

Advanced vocabulary development

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Word list 10

Group 1		Notes
Bellicose	war-like; aggressive
Consummate	complete; total; supremely good
Elusive	hard to pin down	.....
Gregarious	extroverted; sociable; outgoing	.....
Jaundiced	cynical; pessimistic	.....
Nettle	annoy	.....
Phenomenon	an event or happening (plural: phenomena)	.....
Recuperate	get better after illness	.....
Superlative	extremely good; the best	.....
Whet	sharpen	.....

Group 2		Notes
Belligerent	aggressive; ready to fight	.....
Contemporary	living or happening at the same time	.....
Emaciated	very thin; withered	.....
Gritty	coarse; granular	.....
Jaunt	short pleasure trip	.....
Niggardly	miserly; stingy	.....
Philanthropy	charity; love of mankind	.....
Red tape	formalities; paperwork; official procedure	.....
Surly	grumpy; rude	.....
Whimsical	capricious; changeable	.....

Group 3		Notes
Bemoan	complain about	.....
Contrite	sorry	.....
Emancipate	set free	.....
Guffaw	sudden loud laughter	.....
Jeopardize	put at risk; endanger	.....
Nomadic	wandering from place to place	.....
Philistine	uncultured person	.....
Redolent	smelling of; giving off odors	.....
Surreptitious	secret; sneaky; stealthy	.....
Willful	stubborn	.....

Group 4		Notes
Benevolent	kindly	.....
Contrition	sorrow and repentance	.....
Embezzle	defraud; steal	.....
Guile	cunning; craftiness	.....
Jingoistic	extremely patriotic; nationalistic	.....
Nonchalance	an appearance of indifference; calm and composed	.....
Phlegmatic	calm; imperturbable	.....
Redress	put right something that was wrong	.....
Surreptitiously	secretly; furtively; stealthily	.....
Wily	cunning	.....

Group 5		<u>Notes</u>
Benign	kindly; harmless	.....
Contumacious	stubborn	.....
Embroid	involve in hostility or argument	.....
Guileless	frank; straightforward; honest	.....
Jocular	in a joking manner	.....
Nondescript	having no special features; dull and ordinary	.....
Pillage	plunder	.....
Redundant	unnecessary; superfluous	.....
Susceptible	vulnerable	.....
Wispy	flimsy; frail; delicate	.....

Group 6		<u>Notes</u>
Benignity	compassion; gentleness; fondness	.....
Contusion	a bruise	.....
Emerge	come out; appear	.....
Gullibility	unwariness; trustfulness; being easily fooled	.....
Jollity	gaiety; happiness	.....
Nonentity	a person of no importance; not famous	.....
Pinnacle	topmost point	.....
Referendum	public vote	.....
Suspect	doubtful	.....
Wistful	melancholy; pensive; expressing a longing for	.....

Group 7		Notes
Bequeath	leave something in one's will to be given after one's death	.....
Conundrum	a puzzle	.....
Emulate	to imitate something admired	.....
Gullible	easily fooled	.....
Jubilant	ecstatic; delighted; rejoicing	.....
Nostalgia	longing for the past	.....
Pious	very religious	.....
Refute	disprove	.....
Sybarite	lover of luxury	.....
Zany	crazy; wacky	.....

Group 8		Notes
Berate	scold; criticize	.....
Conventional	usual; customary; common	.....
Endorse	give support or approval to	.....
Gustatory	concerned with the sense of taste	.....
Judicious	correct in judgment; wise	.....
Notoriety	infamy; known for wrong doing	.....
Pivotal	of central importance	.....
Regale	entertain	.....
Sycophant	bootlicker; flatterer	.....
Zeal	enthusiasm	.....

Group 9		<u>Notes</u>
Beret	type of cap	.....
Corpulent	fat	.....
Endurance	staying power; patience; stamina	.....
Hackneyed	common and over-used	.....
Jurisprudence	science or study of law	.....
Novel	new; unusual	.....
Placate	pacify; soothe; calm	.....
Relegate	dismiss to a lower position	.....
Taciturn	quiet; saying little	.....
Zealot	fanatic	.....

Group 10		<u>Notes</u>
Bestial	behaving like a beast; brutal	.....
Corrugated	highly folded	.....
Enduring	lasting	.....
Hallowed	worshipped; consecrated	.....
Juxtapose	place next to	.....
Novice	a beginner; tyro	.....
Placebo	harmless medicine with no effect; dummy medicine	.....
Remorse	regret; sorrow; contrition	.....
Tactile	concerned with the sense of touch	.....
Zenith	summit	.....