

## **C1 -C2 Vocabulary**

### **Fringe**

n. the outer edge of something

### **Misrepresent**

v. present in a false way; to lie about

### **Complicit**

adj. involved in a crime along with others

### **Ubiquitous**

adj. present everywhere; widespread

### **Confidant**

n. someone one trusts with a secret

### **Boisterous**

adj. loud and excited; full of energy

### **Audible**

adj. able to be heard

### **Assets**

n. resources; items of value that are owned by someone

### **Ablution**

n. the act of washing oneself

### **Extravagant**

adj. extremely luxurious; unnecessarily large; without restraint

### **Addendum**

n. additional information following a book or article

### **Succumb**

v. to give in; to surrender to

### **Quaint**

adj. pleasantly old-fashioned

### **Debonair**

adj. dashing and well-mannered; refined

### **Allegiance**

n. loyalty; faithfulness to a person or cause

### **Incoherent**

adj. impossible to understand; unclear; incomprehensible

### **Paragon**

n. a perfect example of a quality; an example of excellence

### **Tarnished**

adj. stained or dirty, especially of a reputation

### **Mandatory**

adj. required; absolutely necessary

### **Orthodox**

adj. adhering to tradition; conservative

### **Visceral**

adj. relating to intensely strong emotions

### **Maternal**

adj. having to do with a mother

**Countenance**

v. to grant approval of

**Paradigm**

n. a pattern on which to base other things

**Chivalry**

n. courteous behavior, especially by men to women

**Glean**

v. to get information, often after a struggle

**Covert**

adj. in secret; stealthy

**Revel**

v. to rejoice in; savor

**Transient**

adj. brief; not lasting

**Quaff**

v. to drink quickly; to chug

**Vie**

v. to compete for [something]

**Spontaneous**

adj. happening without prior planning

**Altruist**

n. someone who cares deeply and unselfishly for others

**Archipelago**

n. a collection of small islands

**Cartilage**

n. the harder tissue found in certain joints and in other places, such as the ear

**Manifest**

v. to appear; to become apparent

**Comprise**

v. made up [of smaller pieces or parts]

**Laudatory**

adj. praising; congratulatory

**Perilous**

adj. dangerous, risky

**Pithy**

adj. short and meaningful, usually referring to a clever saying

**Wrangle**

v. to dispute or argue over

**Obelisk**

n. a large, thin stone statue, set up to serve as a landmark

**Diversion**

n. a distraction

**Shriek**

n. a high-pitched scream

**Paradox**

n. a logical contradiction; a situation that seems absurd and contradictory

**Accede**

v. to agree to something; to give in to something

**Barrage**

n. a overwhelming number of something delivered all at once

**Innovation**

n inventiveness; the process of coming up with something new

**Travesty**

n. an absurd or outrageous depiction of something

**Intersperse**

v. spread between other things

**Omnivorous**

adj. eating both plants and meat

**Provoke**

v. to force into action; to set off

**Buffet**

v. to batter or hit something repeatedly

**Defer**

v. to put off until later

**Jibe**

n. a mocking joke

**Monologue**

n. a long speech given by one person, especially in a play, book, or movie

**Apex**

n. highest point

**Abort**

v. to cut off; terminate

**Foresee**

v. to predict [something] before it happens

**Promulgated**

v. to spread; to promote [a doctrine or idea]

**Extraneous**

adj. unnecessary or extra

**Barren**

adj. lifeless; without growth

**Trajectory**

n. the path which something follows while moving

**Petrify**

v. to freeze in terror

**Synopsis**

n. a summary

**Competent**

adj. skilled and capable; able to perform a required task

**Ravage**

v. to damage severely

**Accomplice**

n. a partner, usually a partner in committing crime

**Parody**

n. an imitation of some thing that exaggerates its qualities in order to be funny

**Strut**

v. to walk in a proud, jaunty, and haughty manner

**Parse**

v. to read closely in order to analyze

**Spectrum**

n. a wide range of things

**Savor**

v. to enjoy deeply

**Advocacy**

n. public promotion of a policy or cause

**Vicarious**

adj. experienced through one's imagination when done by another person

**Misplace**

v. to put something in the wrong place and lose it as a result

**Temperate**

adj. moderate; not extreme injury

**Libel**

n. a defamatory statement or representation that conveys an unjust impression

**Amputate**

v. to cut off; often, to cut off a person's limb due to

**Scuttle**

v. to deliberately cause plans to fail to move quickly, but with short steps

**Extemporaneous**

adj. without prior planning; impromptu

**Conscious**

adj. aware; understanding of

**Magisterial**

adj. bossy; overbearing

**Iridescent**

adj. glowing in different colors

**Fortify**

v. to make stronger

**Overrun**

adj. overwhelmed; incapable of dealing with

**Diversity**

n. the state of having several varieties

**Purloin**

v. to steal

**Invaluable**

adj. extremely valuable; impossible to do without

**Disparity**

n. a large difference between two things

**Wield**

v. to hold; to use [as a weapon or tool]

**Municipal**

adj. related to the local affairs of a town or county

**Introvert**

n. someone who is shy; someone hesitant to socialize with others

**Rancid**

adj. rotting; overripe

**Pandemonium**

n. chaos; noisy confusion

**Maul**

v. to wound with a scratch, usually done by an animal

**Broach**

v. to bring up for discussion, especially something difficult or challenging

**Clinch**

v. to settle [usually a deal]; to confirm a win or achievement

**Cataclysmic**

adj. catastrophic; world-shattering; extremely destructive

**Harbinger**

n. a sign of things to come

**Illegitimate**

adj. not legal; not acceptable; not in line with rules

**Ostentatious**

adj. showy; shown to impress

**Mishap**

n. an unfortunate occurrence

**Pandemic**

n. a disease spreading rapidly worldwide

**Divisive**

adj. tending to cause intense controversy; controversial

**Render**

v. to make; to cause to be; to provide; to give

**Vaccinate**

v. to provide immunity to a disease through injection with vaccine

**Pastoral**

adj. pleasantly rural

**Obstinate**

adj. stubborn; resistant to change

**Fervor**

n. passion; determination

**Fixate**

v. to concentrate completely on one thing to the point of it becoming an obsession

**Abbey**

n. a building in which nuns or monks live

**Malicious**

adj. evil; hatred

**Stagnant**

adj. not moving or developing

**Memento**

n. something that reminds one of something else; a souvenir

**Suggestive**

adj. suggesting an idea; evocative

**Fluctuation**

n. a change in quantity or amount; a variation  
(close syn: oscillation)

**Stint**

n. a period of doing a specific job

**Salutation**

n. a greeting

**Grievous**

adj. severely painful; brutal

**Excursion**

adj. a brief trip

**Compliant**

n. easily agreeing or obey rules

**Overtone**

n a subtle implication; a hint of something

**Secede**

v. to remove oneself from a union or alliance

**Pervade**

v. to be present throughout

**Mutilate**

v. to injure violently

**Converge**

v. to come together from separate places to a single place

**Abnormal**

adj. unusual or out of the ordinary; weird

**Tolerable**

adj. acceptable; endurable

**Deteriorate**

v. to decline in quality

**Migrant**

n. someone or something that travels from one place to another

**Akimbo**

adj. spread out in a haphazard way

**Faction**

n. one side in a debate or argument

**Perennial**

adj. happening often; constant

**Abstain**

v. to hold back; to refrain from doing something

**Curtail**

v. to cut short; to cut off forcibly  
(close syn: abridge; truncate; pare)

**Generic**

adj. ordinary; not standing out

**Detriment**

n. a cause of damage or injury

**Copious**

adj. abundant; more than enough

**Ascertain**

v. to determine; to make sure of

**Onerous**

adj. difficult; challenging  
(close syn: cumbersome; burdensome)

**Negotiable**

adj. open for discussion, debate or change

**Astringent**

adj. harsh or burning; acidic

**Fraudulent**

adj. fake; created in order to trick or deceive  
(close syn: spurious; counterfeit; duplicitous)

**Impassable**

adj. impossible to get past; impossible to travel through or over

**Influx**

n. an arrival of a massive group of people of things

**Disparate**

adj. separate; extremely unlike one another

**Infrequent**

adj. not occurring often  
(close syn: scant; sporadic; intermittently; sparse; meager )

**Accompaniment**

n. a musical part that goes along with another part, whether an instrument or voice