM OF NORMAL TEMPERATURE, CHEMICAL BALANCE, ETC. WITHIN ITSELF

HOMILY = SERMON; TEDIOUS MORALIZING LECTURE; PLATITUDE

HOMOGENEOUS = COMPOSED OF IDENTICAL PARTS; UNIFORM IN COMPOSITION

HYPERBOLE = PURPOSEFUL EXAGGERATION FOR EFFECT

ICONOCLASTIC = ATTACKING CHERISHED TRADITION

IDOLATRY = IDOL WORSHIP; BLIND OR EXCESSIVE DEVOTION

IGNEOUS = PRODUCED BY FIRE; VOLCANIC

IMBROGLIO = COMPLICATED SITUATION; AN ENTANGLEMENT

IMMUTABLE = UNCHANGEABLE

IMPAIR = TO DAMAGE; INJURE

IMPASSIVE = SHOWING NO EMOTION

IMPECUNIOUS = POOR; HAVING NO MONEY

IMPEDE = TO HINDER; BLOCK

IMPERMEABLE = IMPOSSIBLE TO PENETRATE

IMPETURBABLE = NOT EASILY DISTURBED

IMPERVIOUS = IMPOSSIBLE TO PENETRATE; INCAPABLE OF BEING AFFECTED

IMPINGE = TO STRIKE; ENCROACH

IMPLACABLE = INFLEXIBLE; INCAPABLE OF BEING PLEASED

IMPLAUSIBLE = UNLIKELY; UNBELIEVABLE

IMPLICIT = IMPLIED; UNDERSTOOD BUT NOT STATED

IMPLODE = COLLAPSE INWARD VIOLENTLY

IMPRECATION = CURSE

IMPUTE = TO RELATE TO A PARTICULAR CAUSE OR SOURCE; ATTRIBUTE THE FAULT TO; ASSIGN AS A CHARACTERISTIC

INADVERTENTLY = CARELESSLY; UNINTENTIONALLY

INCARNATE = HAVING BODILY FORM

INCHOATE = IMPERFECTLY FORMED OR FORMULATED

INCONGRUITY = STATE OF NOT FITTING

INCONSEQUENTIAL = INSIGNIFICANT; UNIMPORTANT

INCORPORATE = INTRODUCE SOMETHING INTO ANOTHER THING ALREADY IN EXISTENCE; COMBINE

INCURSION = SUDDEN INVASION

INDETERMINATE = UNCERTAIN; INDEFINITE

INDIGENCE = POVERTY

INDOLENT = HABITUALLY LAZY; IDLE

INELUCTABLE = NOT TO BE AVOIDED OR ESCAPED; INEVITABLE

INERT = UNABLE TO MOVE; SLUGGISH

INGENUOUS = NAIVE AND TRUSTING; LACKING SOPHISTICATION

INHERENT = FIRMLY ESTABLISHED BY NATURE OR HABIT

INNOCUOUS = HARMLESS

INSENSIBLE = UNCONSCIOUS; UNRESPONSIVE

INSINUATE = TO SUGGEST; SAY INDIRECTLY; IMPLY

INSIPID = LACKING IN FLAVOR; DULL

INSOUCIANT = INDIFFERENT; LACKING CONCERN OR CARE

INSULARITY = NARROW-MINDEDNESS; ISOLATION

INSUPERABLE = INSURMOUNTABLE; UNCONQUERABLE

INTANGIBLE = NOT MATERIAL

INTERDICT = TO FORBID; PROHIBIT; TO CONFRONT AND HALT THE ACTIVITIES, ADVANCE, OR ENTRY OF

INTERNECINE = DEADLY TO BOTH SIDES

INTERPOLATE = TO INSERT; CHANGE BY ADDING NEW WORDS OR MATERIAL

INTERREGNUM = INTERVAL BETWEEN REIGNS; GAP IN CONTINUITY

INTIMATE = MARKED BY CLOSE ACQUAINTANCE

INTRACTABLE = NOT EASILY MANAGED

INTRANSIGENCE = STUBBORNNESS; REFUSAL TO COMPROMISE

INTROSPECTIVE = CONTEMPLATING ONE'S OWN THOUGHTS AND FEELINGS

INUNDATE = TO COVER WITH WATER; OVERWHELM

INURED = HARDENED; ACCUSTOMED; USED TO

INVECTIVE = VERBAL ABUSE

INVEIGH = TO DISAPPROVE; PROTEST VEHEMENTLY

INVEIGLE = TO WIN OVER BY FLATTERY OR COAXING

INVETERATE = CONFIRMED; LONG-STANDING; DEEPLY ROOTED

INVIDIOUS = LIKELY TO PROVOKE ILL WILL; OFFENSIVE

IRASCIBLE = EASILY ANGERED

IRRESOLUTE = UNSURE OF HOW TO ACT; WEAK

ITINERANT = WANDERING FROM PLACE TO PLACE; UNSETTLED

ITINERARY = ROUTE OF A TRAVELER'S JOURNEY

JAUNDICED = HAVING A YELLOWISH DISCOLORATION OF THE SKIN; AFFECTED BY ENVY, RESENTMENT, OR HOSTILITY

JIBE = TO BE IN AGREEMENT

JOCOSE = FOND OF JOKING; JOCULAR; PLAYFUL

JUGGERNAUT = HUGE FORCE DESTROYING EVERYTHING IN ITS PATH

JUNTA = GROUP OF PEOPLE UNITED IN POLITIC INTRIGUE

JUXTAPOSE = PLACE SIDE BY SIDE

KUDOS = FAME; GLORY; HONOR

LABILE = LIKELY TO CHANGE

LACONIC = USING FEW WORDS

LAMBASTE = TO THRASH VERBALLY OR PHYSICALLY

LASCIVIOUS = LUSTFUL

LASSITUDE = LETHARGY; SLUGGISHNESS

LATENT = PRESENT BUT HIDDEN; POTENTIAL

LAUD = TO PRAISE

LETHARGIC = INACTIVE

LEEVE = AN EMBANKMENT THAT PREVENTS A RIVER FROM OVERFLOWING

LEVITY = LIGHT MANNER OR ATTITUDE

LIBERAL = TOLERANT; BROAD-MINDED; GENEROUS; LAVISH

LIBERTINE = ONE WITHOUT MORAL RESTRAINT

LIBIDO = SEXUAL DESIRE

LILLIPUTIAN = EXTREMELY SMALL

LIMN = TO DRAW; DESCRIBE

LIMPID = CLEAR; TRANSPARENT

LINGUISTIC = PERTAINING TO LANGUAGE

LITANY = LENGTHY RECITATION; REPETITIVE CHANT

LITERATI = SCHOLARLY OR LEARNED PERSONS

LITIGATION = LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

LOG = RECORD OF A VOYAGE; RECORD OF DAILY ACTIVITIES

LOQUACIOUS = TALKATIVE

LUCID = BRIGHT; CLEAR; INTELLIGIBLE

LUCRE = MONEY OR PROFITS

LUMINOUS = BRIGHT; BRILLIANT; GLOWING

LUSTROUS = SHINING

MACHIAVELLIAN = CRAFTY; DOUBLE-DEALING

MACHINATIONS = PLOTS OR SCHEMES

MAELSTROM = WHIRLPOOL; TURMOIL

MAGNANIMITY = GENEROSITY; NOBILITY

MALIGN = TO SPEAK EVIL OF

MALINGER = TO FEIGN ILLNESS TO ESCAPE DUTY

MALLEABLE = CAPABLE OF BEING SHAPED BY POUNDING; IMPRESSIONABLE

MAVERICK = DISSENTER

MEGALOMANIA = DELUSIONS OF POWER OR IMPORTANCE

MENAGERIE = A VARIETY OF ANIMALS KEPT TOGETHER

MENDACIOUS = DISHONEST

MENDICANT = BEGGAR



MERETRICIOUS = GAUDY; PLAUSIBLE BUT FALSE; SPECIOUS

MESMERIZE = TO HYPNOTIZE

METAMORPHOSIS = CHANGE; TRANSFORMATION

METAPHYSICS = A BRANCH OF PHILOSOPHY THAT INVESTIGATES THE ULTIMATE NATURE OF REALITY

METEOROLOGICAL = CONCERNED WITH THE WEATHER

METICULOUS = VERY CAREFUL; FASTIDIOUS

METTLE = COURAGE; ENDURANCE

METTLESOME = FULL OF COURAGE AND FORTITUDE; SPIRITED

MICROCOSM = A SMALL SYSTEM HAVING ANALOGIES TO A LARGER SYSTEM; SMALL WORLD

MILITATE = TO WORK AGAINST

MINATORY = THREATENING; MENACING

MINUSCULE = VERY SMALL

MINUTIA = PETTY DETAILS

MISANTHROPE = ONE WHO HATES HUMANITY

MISCELLANY = MIXTURE OF WRITINGS ON VARIOUS SUBJECTS

MISCREANT = VILLAIN; CRIMINAL

MISOGYNIST = ONE WHO HATES WOMEN

MITIGATE = TO CAUSE TO BECOME LESS HARSH; SEVERE, OR PAINFUL; ALLEVIATE

MNEMONIC = ADJ. RELATED TO MEMORY; ASSISTING MEMORY, N. A SYSTEM THAT DEVELOPS AND IMPROVES THE MEMORY

MODICUM = LIMITED QUANTITY

MOLLIFY = SOOTHE

MONOLITHIC = SOLID AND UNIFORM; CONSTITUTING A SINGLE, UNIFIED WHOLE

MOROSE = ILL-HUMORED; SULLEN

MOTLEY = MANY COLORED; MADE UP OF MANY PARTS

MULTIFARIOUS = DIVERSE

MUNDANE = WORLDLY AS OPPOSED TO SPIRITUAL; CONCERNED WITH THE ORDINARY

NECROMANCY = BLACK MAGIC

NEGATE = TO CANCEL OUT; NULLIFY

NEOLOGISM = NEW WORD OR EXPRESSION

NEOPHYTE = NOVICE; BEGINNER

NEXUS = A MEANS OF CONNECTION; A CONNECTED GROUP OR SERIES; A CENTER

NONPLUSSED = BEWILDERED

NOSTALGIA = SENTIMENTAL LONGING FOR A PAST TIME

NOSTRUM = MEDICINE OR REMEDY OF DOUBTFUL EFFECTIVENESS; SUPPOSED CURE

NUGATORY = TRIFLING; INVALID

OBDURATE = STUBBORN

OBSEQUIOUS = OVERLY SUBMISSIVE

OBSEQUIY = FUNERAL CEREMONY (OFTEN USED IN THE PLURAL, OBSEQUIES)

OBVIATE = TO MAKE UNNECESSARY; TO ANTICIPATE AND PREVENT

OCCLUDE = TO SHUT; BLOCK

OCCULT = RELATING TO PRACTICES CONNECTED WITH SUPERNATURAL PHENOMENA

ODYSSEY = A LONG ADVENTUROUS VOYAGE; A QUEST

OFFICIOUS = TOO HELPFUL; MEDDLESOME

OLFACTORY = CONCERNING THE SENSE OF SMELL

OLIGARCHY = FORM OF GOVERNMENT IN WHICH POWER BELONGS TO ONLY A FEW LEADERS

ONEROUS = BURDENSOME

ONOMATOPOEIA = FORMATION OR USE OF WORDS THAT IMITATE SOUNDS OF THE ACTIONS THEY REFER TO

OPPROBRIUM = DISGRACE; CONTEMPT

ORNITHOLOGIST = SCIENTIST WHO STUDIES BIRDS

OSCILLATE = TO MOVE BACK AND FORTH

OSTENTATIOUS = SHOWY; TRYING TO ATTRACT ATTENTION; PRETENTIOUS

OVERWEENING = PRESUMPTUOUS; ARROGANT; OVERBEARING

PAEAN = SONG OF JOY OR TRIUMPH; A FERVENT EXPRESSION OF JOY

PALEONTOLOGY = STUDY OF PAST GEOLOGICAL ERAS THROUGH FOSSIL REMAINS

PALLID = LACKING COLOR OR LIVELINESS

PANEGYRIC = ELABORATE PRAISE; FORMAL HYMN OF PRAISE

PARAGON = MODEL OF EXCELLENCE OR PERFECTION

PARTISAN = ONE-SIDED; COMMITTED TO A PARTY, GROUP. OR CAUSE; PREJUDICED

PATHOLOGICAL = DEPARTING FROM NORMAL CONDITION

PATOIS = A REGIONAL DIALECT; NONSTANDARD SPEECH; JARGON

PAUCITY = SCARCITY

PEDANTIC = SHOWING OFF LEARNING

PELLUCID = TRANSPARENT; TRANSLUCENT; EASILY UNDERSTOOD

PENCHANT = INCLINATION

PENURTY = EXTREME POVERTY

PEREGRINATION = A WANDERING FROM PLACE TO PLACE

PEREMPTORY = IMPERATIVE; LEAVING NO CHOICE

PERENNIAL = PRESENT THROUGHOUT THE YEARS; PERSISTENT

PERFIDIOUS = FAITHLESS; DISLOYAL; UNTRUSTWORTHY

PERFUNCTORY = SUPERFICIAL; NOT THOROUGH; PERFORMED REALLY AS A DUTY

PERIGEE = POINT IN AN ORBIT THAT IS CLOSEST TO THE EARTH

PERMEABLE = PENETRABLE

PERTURB = TO DISTURB GREATLY; MAKE UNEASY OR ANXIOUS; CAUSE A BODY TO DEVIATE FROM ITS REGULAR ORBIT

PERVASIVE = SPREAD THROUGHOUT EVERY PART

PETULANT = RUDE; PEEVISH

PHLEGMATIC = CALM IN TEMPERAMENT; SLUGGISH

PHOENIX = MYTHICAL, IMMORTAL BIRD THAT LIVES FOR 500 YEARS, BURNS ITSELF TO DEATH, AND RISES FROM THE ASHES; ANYTHING THAT IS RESTORED AFTER SUFFERING GREAT DESTRUCTION

PHYSIOGNOMY = FACIAL FEATURES

PIETY = DEVOUTNESS

PIQUANT = APPEALINGLY STIMULATING; PLEASANTLY PUNGENT; ATTRACTIVE

PIQUE = N. FLEETING FEELING OF HURT PRIDE, V. TO PROVOKE OR AROUSE

PLACATE = TO LESSEN ANOTHER'S ANGER; TO PACIFY

PLACID = CALM

PLAINTIVE = MELANCHOLY; MOURNFUL

PLASTICITY = CONDITION OF BEING ABLE TO BE SHAPED OR FORMED; PLIABILITY

PLATITUDE = STALE, OVERUSED EXPRESSION

PLATONIC = SPIRITUAL; WITHOUT SENSUAL DESIRE; THEORETICAL

PLETHORA = EXCESS; OVERABUNDANCE

PLUMB = TO DETERMINE THE DEPTH; TO EXAMINE DEEPLY

PLUME = TO CONGRATULATE ONESELF IN A SELF-SATISFIED WAY

PLUMMET = TO FALL; PLUNGE

PLUTOCRACY = SOCIETY RULED BY THE WEALTHY

POROUS = FULL OF HOLES; PERMEABLE TO LIQUIDS

POSEUR = PERSON WHO AFFECTS AN ATTITUDE OR IDENTITY TO IMPRESS OTHERS

PRAGMATIC = PRACTICAL

PRATE = TO TALK IDLY; CHATTER

PRATTLE = MEANINGLESS, FOOLISH TALK

PREAMBLE = PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

PRECARIOUS = UNCERTAIN

PRECEPT = PRINCIPLE; LAW

PRECIPITATE = V. TO CAUSE TO HAPPEN; THROW DOWN FROM A HEIGHT, ADJ. RASH; HASTY SUDDEN

PRECURSOR = FORERUNNER; PREDECESSOR

PREEMPT = TO SUPERSEDE; APPROPRIATE FOR ONESELF

PREHENSILE = CAPABLE OF GRASPING

PREMONITION = FOREWARNING; PRESENTIMENT

PRESAGE = TO FORETELL; INDICATE IN ADVANCE

PRESUMPTUOUS = RUDE; IMPROPERLY BOLD

PRETERNATURAL = BEYOND THE NORMAL COURSE OF NATURE; SUPERNATURAL

PREVARICATE = TO QUIBBLE; EVADE THE TRUTH

PRIMORDIAL = ORIGINAL; EXISTING FROM THE BEGINNING

PRISTINE = UNTOUCHED; UNCORRUPTED

PROBITY = HONESTY; HIGH-MINDEDNESS

PROBLEMATIC = POSING A PROBLEM; DOUBTFUL; UNSETTLED

PRODIGAL = WASTEFUL; EXTRAVAGANT; LAVISH

PROFOUND = DEEP; NOT SUPERFICIAL

PROHIBITIVE = SO HIGH AS TO PREVENT THE PURCHASE OR USE OF; PREVENTING; FORBIDDING

PROLIFERATE = TO INCREASE RAPIDLY

PROPITIATE = TO WIN OVER; APPEASE

PROPENSITY = INCLINATION; TENDENCY

PROPRIETY = CORRECT CONDUCT; FITNESS

PROSCRIBE = V. TO CONDEMN; FORBID OUTLAW, ADJ. RELATING TO PROHIBITION

PROVIDENT = PROVIDING FOR FUTURE NEEDS; FRUGAL

PUISSANT = POWERFUL

PUNCTILIOUS = CAREFUL IN OBSERVING RULES OF BEHAVIOR OR CEREMONY

PUNGENT = STRONG OR SHARP IN SMELL OR TASTE; PENETRATING; CAUSTIC; TO THE POINT

PURPORT = V. TO PROFESS; SUPPOSE; CLAIM, N. MEANING INTENDED OR IMPLIED

PUSILLANIMOUS = COWARDLY

QUAGMIRE = MARSH; DIFFICULT SITUATION

QUAIL = TO COWER; LOSE HEART

QUALIFIED = LIMITED; RESTRICTED

QUALM = SUDDEN FEELING OF FAINTNESS OR NAUSEA; UNEASY FEELING ABOUT THE RIGHTNESS OF ACTIONS

QUERY = TO QUESTION

QUIBBLE = TO ARGUE OVER INSIGNIFICANT AND IRRELEVANT DETAILS

QUIESCENT = INACTIVE; STILL

QUORUM = NUMBER OF MEMBERS NECESSARY TO CONDUCT A MEETING

RACONTEUR = WITTY, SKILLFUL STORYTELLER

RAIL = TO SCOLD WITH BITTER OR ABUSIVE LANGUAGE

RAIMENT = CLOTHING

RAMIFICATION = IMPLICATION; OUTGROWTH; CONSEQUENCE

RAREFIED = REFINED

RATIONALE = FUNDAMENTAL REASON

REBUS = PUZZLE IN WHICH PICTURES OR SYMBOLS REPRESENT WORDS

RECALCITRANT = RESISTING AUTHORITY OR CONTROL

RECAN'T = TO RETRACT A STATEMENT OR OPINION

RECLUSE = PERSON WHO LIVES IN SECLUSION AND OFTEN IN SOLITUDE

RECONDITE = ABSTRUSE; PROFOUND

REDOUBTABLE = FORMIDABLE; AROUSING FEAR; WORTHY OF RESPECT

REFRACTORY = STUBBORN; UNMANAGEABLE; RESISTING ORDINARY METHODS OF TREATMENT

REFRACT = DEFLECT LIGHT OR SOUND

REFULGENT = BRIGHTLY SHINING; RESPLENDENT

REFUTE = TO CONTRADICT; DISAPPROVE

REGALE = ENTERTAIN

RELEGATE = TO CONSIGN TO AN INFERIOR POSITION

REMONSTRATE = TO OBJECT OR PROTEST

RENEGE = TO GO BACK ON ONE'S WORD

REPARATION = AMENDS; COMPENSATION

REPINE = FRET; COMPLAIN

REPRISE = REPETITION, ESPECIALLY OF A PIECE OF MUSIC

REPROACH = TO FIND FAULT WITH; BLAME

REPROBATE = MORALLY UNPRINCIPLED PERSON

REPUDIATE = TO REJECT AS HAVING NO AUTHORITY

RESCIND = TO CANCEL

RESOLUTION = DETERMINATION; RESOLVE

RESOLVE = DETERMINATION; FIRMNESS OF PURPOSE

RETICENT = NOT SPEAKING FREELY; RESERVED; RELUCTANT

REVERENT = EXPRESSING DEEP RESPECT; WORSHIPFUL

RIPOSTE = RETALIATORY ACTION OR RETORT

ROCOCO = EXCESSIVELY ORNATE; HIGHLY DECORATED; STYLE OF ARCHITECTURE IN EIGHTEENTH CENTURY EUROPE

RUBRIC = TITLE OR HEADING; CATEGORY; ESTABLISHED MODE OF PROCEDURE OR CONDUCT; PROTOCOL

RUE = TO REGRET

RUSE = TRICK; CRAFTY STRATAGEM; SUBTERFUGE

SAGE = WISE

SALACIOUS = LASCIVIOUS; LUSTFUL

SALUBRIOUS = HEALTHFUL

SALUTARY = EXPECTING AN IMPROVEMENT; FAVORABLE TO HEALTH

SANCTION = V. TO APPROVE; RATIFY; PERMIT, N. APPROVAL; RATIFICATION; PERMISSION; PENALIZE

SARDONIC = CYNICAL; SCORNFULLY MOCKING

SARTORIAL = PERTAINING TO TAILORS

SATIATE = TO SATISFY

SATURATE = TO SOAK THOROUGHLY; IMBUE THROUGHOUT

SATURNINE = GLOOMY

SATYR = A CREATURE THAT IS HALF-MAN, HALF-BEAST WITH THE HORNS AND LEGS OF A GOAT; IT IS A FOLLOWER OF DIONYSOS; A LECHER

SAVOR = TO ENJOY; HAVE A DISTINCTIVE FLAVOR OR SMELL

SCHEMATIC = RELATING TO OR IN THE FORM OF AN OUTLINE OR DIAGRAM

SECRETE = PRODUCE AND RELEASE SUBSTANCE INTO AN ORGANISM

SEDITION = BEHAVIOR PROMPTING REBELLION

SEDULOUS = DILIGENT

SEISMIC = RELATING TO EARTHQUAKES; EARTHSHAKING

SENSUAL = RELATING TO THE SENSES; GRATIFYING THE PHYSICAL SENSES, ESPECIALLY SEXUAL APPETITES

SENSUOUS = RELATING TO THE SENSES; OPERATING THROUGH THE SENSES

SENTIENT = AWARE; CONSCIOUS; ABLE TO PERCEIVE

SERVILE = SUBMISSIVE; OBEDIENT

SEXTANT = NAVIGATION TOOL THAT DETERMINES LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE

SHARD = A PIECE OF BROKEN GLASS OR POTTERY

SIDEREAL = RELATING TO THE STARS

SIMIAN = APELIKE; RELATING TO APES

SIMILE = COMPARISON OF ONE THING WITH ANOTHER USING "LIKE" OR "AS"

SINECURE = WELL-PAYING JOB OR OFFICE THAT REQUIRES LITTLE OR NO WORK

SINGULAR = UNIQUE; EXTRAORDINARY; ODD

SINUOUS = WINDING; INTRICATE; COMPLEX

SKEPTIC = ONE WHO DOUBTS

SOBRIETY = SERIOUSNESS

SODDEN = THOROUGHLY SOAKED; SATURATED

SOLICITOUS = CONCERNED; ATTENTIVE; EAGER

SOLILOQUY = LITERARY OR DRAMATIC SPEECH BY ONE CHARACTER, NOT ADDRESSED TO OTHERS

SOLVENT = ABLE TO MEET FINANCIAL OBLIGATION

SOMATIC = RELATING TO OR AFFECTING THE BODY; CORPOREAL

SOPORIFIC = SLEEP PRODUCING

SORDID = FILTHY; CONTEMPTIBLE AND CORRUPT

SPECIOUS = SEEMING TO BE LOGICAL AND SOUND, BUT NOT REALLY SO

SPECTRUM = BAND OF COLORS PRODUCED WHEN SUNLIGHT PASSES THROUGH A PRISM; A BROAD RANGE OF RELATED IDEAS OR OBJECTS

SPENDTHRIFT = N. PERSON WHO SPENDS MONEY RECKLESSLY, ADJ. WASTEFUL AND EXTRAVAGANT

SPORADIC = IRREGULAR

SQUALOR = FILTHY, WRETCHED CONDITION

STACCATO = MARKED BY ABRUPT, CLEAR-CUT SOUNDS

STANCH = TO STOP OR CHECK THE FLOW OF

STENTORIAN = EXTREMELY LOUD

STIGMA = MARK OF DISGRACE OR INFERIORITY

STINT = V. TO BE SPARING, N. A PERIOD OF TIME SPENT DOING SOMETHING

STIPULATE = TO SPECIFY AS AN ESSENTIAL CONDITION

STOLID = HAVING OR SHOWING LITTLE EMOTION

STRATIFIED = ARRANGED IN LAYERS

STRIATED = MARKED WITH THIN, NARROW GROOVES OR CHANNELS

STRICTURE = SOMETHING THAT RESTRAINS; NEGATIVE CRITICISM

STRIDENT = LOUD; HARSH; UNPLEASANTLY NOISY

STRUT = TO SWAGGER; DISPLAY TO IMPRESS OTHERS

STULTIFY = TO IMPAIR OR REDUCE TO USELESSNESS

STUPEFY = TO DULL THE SENSES OF; STUN; ASTONISH

STYGIAN = DARK AND GLOOMY; HELLISH

SUBPOENA = NOTICE ORDERING SOMEONE TO APPEAR IN COURT

SUBSIDE = TO SETTLE DOWN; GROW QUIET

SUBSTANTIATE = TO SUPPORT WITH PROOF OR EVIDENCE

SUBSTANTIVE = ESSENTIAL; PERTAINING TO THE SUBSTANCE

SUBSUME = TO INCLUDE; INCORPORATE

SUBVERSIVE = INTENDED TO UNDERMINE OR OVERTHROW, ESPECIALLY AN ESTABLISHED GOVERNMENT

SUCCOR = RELIEF; HELP IN TIME OF DISTRESS OR WANT

SUFFRAGE = THE RIGHT TO VOTE

SUNDRY = VARIOUS

SUPERSEDE = TO REPLACE, ESPECIALLY TO DISPLACE AS INFERIOR OR ANTIQUATED

SUPINE = LYING ON THE BACK; MARKED BY LETHARGY

SUPPLANT = TO REPLACE; SUBSTITUTE

SUPPLIANT = BESEECHING

SUPPLICANT = ONE WHO ASKS HUMBLY AND EARNESTLY

SUPPOSITION = THE ACT OF ASSUMING TO BE TRUE OR REAL

SYLLOGISM = A FORM OF DEDUCTIVE REASONING THAT HAS A MAJOR PREMISE, A MINOR PREMISE, AND A CONCLUSION

SYLVAN = RELATED TO THE WOODS OR FOREST



TACIT = SILENTLY UNDERSTOOD; IMPLIED

TALISMAN = CHARM TO BRING GOOD LUCK AND AVERT MISFORTUNE

TANGENTIAL = PERIPHERAL; DIGRESSING

TAUTOLOGY = UNNECESSARY REPETITION

TAXONOMY = SCIENCE OF CLASSIFICATION; IN BIOLOGY, THE PROCESS OF CLASSIFYING ORGANISMS IN CATEGORIES

TENET = BELIEF; DOCTRINE

TENUOUS = WEAK; INSUBSTANTIAL

TERRESTRIAL = EARTHLY; COMMONPLACE

THEOCRACY = GOVERNMENT BY PRIESTS REPRESENTING A GOD

THESPIAN = AN ACTOR OR ACTRESS

TIMBRE = THE CHARACTERISTIC QUALITY OF SOUND PRODUCED BY A PARTICULAR INSTRUMENT OR VOICE; TONE COLOR

TIRADE = LONG, VIOLENT SPEECH; VERBAL ASSAULT

TOADY = FLATTERER; HANGER-ON; YES-MAN

TOME = BOOK, USUALLY LARGE AND ACADEMIC

TORPOR = LETHARGY; DORMANCY; SLUGGISHNESS

TORQUE = A TURNING OR TWISTING FORCE; THE MOMENT OF A FORCE; THE MEASURE OF A FORCE'S TENDENCY TO PRODUCE TWISTING OR TURNING AND ROTATION AROUND AN AXIS

TORTUOUS = HAVING MANY TWISTS AND TURNS; HIGHLY COMPLEX

TOUT = TO PROMOTE OR PRAISE ENERGETICALLY

TRACTABLE = OBEDIENT; YIELDING

TRANSGRESSION = ACT OF TRESPASSING OR VIOLATING A LAW OR RULE

TRANSIENT = TEMPORARY; SHORT-LIVED; FLEETING

TRANSLUCENT = PARTIALLY TRANSPARENT

TRAVAIL = N. WORK, ESPECIALLY ARDUOUS WORK; TRIBULATION; ANGUISH, V. TO WORK STRENUOUSLY

TRAVESTY = PARODY; EXAGGERATED IMITATION; CARICATURE

TREATISE = ARTICLE TREATING A SUBJECT SYSTEMATICALLY AND THOROUGHLY

TREMULOUS = TREMBLING; QUIVERING; FRUGAL; TIMID

TREPIDATION = FEAR AND ANXIETY

TRUCULENCE = AGGRESSIVENESS; FEROCITY

TRYST = AGREEMENT BETWEEN LOVERS TO MEET; RENDEZVOUS

ANOMIE = A SOCIAL CONDITION MARKED BY A BREAKDOWN OF SOCIAL NORMS

TUMID = SWOLLEN; DISTENDED

TURBID = MUDDY; OPAQUE; IN A STATE OF GREAT CONFUSION

TURGID = SWOLLEN; BLOATED; POMPOUS

TUTELARY = SERVING AS A GUARDIAN OR PROTECTOR

UNCANNY = MYSTERIOUS; STRANGE

UNDULATING = MOVING IN WAVES

UNFEIGNED = NOT FALSE; NOT MADE UP; GENUINE

UNTENABLE = INDEFENSIBLE

UNTOWARD = NOT FAVORABLE; TROUBLESOME; ADVERSE; UNRULY

USURY = PRACTICE OF LENDING MONEY AT EXORBITANT RATES

VACILLATE = TO WAVER; OSCILLATE

VACUOUS = EMPTY; VOID; LACKING INTELLIGENCE; PURPOSELESS

VALEDICTORY = PERTAINING TO A FAREWELL

VAPID = TASTELESS; DULL

VARIEGATED = VARIED; MARKED WITH DIFFERENT COLORS

VAUNT = TO BOAST; BRAG

VENAL = BRIBABLE; MERCENARY; CORRUPTIBLE

VENDETTA = PROLONGED FEUD MARKED BY BITTER HOSTILITY

VENERATE = V. TO ADORE; HONOR; RESPECT, ADJ. RESPECTED BECAUSE OF AGE, CHARACTER, OR POSITION

VERACIOUS = TRUTHFUL; ACCURATE

VERBOSE = WORDY

VERTIGO = DIZZINESS

VEXATION = IRRITATION; ANNOYANCE; CONFUSION; PUZZLEMENT

VIABLE = PRACTICABLE; CAPABLE OF DEVELOPING

VINDICTIVE = SPITEFUL; VENGEFUL; UNFORGIVING

VIRTUOSO = SOMEONE WITH MASTERLY SKILLS; EXPERT MUSICIAN

VISAGE = COUNTENANCE; APPEARANCE; ASPECT

VISCOUS = THICK, SYRUPY, AND STICKY

VITIATE = TO IMPAIR THE QUALITY OF; CORRUPT MORALLY; MAKE INOPERATIVE

VITUPERATIVE = USING OR CONTAINING HARSH, ABUSIVE CENSURE

VIVISECTION = DISSECTION; SURGERY; OR PAINFUL EXPERIMENTS PERFORMED ON A LIVING ANIMAL

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VOGUE = PREVAILING FASHION OR PRACTICE

VOLATILE = TENDING TO VARY FREQUENTLY; FICKLE

VORTEX = WHIRLPOOL; WHIRLWIND; CENTER OF TURBULENCE

WARRANTED = ADJ. JUSTIFIED, V. TO ATTEST TO THE ACCURACY OR QUALITY; JUSTIFY; GRANT AUTHORIZATION

WARY = CAREFUL; CAUTIOUS

WELTER = TO WALLOW OR ROLL; TOSS ABOUT; BE IN TURMOIL

WHIMSICAL = FANCIFUL; UNPREDICTABLE

WHIMSY = PLAYFUL OR FANCIFUL IDEA

WISTFUL = VAGUELY LONGING; SADLY THOUGHTFUL

ZEALOT = ONE WHO IS FANATICALLY DEVOTED TO A CAUSE

ZEALOTRY = FANATICISM

DE FACTO = IN FACT, WHETHER BY RIGHT OR NOT; EXERCISING POWER WITHOUT BEING LEGALLY ESTABLISHED

DEVIANT = A PERSON WHOSE BEHAVIOR DIFFERS FROM THE ACCEPTED STANDARDS OF SOCIETY

DEFER = TO SUBMIT TO THE WISHES OF ANOTHER DUE TO RESPECT OR RECOGNITION OF THE PERSON'S AUTHORITY OR KNOWLEDGE

PLATONIC = SPIRITUAL, WITHOUT SENSUAL DESIRE, OR THEORETICAL

DISCERN = TO PERCEIVE SOMETHING OBSCURE

BIONICS = THE APPLICATION OF BIOLOGICAL PRINCIPLES TO THE THE DESIGN OF ELECTRICAL OR ENGINEERING SYSTEMS

HEURISTIC = RELATING TO A SPECULATIVE FORMULATION GUIDING THE INVESTIGATION OR SOLUTION OF A PROBLEM; EDUCATIONAL METHOD IN WHICH STUDENTS LEARN FROM THEIR OWN INVESTIGATIONS

EQUITABLE = FAIR; JUST; IMPARTIAL

GUILE = DECEPTION OR TRICKERY

REDUCTIONISTIC = ATTEMPTING TO EXPLAIN COMPLEX PHENOMENA BY SIMPLE PRINCIPLES

INERTIA = DISINCLINATION TO ACTION OR CHANGE

PATHOS = A QUALITY THAT CAUSES A FEELING OF PITY OR SORROW

PEDANT = UNINSPIRED, BORING ACADEMIC