

Group 1	
abound	be present in large quantities
amorphous	lacking structure; unclear
austere	1. (of a person) strict and stern in character 2. (of living conditions) lacking luxury; extremely harsh
belie	give a false impression of; mask
capricious	having varying moods; fickle
cerebral	1. related to the brain 2. intellectual; focused on learning rather than emotion
congenial	1. (of a person) likable and friendly, often due to shared interests 2. (of a thing) enjoyable because it aligns with one's tendencies
conspicuous	easily noticed; obvious
cursory	lacking effort; without care
daunting	scary or frightening; (of a task) seeming impossible
deify	look up to someone or something as a god
didactic	meant for teaching; educational, sometimes in a condescending manner
disseminate	distribute or circulate broadly
feasible	likely to be achieved; practical
flout	break a rule without guilt
homogeneous	composed of similar parts; alike
humdrum	boring; unlikely to excite
insipid	without flavor; lacking energy
loquacious	likely to talk a lot; wordy
misanthropic	having a distaste for humans and society
misnomer	a misleading or inaccurate name
negligent	lacking care or attention
obsequious	excessively submissive to authority
placate	decrease someone's anger or other negative emotion
proclivity	a fondness or liking for something
puerile	immature and childish
quixotic	excessively visionary; unfeasible
spendthrift	someone who spends money recklessly
taciturn	of few words; speaking little
wary	exercising caution; careful

Group 2	
adulterate	damage the quality of; corrupt
advocate	support; be in favor of someone who supports a cause, organization, or person
aggrandize	enhance one's power or standing
alacrity	eagerness to do something
ambivalent	having conflicting emotions; unsure
ameliorate	improve a bad feeling or bad situation
amenable	(of a person) receptive to change; open (of a thing) responsive to
anachronistic	of the wrong time or era
audacious	1. bold; unafraid of risks 2. rude; exhibiting disrespect
avaricious	greedy; always wanting more
banal	unoriginal and dull; lacking creativity
benign	1. harmless; having little effect 2. (of a person's character) kind hearted; nice
brazen	shameless and excessively forward
calumny	slander and defamation
candid	honest; without deception
castigate	scold someone harshly
caustic	1. (of speech) hostile and bitter 2. (of a chemical) corrosive; acidic
construe	understand something subjectively
contrite	feeling regretful or guilty
convoluted	difficult to understand or follow.
covet	strongly desire; yearn for
craven	lacking bravery; weak-kneed
decorum	politeness and proper behavior
deft	highly proficient; skilled
demur	1. hesitate or object; express doubt 2. hesitation
derivative	based on someone else's work (often used in a negative sense)
desiccate	dry out; remove all moisture
diatribe	an angry rant; verbal abuse
incredulous	doubtful and disbelieving
ingenuous	naive and lacking experience

Group 3	
abate	decrease in intensity; lessen
abjure	strongly reject (an idea); forgo
anomalous	differing from what is normal; atypical
antipathy	profound hostility or hatred
arcane	comprehended by very few people; secret
arduous	very challenging; needing great effort
artless	1. naive; inexperienced 2. plain and simple 3. lacking skill
ascetic	1. (of a lifestyle) very strict and lacking luxury 2. someone who adopts an ascetic lifestyle
assuage	1. decrease a negative feeling 2. fulfill a certain desire
betray	unknowingly disclose or reveal
bucolic	associated with tranquil rural life
burgeon	quickly increase or grow; skyrocket
cacophonous	extremely noisy; grating
canonize	treat like a god; deeply venerate
censure	strongly criticize or disapprove
chicanery	using deception to attain a certain goal
coalesce	bring elements together; unite
cogent	persuasive and clear; compelling
compelling	1. persuasive and clear 2. attracting interest; fascinating
contend	1. argue a certain point of view; assert 2. compete 3. struggle or attempt to overcome something
copious	existing in great supply; abundant
cosmopolitan	1. (of a city) highly diverse 2. (of a person) sophisticated and urbane
deference	high regard and respect; esteem
desultory	unplanned; without enthusiasm
diffident	reserved or shy; without confidence
dilatory	slow and unhurried; meant to stall
equivocate	speak evasively; avoid taking a stance
polarize	separate into two opposing groups
prodigal	1. carelessly wasteful; extravagant 2. a person who is excessively wasteful
verbose	excessively talkative; wordy

Group 4	
abstain	avoid taking part in something
approbation	appreciation toward someone
cherish	greatly love or protect something
corroborate	lend support to; bolster
disparate	different or contrasting
emulate	imitate someone or something
enervate	sap the energy out of someone; fatigue
ephemeral	extremely short lasting
fervid	excessively energetic or eager
garrulous	tending to talk too much; wordy
incendiary	provocative; causing conflict
inimical	damaging; hostile in manner or tone
intimate	subtly suggest or imply
invigorate	provide energy or vitality to
mitigate	diminish negative feelings or situation
obsolete	no longer useful; outmoded
opaque	1. unclear; hard to comprehend 2. not able to be seen through
paradigmatic	representing the standard example
pedantic	overly concerned with (minor) details
placid	calm; free from activity or irritation
polemical	giving a strong, controversial opinion
precipitate	1. cause to happen 2. done quickly or suddenly
profundity	great wisdom or intelligence
prophetic	able to correctly predict the future
prudent	wise in decision-making
punctilious	highly concerned with details or manners
recondite	obscure and difficult to understand
scrupulous	1. careful with details 2. possessing moral integrity
tranquil	peaceful; free from activity
vacillate	go back and forth with one's view

Group 5	
aloof	not warm or friendly; impersonal
clangor	a disturbingly loud noise
conventional	adhering to established practices or accepted standards
debunk	prove a belief or idea false
diminutive	exceptionally small in size or stature
discernible	able to be recognized or understood
enigmatic	hard to understand; mysterious
estranged	emotionally distanced from someone
extravagant	excessive, especially in terms of cost
fanciful	highly imaginative; unrealistic
frivolous	1. lacking in seriousness or importance; silly 2. (of a person) not taking things seriously
heterogeneous	composed of varying, diverse elements
imperious	having an arrogant or domineering manner
impertinent	1. disrespectful or inappropriate 2. irrelevant or unrelated to something
invasive	1. infringing on others privacy 2. spreading rapidly and causing harm
irresolute	uncertain or lacking determination
laudable	worthy of admiration or praise
lax	not diligent or careful; casual
marginalize	treat someone or something as insignificant
panache	a stylish and confident manner
plodding	moving slowly or laboriously
prosaic	straightforward; unoriginal; unimaginative
remedial	serving to correct or cure something
restive	demonstrating difficulty in staying still
sporadic	happening occasionally and irregularly
stigmatize	label or mark as disgraceful
undermine	weaken or sabotage, often subtly
utterly	weaken or sabotage, often subtly
weary	feeling tired or exhausted
zealous	intensely passionate

Group 6	
admonish	1. scold someone seriously 2. give someone urgent advice
aesthetic	pertaining to beauty or the appreciation thereof
affectation	a pretense or show meant to impress others
alleviate	lessen the intensity or severity of something negative
analogous	comparable or similar to
bolster	lend support or boost
chauvinistic	excessively patriotic or biased in favor of a group or cause
connoisseur	a discerning expert in matters of taste
dissemble	hide or misrepresent one's true feelings or beliefs
dogged	demonstrating tenacity and an unwillingness to give up
dupe	trick or fool someone
empirical	based on observation or experience rather than conjecture
engender	produce or stimulate the development of something
entitled	assuming oneself to be deserving of special rights or privileges
pertinacious	stubbornly holding onto a belief or course of action
presumptuous	overstepping boundaries, often in an overconfident way
probity	the characteristic of having strong ethical standards
proliferate	rapidly increase or multiply in number
specious	seemingly reasonable but actually wrong
spurious	not genuine; bogus
subjective	pertaining to personal feelings rather than objective reality
subvert	undermine or weaken, typically an authority of some sort
timorous	displaying nervousness; lacking confidence
tortuous	1. marked by numerous twists or turns 2. overly complicated and long
tractable	1. easily managed or controlled 2. (of a situation) easy to solve or handle
transient	not lasting, enduring, or permanent; transitory
ubiquitous	being everywhere at once
underscore	emphasize or show the importance of something
venal	open to bribery or corruption
venerate	regard with deep respect or reverence

Group 7	
appease	1. calm someone down 2. satisfy a demand or desire
arbitrary	determined by chance, not reason
archaic	ancient or outmoded; out of date
clamorous	characterized by extremely loud noise
dearth	lack of something in a particular area
explicable	able to be explained or understood
hyperbole	exaggeration to make a point or be funny
immutable	not capable of being changed
indefatigable	highly determined; resistant to tiring out
indolent	habitually lazy; averse to activity
insular	limited in outlook or experience; narrow
intransigent	refusing to compromise; stubborn
intrepid	resolutely fearless; brave
irreverent	lacking proper respect or seriousness
loathe	dislike greatly, often with disgust
malign	1. evil and harmful 2. speak about someone in a bitter and critical manner
malleable	changeable or flexible; capable of being influenced
neophyte	an amateur or novice in a field
plastic	1. capable of being molded; flexible 2. artificial; unnatural
platitude	a trite or banal remark or statement
prescient	possessing foresight of upcoming events
pristine	in its original, unspoiled state
reproach	express criticism towards; reprimand
robust	1. capable of surviving despite adverse conditions 2. (of an object, person, or organization) strong and powerful
salubrious	1. promoting health or well-being 2. (of a place or accommodation) pleasant
sanction	1. authorize; permit 2. penalize; punish
sedulous	paying attention to details; diligent
soporific	causing sleep or lethargy
stern	hard, harsh, or severe in manner
tendentious	biased toward a particular view, often a provocative one

Group 8	
accentuate	give emphasis or draw attention to something
conjectural	pertaining to a guess or inference made with limited data
convivial	demonstrating a jovial nature or a fondness for festivities and companionship
decadent	displaying excessive indulgence, sometimes to a morally degenerate extent
egregious	remarkably bad or shocking, to a conspicuous degree
evanescent	vanishing or fading away quickly, like mist or a phantom
flamboyant	characterized by a showy, confident, or audacious display
forestall	prevent something by taking strategic action in advance
gainsay	deny or refute an assertion or argument
galvanize	inspire or stir up to action or heightened activity
indiscriminate	lacking selectivity or judgment, often with potentially harmful effects
innocuous	harmless, having no ill effect
momentary	lasting for a brief moment or interval
mundane	commonplace or ordinary, lacking excitement
nettlesome	causing irritation or annoyance
nullify	To render ineffective, cancel out or invalidate.
obviate	sidestep or bypass a potential problem or difficulty
omnipresent	existing or seeming to exist everywhere at once
oust	displace or eject from a position or place
palpable	displace or eject from a position or place
perfidy	act of betrayal or unfaithfulness
profuse	abundant, plentiful, or occurring in large amounts
pugnacious	quick to engage in a conflict or argument; combative
sagacious	demonstrating wisdom or sound judgment
sanguine	cheerfully optimistic, particularly in a difficult situation
scant	hardly sufficient, meager, or minimal
skullduggery	sneaky or dishonest actions
trivial	of minor significance or value
utilitarian	emphasizing practicality and functionality over aesthetics
vapid	uninteresting, lacking flavor or spark

Group 9	
boorish	rude or unrefined in manners or behavior
brook	to tolerate or endure something, especially an annoyance
circumspect	cautious or wary, especially when considering potential consequences
comity	a courteous harmony or mutual respect toward others
commensurate	comparable in size, extent, or degree; proportionate
cordial	characterized by warmth and sincerity
deleterious	having a harmful effect
dichotomy	a split into two contrasting or opposite parts
edify	enlighten or uplift through knowledge; teach
elicit	extract a reply or action; provoke
erudite	possessing great knowledge, typically from study or research
fecund	fertile or highly productive
feeble	weak; deficient in strength
felicitous	1. well-suited or apt 2. causing delight or satisfaction
forbear	refrain or abstain from doing something
haphazard	lacking clear planning, order, or direction
hodgepodge	a mixture or assortment of different things
impede	obstruct or hinder progress
impetuous	rash or hasty in action or decision
irascible	easily angered or irritated
mercenary	motivated primarily by a desire for monetary or material gain
meticulous	exhibiting great care to detail
mordant	biting or sharply critical in thought or expression
outstrip	surpass or do better than
precarious	uncertain and likely to cause danger
quirky	unusual in an endearing or peculiar way
repudiate	reject or refute
tact	skill in handling difficult situations without causing offense
trifling	lacking significance or importance
turbulent	full of conflict or chaos

Group 10	
acumen	quickness and keenness in understanding and judgment
antithesis	the direct opposite or contrast
ascribe	attribute or credit something to a particular cause or source
befuddled	confused, bewildered, or perplexed
eschew	intentionally avoid or abstain from
esoteric	understood by few or a small group of people
evasive	indirect or not straightforward; avoiding confrontation
exculpate	clear from blame or guilt
expedite	accelerate or speed up a process or action
fastidious	showing great care and attention to detail; hard to please
feign	pretend or simulate
furtive	sneaky or secretive, especially due to guilt
hamper	obstruct or hinder progress
indispensable	completely necessary; essential
lament	express deep sorrow or regret
myopic	short-sighted; lacking creativity
nonchalant	appearing casually calm or indifferent
partial	prejudiced or biased toward one side
pensive	deep in thought
portend	indicate or warn that something, often unpleasant, is going to happen
provincial	narrow in perspective; not sophisticated
rudimentary	basic or elementary; in the earliest stages of development
salutary	beneficial, especially in promoting health or well-being
sever	cut off or put an end to
slight	treat with disrespect or neglect; insult
somnolent	sleepy or drowsy
stoic	unaffected by pain or distress; showing no emotion
supersede	replace or take the place of
tout	promote or praise energetically
wane	decrease in power, size, or intensity

Group 11	
abhor	detest or regard with deep hatred
boisterous	energetic, noisy, and lively
chivalrous	honorable and polite
churlish	rude or lacking good manners
clandestine	secretive; avoiding attention
complacent	smugly self-satisfied, often without awareness of potential dangers
cumbersome	large, heavy, slow or complicated
debilitating	weakening or impairing strength
deliberate	1. think over or discuss carefully 2. intentional
droll	amusing in a quirky or unusual way
eccentric	deviating from conventional behavior; quirky
fractious	quarrelsome and irritable; unruly
limpid	clear, transparent, or easy to understand
mawkish	overly sentimental in a way that seems exaggerated or insincere
obeisance	reverence for an individual
ostentatious	showy or designed to impress
panacea	a perfect cure for something
perfunctory	done without enthusiasm or effort;
perilous	risky and hazardous
pervasive	spreading quickly and in great numbers
preclude	prevent something from occurring
predilection	preference or bias towards something
rapacious	very greedy
relish	take great pleasure or delight in
satirical	using humor or irony to criticize or mock
sham	fake; not genuine
skirt	go around or avoid something, especially an issue or obstacle
sluggish	lacking energy; slow and listless
spartan	marked by simplicity, frugality, and avoidance of luxury
truculent	aggressively combative or confrontational

Group 12	
acrimonious	bitter and sharp in language or tone
belligerent	argumentative, threatening, or aggressive
beneficent	kind and charitable, producing good results or benefits
canny	shrewd and cautious
cavalier	exhibiting an overly casual attitude; unconcerned
distressed	experiencing nervousness, irritation, or sadness
dwindling	decreasing steadily in size or quantity
eclipse	overshadow or surpass
encyclopedic	thorough; comprehensive in scope
exacerbate	make a situation or condition worse
exasperated	severely irritated or angry
fungible	interchangeable for another item of a similar type
hackneyed	lacking creativity; derivative and overused
incongruous	out of place; lacking harmony
interchangeable	capable of being used in place of each other
laconic	economical with words; quiet and reserved
lucrative	producing a significant amount of money
magisterial	1. possessing great authority 2. exercising authority in an excessive manner
onerous	involving a heavy burden; challenging or difficult
opprobrium	severe criticism or public shame
parsimonious	extremely frugal or stingy
peripheral	of marginal importance; minor
provocative	causing outrage or irritation, often intentionally
renounce	reject or give up
tempestuous	1. (of emotions or actions) unrestrained and turbulent 2. (of weather) extremely stormy
tenable	(of an idea or method) justifiable and rational
transgression	a violation of a law, rule, or social norm
urbane	refined, sophisticated, and courteous
verisimilitude	appearance or semblance of truth or reality; believability.
vitiate	impair or corrupt the quality of something

Group 13	
affinity	1. a natural liking or connection to a person, thing, or idea 2. a similarity between two things
altruistic	showing generosity and concern for the welfare of others
baroque	overly detailed or ornamental
byzantine	overly complex or intricate
compromise	weaken or diminish in quality, character, or value
conciliatory	intended to appease or calm someone down
countenance	1. accept or permit 2. the look of a person's face or expression
covert	hidden or concealed; not openly practiced
credible	able to be trusted; persuasive
diffuse	1. spread or disperse widely 2. scattered over a large area
documentary	based on or reproducing real events or facts
exhaustive	thorough and comprehensive
exhilarating	intensely exciting
extraneous	lacking relevance; unnecessary
fervor	intense enthusiasm toward something
futile	incapable of resulting in anything worthwhile
illusory	unreal or based on illusion
invidious	1. likely to cause resentment or envy 2. unfair; prejudiced against someone or something
lethargic	sluggish; tired
metaphorical	symbolic rather than literal
mimic	to imitate or copy someone or something
numinous	having a spiritual or divine quality
obscure	1. not clearly expressed or understood 2. making something unclear and vague
overt	open and observable; not hidden or secret
pellucid	1. transparently clear in meaning or style 2. (of a body of water or substance) transparent and clear
perpetuate	make (something) continue for an indefinite time
rational	based on clear thought or reason
scathing	harshly or bitterly critical; vitriolic
subtle	delicate or slight; not obvious
superficial	1. existing, occurring, or located on the surface 2. not profound or thorough

Group 14	
acquiesce	agree or consent quietly without objection
adroit	deft, dexterous, or skillful
amend	make changes to a document, law, or statement, usually to improve it
animus	strong dislike or enmity; hostile attitude
apologist	a person who defends or supports something that is being criticized
astringent	sharp or harsh in demeanor or style
collaborate	1. work together on a project 2. cooperate deviously with an enemy
competent	having sufficient skill, knowledge, ability, or qualifications
correlate	show a mutual relationship or connection between two or more things
deride	ridicule or mock
dictate	give orders or commands
discreet	respectful of privacy or secrecy; inconspicuous
divorced	separate from something that was previously connected
elitist	1. a person who believes in the rule of an elite or privileged group 2. believing oneself or a group to be superior to others
exacting	requiring a lot of care, effort, or attention
flummoxed	completely unable to understand; bewildered
fruitful	producing good or abundant results
inborn	present from birth; innate
polymath	a person with extraordinarily broad and comprehensive knowledge
reticent	keeping one's thoughts and opinions to oneself; reserved or restrained
stringent	strict or severe; tight
subservient	1. obedient to an authority or other people 2. less important; inferior to
surreptitious	done secretly or stealthily
tantalizing	arousing desire or interest without fulfillment
tantamount	equivalent in effect or value
torpor	a state of apathy or lethargy
trenchant	keen and biting; vigorously articulate
umbrage	a feeling of anger or annoyance caused by something offensive
versatile	having varied uses or many functions; capable of doing many things
wayward	obstinate, contrary and unpredictable

Group 15	
alienate	make someone feel isolated and estranged
apathy	lack of interest or enthusiasm towards something
apropos	appropriate or relevant to the situation.
apt	1. suitable or appropriate 2. having a tendency toward something 3. quick to learn
cloak	conceal or disguise
consensus	general agreement among the members of a group
distort	give a false or misleading account of
divergent	growing further apart; disagreeing
elated	very happy or proud
enchant	capture the attention or to charm
entrenched	firmly ingrained and unlikely to change
exotic	foreign, especially in an exciting way
exploitative	taking unfair advantage of a person, group, or situation
foreseeable	able to be predicted or expected
forsake	abandon or give up
gratify	please or satisfy; make content
heed	mind or regard with care; pay attention
judicious	having, characterized by, or done with good judgment or sound thinking
lucid	clear and easy to understand
pertinent	important with regard to (a subject or matter); pertaining; relevant
propriety	conformity to established standards of good or proper behavior
scintillating	brilliantly or impressively clever, exciting, amusing or witty
sensational	exaggerated for effect, often sacrificing accuracy
sophisticated	1. experienced, worldly, or cultured 2. advanced or intricate, often in tech
strife	conflict or struggle
understated	expressed in a subtle, restrained, or low-key manner
unscrupulous	without moral principles
veracity	conformity to truth or accuracy
virulent	extremely hostile or malicious; intensely acrimonious
volatile	likely to change unpredictably and quickly (usually for the worse)

Group 16	
antedate	occur before (something) in time
banish	expel from a place, especially as punishment; get rid of
bridle	control or restrain
comply	obey someone's rules or wishes; meet certain standards
crestfallen	disappointed, dispirited, or depressed
curtail	restrict or limit; decrease in quantity
elucidate	make clear; clarify or shed light on
evade	1. avoid or escape from, typically in a cunning way 2. deflect from giving a clear answer
feckless	without skill, ineffective, incompetent
fester	(of a negative feeling or a problem) worsen, especially due to lack of attention
iconoclastic	challenging or overthrowing tradition or established beliefs
immure	imprison or isolate
improvise	create something spontaneously without preparation
inhibit	make difficult to accomplish; act as an obstacle
inscrutable	not easily understood; mysterious
lionize	treat someone as a celebrity or hero
monotonous	lacking in variety, repetitively dull
peculiar	strange or unusual; specific to a particular place or group
premeditate	consider or plan beforehand
profligate	inclined to waste resources or behave extravagantly
reconcile	bring back or return to harmony; restore a relationship
refine	1. purify; bring to a pure state 2. improve in accuracy or excellence
relinquish	give up or release a claim, right, or possession
ruminate	meditate or reflect; ponder over
skittish	easily scared or startled; timid; difficult to control
superfluous	more than is necessary; excessive
synoptic	providing a general overview or summary
thorough	careful and complete concerning every detail
visionary	showing foresight or imagination
vociferous	expressing opinions or feelings loudly and forcefully

Group 17	
acclaim	1. praise with great approval 2. enthusiastic approval
ascertain	find out or learn with certainty
assertive	confident and direct in claiming one's rights or expressing ideas
bogus	fake or fraudulent
cataclysmic	causing great disruption or upheaval
circumscribe	limit or restrict something narrowly
complementary	enhancing or perfecting when combined with something else
contentious	causing or likely to provoke disagreement
disingenuous	pretending to be sincere or straightforward
divulge	disclose or reveal information
dogmatic	insisting on one's ideas without being open to others'
fallacious	false or mistaken
foolhardy	recklessly daring; careless
hinder	obstruct or delay progress
impair	weaken or affect negatively
impugn	challenge the truth or honesty of something
incessant	constant or unending (of something bad or unpleasant)
inclined	feeling a tendency or preference towards
inveterate	deep-rooted or long-established
miserly	reluctant to spend or share; greedy
patent	clear or obvious
petulant	irritable or impatient, especially over minor issues
pithy	expressing ideas in a concise, meaningful manner
pliant	flexible or easily influenced
sanctimonious	giving the impression that one is morally superior
sound	based on reason, sense, or judgment
tarnish	compromise, damage, or sully
tepid	exhibiting little passion or eagerness; lukewarm
upbraid	criticize or scold severely
vexation	the state of being irritated or incensed

Group 18	
abet	assist or encourage, usually in wrongdoing
accessible	clear; capable of being understood
acquisitive	eager to acquire and possess things
amalgamate	merge or combine two or more things
attenuate	weaken or lessen in force or thickness
augment	increase or make larger
aversion	an intense or definite dislike
blithe	showing indifference
contempt	the feeling or attitude of regarding someone or something as inferior
dawdle	move slowly and without purpose
deflect	change the direction or course of something; make someone deviate
discount	regard something as being unimportant or incorrect
dissident	one who disagrees or opposes authority
efficacious	producing the desired effect; successful
equitable	characterized by fairness and justice
erratic	unpredictable and inconsistent
industrious	hard-working and persistent
inform	give form or character to something or someone
irksome	causing annoyance or irritation
manacle	(used figuratively) restrain, limit, or secure something
modest	1. unassuming about one's abilities or not boastful 2. limited in quantity or amount
noxious	harmful; injurious
pernicious	causing harm in a subtle way; deadly
predicament	a challenging or awkward situation
proficient	good at something; skilled
prolix	using an excessive amount of words; long-winded
scorn	1. express strong disapproval or contempt for 2. a feeling or display of contempt or disdain
subordinate	1. having a lower rank; less important 2. treat as of less value or importance 3. a person who is under or less important than another
unseemly	not proper or in good taste
veritable	(used to emphasize something) true; genuine

Group 19	
acolyte	a person who assists or follows another person or cause
anoint	appoint or designate for a particular role or purpose
base	lacking principles; morally wrong
coercion	the act of persuading or forcing someone to do something using threats or violence
coin	invent or devise a new word or phrase
cunning	showing skill in achieving one's ends through deceit or evasion
discomfit	make someone feel uneasy or embarrassed
dissent	1. hold or express an opinion that varies from a prevailing or official position 2. difference of opinion or disagreement
distill	extract the most important information from something
dubious	1. (of a person's feeling) suspicious of 2. (of a thing or concept) not to be relied upon
ebullient	cheerful and joyful
facetious	treating serious issues with inappropriate humor
fallible	capable of making an error
florid	excessively complicated; including too many details
gawky	awkward or clumsy
inveigle	persuade someone to do something using flattery or deception
jettison	abandon or discard (something that is no longer needed)
mendacity	dishonesty
munificent	more generous than is usual or necessary
naive	showing a lack of experience or judgment
noble	having high moral qualities or principles
parochial	having a limited perspective; narrow-minded
pedestrian	lacking imagination or excitement; ordinary
prevaricate	evade or dodge the truth by being evasive
prime	1. prepare something for use or action 2. of primary importance; major
radical	1. far-reaching; major 2. a person advocating thorough or complete social or political reform
recrudescent	breaking out again; reviving
temporal	1. relating to time 2. relating to worldly rather than spiritual matters
transitory	not permanent; temporary
viable	capable of working or succeeding; feasible

Group 20	
abreast	informed or familiar about a particular topic
confound	perplex or puzzle someone
digression	an aside that strays from the main subject
discrepancy	a difference between two or more things that should be the same
duplicitous	deceptive in speech or action
expedient	affording short-term benefits, often at the expense of the long-term
fabricate	invent in order to deceive
glum	appearing or feeling sad or despondent
harbinger	a person or thing that foreshadows or foretells the coming of someone or something
intrinsic	belonging to the essential nature of a thing
largesse	the trait of being willing to donate money or resources; generosity
libertine	someone loose in morals; a pleasure-seeker
malfeasance	wrongdoing or misconduct, especially by a public official
manifest	1. be revealed; show plainly 2. obvious; not obscure or hidden
minute	very small
modish	in the current fashion or style
nascent	in the process of emerging, being born, or starting to develop
perennial	lasting or remaining active throughout the year, or all the time
pious	1. deeply devout; exhibiting religious devotion 2. making a show of one's own virtue
providential	happening at a fortunate or opportune time
prowess	skillfulness and dexterity
schism	a split or separation within a group or organization
slander	baselessly speak ill of someone or something
stalwart	determined; staunch
supplicate	make a humble request; beg or beseech
terse	brief and to the point
tirade	a prolonged, vehement speech or criticism
universal	applicable or common to all purposes, conditions, or situations
vanquish	defeat completely
woeful	1. very sad 2. very bad; awful

Group 21	
abject	most unfortunate or miserable
amicable	characterized by goodwill and friendliness
animosity	strong hostility or resentment
aver	assert with confidence
barrage	an overwhelming concentration of something, typically hostile words
cathartic	that which releases emotional tension
decipher	decode or determine the meaning of something that is difficult to understand
delusion	a belief that is not true or is founded on false premises
dispense	1. issue, distribute, or give out 2. do without or get rid of
eloquent	fluently persuasive and articulate
enthrall	captivate or charm
eradicate	eliminate or destroy completely
fledgling	untried or inexperienced; emergent or rising
fortitude	mental strength and courage that allows one to face challenges
fortuitous	happening by chance, especially a lucky chance
goad	incite or provoke
imminent	about to happen soon
incontrovertible	undeniable; impossible to dispute
itinerant	habitually traveling from place to place
magnanimous	noble and generous in spirit
meritorious	deserving of merit or commendation; deserving reward
mutiny	a rebellion against authority; violent strife
paradoxical	seemingly contradictory but nonetheless possibly true
perseverance	persistence in an action or belief despite difficulties or opposition
render	make or provide
repertoire	the collection of skills, methods, or performances that one is ready to use
resilient	able to recover quickly from difficult situations
resolute	firmly determined or unwavering
supple	pliant, flexible, or easy to bend
valor	strength of mind in the face of danger; bravery

Group 22	
arresting	attracting attention or striking
chastise	criticize harshly
cumbersome	large, heavy, slow or complicated
economy	frugal or effective use of resources or words
elementary	basic and fundamental
embellish	1. make more beautiful or attractive by adding ornamentation 2. making something sound or look better than it is in reality
euphoric	intensely happy or excited
exonerate	clear from accusation or blame
extrapolate	predict by projecting past experience or data
falter	weaken or waver, especially in the face of difficulty; hesitate
fervent	exhibiting enthusiasm and zeal
foment	incite or cause troublesome acts; encourage
gaffe	a foolish and embarrassing error, especially a public one
heterodox	deviating from what is acceptable or commonly believed
histrionic	overly dramatic or emotional
implicit	suggested though not directly expressed
inviolate	not violated; free from hurt of any kind
liability	something or someone that creates a risk or disadvantage
obstinate	stubbornly adhering to an opinion, purpose, or cause
painstaking	done with careful attention to detail
phlegmatic	calm and unemotional disposition
prodigious	impressively large in size or extent
propensity	an inclination or tendency to behave or think in a certain way
qualm	a feeling of apprehension or doubt
renege	fail to fulfill a promise or obligation
stint	supply an insufficient amount of something
temper	to moderate or neutralize something
tentative	uncertain; subject to future change
unprecedented	never before seen, done or experienced
vivacious	lively and animated in spirit

Group 23	
allusive	making indirect references or hints
astute	having the ability to notice and understand things clearly
commence	begin or start
convalescent	recovering from illness or treatment
curb	restrict or control
decry	publicly criticize or condemn
duress	compulsion by threat or force
evoke	bring to mind or produce a reaction
fawn	display exaggerated affection or flattery, usually to gain favor
fret	be constantly or visibly worried or anxious
glib	fluent but insincere and shallow
headstrong	determined to have one's own way; stubborn
intermittent	occurring at irregular intervals; not continuous
ire	anger or wrath
languid	1. casual and relaxed; slow 2. weak from disease or weariness
lull	1. weak from disease or weariness 2. a brief pause or delay in activity
mettlesome	spirited and brave
mollify	calm or reduce the anger or anxiety of someone
neutralize	counteract or cancel the effect of something
nonplussed	unsure about what to say or do; confused
precipitous	1. extremely steep 2. (of an action) done quickly and without care
pretentious	attempting to impress by affecting greater importance than is actually possessed
profound	(of a person or idea) having deep insight or knowledge
propagate	spread or promote widely
recourse	a source of help or strategies used in a difficult situation
refute	prove to be wrong or false
regress	prove to be wrong or false
repercussion	an unintended consequence of an event or action
replenish	fill something up again
vigilant	keeping careful watch for dangers or difficulties

Group 24	
assail	attack physically or verbally
benevolent	showing kindness or goodwill
berate	scold or criticize harshly
buoyant	lighthearted and lively; having a cheerful attitude
buttress	support or reinforce
condone	forgive, excuse, or overlook
contravene	go against or violate a rule, law, or convention
denounce	criticize or speak out against
despotic	of a ruler with absolute power; tyrannical
deviate	go off course from; stray from some norm
disinterested	unbiased
escalate	increase or intensify
exorcize	drive out (such as an evil spirit or some other thing) from a person, place, or thing
finicky	fussy or hard to please
foil	prevent (something) from being accomplished
intertwined	twisted or linked closely together
inundate	flood or overwhelm
ironclad	unbreakable or extremely strong
jeopardize	put in danger; threaten
mercurial	having a volatile character; fickle
oblivious	not aware of or not noticing something
perpetrate	commit something (often a crime); carry out
plaintive	expressing sorrow or melancholy
poignant	emotionally moving
quiescent	being at rest; inactive or quiet
reiterate	say or do again, multiple times
subside	become lower; decrease; become less intense
subsume	include or contain something else
surmount	overcome something, typically a challenge
tangential	only superficially relevant

Group 25	
adept	well skilled; completely versed
adverse	unfavorable or opposed to one's interests or desire
appropriate	1. take something forcefully, usually without the owner's agreement 2. suitable or fit for a situation
archetype	a typical example of something
articulate	able to express ideas or feelings fluently and clearly
auspicious	favorable and indicative of good luck
bereft	lacking or mourning something or someone
captious	fault-finding (especially petty ones)
conclusive	without doubt
conspire	secretly work together for something bad
delineate	describe or depict precisely; outline
disentangle	free from entanglement or confusion; make clear
exhort	strongly persuade, encourage, or urge
frailty	quality or state of being weak; weakness
grievance	an issue or problem
harangue	a long angry rant
ploy	a strategy or tactic used to gain an advantage
poise	a state of balance, equilibrium or stability
pomposity	the quality of being pompous; self-importance
proxy	a substitute (usually for a person) that is compatible
relent	1. abandon a harsh intention or attitude by giving in 2. reduce in intensity
rhetoric	persuasive speech or writing
rigor	thoroughness and strictness
sparse	not dense and meager; having widely spaced intervals
steadfast	fixed or unchanging; steady
suspect	viewed with suspicion
tedious	boring and slow, without variety
vitality	strength and energy
whimsical	1. playful or silly 2. unpredictable
yield	1. produce or generate a result, product, or amount 2. give up or surrender

Group 26	
apprehension	fearful anticipation or worry
ardent	full of passion and enthusiasm
axiomatic	evident without proof or argument; self-evident
cease	to stop happening or continuing
conductive	helping to bring about or promote a particular outcome
corporeal	associated with the physical body, not the spirit or soul
doctrinaire	rigidly sticking to theoretical ideas, rather than being practical
eclectic	derived from a diverse range of sources or styles
equanimity	evenness of mind, especially under stress
exorbitant	going far beyond what is fair, reasonable, or expected
fickle	quick to change one's opinion or allegiance
figurative	symbolic rather than literal
flustered	agitated or confused
gullible	easily deceived or tricked
idiosyncratic	peculiar to an individual or group; unique
incidental	secondary or non-essential part of something
ingrained	deeply rooted or established
insolent	boldly disrespectful or rude
lampoon	satirize or poke fun at
lavish	1. extravagant, luxurious, or abundant 2. give out extremely generously
lugubrious	appearing sad or gloomy
macabre	having a quality of horror or grimness
morose	sullen and gloomy
officious	overbearingly assertive, especially in offering unwanted advice or help
ramification	a consequence or resulting action of a previous event
serene	calm, quiet, and peaceful
supplant	replace or take the place of
tacit	implied without being directly expressed
transcend	pass beyond the limits of something
treatise	a written work that provides a systematic and detailed examination of a subject

Group 27	
antagonize	act in opposition to or provoke hostility from
barren	incapable of producing offspring or fruit; unproductive
bombastic	high-sounding but with little meaning; overfilled
cajole	persuade through flattery or gentle urging
chary	being wary or cautiously reluctant
curmudgeon	an ill-tempered person full of stubborn opinions
dirge	a mournful song, especially for a funeral or mourning
estimable	deserving of respect or admiration
euphemism	a mild or polite term used to substitute a harsh or offensive one
excoriate	criticize strongly; condemn
exigent	requiring immediate action or aid; urgent
haughty	exhibiting arrogant and condescending pride
heady	intoxicating or stupefying
imperturbable	not easily annoyed, upset, or excited; calm
implacable	not able to be appeased
lambaste	scold, reprimand, or criticize harshly
miscreant	one who has behaved badly, or illegally
peccadillo	a small flaw or sin
philistine	a person who is ignorant or uneducated
relegate	consign to a place or position of insignificance, lower rank, or inferiority
repugnant	offensive or repulsive; arousing disgust or aversion
sentimental	characterized by feelings or nostalgia
squander	spend profusely or recklessly
swindle	obtain money by fraudulent or deceitful methods
tangible	capable of being touched; real or actual
turpitude	wickedness or moral corruption
unalloyed	pure; without any adulterations
undercut	undermine; weaken
wheedle	attempt to persuade by flattery
xenophobic	showing a fear or hatred of strangers or foreigners

Group 28	
abeyance	suspension; temporary suppression
abstract	1. present in thought or concept but lacking physical existence 2. removing something or considering something separate
affront	an open or intentional offense, slight, or insult
agitate	make someone disturbed or excited
august	noble and respected; awe-inspiring
burnish	improve or enhance
coy	being bashful, shy, or retiring
deprecate	belittle or express disapproval of
disdain	the state of being despised; shame
disperse	scatter in different directions
distend	extend or expand, as from internal pressure; swell
endemic	regularly found and restricted to a particular area or population
enmity	the quality of being an enemy; hostility
gauche	awkward or lacking in social graces
hysterical	wildly emotional or exaggerated in reaction
impudent	not showing due respect; bold-faced, impertinent
inchoate	recently started but not fully formed yet
penchant	taste, liking, or inclination
quandary	a dilemma; a difficult decision or situation
quarantine	place into isolation to prevent the spread of any contagious disease
quash	void or suppress
quibble	complain or argue in a trivial or petty manner
ravage	devastate, destroy, or lay waste to something
recant	withdraw or repudiate a statement or opinion formerly expressed, especially formally and publicly
redoubtable	eliciting respect or fear; notably formidable
retiring	introverted and shy; liking privacy
shrill	high-pitched and piercing in sound quality
sophistry	plausible yet fallacious argumentations or reasoning
substantiate	verify something by supplying evidence
wily	sly, cunning, full of tricks

Group 29	
abscond	leave hurriedly and secretly, typically to avoid capture
apogee	the peak or highest point of something
aspersion	a critical or damaging remark or criticism
bawdy	humorously dealing with sexual subjects; risqué in a comedic way
chagrin	a feeling of frustration, annoyance, or anger
collude	secretly cooperate for deceitful or fraudulent purposes
commiserate	express sympathy or sorrow with someone who has experienced misfortune
conflagration	a large, destructive fire
contretemps	a small disagreement or mishap
conviction	a strong belief or principle held with confidence
croon	sing softly, typically in a sentimental manner
depose	forcibly remove someone from office or power
detente	a period of improved relations between countries, especially when tensions have been high
dowdy	lacking style or elegance; out of fashion
echelon	a level or tier within a system or organization
ennui	a feeling of boredom and dissatisfaction due to a lack of excitement or interest
expatiate	talk or write in great detail about a topic
fraught	filled with tension, stress, or negative emotions
fulcrum	the main factor or element that plays a pivotal role in a situation
imbroglio	a complex and confusing situation, often of a messy or controversial nature
jocund	merry and in high spirits; exhibiting happiness
languish	become weak or feeble, often from neglect or lack of attention
nadir	the absolute lowest point or worst moment
nimble	quick and agile in movement or thinking
ominous	indicating that something unfavorable is likely to happen
outlandish	strange, unusual, or bizarre in appearance or style
propitious	favorable; advantageous
prurient	displaying or prompting an undue interest in sexual matters
sadistic	taking pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others
zenith	the point at which something attains its maximum strength or power

Group 30	
aberrant	deviating from what is normal or expected
abide	tolerate, follow, or accept
bravado	a display of boldness or confidence, often feigned
callow	young and inexperienced; immature
capitulate	surrender or give up resistance
cogitate	think deeply; ponder or reflect
deportment	behavior or manners
extemporize	improvise, especially in speech or performance
factionous	causing division or disagreement
fallow	1. (of farmland) not cultivated; barren 2. (of a period of time) inactive
feint	a deceptive movement or action
flagrant	noticeably offensive; blatant
gratuitous	unwarranted; without justification
grovel	show submission or fear; beg for favor
indecorous	not in good taste; inappropriate or unseemly
intrigue	1. a secret scheme or plot 2. provoke interest in
nominal	1. in name only 2. insubstantial; insignificant
obdurate	stubborn; unyielding
obstreperous	noisy, unruly, or hard to control
odious	highly offensive; repugnant
plucky	showing courage or determination
precocious	showing advanced skills or development earlier than usual
remuneration	payment or compensation for services or work
slovenly	1. untidy, especially in personal appearance 2. without care; neglectful
soliloquy	a speech in a drama where a character talks to themselves, expressing inner thoughts
spurn	reject or refuse disdainfully
stolid	not easily moved or emotional
temerity	reckless boldness or audacity
tenuous	thin or weak
verve	energy, enthusiasm, or vigor

Group 31	
abrogate	formally cancel or do away with
aghast	shocked or horrified; struck with amazement
apprise	inform, notify, or advise
beguile	charm or deceive in a captivating way
boon	a good thing; a blessing or a benefit
callous	emotionally unfeeling or insensitive
coddle	pamper or treat with excessive care
crescendo	the loudest or highest point of something
extenuating	lessening the seriousness by providing excuses
frenetic	fast-paced or wildly energetic
fringe	unconventional, extreme, or marginal
hapless	unlucky or unfortunate
immaculate	spotlessly clean or free from errors
obfuscate	obscure or confuse
ossify	harden or become unchanging
pastiche	a work that either imitates the style of multiple other works or combines elements from various works
perspicacious	keenly perceptive or understanding
ponderous	heavy or slow-moving, often due to weight; extremely dull
recluse	a person who lives in self-imposed isolation
retaliate	take revenge or counteract
rhapsody	an ecstatic expression of feeling or enthusiasm
serendipitous	occurring by chance in a fortunate way
shirk	avoid or neglect a responsibility or duty
sinecure	a job requiring minimal effort but offering a salary
sinuous	winding or having many smooth turns
sordid	involving ignoble actions and motives
stanch	stop or reduce the flow of
surfeit	an excessive amount of something
ulterior	concealed, typically with a hidden motive
voluble	speaking a lot, with great ease, often about unimportant matters

Group 32	
abstruse	difficult to comprehend or understand
auxiliary	supplementary or additional, often in support
caricature	exaggerate features for comedic or satirical effect
depravity	the state or condition of being depraved or morally corrupted
dilettante	a person with an amateur interest in the arts or a particular field
effrontery	insolent or bold behavior
encroach	intrude or trespass, especially on another's territory or rights
endow	enrich or furnish with some faculty or quality
entreat	ask earnestly or anxiously; beg
gregarious	sociable and enjoying the company of others
indictment	an official formal accusation for a criminal offense
indignant	feeling or expressing strong displeasure at something unjust or offensive
ineluctable	inescapable or inevitable
inquisitive	curious or eager to acquire knowledge
latitude	scope to do something; relative freedom from restrictions
levity	humor or lightness, especially when inappropriate
malevolent	showing ill will or wishing harm to others
mediate	intervene between parties to bring about a resolution
occlude	block or stop up; cover
pacify	bring peace to or calm someone down
paragon	a model of excellence or perfection
patronize	1. treat with an apparent kindness that is condescending 2. be a regular customer of a store or other establishment
penurious	extremely poor or stingy
piquant	stimulating to the senses; engaging; charming
rampant	unrestrained or unchecked, usually in a negative manner
remote	not likely to happen
reprobate	a person who is immoral or who lacks principles
turbid	1. (of water) muddy or opaque due to suspended particles 2. unclear; confused; obscure
turgid	1. swollen or bloated 2. overly complex and difficult to understand
vacuous	lacking intelligence or thought