

100 IMPORTANT VOCABULARY WORDS WITH SYONYMS AND ANTONYMS

FOR SNAP, IIFT, XAT, NMAT

A thorough revision of these 100 vocabulary words for MBA Exams will speed your final preparation for MBA Entrance exams.

1. Factotum

Pronunciation: fak-toh-tuh m

Meaning: An employee or official who has various different responsibilities to handle

Synonyms: Retainer, Servant, workaholic, odd-job person

Usage: She might appear as the perfect factotum; and indeed she was.

2. Nostrum

Pronunciation: nos-truh m

Meaning: Patent medicine whose efficacy is questionable.

Synonyms: catholicon, elixir, medicine, remedy, treatment, cure, drug

Usage: Riyah gave her sister a nostrum to allay her allergy towards the pollen grains

3. Brook

Pronunciation: broo k

Meaning: A natural stream of water smaller than a river

Synonyms: beck, creek, streamlet, branch, river, watercourse, spring

Usage: This brook dried up every year in the summer

4. Liturgy

Pronunciation: lit-er-jee

Meaning: A form of public worship; ritual.

Synonyms: observance, rite, sacrament, celebration, ceremonial

Usage: People's faith is being choked out by the thorns of fabricated liturgy (Source: Church Militant)

5. Larceny

Pronunciation: lahr-suh-nee

Meaning: The act of taking something from someone unlawfully

Synonyms: burglary, Crime, stealing, touch, stealing, pilfering

Antonyms: return, pay, reimbursement, compensation

Usage: The larceny is appalling at Kennedy International

6. Quixotic

Pronunciation: kwik-sot-ik

Meaning: Not sensible about practical matters; idealistic and unrealistic

Synonyms: dreamy, foolish, impractical, impulsive, unrealistic

Antonyms: hardheaded, hard-nosed, tough-minded, unsentimental; practical, pragmatic

Usage: Our quixotic prime minister may need Labour to save him in Europe. (Source: The Guardian-20-Feb-2016)

7. Quash

Pronunciation: kwosh

Meaning: to put down or suppress completely; quell; subdue

Synonyms: crush, pull down, quell, repress, beat, overcome

Antonyms: abet, aid, assist, back, help, prop up, support; foment, incite

Usage: The Punjab and Haryana High Court today refused to quash an FIR registered against two youngsters in a criminal intimidation case. (Source: Chandigarh Tribune)

8. Skullduggery

skuhl-duhg-uh-ree

Meaning: an instance of dishonest or deceitful behavior; trick.

Synonyms: crafty; trickery; chicanery; duplicity; guile; perfidy; falsehood

Antonyms: truthfulness; loyalty; trustworthiness; truthfulness; honesty

Usage: The tax is high on years of expediency and governmental skullduggery in arming and feeding and giving harbour to such factions (Source: Firstpost)

9. Ludicrous

Pronunciation: loo-di-kruh s

Meaning: Broadly or extravagantly humorous; resembling farce

Synonyms: foolish, comical, outlandish, silly, laughable, crazy, funnys

Antonyms: grave, tragic, sensible, logical, reasonable

Usage: Meet the epically ludicrous instrument that uses 2,000 steel marbles to make music. (source: Classic FM)

10. Lachrymose

Pronunciation: lak-ruh-mohs

Meaning: Showing sorrow;

Synonyms: sad, teary, weeping, weepy, melancholy, blue, dejected, gloomy

Antonyms: beaming, chuckling, giggling, grinning, laughing, smilings

Usage: While presidents, being also human, may be allowed some display of emotion, they cannot be lachrymose all the time. (Source: Philippine Star)

11. Admonish

Pronunciation: ad-mon-ish

Meaning: Warn strongly; put on guard, to caution, advise, or counsel against something.

Synonyms: berate, censure, chide, rebuke, reprimand, scold, warn, hoists

Antonyms: approve, endorse, sanction; applaud, extol, hail, laud, praise, salute, tout

Usage: The two acts of mercy being focused on this March in the Archdiocese of Portland will be to forgive offenses and to admonish sinners. (Source: Catholic Sentinel-15-Mar-2016)

12. Tirade

Pronunciation: tahy-reyd or tahy-reyd

Meaning: A speech of violent denunciation

Synonyms: harangue, ranting, screech, sermon, anger, censure, dispute

Antonyms: peace, harmony, agreement, calm, praise, accord, unperturbed

Usage: Australian movie star Rebel Wilson has launched a vitriolic Twitter tirade at a journalist who allegedly "harassed" her sick grandmother. (Source: The New Daily-28-Feb-2016)

13. Labyrinthine

Pronunciation: lab-uh-rin-thin, -theen

Meaning: Resembling a labyrinth in form or complexity

Synonyms: intricate, meandering, serpentine, twisting, winding, complex, mazy

Antonyms: simple, straight, blunt, candid, apparent, clear, definite, even, explicit

Usage: The sentences that once sang became so labyrinthine in complexity that the reader got lost in the maze. (Source: The Independent-28-Mar-2016)

14. Alacrity

Pronunciation: uh-lak-ri-tee

Meaning: Liveliness and eagerness

Synonyms: alertness, avidity, briskness, cheerfulness, sprightliness, willingness

Antonyms: apathy, aversion, slowness, dullness, delay, amble, lethargy

Usage: The Prime Minister asked the party to embrace technology with greater alacrity and enthusiasm

15. Laconic

Pronunciation: luh-kon-ik

Meaning: luh-kon-ik

Synonyms: terse, pithy, brief, compact, crisp, curt, succinct

Antonyms: circuitous, circumlocutory, diffuse, long-winded, prolix, rambling, verbose, windy, wordy

Usage: Greater difficulty exists to enforce the laconic safeguards of the Aadhaar Act. (source: Medianama.com)

16. Amorphous

Pronunciation: uh-mawr-fuh s

Meaning: lacking definite form; having no specific shape; formless

Synonyms: irregular, unformed, unshaped, shapeless, unshaped, formless, vague

Antonyms: coherent, ordered, orderly, organized; clear, decided, definite, distinct

Usage: Transmission electron microscopy image showing different levels of crystallinity embedded in the amorphous matrix of the alloy. (source: AZoM)

17. Wanton

Pronunciation: won-tn

Meaning: deliberate and without motive or provocation; uncalled-for; headstrong; willful; sexually lawless or unrestrained

Synonyms: Lewd, promiscuous, abandoned, lax, libertine, libidinous

Antonyms: correct, decorous, genteel, nice, polite, proper, respectable, seemly; innocuous

Usage: The park was full of people fishing and relaxing. I think it's shocking that they were just walking along carrying out this wanton destruction (Source: lasgow Evening Times)

18. Vociferous

Pronunciation: voh-sif-er-uh s

Meaning: Conspicuously and offensively loud; given to vehement outcries

Synonyms: vehement, noisy, clamorous, boisterous, clamant, ranting

Antonyms: noiseless, quiet, silent, soundless, still; calm, hushed, subdued

Usage: The invasive gypsy moth is a vociferous eater during its caterpillar phase. (Source: The News Tribune)

19. Utilitarian

Pronunciation: yoo-til-i-tair-ee-uh n

Meaning: having regard to utility or usefulness rather than beauty, ornamentation, etc

Synonyms: functional, pragmatic, effective, serviceable, useful

Antonyms: unserviceable, nonfunctional, impractical, unnecessary, useless

Usage: Modern philosophy was by two important "schools" of thought: individualism and utilitarianism. (source: Business 2 Community)

20. Vicissitude

Pronunciation: vi-sis-i-tood, -tyood

Meaning: a change or variation occurring in the course of something; interchange or alternation

Synonyms: variation, fluctuation, permutation, alteration, diversity

Antonyms: uniformity, stability, similarity, stagnation, conformity

Usage: However, our ancestors concluded that the vicissitude could be corrected by better government. (Source: Patriot Post)

21. Upbraid

Pronunciation: uhp-breyds

Meaning: Express criticism towards

Synonyms: admonish, berate, chide, blame, reams

Antonyms: approve, forgive, laud, compliment, praise

Usage: approve, forgive, laud, compliment, praise

22. Vilify

Pronunciation: vil-uh-fahy

Meaning: Spread negative information about

Synonyms: defame, malign, mistreat, jinx, slander

Antonyms: favour, glorify, laud, exalt, praise

Usage: The pair have since been vilified for their actions and have been accused of being "spiteful". (Source: Belfast Telegraph)

23. Desiccate

Pronunciation: des-i-keyts

Meaning: Lacking vitality or spirit; lifeless; to dry thoroughly

Synonyms: preserve, dehydrate, keep, divest, drain

Antonyms: dampen, grow, moisten, expand, soak

Usage: As an organic farmer, he couldn't use a chemical to desiccate the wheat, and it's highly unlikely the rabbi would have allowed it anyway. (source: ew York Times)

24. Smitheens

Pronunciation: smith-uh-reenz

Meaning: A collection of small fragments considered as a whole

Synonyms: chunk, atom, crumb, iota, fraction

Antonyms: entire, total, lot, whole, complete

Usage: Two main classrooms were "smashed to smithereens", with the school swimming pool caved in and tennis courts destroyed. (Source: Waikato Times)

25. Whimper

Pronunciation: hwim-per, wim

Meaning: to cry with low, plaintive, broken sounds

Synonyms: moan, weep, blubber, fuss, snivel

Antonyms: bawl, bark, clamor, shriek, rout

Usage: The Broadcast Media Law ended with a whimper yesterday but there was still time for a last tussle in Congress (Source: Buenos Aires Herald)

26. enthrall

Pronunciation: en-thrawl

Meaning: Hold spellbound

Synonyms: beguile, bewitch, enchant, intrigue, rivet

Antonyms: bore, disgust, incite, repel, liberate

Usage: It was his oratory, imbedded with moral values of mankind, that did enthrall not only the senior students but also the primary class' kids (Source: E-Pao.net)

27. Catastrophic

Pronunciation: kat-uh-strof-ik

Meaning: of the nature of a catastrophe, or disastrous event

Synonyms: calamitous, cataclysmic, disastrous, fatal, ruinous, tragic

Antonyms: calamitous, cataclysmic, disastrous, fatal, ruinous, tragic

Usage: A Latvian farm worker driving in Scotland for the first time killed a Perthshire father in a "catastrophic" collision (Source: BBC News)

28. Zenith

Pronunciation: zee-nith OR zen-ith

Meaning: The culminating-point of prosperity, influence, or greatness.

Synonyms: acme, apex, apogee, pinnacle, summit

Antonyms: acme, apex, apogee, pinnacle, summit

Usage: Modern Times, released on April 2, 1981, represents the zenith of the brief heavier-rocking period between Jefferson Starship's Marty Balin era (Source: ultimateclassicrock.com)

29. Zealot

Pronunciation: zel-uh t

Meaning: One who espouses a cause or pursues an object in an immoderately partisan manner.

Synonyms: activist, diehard, fanatic, radical, militant

Antonyms: conservative, moderate, balanced, cautious, gentle

Usage: Iran is bolstering its key ally Syria by sending a paramilitary force full of zealot student soldiers fiercely loyal to the Islamic Republic (source: Daily Caller)

30. Writhe

Pronunciation: rahyth

Meaning: To twist the body, face, or limbs or as in pain or distress.

Synonyms: wince, wiggle, agonize, distort, suffer

Antonyms: straighten, uncoil, align, uncurl, unravel

Usage: The prawns are seen wriggling and writhing on the skewers, which are placed on a plate on the table. (Source: The Sun)

31. Wizen

Pronunciation: wiz-uh n; wee-zuh n

Meaning: To become or cause to become withered or dry.

Synonyms: divest, drain, parch, wither, devitalize

Antonyms: fill, grow, expand, moisturize, soak

Usage: After they chewed through my carpet, I started to wizen up. (Source: Top Dog Tips)

32. Witticism

Pronunciation: wit-uh-siz-uh m

Meaning: A witty, brilliant, or original saying or sentiment.

Synonyms: gibe, gag, jest, pun, sally

Antonyms: dullness, gravity, seriousness, sobriety, solemnity, stolidity, stupidity

Usage: That witticism leaps to mind as the economics world gushes over India's new central bank head Urjit Patel. (Source: Barron's)

33. Vincible

Pronunciation: vin-suh-buh l

Meaning: Conquerable.

Synonyms: conquerable, vulnerable, vanquishable, surmountable, indefensible

Antonyms: unconquerable, defendable, indomitable, invincible, insurmountable

Usage: The core of the team also is the same as the one that proved all too vincible last year. (source: Sporting News)

34. Vignette

Pronunciation: vin-yet

Meaning: A picture having a background or that is shaded off gradually.

Synonyms: sketch, picture, illustration, portrait, depiction

Antonyms: original, real, camouflage, substantive, Landscape

Usage: Every Olympic closing ceremony features a small vignette made by the next host city to get people. (SOURCE: SB Nation)

35. Vertigo

Pronunciation: vur-ti-goh

Meaning: Dizziness

Synonyms: giddiness, lightheadedness, abscess, wooziness, instability

Antonyms: stability, penetration, gravity, clear-headed, languid

Usage: He can be seen twirling at high speed at the very edge of the roof – which might make those suffering from vertigo want to look away. (Source: RT)

36. Usurp

Pronunciation: yoo-surp, -zurp

Meaning: To take possession of by force.

Synonyms: take over, seize, confiscate, expropriate, annex

Antonyms: relinquish, surrender, accede, acquiesce, resign

Usage: Opponents argue that such an approach would usurp states' rights and create an unneeded new layer of bureaucracy. (source: Baltimore Sun)

37. Undulate

Pronunciation: uhn-juh-leyt

Meaning: To move like a wave or in waves.

Synonyms: roll, wave, ripple, swing, oscillate

Antonyms: peaceful, smooth, serene, flat, stick

Usage: The Krall swarm looks absolutely fantastic, the way the ships undulate and move like they are almost alive is wonderfully creepy. (Source: Redshirts Always Die)

38. Tyranny

Pronunciation: tir-uh-nee

Meaning: Absolute power arbitrarily or unjustly administrated.

Synonyms: despotism, dictatorship, autocracy, monocracy, autarchy

Antonyms: democracy, republic, liberty, autonomy, compassion

Usage: Majoritarian governments were often thought of as being characterised by the tyranny of the numbers (Source: Kathmandu Post)

39. Turgid

Pronunciation: tur-jid

Meaning: Swollen

Synonyms: tumid, inflated, bombastic, tumescent, bloated

Antonyms: deflated, decreased, diminished, contracted, chapfallen

Usage: Returning Griesmann fails to inspire turgid visitors. (Source: FourFourTwo)

40. Trepidation

Pronunciation: trep-i-dey-shuh

Meaning: Nervous uncertainty of feeling.

Synonyms: perturbation, uneasiness, agitation, dismay, anxiety

Antonyms: calm, equanimity, contentment, assurance, peace

Usage: Maybe they will encounter other Muslims with less fear, trepidation and, just perhaps, with more friendliness. (Source: Bucks County Courier Times)

41. Transgress

Pronunciation: trans-gres

Meaning: To break a law.

Synonyms: infringe, violate, trespass, disobey, contravene

Antonyms: comply, acquiesce, comply, acquire, obey

Usage: The officers should be careful not to transgress human rights. (Source: The Hindu)

42. Tranquilize

Pronunciation: trang-kwuh-lahyz

Meaning: To soothe.

Synonyms: soothe, pacify, appease, sedate, sedate,

Antonyms: agitate, incite, commove, perturb, foment

Usage: A buffalo that ran amok near Medical College here on Monday was shot dead as the authorities concerned failed to tranquilize it. (Source: Times of India)

43. Sybarite

Pronunciation: sib-uh-rahyt

Meaning: A luxurious person.

Synonyms: hedonist, epicurean, gourmet, bon vivant, wanton

Antonyms: puritan, ascetic, prude, austere, Spartan

Usage: At the top of the list: the duck-fat burger at Sybarite Pig in Boca Raton. (source: New Times Broward-Palm Beach)

44. Swarthy

Pronunciation: swawr-th ee

Meaning: Having a dark hue, especially a dark or sunburned complexion

Synonyms: raven, ebony, dusky, sable, brunet

Antonyms: blond, luminous, pallid, pasty, bright

Usage: Terrorist was 29-year-old Islamic radical," shrieked TMZ's headline, accompanied by a photo of the swarthy killer. (Source: Mic)

45. Surreptitious

Pronunciation: sur-uh p-tish-uh s

Meaning: Clandestine

Synonyms: stealthy, covert, secretive, concealed, sneak

Antonyms: honest, overt, evident, apparent, unconcealed

Usage: The CEO of First in Dallas offered up a large conference room and some office space to our bank for a surreptitious conduct of the examination (Source: Banking Exchange)

46. Subterfuge

Pronunciation: suhb-ter-fyooj

Meaning: Evasion

Synonyms: artifice, deception, wile, maneuver, deceit

Antonyms: honesty, openness, artlessness, bluntness, disbursement

Usage: But the court rightly dismissed those arguments, finding them to be mere subterfuge in an effort to block women from getting abortions. (Source: Norwich Bulletin)

47. Subservience

Pronunciation: suh b-sur-vee-uh nt

Meaning: The quality, character, or condition of being servilely following another's behests

Synonyms: servility, obedience, subjection, docility, humility

Antonyms: domination, obstinacy, sovereignty, arrogance, balkiness

Usage: Ordinary people can defeat the Right, but doing so will require ending our subservience to the Democratic Party (Source: Jacobin magazine)

48. Suave

Pronunciation: swahv

Meaning: Smooth and pleasant in manner.

Synonyms: urbane, unctuous, courteous, debonair, gracious

Antonyms: gawky, awkward, inelegant, acidulous, brusque

Usage: The Portuguese coach looked suave in a suit as he headed out to his car before being driven away (Source: Mirror.co.uk)

50. Stratagem

Pronunciation: strat-uh-juh m

Meaning: Any clever trick or device for obtaining an advantage.

Synonyms: artifice, dodge, manoeuvre, wile, intrigue

Antonyms: counsel, artlessness, advocate, caution, advise

Usage: There is also one other gaping flaw in Smith's grand stratagem. (Source: Daily Mail)

51. Stolid

Pronunciation: stol-id

Meaning: Expressing no power of feeling or perceiving.

Synonyms: phlegmatic, doltish, stoical, apathetic, indifferent

Antonyms: vivacious, fervent, exuberant, sagacious, mawkish

Usage: No matter how freewheeling the music, though, Gunn kept a stolid, even stern expression and generally low profile while he played. (Source: The Quietus)

52. Somniferous

Pronunciation: som-nif-er-uh s

Meaning: Tending to produce sleep.

Synonyms: soporific, somnific, somnolent, drowsy, slumberous

Antonyms: stimulative, awakening, invigorating, refreshing, reviving

Usage: Ms. Schwend's play "The Other Thing," at Second Stage uptown last year, turned thrilling after a somniferous first half (source: New York Times)

53. Sluggard

Pronunciation: sluhg-erd

Meaning: A person habitually lazy or idle

Synonyms: lazybones, slouch, dawdler, fainéant, slacker

Antonyms: hummer, hustler, rustler, highflier, toiler

Usage: Does it really make players, particularly your sluggard, moping millennial, go out and get some sunshine and exercise? (Source: Long Beach Press Telegram)

54. Geniality

Pronunciation: jeen-yuh li-tee

Meaning: Warmth and kindness of disposition

Synonyms: cordiality, amiability, affability, bonhomie, benevolence

Antonyms: discourtesy, grumpiness, incivility, aloofness, asperity

Usage: But while his geniality and ability both seem nearly endless, the Met and Mr. Nézet-Séguin would do well (Source: New York Times)

55. Gibe

Pronunciation: jahyb

Meaning: To utter taunts or reproaches

Synonyms: Sarcasm, Swipe, derision, taunt, sneer

Antonyms: Admire, applause, laud, approve, endorse

Usage: Mr. Trump's campaign did not respond to questions about its social media director's gibe at Mr. Ryan (Source: CNBC)

56. Glutinous

Pronunciation: gloot-n-uh s

Meaning: Sticky

Synonyms: viscid, viscous, mucilaginous, gelatinous, clammy

Antonyms: capricious, fluent, non-adhesive, baffling, erratic

Usage: The pulut udang is made from only two ingredients; glutinous rice with a filling of spicy dried shrimps. (Source: Malay Mail Online)

57. Gourmand

Pronunciation: goo r-mahnd

Meaning: A connoisseur in the delicacies of the table.

Synonyms: epicure, gourmet, glutton, connoisseur, bon vivant

Antonyms: muncher, nibbler, blamer, consumer, eroder

Usage: People who had psychosomatic complaints were probably malingering

58. Grotesque

Pronunciation: groh-tesk

Meaning: Incongruously composed or ill-proportioned

Synonyms: bizarre, outlandish, queer, freakish, ludicrous

Antonyms: aesthetic, classy, bonny, comely, elegant

Usage: During the pro-life event, a local Satanist group arrived and conducted a disturbingly grotesque counter-protest. (source: LifeNews.com)

59. Harangue

Pronunciation: huh-rang

Meaning: A tirade

Synonyms: screed, spiel, oration, jeremiad, hassle, exhortation

Antonyms: tribute, homage, eulogy, citation, accolade

Usage: In the digital age, what would matter was crudeness of the harangue. (source: Miami Herald)

60. EMULATE

Pronunciation: em-yuh-lit

Meaning: imitate with effort to equal or surpass

Synonyms: imitate, mimic, compete, mirror, echo

Antonyms: derive, jostle, neglect, repulse, transfer

Usage: Ahmed Musa wants to emulate former Arsenal striker Nwankwo Kanu ahead of his debut Premier League campaign with Leicester. (Source: Teamtalk.com)

61. Fanatical

Pronunciation: fuh-nat-i-kuh l

Meaning: motivated or characterized by an extreme

Synonyms: zealot, extremist, freak, radical, bigot

Antonyms: cynic, apostate, passionless, moderate, temperate

Usage: Thunder evens series with more physical, fanatical approach. (Source: NewsOK.com)

62. MELLIFLUOUS

Pronunciation: muh-lif-loo-uh s

Meaning: sweet-sounding

Synonyms: dulcet, mellow, honeyed, melodic, lyrical

Antonyms: jarring, blatant, grating, coarse, gruff

Usage: Audiences were spellbound by mellifluous singing of Bhajans presented at the Katha (source: Free Press Journal)

63. DELECTABLE

Pronunciation: dih-lek-tuh-buh l

Meaning: delightful

Synonyms: delicious, scrumptious, ambrosial, savory, dainty

Antonyms: offensive, repulsive, unpleasant, distasteful, unsavory

Usage: Symphony in C is a delectable degustation of a ballet, with each rich course immensely satisfying in itself (source: dailytelegraph.com.au)

64. Sumptuous

Pronunciation: suhmp-choo-uh s

Meaning: entailing great expense

Synonyms: luxurious, lavish, opulent, magnificent, palatial

Antonyms: ascetic, austere, destitute, impoverished, abstinent

Usage: Young certainly made the most of the music's variety, whether it was diaphanously light or rich and sumptuous (Source: The Guardian)

65. ABSCOND

Pronunciation: ab-skond

Meaning: Run away

Synonyms: flee, skedaddle, depart, scam, elope

Antonyms: abide, yield, endure, dwell, adhere

Usage: Petronijevic added that the Serbian government had provided guarantees that Karadzic would not abscond. (source: Balkan Insight)

66. INVEIGH

Pronunciation: in-vey

Meaning: Complain bitterly

Synonyms: object, berate, declaim, scold, censure

Antonyms: flatter, praise, acclaim, cajole, idolize

Usage: Politicians who inveigh against corruption in countries where it's chronic will lose credibility (Source: Reuters UK)

67. ARRANT

Pronunciation: ar-uh nt

Meaning: Without qualification

Synonyms: utter, flagrant, absolute, gross, unmitigated

Antonyms: jejune, defective, mitigated, conditional, contingent

Usage: No wonder why Frederick Douglass thought the socialists were speaking arrant nonsense. (Source: Reason)

68. ASSIDUOUS

Pronunciation: uh-sij-oo-uh s

Meaning: Marked by care and persistent effort

Synonyms: industrious, sedulous, diligent, indefatigable, laborious

Antonyms: latent, quiescent, inoperative, inactive, adventitious

Usage: No wonder, then, that the Maori Party is the most assiduous anti-smoking legislator in Parliament. (Source: New Zealand Herald)

69. IMPASSIVE

Pronunciation: im-pas-iv

Meaning: Having or revealing little emotion or sensibility

Synonyms: stolid, phlegmatic, deadpan, callous, stoic

Antonyms: fervent, passionate, expressive, fiery, effusive

Usage: It's an interesting cross-section of people and situations, mostly presented to the reader in impassive but well-detailed fashion (source: Deccan Herald)

70. TRACTABLE

Pronunciation: trak-tuh-buh l

Meaning: Easily managed

Synonyms: compliant, docile, pliant, ductile, obedient

Antonyms: headstrong, defiant, mulish, obdurate, balky

Usage: Mr Obama has sometimes entertained the hope that the deal might strengthen moderates in Tehran and make Iran a more tractable partner. (source: The Economist)

71. FACSIMILE

Pronunciation: fak-sim-uh-lee

Meaning: An exact copy or reproduction

Synonyms: replica, imitation, clone, dupe, counterpart

Antonyms: aboriginal, archetype, paradigm, prototype

Usage: Yet while All For One avoids smoking wreck status, it nonetheless feels like a facsimile of a facsimile. (Source: Irish Independent)

72. PRECARIOUS

Pronunciation: pri-kair-ee-uh s

Meaning: dependent on circumstances beyond one's control

Synonyms: perilous, dubious, unstable, insecure, ticklish

Antonyms: certain, stable, assured, confirmed, conclusive

Usage: The 24-year-old works 20 hours a week at Pearson as a passenger service agent, a precarious job that earns her \$12.75 an hour. (Source: Toronto Star)

73. TORPOR

Pronunciation: tawr-per

Meaning: Inactivity resulting from lethargy and lack of vigor or energy

Synonyms: languor, inertia, sloth, lassitude, stupor

Antonyms: vibrancy, vigor, animation, liveliness, dynamism

Usage: After the torpor of Van Gaal anybody – or any style of football – is likely to be more enjoyable (Source: The Guardian)

74. AGGRANDIZE

Pronunciation: uh-gran-dahyz

Meaning: Make appear better or greater (in power, wealth, quality, etc.) than reality

Synonyms: magnify, extend, expand, amplify, augment

Antonyms: degrade, lower, debase, abate, diminish

Usage: Not only do we aggrandize entrepreneurs who simply look and act the part and claim moral outrage when they fail to deliver the goods (Source: Fortune)

75. ANTEDILUVIAN

Pronunciation: an-tee-di-loo-vee-uh n

Meaning: Of or relating to the period before the biblical flood

Synonyms: ancient, antiquated, archaic, primitive, primordial

Antonyms: contemporary, modernistic, modern, up-to-date, present-day

Usage: His Antediluvian Tea was basically a laxative dressed up in a teabag. (Source: Boing Boing)

76. BEDIZEN

Pronunciation: bih-dahy-zuh n

Meaning: Decorate tastelessly

Synonyms: adorn, dandify, emblazon, beautify, ornament

Antonyms: blemish, darken, stain, taint, deface

Usage: Naturally, the whole cabin is bedizen with OLED technology, including a further development of Audi's virtual cockpit (Source: Carscoops)

77. BLANDISHMENT

Pronunciation: blan-dish-muh nt

Meaning: Flattery intended to persuade

Synonyms: cajolery, flattery, adulation, wheedling, sycophancy

Antonyms: repulsion, affront, criticism, dig, aversion

Usage: Since these feudal lords soon grew well accustomed to the blandishment that sprouted from their acquaintances. (Source: Huffington Post)

78. BUCOLIC

Pronunciation: byoo-kol-ik

Meaning: Relating to shepherds or herdsmen or devoted to raising sheep or cattle

Synonyms: pastoral, rustic, Arcadian, campestrial, provincial

Antonyms: urban, metropolitan, civic, refined, cosmopolitan

Usage: Your self-professed 'bucolic socialist' style bring to mind the likes of Jean-Jacques Rousseau. (Source: The Independent)

79. CANARD

Pronunciation: kuh-nahrd

Meaning: A deliberately misleading fabrication

Synonyms: rumor, fabrication, falsity, hoax, bruit

Antonyms: verity, reality, actuality, veracity, authenticity

Usage: The canard upon which he based his campaign was that Jews were planning to destroy or take over Muslim holy sites. (Source: Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting in America)

80. COMPENDIUM

Pronunciation: kuh m-pen-dee-uh m

Meaning: A concise but comprehensive summary of a larger work

Synonyms: summary, epitome, abridgment, abstract, précis

Antonyms: broadening, salubrious, elongate, extension, exposition

Usage: That should not occlude the fact the Olympics is a compendium of everything that is awful about sports. (Source: The Big Lead)

81. DENOUEMENT

Pronunciation: dey-noo-mahn

Meaning: The outcome of a complex sequence of events

Synonyms: conclusion, outcome, solution, consummation, culmination

Antonyms: success, embark, actuate, advent, commence

Usage: Staving off several break points as he served for the title in a denouement he described as "the hardest game of life" (Source: The New Indian Express)

82. ENCOMIUM

Pronunciation: en-koh-mee-uh m

Meaning: A formal expression of praise

Synonyms: panegyric, eulogy, tribute, commendation, paean

Antonyms: rebuke, admonition, reprimand, censure, denunciation

Usage: You shouldn't repose your trust on the industrialists who shower encomium on you (Source: Business Standard)

83. ERUDITE

Pronunciation: er-yoo-dahyt

Meaning: Having or showing profound knowledge

Synonyms: learned, scholarly, profound, enlightened, highbrow

Antonyms: uneducated, benighted, uncultured, fatuous, uninstructed

Usage: The students found it difficult to follow the erudite lecture. (Source: The Hindu)

84. FILIBUSTER

Pronunciation: fil-uh-buhs-ter

Meaning: A legislator who gives long speeches in an effort to delay or obstruct legislation that he (or she) opposes

Synonyms: procrastination, hindrance, corsair, stall, linger

Antonyms: catalyst, impetus, incentive, progression, expedition

Usage: Hillary Clinton filibustered legislation to reform Fannie and Freddie Mae – institutions at the center of the Great Recession (Source: PolitiFact)

85. FRACAS

Pronunciation: frey-kuh s

Meaning: Noisy quarrel

Synonyms: brawl, affray, donnybrook, rumpus, tumult

Antonyms: peace, harmony, amity, compromise, concord

Usage: Eleven people arrested during a fracas at Epsom Downs Racecourse after Saturday's Derby have been bailed. (Source: BBC News)

86. GOSSAMER

Pronunciation: gos-uh-mer

Meaning: Characterized by unusual lightness and delicacy

Synonyms: diaphanous, sheer, delicate, flimsy, ethereal

Antonyms: coarse, massive, ponderous, rugged, anaerobic

Usage: If you don't know the deft and gossamer music of Bryn Harrison, this album would be a beautiful place to start. (Source: The Guardian)

87. HETERODOX

Pronunciation: het-er-uh-doks

Meaning: Characterized by departure from accepted beliefs or standards

Synonyms: dissident, heretical, nonconformist, unorthodox, iconoclastic

Antonyms: agnostic, devout, mainstream, nonsectarian, orthodox

Usage: It's not just taxes where Trump betrays his heterodox rhetoric to embrace unpopular, orthodox conservative policy. (Source: Vox)

88. IMPRECATION

Pronunciation: im-pri-key-shuh n

Meaning: A slanderous accusation

Synonyms: curse, malediction, oath, fulmination, blasphemy

Antonyms: blessing, benediction, benison, anoint, commendation

Usage: Feelings flow like molten lava. The dialogue overflows with edgy wit and acidulous arias of imprecation (Source: Telegraph.co.uk)

89. INCHOATE

Pronunciation: in-koh-it

Meaning: Only partly in existence; imperfectly formed

Synonyms: incipient, embryonic, rudimentary, amorphous, inceptive

Antonyms: developed, advanced, abounding, acatalectic, admirable

Usage: An idea, however inchoate, is in the air in Hanoi - and the government would very much like to see the concept grow. (Source: Huffington Post)

90. INSIPID

Pronunciation: in-sip-id

Meaning: Lacking taste, flavor or tang

Synonyms: vapid, tedious, prosaic, jejune, banal

Antonyms: delicious, poignant, savory, piquant, palatable

Usage: In one of the most insipid Liberal campaigns since John Hewson's Fightback, a double dissolution election was called over union corruption. (Source: The Australian)

91. IRRESOLUTE

Pronunciation: ih-rez-uh-loot

Meaning: Uncertain how to act or proceed

Synonyms: vacillating, uncertain, indecisive, indefinite, unsteady

Antonyms: vacillating, uncertain, indecisive, indefinite, unsteady

Usage: But a U.S. president threatening nations that don't comply doesn't advance U.S. interests; it makes us seem bullying and irresolute (Source: The San Diego Union-Tribune)

92. JUGGERNAUT

Pronunciation: juh-g-er-nawt

Meaning: A massive inexorable force that seems to crush everything in its way

Synonyms: steamroller, barrage, cavalcade, monster, blitz

Antonyms: surrender, subjugate, withstand, succumb, acquiesce

Usage: WASPS back row juggernaut Nathan Hughes has been called up to train with England this week for the first time. (Source: Express.co.uk)

93. LAMBASTE

Pronunciation: lam-beyst

Meaning: Censure severely or angrily

Synonyms: thrash, lash, pummel, wallop, scourge

Antonyms: extol, compliment, laud, bless, applaud

Usage: West Tisbury residents lambaste film festival land deal. (Source: Martha's Vineyard Times)

94. OBSEQUIOUS

Pronunciation: uh b-see-kwee-uh s

Meaning: Attempting to win favor from influential people by flattery

Synonyms: servile, sycophantic, fawning, subservient, cringing

Antonyms: arrogant, assertive, disobedient, rebellious, defiant

Usage: Josh Jeffers is simply terrific as the obsequious and put upon Malvolio. (Source: Greenville News)

95. OPPROBRIUM

Pronunciation: uh-proh-bree-uh m

Meaning: A state of extreme dishonor

Synonyms: disgrace, infamy, obloquy, odium, ignominy

Antonyms: admiration, repute, appreciation, notoriety, adoration

Usage: Social opprobrium is fairly effective at shaming bigots into curtailing or even, in some cases, rethinking their opinions. (Source: Salon)

96. OVERWEENING

Pronunciation: oh-ver-wee-ning

Meaning: Unrestrained, especially with regard to feelings

Synonyms: haughty, presumptuous, conceited, uppity, insolent

Antonyms: modest, demure, meek, mousy, restrained

Usage: George Osborne had many failings, but perhaps his greatest was an overweening self-belief. (Source: The Times)

97. PATOIS

Pronunciation: pah-twah

Meaning: A characteristic language of a particular group

Synonyms: argot, dialect, jargon, lingo, vernacular

Antonyms: standard, literary, colloquial, customary, conventional

Usage: In local patois, bangla refers to country liquor, a fact that has caused much mirth on social media. (Source: The Quint)

98. PELLUCID

Pronunciation: puh-loo-sid

Meaning: Transmitting light; able to be seen through with clarity

Synonyms: transparent, limpid, clear, crystalline, see-through

Antonyms: cryptic, foggy, incomprehensible, indefinite, nebulous

Usage: Girls walk around with pellucid plastic covering the fresh ink on their reddened skin. (Source: Irish Independent)

99. PUISSANT

Pronunciation: pyoo-uh-suh nt

Meaning: Powerful

Synonyms: potent, mighty, vigorous, strong, energetic

Antonyms: impotent, helpless, convivial, feeble, impuissant

Usage: France had suddenly grown to her full stature; like the contemporary England of John Milton, she was become a " noble and puissant nation, rousing herself like a strong man after sleep. (Source: yourdictionary.com)

100. QUALM

Pronunciation: kwahm

Meaning: Uneasiness about the fitness of an action

Synonyms: misgiving, scruple, uncertainty, demur, queasiness

Antonyms: confidence, certitude, assuredness, brashness, constancy

Usage: The poison is killing them but they are willing to swallow it without a slight qualm

(Source: Eastern Mirror)

A LIST OF KANGAROO WORDS WHICH HAVE BEEN SEEN IN THE EXAMS .
PLEASE REVISE THEM FOR VOCABULARY.

Kangaroo words

This appendix contains [kangaroo words](#) in English. The full words are listed below. The '[joey words](#)' are in bold italics or (in the case of a second joey for twin kangaroo words) green text. This appendix also includes non-trivial anti-kangaroo words. Trivial examples such as "appropriate" and "inappropriate", or "like" and "dislike", are not included.

a

- aberrant
- abnormality
- abide
- acclimatize
- accustomed
- acrid
- action
- admixture
- admonish
- adroitness
- adventuresome
- adventurous
- affect
- aggravated
- allocate
- allurement
- alone
- alternative
- amicable
- amicability
- analogue
- antiquated
- applaud (and inflections)
- applaudatory
- apposite
- appropriate
- arch
- arena
- arouse

- *artifice*
- *artistry*
- *asseverate*
- *astound*
- *avocation*

b

- *balderdash*
- *balsam*
- *banish*
- *barren*
- *barricade*; *barricaded*
- *barrier*
- *barristers*
- *because*
- *befall*
- *befuddled*
- *before*
- *belated*
- *bemoan*
- *betwixt*
- *blatherskite*
- *blossom*
- *blotch*
- *bombarded*
- *brackets*
- *brash*
- *brashness*
- *breathe*
- *burst*

c

- *cacodemon*
- *calumnies*
- *canister*
- *capable*, *capability*
- *capsule*
- *cartoon*
- *casket*
- *catacomb*
- *catalogue*
- *cavern*
- *charge*
- *charisma*
- *chicken*
- *chocolate*
- *cleanser*
- *cleanser*

- *cloistered*
- close**m**outhed
- *clue*
- *clump*
- *community (county, city)*
- *complaisant* (grand kangaroo word) -> complaisant, compliant, pliant
- *completionist*
- *concatenate*
- *concede*
- *concession*
- *confabulate*
- *confederated*
- *conjoin*
- *consummated*
- *container* (can, tin)
- *contaminate*
- *contradictory*
- *cooled*
- *corporeal*
- *cozen*
- *curtail*

d

- *damsel*
- *daub*
- *dazzle*
- *debar*
- *deboned*
- *deceased*
- *deception*
- *decoration*
- *deliberated*
- *delineation*
- *demeaning*
- *denumerable*
- *departed*
- *department*
- *depository*
- *depredation*
- *deprivation*
- *desiderate*
- *despiteful*
- *destruction*
- *deteriorate* (rot, die)
- *devilish*
- *devoid*
- *dice*
- *dillydally*
- *diminutive* (minute, mini)

- *disappointed*
- *discordance*
- *dismayed*
- *disputation*
- *disguise*
- *disseminated*
- *disembowel* (embowel, bowel)
- *dissever*
- *dissoluble*
- *disassociate*
- *distressing*
- *domination*
- *dominatable*
- *drunkard*

e

- *effeminate*
- *egotist*
- *electrical*
- *empathetic*
- *encourage*
- *encumber*
- *enjoyment*
- *entwined*
- *equilateral*
- *equitable*
- *eradicated*
- *evacuate*
- *evaluation*
- *eventuality*
- *evidenced*
- *exhausted*
- *exhortatory*
- *exists*
- *exploitative*
- *exposition*
- *expurgate*
- *extraneous*

f

- *fabrication*
- *facade*
- *factual*
- *falsified*
- *falsities*
- *feast*
- *feasted*
- *felicitous*

- *fraction*
- *frangible* (grand kangaroo word) -> *frangible*, *fragile*, frail

g

- *grandiose*
- *granulated*
- *gigantic*

h

- *hedgerow*
- *history*
- *honorable*
- *hostelry*
- *humankind*
- *hurries*

i

- *illuminated*
- *imaginary*
- *impair*
- *impassive*
- *impertinent*
- *implicated*
- *incapability*
- *incriminate*
- *indentation*
- *indolent*
- *indefinitely*
- *inflammable*
- *infuriated*
- *inhabitable*
- *inheritable*
- *inheritor*
- *inhumane*
- *insignia*
- *instantaneous*
- *investigate*
- *instructor*
- *interfuse*
- *intoxicate*
- *invaluable*
- *irateness*
- *irradiate*
- *irregardless*
- *irritated*
- *islet*
- *isolated*

j

- *joined*
- *jollity*
- *joviality*

k

- *kindred*

l

- *latest*
- *lighted*
- *lymphosarcoma*

m

- *malapert*
- *market*
- *masculine*
- *matches*
- *midsection*
- *misinterpreted*
- *moisture*
- *municipality*
- *myself*

n

- *neckbeard*
- *neurotic*
- *newfangled*
- *nodule*
- *nourished*

o

- *obligated*
- *obnoxious*
- *observe*
- *oldfangled*
- *omnibus*
- *ornamented*
- *outspokenly*

p

- *pantaloons*

- *partially*
- *pellucid*
- *perambulate* (ramble, amble)
- *perdurable*
- *perfervid*
- *perorate*
- *perimeter*
- *personality*
- *plagiarist*
- *platter*
- *playfellow*
- *plush*
- *pinioned*
- *postured*
- *practicable*
- *practioner*
- *prattle*
- *precipitation*
- *predominant*
- *preeminent*
- *prematurely*
- *primogenitor*
- *proffer*
- *promenade*
- *proportionate*
- *prosecute*

q

- *quagmire, quagmire*
- *quiescent*
- *quintuplet*

r

- *rambunctious*
- *rampage*
- *ransack*
- *rapscallion*
- *ravaging*
- *recapitulate*
- *reconciliation*
- *recline*
- *refurbishment*
- *regulated*
- *reoccurrence*
- *remorsefulness*
- *resemblance*
- *respite*
- *reticule*

- *retrogress*
- *revivified*
- *revolution*
- *rigamarole*
- *rotund*
- *routine, routine*

s

- *salvage*
- *satiate*
- *satisfied*
- *scallywag*
- *scion*
- *scoundrel*
- *scrub*
- *sculpt*
- *separate*
- *sextuplet*
- *shadowy*
- *shushed*
- *shuttering*
- *signal*
- *slithered*
- *smidgen*
- *splinter*
- *plotch*
- *splutter*
- *sprightly*
- *squashed*
- *stealthy*
- *stocking*
- *strives*
- *stumble*
- *substandard*
- *subtile*
- *superimpose*
- *supervisor*
- *suppliant*
- *supremacist*
- *surceased*
- *surfeited*

t

- *teetotal*
- *ticky-tacky*
- *tracked*
- *transgression*
- *truthfully*

- *trustworthy*

u

- umpteenth
- *unanimity*
- *underneath*
- *unsightly*
- *utilising*

v

- *variegated*
- *veracity*

w

- *weakening*
- *wealth*

y

- *yearning*

anti-kangaroo words

- *abuse*
- *animosity*
- *bearded*
- *communicative*
- *convent*
- *courteous*
- *covert*
- *effective*
- *exacerbate*
- *devolve*
- *fabrication*
- *feasted*
- *female*
- *friend*
- *iconoclast*
- *melodious*
- *negligently*
- *pest*
- *prudent*
- *prurient*
- *redoubtable*
- *resigned*
- *revolution*

- *salvaged*
- *she*
- *there*
- *threat*
- *thoroughly*
- *unruffianly*
- *wonderful*
- *wreckless*

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