Parts of Speech

- Nouns: Names of people, places, things, or ideas.
 - o **Example**: Cat, New York, Love.
- **Pronouns**: Words that replace nouns.
 - o **Example**: He, She, It.
- Verbs: Express actions or states of being.
 - o **Example**: Run, Jump, Is, Are.
- Adjectives: Describe nouns or pronouns.
 - o **Example**: Big, Blue, Happy.
- Adverbs: Modify verbs, adjectives, or other adverbs.
 - o **Example**: Quickly, Very, Happily.
- **Prepositions**: Show relationships between nouns/pronouns and other words in a sentence.
 - o **Example**: In, On, At, With.
- Conjunctions: Connect words, phrases, or clauses.
 - o **Example**: And, But, Or.
- Interjections: Express emotion or sudden feeling.
 - o **Example**: Wow, Oh, Hey.

Basic Tense Rules and Examples

- 1. Present Tense:
 - $\circ\quad$ Used for actions happening now or habitual actions.
 - o **Example**: She reads a book every night.

2. Present Continuous Tense:

- o Used for actions happening at the moment of speaking or ongoing actions.
- o Formed with the present tense of "to be" (am, is, are) + present participle (-ing).
- o **Example**: They are watching TV right now.

3. Present Perfect Tense:

- Used for actions completed at an unspecified time in the past or continuing into the present.
- o Formed with the present tense of "have" (has, have) + past participle.
- o **Example**: She has visited Paris several times.

4. Present Perfect Continuous Tense:

- o Used for actions that started in the past and continue up to the present moment.
- Formed with the present tense of "have" (has, have) + been + present participle (ing).
- o **Example**: He has been working on this project for two hours.

5. Past Tense:

- o Used for actions completed in the past.
- o **Example**: He played soccer yesterday.

6. Past Continuous Tense:

- o Used for actions that were ongoing at a particular moment in the past.
- o Formed with the past tense of "to be" (was, were) + present participle (-ing).
- o **Example**: They were studying when the phone rang.

7. Past Perfect Tense:

o Used for actions completed before another action in the past.

- o Formed with the past tense of "have" (had) + past participle.
- o **Example**: By the time she arrived, he had already left.

8. Past Perfect Continuous Tense:

- o Used for actions that were ongoing before another action in the past.
- o Formed with the past tense of "have" (had) + been + present participle (-ing).
- o **Example**: She had been waiting for over an hour when the bus finally arrived.

9. Future Tense:

- Used for actions that will happen in the future.
- o **Example**: We will travel to Paris next summer.

10. Future Continuous Tense:

- o Used for actions that will be ongoing at a particular time in the future.
- o Formed with the future tense of "will" + be + present participle (-ing).
- o **Example**: By this time tomorrow, they will be driving to the beach.

11. Future Perfect Tense:

- o Used for actions completed before a specific time in the future.
- o Formed with the future tense of "will" + have + past participle.
- o **Example**: By next year, they will have finished their project.

12. Future Perfect Continuous Tense:

- Used for actions that will be ongoing before a specific time in the future.
- Formed with the future tense of "will" + have + been + present participle (-ing).
- Example: By the time you arrive, I will have been waiting for two hours.

Sentence Structure

Sentences:

 Sentences have a subject (who or what the sentence is about) and a predicate (what the subject is doing or being).

Basic Sentence Types:

Declarative: Statements.

Interrogative: Questions.

o Imperative: Commands.

o Exclamatory: Expressions of strong emotion.

• Sentence Structures:

o Simple: Contains one independent clause.

o Compound: Joining two independent clauses with a conjunction.

o Complex: Contains one independent clause and one or more dependent clauses.

 Compound-Complex: Combines elements of both compound and complex sentences.

Subject-Verb Agreement

• Subject-Verb Agreement:

- o Singular subjects need singular verbs; plural subjects need plural verbs.
 - **Example**: The cat runs. (singular subject, singular verb)
 - Example: The cats run. (plural subject, plural verb)
- Use plural verbs with compound subjects connected by "and."
 - **Example**: Tom and Jerry are friends.
- Ensure verbs match the subject, not words in between.
 - Example: One of the books is missing.
- o Singular indefinite pronouns (everyone, somebody) need singular verbs.
 - Example: Everybody wants to succeed.

- Plural indefinite pronouns (many, several) need plural verbs.
 - **Example**: Many have tried.

Articles

- Indefinite Article:
 - o **Example**: A dog barked loudly.
- Definite Article:
 - Example: The dog barked loudly.

Fundamentals for Cracking Verbal Ability MCQs

- Vocabulary: Improve your vocabulary by regularly reading and learning new words.
- **Grammar Rules**: Understand fundamental grammar rules such as subject-verb agreement, tense usage, and punctuation.
- **Contextual Understanding**: Pay attention to the context of the passage or sentence to identify the correct answer.
- Elimination Technique: Eliminate obviously incorrect options to narrow down your choices.
- **Practice**: Practice solving verbal ability questions regularly to familiarize yourself with different question types and improve your speed and accuracy.

Direct and Indirect Speech

- **Direct Speech**: Quote the exact words spoken by a person within quotation marks.
 - o **Example**: She said, "I am going to the market."
- Indirect Speech: Report what someone said without using their exact words.
 - o **Example**: She said that she was going to the market.

- Adjustments When Changing from Direct to Indirect Speech: Adjust pronouns, tense, and time expressions as necessary.
 - Example: "I will see you tomorrow," he said. → He said that he would see me the next day.
- **Reporting Verbs**: Use reporting verbs such as "said," "told," or "asked" to introduce indirect speech.
 - Example: He asked if I was coming to the party.
- Maintaining Meaning and Context: Maintain the meaning and context of the original statement while converting between direct and indirect speech.
 - o **Example**: Direct: "I'm hungry," she said. → Indirect: She said that she was hungry.

Active and Passive Voices

- Active Voice: In active voice, the subject performs the action expressed by the verb.
 - o **Example**: The cat chased the mouse.
- Passive Voice: In passive voice, the subject receives the action expressed by the verb.
 - o **Example**: The mouse was chased by the cat.
- **Purpose of Passive Voice**: Use passive voice to shift focus, emphasize the action over the doer, or when the doer is unknown or less important.
 - Example: The report was submitted yesterday. (Emphasizing the action of submitting rather than who submitted it)
- **Converting from Active to Passive Voice**: To convert from active to passive voice, rearrange the sentence structure and use appropriate verb forms.
 - o **Example**: Active "She wrote the letter." → Passive "The letter was written by her."

Vocabulary - 1

Definition Vocabulary refers to the set of words known and used by a person in their language. It includes all the words a person understands (receptive vocabulary) and those they use in speaking or writing (expressive vocabulary).

Ambiguity: having multiple interpretations, uncertainty.

Artifact: anything that was created by humans, particularly those uncovered during archaeological digs.

Abyss: deep, wide and enormous chasm, a seemingly bottomless pit.

Abbreviation: shortened form of a word or phrase.

Accept: to receive willingly or agree to, to give an affirmative response to.

Aesthetic: pertaining to the perception, appreciation, or criticism of what is considered beautiful or artistic.

Abridge: to shorten a piece of text without losing its essence, to reduce in length or scope.

Acme: the highest point of achievement or excellence, the peak or summit.

Abide: to accept or act in accordance with a rule, decision, or recommendation, to remain, continue, stay.

Allowance: a sum of money given at regular intervals for a specific purpose, the act of permitting or granting something.

Alike: similar in nature, appearance, or qualities, in the same manner or to a similar degree.

Aboriginal: pertaining to the original inhabitants of a region or country before colonization, native, primitive.

Acumen: the ability to make good judgments and quick decisions, keen insight or shrewdness.

Annul: to declare legally invalid or void, to nullify, to abolish or cancel formally or officially.

Anoint: to officially or formally choose someone for a particular position or duty, to apply oil to someone as part of a religious ceremony or healing ritual.

Ameliorate: to make something bad or unsatisfactory better, to enhance or improve the condition or quality of something.

Abate: to decrease in intensity or severity, lessen, to end or reduce the force or extent of something.

Acerbic: characterized by a bitter, sharp tone, having a sour or bitter taste.

Ablution: the act of washing oneself, often for religious purification, a ceremonial act of washing parts of the body or sacred containers.

Audacious: showing a willingness to take bold risks, daring.

Arid: extremely dry or lacking moisture, especially in regards to climate or land, desolate or barren, devoid of vegetation or life due to lack of water.

Astute: having keen insight or shrewd judgment, perceptive, clever or sharp in practical matters, quick to understand or grasp situations.

Belie: to give a false representation or impression, to show to be false or contradict.

Bane: a cause of distress or annoyance, something, especially poison, that causes death.

Bucolic: characterized by or suggestive of an idyllic rural life, relating to the aspects of the countryside and country life.

Babble: to talk rapidly and continuously in a foolish, excited, or incomprehensible way.

Baleful: having a harmful or destructive effect, ominous, threatening.

Bargain: something acquired at a price significantly lower than its usual cost, the act of negotiating or arguing over the terms of a purchase, sale, or agreement to reach a favorable outcome.

Balmy: characterized by mild and pleasant weather relating to a situation or atmosphere that is characterized by a peaceful or easygoing nature, devoid of stress or tension, characterized by a mild and agreeable fragrance or aroma, often used to describe scents that evoke feelings of tranquility

and serenity.

Benign: gentle or kind in disposition, showing kindness or goodwill towards others, not harmful to health or causing damage, mild or non-threatening, especially in the context of medical conditions or tumors.

Banal: characterized by predictability or cliché, lacking in uniqueness or novelty, lacking originality or freshness, commonplace, trite.

Bolster: to support, strengthen, or reinforce something, typically by adding extra material or providing additional assistance.

Burgeon: to grow or develop rapidly, to flourish or expand quickly, to bud or sprout forth, to emerge or develop new shoots or leaves.

Brazen: bold or shameless, displaying a confident and sometimes defiant manner regardless of potential consequences, made of or resembling brass in color, appearance, or sound.

Bygone: belonging to an earlier time, past or former, something that has been forgotten or left behind, typically referring to past events, customs, or eras.

Bombastic: characterized by pompous or inflated language, often intended to impress or exaggerate the significance of something, grandiloquent or pretentious speech or writing that lacks sincerity or meaningful content, typically used to attract attention or create a dramatic effect.

Banter: light-hearted, playful conversation or exchange characterized by teasing, humor, and wit between individuals or groups.

Biased: showing favoritism or prejudice towards a particular viewpoint, person, or group, often resulting in unfair treatment or judgment: influenced by personal opinions, beliefs, or experiences, leading to a lack of impartiality or objectivity in decision-making or evaluation.

Benevolent: showing kindness or goodwill, inclined to do good and act charitably.

Cacophony: a harsh, inharmonious mixture of sounds, often characterized by unpleasantness and chaos.

Cajole: To persuade someone gently or persistently through flattery, coaxing, or sweet-talking, often with the intention of getting them to do something they may initially be reluctant to do.

Cardinal: of foremost importance or significance, pivotal, a high-ranking ecclesiastical official in the Roman Catholic Church, ranking next below the Pope.

Capricious: acting on whims or impulses rather than reason or logic, subject to sudden and unpredictable changes in behavior or mood.

Candid: frank and straightforward in speech or expression, honest, captured in a natural, unposed manner, especially in photography.

Caliber: the quality or standard of someone's ability, character, or work, the diameter of a bullet or the internal diameter of a gun barrel.

Clinch: a decisive or conclusive action, often resulting in victory or success, to confirm or finalize an agreement or decision, a tight grip or hold, often in a wrestling or grappling context.

Caustic: able to burn or corrode organic tissue by chemical action, corrosive, harshly critical or sarcastic in tone.

Cartography: the practice of creating, studying, and interpreting maps and geographic information.

Cameo: a brief appearance or role by a well-known person in a movie, play, or other performance, a small, decorative relief carving or engraving, typically depicting a profile.

Construe: to interpret or understand the meaning of something, to analyze or explain the syntax or structure of a sentence or expression.

Chicanery: deceptive or dishonest behavior, especially in order to trick or deceive someone, trickery. **Copious:** abundant, plentiful.

Cadaver: a dead human body, the deceased physical remains of a human being, corpse.

Confer: to grant or bestow something, such as an honor or title, upon someone, to discuss or

exchange views in order to reach a decision or agreement.

Conundrum: a confusing or difficult problem or question, a riddle or puzzle, especially one that is challenging to solve.

Censure: official condemnation or criticism, often from a governing body or authority, expressing disapproval or reproach, typically publicly, towards someone's actions or behavior.

Daunt: to intimidate or discourage someone from doing something, to cause someone to feel apprehensive or anxious.

Demur: to raise objections or show reluctance, to hesitate or delay in accepting or agreeing to something.

Deadpan: displaying a deliberately emotionless or expressionless demeanor, often for comedic effect, the delivery of a joke or statement without any hint of amusement or emotion.

Dichotomy: the classification of something into two distinct and often opposing categories or ideas.

Debris: fragments or remnants of something broken, destroyed, or discarded, rubble.

Discrepancy: a noticeable difference or inconsistency between two or more things, a disagreement or divergence, especially between data or accounts.

Defame: to damage the reputation of someone by spreading false or harmful statements about them, to speak negatively or slanderously about someone, tarnishing their character or reputation. **Dissonance:** lack of harmony or agreement, especially in music or ideas, a feeling of discomfort or

tension caused by conflicting beliefs or attitudes.

Dispatch: to send off or deal with promptly and efficiently, especially with regard to tasks or messages, an official report or communication, often issued by a government or military authority. **Diurnal:** active or occurring during the daytime, a creature or plant that is primarily active or operates during daylight hours.

Dogma: a doctrine or teaching, especially one proclaimed by a religious authority as formally true and binding, a set of principles or beliefs laid down by an authority as incontrovertibly true.

Denounce: to publicly condemn or criticize someone or something, to inform against or accuse someone formally.

Dubious: hesitant or uncertain, doubtful questionable or suspect, not to be relied upon.

Diffident: lacking confidence in oneself or one's abilities, hesitant or timid, showing reluctance or shyness, especially in social situations.

Despondent: feeling extreme sadness or hopelessness, characterized by a loss of courage or confidence, feeling disheartened.

Dexterity: skillfulness in using one's hands or body, mental quickness and flexibility in thinking or reacting.

Desolate: deserted, uninhabited, devoid of life or activity, gloomy, dismal, conveying a sense of loneliness and isolation.

Effervescence: bubbling or fizzing caused by the release of gas, showing high spirits, lively or bubbly enthusiasm or excitement.

Eccentric: deviating from conventional or accepted behavior, unconventional, characterized by peculiar or odd traits, quirky.

Efficacy: the ability to produce desired results or outcomes, the effectiveness or potency of a particular action, method, or treatment.

Egoism: self-centeredness, prioritizing one's own interests above others, the ethical theory that individuals ought to act in their own self-interest.

Eloquence: fluent and persuasive speaking or writing, artful and expressive communication, often characterized by clarity and grace.

Erudite: possessing or displaying extensive knowledge, learned, characterized by intelligence and

deep scholarly understanding.

Eminent: distinguished or prominent, especially in a particular field or profession, conspicuous or noteworthy in status or reputation.

Enclave: a distinct territory or community surrounded by or within another territory, a group or community distinct from its surroundings, often sharing cultural or social characteristics.

Expatiate: to speak or write at length or in detail about a topic, to move about freely or at leisure, especially in a wide-ranging manner.

Epicure: a person devoted to the enjoyment of fine food and drink, a connoisseur of culinary delights, someone who seeks pleasure and indulgence in luxurious or refined experiences, particularly related to sensory enjoyment.

Eulogy: a speech or piece of writing that praises and commemorates a deceased person, typically delivered at a funeral or memorial service, a formal expression of tribute or respect, often highlighting the virtues and accomplishments of an individual who has passed away.

Enthrall: to captivate or hold spellbound, to completely absorb someone's attention or interest.

Entree: the main course of a meal, typically a dish served after appetizers or starters, the act or right of entering, access or admission, often to an event or location.

Emulate: to imitate or mimic, especially with the intention of matching or surpassing the original.

Encomium: a formal expression of praise or admiration, a tribute or eulogy honoring someone or something.

Elicit: to draw out or evoke a response, reaction, or information through questioning or discussion, to obtain or bring forth a reaction or response, often deliberately or skillfully.

Egregious: conspicuously bad or offensive.

Facetious: joking or jesting inappropriately, often at inappropriate time, playfully humorous or flippant, typically in a lighthearted or sarcastic manner.

Facade: the front exterior of a building, often representing its architectural style or appearance, an outward appearance or illusion that conceals the true nature of something.

Fallible: susceptible to making mistakes, capable of error.

Fastidious: showing meticulous attention to detail, very careful and precise, excessively concerned with cleanliness or neatness, excessively particular or demanding.

Frugal: economical, sparing or careful with money or resources, simple and plain in appearance or style.

Fathom: to understand or comprehend (a difficult problem or complex situation), a unit of measurement equal to six feet, used primarily for measuring the depth of water.

Feasible: possible to do or achieve within practical constraints, capable of being accomplished or carried out successfully.

Fallacious: containing a misleading or deceptive notion, based on a mistaken belief or flawed reasoning.

Fulcrum: a point on which a lever pivots, allowing for the transfer of force or motion, a central or pivotal point around which something turns or revolves.

Fruition: the realization or fulfillment of something, the point at which something is achieved or completed.

Fidelity: faithfulness or loyalty to a person, idea, or commitment, the accuracy or exactness of reproduction, as in sound or image.

Frenzied: marked by wild and uncontrolled behavior or activity, characterized by intense excitement or agitation.

Fret: to feel or express worry or concern.

Forte: one's strong suit, a skill or talent at which someone excels.

Finesse: skillful and delicate handling of a situation or task, subtle refinement or tact in one's actions

or behavior.

Forsake: to abandon or desert someone or something, to renounce or give up a belief, principle, or habit

Foul: offensive to the senses, particularly through smell or taste, disgusting.

Fickle: prone to frequent changes, especially in interests or affections, not constant or loyal in affections.

Glib: speaking or spoken in a fluent and easy, often superficial and insincere manner, marked by ease and informality, sometimes to the point of being thoughtless or insincere.

Gainsay: to deny or dispute, contradict, to speak against, oppose.

Genre: a category of artistic work characterized by a particular style, form, or content, a type or class of literature, music, or other forms of art or entertainment distinguished by specific characteristics.

Germane: relevant and appropriate to the current topic or situation, pertaining to or connected with the subject at hand.

Gawky: awkward in movement or manner, lacking grace or elegance.

Gist: the main or essential part of a matter.

Ghastly: causing great horror or fear, frightful or macabre, resembling a ghost.

Goosebumps: small, raised bumps on the skin caused by cold, fear, or excitement.

Glimmer: A faint or unsteady light, sparkle, a slight indication or hint of something.

Grandeur: the quality of being magnificent or splendid, the quality of being impressively large or of great importance.

Guile: cunning or deceitful intelligence, skillful deceit.

Gregarious: fond of the company of others, sociable, living in flocks or loosely organized communities, typically used in reference to animal.

Garrulous: excessively talkative, especially on trivial matters, prone to engaging in long, often pointless conversations.

Grievous: causing great pain, suffering, or sorrow, severe, serious or grave in nature.

Grudge: a persistent feeling of ill will or resentment resulting from a past insult or injury, a lasting enmity or animosity that often leads to bitterness and hostility.

Gullible: easily deceived or tricked due to naivety, quick to believe something is true without sufficient evidence.

Hackneyed: overused to the point of losing its original meaning or effect, trite, clichéd or worn out by excessive use.

Habitat: the natural environment in which a species or organism lives, grows, and thrives, a place offering favorable conditions for living or growth.

Hyperbole: an exaggerated statement not meant to be taken literally, overstatement for effect.

Harbinger: a person or thing that announces or signals the approach of another, a forerunner or precursor indicating the arrival of something or someone.

Haven: a place of safety or refuge, a sheltered port or harbor offering protection for ships.

Hedonist: a person who believes that the pursuit of pleasure is the most important thing in life, pleasure-seeker, an individual dedicated to seeking sensual gratification and self-indulgence.

Harangue: a lengthy and aggressive speech, to deliver a forceful or angry verbal attack.

Hubris: excessive pride or self-confidence, arrogance leading to downfall.

Hierarchical: arranged in order of rank or authority, pertaining to a system organized by levels of importance or status.

Homage: respect or honor shown publicly, a tribute or acknowledgment of influence or admiration.

Hothead: a person prone to

acting impulsively or rashly, often out of anger, an individual who easily becomes angry or upset.

Homogenous: having a similar nature, consistent throughout in structure or composition, composed of parts or elements that are all of the same kind, uniform in composition.

Havoc: widespread destruction, great confusion and disorder.

Hereafter: a future period or state of existence, especially considered as the life or world to come after death, from this time forward, in the future.

Hapless: unlucky, marked by misfortune, lacking success, unfortunate.

Heresy: belief or opinion that contradicts established religious teachings, the act of holding religious beliefs that diverge from official or orthodox positions.

Heyday: the period of greatest success, popularity, or vigor of something or someone, the prime or peak time of activity or achievement for a particular entity or individual.

Idiosyncrasy: A distinctive or peculiar characteristic or behavior specific to an individual or group, a quirk or eccentricity unique to a person or thing, often deviating from common norms or expectations.

Iconoclast: A person who challenges or overturns traditional beliefs, customs, or institutions, one who destroys or opposes religious images or icons, particularly in a deliberate attempt to undermine established religious practices.

Ignominy: Public shame or disgrace, humiliation or dishonor resulting from shameful conduct or actions.

Impetuous: Acting or done quickly and without careful thought or consideration, characterized by sudden and rash action, often driven by emotion rather than reason.

Implacable: Unable to be appeased or pacified, relentless in hostility or opposition, firm and determined, refusing to change or relent in attitude or action.

Insidious: Stealthily treacherous or deceitful, proceeding in a gradual, subtle way but with harmful effects, having a harmful or damaging effect, typically in a way that is gradual and not easily noticed. **Insatiable:** Impossible to satisfy or quench, often referring to desires or appetites, continuously wanting more or constantly hungry for something.

Imbue: To saturate or permeate with a particular quality or feeling, to instill or inspire deeply with a certain belief, principle, or emotion.

Impasse: A situation where there is no progress or resolution possible due to a deadlock or stalemate, a point where conflicting interests or opinions prevent agreement or advancement.

Insinuate: To subtly suggest or hint at something, typically in a manipulative or indirect manner, to gradually introduce or insert something, especially ideas or remarks, in a sly or artful way.

Implode: To collapse violently inward, usually as a result of external pressure or force, to fail or collapse suddenly and dramatically, often due to internal weaknesses or pressures.

Indolent: Showing a tendency to avoid activity or exertion, lazy, characterized by a lack of interest or effort. slothful.

Incarnation: The embodiment or manifestation of a deity, spirit, or abstract concept in physical form, the act of being in bodily form, particularly referring to the belief in certain religions that a divine being took on human form.

Incite: To provoke or urge someone to take action, often implying negative or aggressive behavior, to stimulate or encourage a reaction or response, typically involving emotions or thoughts.

Infer: To deduce or conclude information based on evidence or reasoning, to reach a logical consequence or interpretation based on given premises or facts.

Insipid: Lacking flavor or taste, dull or bland, lacking in stimulating or interesting qualities, uninspiring.

Inept: Lacking skill or ability, unsuitable or inappropriate in a particular context.

Intoxicating: Causing excitement or elation, exhilarating, capable of impairing mental or physical

function, especially by alcohol or drugs.

Jaunty: Having a lively, cheerful, and self-confident manner or appearance, displaying a carefree or casual attitude, often characterized by stylishness or swagger in posture.

Jocular: Characterized by humor or jest, playful or humorous in nature, inclined to joke or jest, fond of or given to joking.

Juncture: A critical point or moment of decision or change, a point of connection or intersection, especially in physical or abstract contexts.

Jargon: Specialized language or terminology used within a particular profession, group, or field of study, obscure or technical language that may be difficult for outsiders to understand, often used to exclude or impress others within a specific community or context.

Juxtapose: To place side by side for comparison or contrast, to bring together two or more contrasting elements for the purpose of highlighting their differences or similarities.

Jovial: Cheerful and friendly in manner or disposition, full of high-spirited merriment and good humor.

Jocund: Cheerful or merry in disposition, exhibiting or expressing happiness, characterized by or suggestive of lightheartedness and joy, jovial.

Jingoism: Excessive and vociferous support for one's own country, often to the detriment of others. **Jibe:** To agree or correspond with, to be in harmony or accord, to shift or adjust the sails of a boat in order to align with the wind direction.

Jab: A quick, sharp poke or thrust, often with a pointed object, a short, brisk punch or blow, typically delivered with the fist.

Jettison: To discard or throw overboard, especially to lighten a ship's load, to abandon or cast off something, such as a plan or idea, often due to practical considerations or necessity.

Jug: A container with a narrow neck and a handle, typically used for holding liquids such as water or milk, slang term for a jail or prison.

Jumble: A disorderly mix or arrangement of things, to mix or throw together in a confused or disordered manner.

Jabber: Rapid and incoherent speech or chatter, a protocol used for instant messaging and online communication.

Jocose: Characterized by humor or jest, playful in a light-hearted manner, inclined to joke or jest, having a humorous or witty disposition.

Junket: A trip or excursion, often undertaken for pleasure or entertainment, typically funded by an organization or government, a sweet, creamy dessert made from milk, rennet, and flavorings, often served with fruit or as a topping.

Kaleidoscope: A tube-shaped optical instrument containing mirrors and loose, colored objects such as beads or glass, whose reflections produce changing symmetrical patterns when the tube is rotated, a rapidly changing sequence or pattern of elements, often characterized by vivid colors and intricate shapes.

Kudos: Praise, admiration, or recognition for achievement or excellence, honor or acclaim given to someone for their actions, accomplishments, or qualities.

Kindle: To ignite or start a fire, to light up, to inspire or arouse a feeling or emotion, often referring to enthusiasm or passion.

Kindred: Sharing similar qualities or characteristics, having a close resemblance, a group of people with a common ancestry or relation, often used to denote familial connection.

Knead: To work and press dough or clay with hands or fingers to make it smooth and elastic, to massage or manipulate with hands in a rhythmic manner, as in kneading muscles to relieve tension.

Knit: To join together by interlocking loops of yarn or thread using needles or a machine, the fabric or material created by interlocking loops of yarn or thread.

Knell: A solemn sound, especially of a bell, often indicating a death or funeral, to signal or announce something, typically negative or ominous, as if tolling a funeral bell.

Keen: Sharp or acute in perception, intellect, or emotion, eager or enthusiastic.

Kinetic: Relating to or characterized by motion or movement, pertaining to the energy possessed by a body due to its motion.

Knack: A natural talent or skill for doing something easily or efficiently, A clever or resourceful way of accomplishing a task or solving a problem.

Kleptomaniac: Someone who compulsively steals objects without regard for their value or necessity, someone suffering from a mental condition marked by the compulsive urge to steal items, often feeling a sense of relief or gratification upon doing so.

Kneel: To lower one's body onto one or both knees as a gesture of respect, submission, or reverence, to bend or rest on one or both knees, typically for a prolonged period, as an act of prayer or humility. **Labyrinth:** A complex network of interconnected passages or paths, often difficult to navigate, designed to confuse or challenge those who traverse it.

Laud: To praise or commend highly, to extol, an expression of praise or admiration.

Lampoon: A satirical piece of writing or performance that mocks or ridicules a person

, group, or institution, to publicly criticize or mock someone or something in a humorous or satirical manner.

Lackluster: Lacking brightness or brilliance, dull or unimpressive in appearance or quality, characterized by a lack of enthusiasm, energy, or excitement, uninspired.

Lucid: Clear and easily understood, rational, mentally clear and coherent, having a sharpness of mind.

Lament: A passionate expression of grief or sorrow, a mournful song, poem, or expression of sadness or regret.

Linger: To stay in a place longer than necessary or expected, to remain or persist in a state or condition, especially in one's mind or memory.

Lineage: A sequence of individuals or organisms descending from a common ancestor, the hereditary line of descent or ancestry of a person, family, or group.

Laconic: Characterized by brevity and simplicity of expression, brief or concise in speech or writing, using few words to convey much meaning.

Longevity: The duration of a person's life or the length of time that something exists or functions, the quality or state of having a long lifespan or lasting for a considerable amount of time.

Lucre: Money or profits gained through business or questionable means, material gain or wealth, often associated with greed or avarice.

Lull: A temporary period of calm or quietness, typically following a period of activity or disturbance, to soothe or calm someone or something, often by reducing activity or noise.

Lustrous: Shiny or gleaming, reflecting light brilliantly, having a radiant or polished appearance, often associated with smooth surfaces.

Lunar: Relating to or characteristic of the moon, involving or pertaining to lunar phenomena, such as lunar eclipses or phases of the moon.

Lunatic: A person who behaves erratically or irrationally, often attributed to mental instability, an outdated term referring to someone considered to be affected by periodic insanity, historically believed to be influenced by the phases of the moon.

Luminous: Emitting or reflecting light, glowing or shining, brilliantly bright or radiant, especially in appearance or expression.

Malign: To speak critically or harmfully about someone or something, to slander or defame, having an evil or harmful nature, malevolent or malicious.

Maelstrom: A powerful and turbulent whirlpool, often occurring in the sea or other bodies of water, a chaotic or tumultuous situation or event, marked by confusion and disorder.

Maverick: An independent-minded individual who tends to deviate from conventional or established norms or practices, a nonconformist or rebel who follows their own path and disregards traditional rules or expectations.

Mincing: To cut or chop into very small pieces, often with delicate or precise movements, behaving or speaking in a dainty or affected manner, often to appear more refined or delicate.

Malleable: Capable of being easily shaped or formed without breaking, able to adapt or change readily according to circumstances or influence.

Mirage: Optical illusion caused by atmospheric conditions, creating the appearance of water or objects that are not present, something illusory or deceptive, often leading to false hopes or perceptions.

Mirth: Joyous amusement or happiness, often expressed through laughter or cheerful behavior, merriment or delight, often shared in social gatherings or festive occasions.

Maudlin: Excessively sentimental or emotional, often to the point of being insincere or overly dramatic, tearfully or weakly sentimental, especially through drunkenness.

Meticulous: Showing great attention to detail, thorough and precise, careful and precise in carrying out tasks, showing scrupulous attention to detail.

Misanthrope: A person who dislikes or distrusts humanity and avoids social interactions, someone who harbors a general disdain or hatred towards people and society.

Modest: Showing humility or a lack of boastfulness, not excessively proud or arrogant, having a moderate estimation of one's abilities or achievements, not overly ambitious or self-promoting. **Mundane:** Lacking excitement or interest, ordinary, dull, relating to everyday tasks or activities,

commonplace.

Morbid: Having a fascination with or an inclination towards thoughts, actions, or topics associated with death, disease, or other unpleasant aspects of life, characterized by an unhealthy preoccupation with gruesome or disturbing subjects, particularly those related to death or decay.

Motif: A recurring theme, idea, or symbol in literature, art, or music, a distinctive feature or pattern that repeats throughout a design or composition.

Myriad: Countless or innumerable, a vast number, diverse or varied, consisting of a multitude of different elements.

Vocabulary - 2

Definition Vocabulary refers to the set of words known and used by a person in their language. It includes all the words a person understands (receptive vocabulary) and those they use in speaking or writing (expressive vocabulary).

Naive: Lacking experience, wisdom, or sophistication, showing a simple, trusting view of the world, unsuspecting or gullible, easily deceived due to lack of knowledge or awareness.

Nausea: A feeling of discomfort in the stomach, often accompanied by a sensation of wanting to vomit, an unpleasant sensation typically experienced due to motion sickness, illness, or disgust.

Novelty: Something new, original, or unusual, the quality of being fresh, inventive, or unexpected.

Nevertheless: In spite of that, however, nonetheless, notwithstanding.

Nullify: To make something ineffective or cancel its impact or significance, to render something legally void or invalid.

Nadir: The lowest point, either literally or metaphorically, in a situation or trajectory, the point directly below an observer, opposite the zenith, in astronomy or navigation.

Nostalgia: Sentimental longing for the past, often accompanied by a sense of fondness or affection, a wistful remembrance of former times, evoking emotions of homesickness or a desire to return to a previous period.

Neologism: A newly coined word or phrase, the practice or process of creating new words or expressions.

Novice: A person who is new or inexperienced in a particular activity, skill, or field, someone who lacks advanced knowledge or expertise in a given subject or task.

Nuance: A subtle difference or variation in meaning, expression, or tone, a fine detail or shade of meaning that adds complexity to a situation or conversation.

Nuptial: Relating to marriage or the wedding ceremony, connected with the state of being married or pertaining to marital unions.

Nascent: Just beginning to exist or develop, emerging, in the early stages of growth or formation, budding.

Nonchalant: Displaying or feeling a casual lack of concern, indifferent or unconcerned attitude, appearing calm and relaxed in a situation, often showing a lack of interest or enthusiasm.

Nomadic: Relating to or characteristic of a group of people who move from place to place, usually in search of food, water, or grazing land, rather than settling permanently in one location, pertaining to a lifestyle or culture marked by constant movement or wandering, often without a fixed home or residence.

Nepotism: Favoritism shown to relatives, especially in business or political appointments, the practice of giving preferential treatment to family members or friends, often without regard to their qualifications or abilities.

Nebulous: Lacking clarity or distinctness, vague, resembling a cloud or mist.

Obscure: Not easily understood or unclear, lacking prominence or visibility, to conceal or hide from view, to make unclear or ambiguous.

Onomatopoeia: Words that imitate the sound they represent, language devices that mimic sounds through their phonetic construction.

Optimist: A person who tends to see the positive aspects of situations, expecting favorable outcomes, someone who maintains a hopeful and confident outlook, even in challenging circumstances.

Offset: A deliberate adjustment made to compensate for something or to achieve balance, to counteract or counterbalance the effect of something.

Ostentatious: Displaying wealth, luxury, or extravagance in a showy or conspicuous manner,

characterized by an excessive desire to attract attention or admiration through conspicuous display or actions.

Optimal: Most favorable or desirable, best suited for a particular purpose or situation, achieving the highest level of efficiency, performance, or effectiveness.

Overshadow: To obscure or cast a shadow over something, making it seem less significant or noticeable, to dominate attention or importance, causing something else to appear less impressive or prominent.

Obnoxious: Extremely unpleasant or offensive in behavior or attitude, highly irritating or annoying, often causing discomfort or annoyance to others.

Obsolete: No longer in use or no longer relevant due to advancements or changes, outdated, superseded by newer versions or technologies.

Onslaught: A violent and intense attack or assault, often sudden and overwhelming, a relentless and forceful surge or rush, typically of something unpleasant or harmful.

Opine: To express one's opinion or belief, to offer a personal viewpoint or judgment on a matter.

Outcast: A person who has been rejected or excluded from a group or society, someone who is socially marginalized or ostracized due to their actions or beliefs.

Outstrip: To surpass or exceed in performance, achievement, or speed, to outrun or leave behind in a race or competition.

Outlandish: Conspicuously unconventional or bizarre in appearance, style, or manner, strikingly unfamiliar or strange, often to the point of being considered outrageous or eccentric.

Olfactory: Relating to the sense of smell, pertaining to or involving the perception or identification of odors.

Pedestrian: Lacking inspiration or excitement, ordinary, mundane, relating to or designed for walking.

Partial: Incomplete, showing bias or favoritism towards one side or viewpoint, a portion or fragment of something, a limited or restricted amount.

Plausible: Seemingly reasonable or believable, appearing to be true or valid, capable of being accepted or considered as possible, credible or convincing.

Paradigm: A framework or model that serves as a pattern for understanding and interpreting certain concepts or phenomena, a set of beliefs, assumptions, and practices that define a particular way of thinking within a field of study or discipline.

Paranoia: Extreme and irrational distrust or suspicion of others, a mental condition characterized by persistent fear or anxiety about perceived threats, often unfounded.

Pervasive: Existing or spreading widely throughout an area or a group, permeating or prevalent in all aspects, omnipresent.

Plethora: An excessive or overabundant amount of something, a large or excessive quantity or variety of something.

Polyglot: A person who speaks or understands multiple languages, a publication, text, or work containing several different languages.

Pastoral: Relating to the countryside or rural life, often depicting idyllic scenes of shepherds, livestock, and nature, pertaining to the spiritual guidance or care provided by a pastor or religious leader to a community or congregation.

Pathos: Emotion or experience that evokes feelings of pity or sorrow, persuasive appeal to an audience's emotions, often used in rhetoric or literature.

Pedantic: Overly concerned with minute details or formalities, often to the point of being tedious or tiresome.

Pedagogy: The art or science of teaching, including methods, strategies, and techniques employed in instruction, the practice of guiding and facilitating learning experiences, particularly within

educational settings.

Pensive: Engaged in deep, often melancholic thought, reflective, thoughtfully or dreamily engaged, often with a hint of sadness or contemplation.

Pith: The central or essential part of something, the essence or core, the soft, spongy tissue found inside the stems and branches of plants.

Pernicious: Causing insidious harm or damage, deadly or destructive.

Pungent: Having a sharply strong taste or smell, acutely distressing to the feelings or mind.

Profound: Very deep or intensely felt, penetrating beyond the superficial, having or showing great knowledge or insight.

Philanderer: A person who engages in casual or illicit romantic relationships, especially when already committed to another, one who habitually pursues romantic or sexual affairs without serious intent or commitment.

Pious: Devoutly religious, exhibiting strong reverence or dedication to religious beliefs or practices, showing earnest respect or devotion, particularly towards one's obligations or duties, often with a sense of humility and sincerity.

Pique: A sudden feeling of interest, curiosity, or excitement, often aroused by something unexpected or stimulating, a feeling of resentment or wounded pride, typically provoked by a perceived slight or offense.

Posthumous: Occurring or existing after death, particularly relating to the publication or recognition of a work or achievement, born or occurring after the death of the parent or originator.

Placid: Calm and serene, peaceful, not easily disturbed or excited, tranquil.

Perennial: Lasting or existing for a long or seemingly endless time, a plant that lives for more than two years.

Quixotic: Idealistic or romantic to a foolish or impractical degree, marked by a pursuit of lofty, noble, or chivalrous goals, often in a fanciful or impractical manner.

Quiescent: Inactive, at rest, marked by a state of tranquility or dormancy.

Quiver: To tremble or shake slightly, often due to fear, excitement, or cold, a container used for holding arrows, typically made of leather, fabric, or a similar material, and carried by archers.

Quibble: To argue or complain about minor or insignificant details, a minor objection

or criticism, especially when used to avoid addressing the main issue.

Quagmire: A soft, boggy area of land that is difficult to traverse, often characterized by mud and tangled vegetation, a complex, difficult, or hazardous situation from which it is hard to extricate oneself.

Quaint: Attractively unusual or old-fashioned in a charming way, delightfully peculiar or picturesque, often evoking a sense of nostalgia or antiquity.

Quip: A clever or witty remark, often delivered spontaneously in conversation, a brief and lighthearted verbal exchange or retort, typically humorous in nature.

Query: A formal question or inquiry, often seeking information or clarification, in database management, a request for information from a database, typically formulated using a specific query language.

Quadruped: An animal with four legs, typically used for walking or running, a creature or organism possessing four limbs for support and locomotion.

Queer: An umbrella term used to describe sexual orientations and gender identities outside of heterosexual and cisgender norms, a term sometimes reclaimed by the LGBTQ+ community to express a sense of nonconformity to traditional norms of sexuality and gender, occasionally used colloquially to express oddness or strangeness in behavior or appearance.

Querulous: Characterized by or expressing complaint, complaining, showing annoyance or irritation.

Quell: To suppress or extinguish something, such as an emotion or rebellion, to calm or pacify a feeling or disturbance.

Rampant: Growing or spreading unchecked, widespread and unrestrained, excessive or uncontrolled in occurrence.

Rapport: A harmonious and empathetic connection or relationship between individuals, a mutual understanding and affinity established through communication and shared experiences.

Raspy: Having a rough, harsh, or gravelly voice or sound, characterized by a hoarse or grating quality, often due to irritation or strain.

Reconcile: To bring into agreement or harmony, to resolve differences between conflicting ideas or beliefs, to accept or come to terms with a situation or circumstance, especially after disagreement or conflict.

Recess: A scheduled break or intermission, often in the context of school or work routines, a hidden or indented space, typically found in architecture or design.

Reckon: To consider or regard something in a particular way, to believe or judge, to calculate or estimate something, often based on existing information or intuition.

Refrain: A recurring line, phrase, or verse in a poem or song, to abstain or resist from doing something, often due to caution or restraint.

Regal: Characteristic of royalty, having an appearance or manner befitting a king or queen, of or pertaining to a monarchy, majestic or grand in a dignified manner.

Refute: To prove a statement or argument to be false or incorrect., to deny the truth or validity of a claim by presenting contrary evidence or arguments.

Reverent: Showing deep respect and admiration, especially towards something sacred or divine, marked by a humble and earnest attitude, often expressed through actions or demeanor, towards persons or things deserving honor or reverence.

Respectively: Used to indicate the particular order in which things should be considered or understood, used to specify corresponding items in the order previously mentioned.

Regale: To entertain or amuse someone with enjoyable stories, anecdotes, or experiences, to provide someone with sumptuous or delicious food or drink, often in a lavish or generous manner.

Reimburse: To repay or compensate someone for expenses incurred, to give back money to someone for expenses they have paid.

Relapse: A return to a previous state, especially a deterioration after apparent improvement, typically in the context of health or behavior, the recurrence of symptoms or a reoccurrence of a condition after a period of improvement or recovery.

Renege: To refuse or decline to honor an obligation or agreement, to backtrack or backtrack on one's word or pledge.

Reticent: Reluctant to speak or reveal one's thoughts, reserved, inclined to be silent or uncommunicative, taciturn.

Sanctimonious: Pretending to be morally superior or more righteous than others, displaying false piety or holiness, making a show of being devout or morally upright, often with an underlying sense of hypocrisy.

Sanguine: Optimistic or hopeful, especially in difficult situations, having a reddish or ruddy complexion, blood-red in color.

Scapegoat: A person or group unfairly blamed or punished for the faults or mistakes of others, an individual or entity used as a target to divert attention or blame from the real issues or perpetrators.

Scruple: A feeling of doubt or hesitation, especially due to moral or ethical concerns, a small unit of weight or measure, particularly used in apothecaries' or pharmacists' systems.

Sporadic: Occurring irregularly or infrequently, scattered in occurrence, happening occasionally and unpredictably, occurring at irregular intervals.

Scurvy: A disease caused by a deficiency of vitamin C, characterized by weakness, swollen gums, and hemorrhages under the skin, a condition resulting from a prolonged lack of fresh fruits and vegetables in the diet, leading to symptoms such as fatigue, bruising easily, and swollen joints.

Slack: A loose part of a rope or fabric that hangs without tension, a state of relaxed or reduced activity, lack of tension or urgency.

Sobriquet: A nickname or alias used to describe or identify someone, often affectionately or humorously, a descriptive term or title given to someone in place of their real name, often highlighting a characteristic or trait.

Supersede: To replace or take the place of something previously in use or authority, to surpass or exceed in importance or power, rendering something obsolete.

Stingy: Unwilling to spend or share money, overly frugal or miserly, characterized by a reluctance to give or contribute, especially when it comes to resources or generosity.

Shrewd: Demonstrating keen awareness and astuteness in making judgments or decisions, often resulting in advantageous outcomes, characterized by sharp intelligence and practical understanding, particularly in matters of business or negotiation.

Slapdash: Done hastily and carelessly, lacking attention to detail, characterized by disorder or lack of method, haphazard.

Sagacious: Having keen mental discernment, wise.

Superficial: Relating to the surface or appearance only, lacking depth or substance.

Sparse: Not thickly or closely packed together, meager.

Sober: Not under the influence of alcohol or drugs, not intoxicated, serious, solemn, or restrained in demeanor or behavior.

Stoic: A person who maintains emotional calmness and indifference to pleasure or pain, a follower of the ancient Greek philosophy of Stoicism, advocating self-control and acceptance of fate.

Tardy: Delayed or late in happening or arriving, habitually late or slow in completing tasks or attending appointments.

Teetotalism: Complete abstinence from alcoholic beverages, the practice or principle of refraining entirely from drinking alcoholic beverages.

Terse: Brief and to the point, concise in expression, using few words, devoid of unnecessary elaboration.

Threadbare: Worn-out or frayed due to excessive use or age, typically referring to fabric or clothing, lacking substance or freshness, overused to the point of being clichéd or unoriginal.

Tint: A slight coloration or hue, often added to alter the appearance of something without fully changing its original color, to apply a transparent layer of color to something, typically to enhance or modify its appearance without completely covering its surface.

Titular: Holding a title or name without necessarily possessing the associated authority or responsibilities, relating to a title or name, especially one that is ceremonial rather than functional.

Tenuous: Thin or slender in consistency or structure, lacking solidity or substantiality, weak or fragile, lacking strong support or justification.

Tirade: A prolonged, vehement speech expressing strong disapproval or criticism, an angry or abusive verbal attack characterized by a stream of harsh language or accusations.

Timely: occurring at the right moment, punctual or appropriately timed, happening in a manner that is suitable or relevant to the current situation or need.

Tyro: A beginner or novice, especially in a particular skill or field, someone lacking experience or expertise, a newcomer.

Travesty: A mockery or distorted imitation of something, often with the intent to ridicule or make light of it, a grossly inappropriate or absurd representation of something serious or noble.

Topple: To cause to fall or overthrow, especially from a position of stability or power, to collapse or

tumble down due to instability or force.

Tryst: A secret rendezvous or meeting, especially between lovers, a planned or agreed upon meeting, typically romantic, often kept discreet.

Trivia: Minor or

insignificant pieces of information, often of a factual nature, that are interesting but not particularly important, facts or details that are obscure or not widely known, typically used for entertainment or as a diversion.

Taciturn: Inclined to silence, reserved in speech.

Uncanny: Strange or eerie in a way that is unsettling or inexplicable, having an unsettling familiarity or resemblance to something familiar, yet strangely unfamiliar.

Uncouth: Lacking refinement or manners, socially awkward or coarse in behavior, rough or unpolished in appearance or demeanor, lacking sophistication or elegance.

Undermine: To weaken or sabotage someone's efforts or authority, to dig beneath or excavate the foundation of something, causing it to become unstable.

Unearthly: Relating to or characteristic of a realm beyond the ordinary physical world, supernatural or otherworldly, extremely unusual, strange, or unfamiliar, not typical of earthly existence.

Unique: Being the only one of its kind, unparalleled or incomparable, distinguished by special characteristics, not like anything else.

Underscore: a line drawn under a word or phrase for emphasis or to indicate its importance in writing or printing, to emphasize or highlight the significance of something, often by reinforcing its importance through repetition or clarification.

Ubiquitous: Present, or seeming to be present, everywhere at the same time, pervasive, widely encountered or found in various places, existing or being everywhere, especially at the same time.

Unkempt: Not properly maintained or cared for, messy or untidy in appearance, lacking neatness or order, disheveled or neglected in appearance.

Ultimatum: A final demand or proposition with a specified consequence for acceptance or rejection, a decisive statement or action signaling the end of negotiations, often with a threat of severe consequences if terms are not met.

Usury: Charging excessively high interest rates on loans, often considered exploitative, the practice of lending money at an exorbitant or illegally high rate of interest.

Urbane: Characterized by sophistication, elegance, and refined manners, polished and suave in social interactions, often associated with city life or metropolitan culture.

Usage: The manner or way in which something is used or employed, the frequency or customary practice of employing something in a particular manner or context.

Uproar: A state of loud and chaotic disturbance or commotion, often caused by a group of people expressing strong emotions or opinions, an intense outcry or uproarious expression of indignation, protest, or disagreement, typically marked by loud noise or tumult.

Unrequited: Not returned or reciprocated, especially in love or affection, describing a feeling or action that is not met with a corresponding response or outcome.

Unruly: Difficult to control or manage, disobedient or disorderly in behavior, characterized by a lack of discipline or order, wild or chaotic in nature.

Unadorned: Plain or simple, lacking decoration or embellishment, without any added ornamentation or adornments, straightforward and plain.

Venerate: To regard with deep respect or reverence, often towards something sacred or highly esteemed, to honor or worship with profound admiration, showing great reverence and esteem.

Vacillate: To waver indecisively between different options or opinions, to sway or oscillate back and forth between two choices or courses of action.

Verbose: Using or containing more words than necessary, excessively wordy, characterized by an overabundance of words or lengthy expression, often resulting in redundancy or lack of conciseness.

Viable: Capable of working successfully, feasible or practical, able to survive or grow successfully, able to live or develop.

Volatile: Liable to change rapidly and unpredictably, often used to describe substances that easily vaporize at relatively low temperatures, easily ignited or explosive, prone to sudden and violent outbursts.

Vintage: Referring to something of high quality and lasting appeal, typically associated with a particular era or period in the past, characterized by the excellence, maturity, or timeless appeal of something from a previous era, especially in relation to fashion, design, or wine.

Vexation: The state of being irritated, annoyed, or frustrated by something or someone, a source of annoyance or frustration, something that causes distress or discomfort.

Vicissitude: A change or variation occurring in the course of events or life, often marked by alternating phases or conditions, The unpredictable and fluctuating nature of circumstances or situations, typically involving successive ups and downs.

Voluble: Characterized by fluency and rapid speech, talkative or verbose, expressing oneself readily and continuously, prone to chatter.

Vociferous: Characterized by loud and persistent outcry or clamor, marked by vehement or noisy expression, often indicating strong feelings or opinions.

Vim: Lively energy or enthusiasm, vigorous vitality or spirit.

Via: By way of, through a particular route or method, a road, route, or passage leading to a destination.

Verdict: A formal decision or judgment reached by a jury or judge in a court of law, a conclusive opinion or determination reached after careful consideration of evidence or circumstances.

Whelp: An informal expression used to convey resignation, disappointment, or acceptance of a situation, a variant spelling of "well," often used in casual online communication to indicate a transition in thought or conversation.

Winnow: To separate grain from chaff by allowing the wind or a current of air to blow away the lighter particles, to sift through or select carefully, typically to separate what is valuable or desirable from what is not.

Woeful: Full of sorrow or distress, characterized by misery or sadness, extremely unsatisfactory or inadequate, dismal or lamentable in quality or quantity.

Writ: A formal written order issued by a court, commanding or authorizing a specific action, A piece of written material, a written document, often of a legal or formal nature.

Wrongheaded: Characterized by stubbornly holding onto incorrect beliefs or ideas despite evidence or reasoning suggesting otherwise, marked by a misguided or faulty approach to problem-solving or decision-making.

Withstand: To endure or resist the force or pressure exerted upon something, to remain firm or intact despite adverse conditions or challenges.

Whimsical: Playfully quaint or fanciful, often with a touch of unpredictability, characterized by spontaneous or capricious behavior, driven by fleeting thoughts or impulses.

Waive: To voluntarily relinquish or give up a right, claim, or privilege, to refrain from enforcing a rule or requirement for a particular circumstance or individual.

Wary: Cautious and alert, especially in the face of potential danger or deception, showing a reluctance to trust or engage fully, often due to suspicion or uncertainty.

Wean: To gradually accustom an infant or young animal to no longer depend on its mother's milk for nourishment, to gradually detach or withdraw someone from a habit, practice, or dependency. **Xenial:** Related to hospitality towards guests, friendly relations between host and guest.

Xenophobia: Fear or hatred of strangers or foreigners, intense or irrational dislike of people from other countries.

Xenophile: A person who is attracted to foreign peoples, cultures, or customs.

Xylophone: A musical instrument with a series of wooden bars of varying lengths, struck with mallets to produce sounds.

Xeric: Characterized by or adapted to a dry environment, having very little moisture.

Xenogenesis: The production of offspring that is markedly different from either parent, especially through genetic engineering or hybridization, in science fiction, the process of an alien species reproducing with another species, typically humans, to produce a hybrid offspring.

Yen: A strong desire or craving, the official currency of Japan.

Yoke: A device for joining together a pair of draft animals, especially oxen, usually consisting of a crosspiece with two bow-shaped pieces encircling the necks of the animals, a symbol of servitude or bondage, representing an oppressive force that is difficult to escape.

Yield: To produce or provide (as in crops or profits), to give way or surrender to another.

Yokel: A person from a rural area, often considered unsophisticated, a naive or gullible inhabitant of a countryside, lacking urban sophistication.

Yeoman: A servant in a royal or noble household, ranking above a common servant but below a gentleman, a farmer owning and cultivating a small landed estate, a freeholder.

Zealous: Showing great energy or enthusiasm in pursuit of a cause or an objective, ardently active, devoted, or diligent.

Zenith: The highest point or peak of something, the point in the sky directly above an observer.

Zen: A form of Buddhism emphasizing meditation and intuition rather than ritual worship or study of scriptures, a state of calm

attentiveness in which one's actions are guided by intuition rather than by conscious effort.

Zeal: Enthusiastic devotion to a cause, fervent interest in pursuit of something.

Zest: Great enthusiasm and energy, the outer peel of citrus fruit, used as flavoring.

Zephyr: A gentle, mild breeze, a light article of clothing for warm weather.