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#	WORDS	Definitions
1	ABROGATE v.	To abolish, repeal, or nullify
2	ABSTRUSE adj.	Difficult to understand
3	ABYSMAL adj.	Extremely hopeless or wretched; bottomless
4	ACCOLADE n.	An award or honor
5	ACERBIC adj.	Bitter, sour, severe
6	ACUMEN n.	Keeness of judgment, mental sharpness
7	AFFORD v.	To permit or allow, to enable
8	AGGREGATE n., adj.	Collection of things mixed together; the sum total
9	ALLOCATE v.	To distribute, assign, or allot
10	ALOOF adj.	Standoffish, uninvolved, keeping one's distance
11	AMELIORATE v.	To make better or more tolerable
12	ANACHRONISTIC adj.	Out of place in time or history
13	ANATHEMA n.	Something or someone loathed or detested
14	ANCILLARY adj.	Subordinate; providing assistance
15	ANNUL v.	To make void, usu. Refers to marriage
16	ANOMALY n.	An aberration, deviation, or irregularity
17	ANTHROPOLOGY n.	The study of human cultures
18	ANTITHETICAL adj.	In opposition, contrary to
19	APOSTATE n.	One who deserts his or her professed principles or faith
20	APOTHEOSIS n.	Elevation to divine status; the perfect example of something
21	APPROPRIATE v.	To take without permission; to set aside for a particular use
22	ARCHETYPE n.	An original model or pattern
23	ARDENT adj.	Passionate
24	ARSENAL n.	A storehouse of weapons
25	ASCERTAIN v.	To determine with certainty; to find out definitely
26	ASCETIC adj.	Hermit-like; practicing self-denial
27	ASSUAGE v.	To soothe, pacify, or relieve
28	ATTRITION n.	Gradual wearing away, a natural or expected decrease in size or number
29	AUGURY n.	An omen, esp. A good omen
30	AUSPICES n	Protection, support; sponsorship
31	AVARICE n.	Greed

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32	AVUNCULAR adj.	Kind, helpful, generous, like a nice uncle
33	BAROMETER n.	An instrument that measures atmospheric pressure
34	BEGUILE v.	To delude by guile or craft; to mislead, divert
35	BEHEST n.	A command or order
36	BELEAGUER v.	To surround, besiege, or harass
37	BELIE v.	To give a false impression; to contradict
38	BELLICOSE adj.	Warlike, belligerent
39	BEQUEST n.	Something left to someone in a will
40	BLITHE adj.	Carefree, cheerful
41	BROACH v.	To open up a subject, often a delicate one, for discussion
42	BURGEON v.	To expand; to flourish
43	BUTTRESS n.	A support for a building or structure
44	CABAL n.	A group of conspirators; the acts of such a group; a clique
45	CAJOLE v.	To persuade
46	CALIPERS n.	A pinching instrument used for measuring distances
47	CANON n.	A rule or law, especially a religious one; a body of rules or laws; an authoritative list; the set of works by an author
48	CANTANKEROUS adj.	Ill-natured, contentious
49	CANVASS v.	To campaign; to seek or solicit orders, votes, etc.
50	CAPACITOR n.	A device which stores energy
51	CAPITULATE v.	To surrender, give up, or give in
52	CAPTIOUS adj.	Ill-natured, quarrelsome
53	CARP v.	To complain or find fault with someone
54	CARTOGRAPHY n.	The study and creation of maps
55	CASTIGATE v.	To criticize severely, to chastise
56	CATALYST n.	Anything that makes something happen without being directly involved
57	CATHARSIS n.	Purification that brings emotional relief or renewal
58	CAVIL v.	To quibble; to raise trivial objections
59	CENSURE v.	To condemn severely for doing something bad
60	CHAGRIN n.	Humiliation; embarrassed disappointment
61	CHICANERY n.	Trickery, deceitfulness, artifice, especially legal or political

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62	CHIMERICAL adj.	Imaginary, given to fantasy
63	CHOLERIC adj.	Hot-tempered, quick to anger
64	CIRCUMVENT v.	To go around
65	CLOSEFISTED adj.	Stingy; not willing to spend money
66	COALESCE v.	To come together as one, to fuse, to unite
67	COGITATE v.	To ponder; to meditate; to think carefully about
68	COLLOQUIAL adj.	Ordinary, informal speech
69	CONSCRIPT v.	Enlisted, drafted, or enrolled, usu. Refers to mandatory military service
70	CORROBORATE v.	To confirm, back up with evidence
71	COTERIE n.	A group of close associates; a circle of friends or associates
72	COY adj.	Shy, reluctant to make a commitment
73	CRAVEN adj.	Cowardly, afraid
74	CURMUDGEON n.	A greedy, irascible, crotchety old person
75	DEARTH n.	A shortage or scarcity of something
76	DEBACLE n.	A big disaster
77	DEFT adj.	Very skillful
78	DEHYDRATE v.	To remove water
79	DEMAGOGUE n.	A leader of the people, but more a rabble rouser
80	DEMOGRAPHY n.	The statistical study of the characteristics of populations
81	DESALINATE v.	To remove salt from something
82	DESICCATE v.	To dry out
83	DIPLOMATIC adj.	Tactful; good at negotiating
83	DISCOMFIT v.	To frustrate, to confuse
84	DITHER v.	To vacillate between choices; to tremble with excitement
85	DIURNAL adj.	Occurring every day; occurring during the daytime
86	DIVISIVE adj.	Creating conflict and disagreement
87	DRACONIAN adj.	Severe, harsh, cruel
88	EBULLIENT adj.	Bubbling with excitement, exuberant
89	EFFIGY n.	A likeness of a person, usu. One used to express hatred for that person
90	ELLIPTICAL adj.	Oval, missing a word or words, obscure

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92	EPHEMERAL adj.	Lasting a very short time
93	EQUINE adj.	Relating to horses, horselike
94	EQUIVOCAL n.	Ambiguous, intentionally confusing, capable of being interpreted many ways
95	ERSATZ adj.	Serving as a substitute, synthetic, artificial
96	ETHEREAL adj.	Heavenly, light, insubstantial
97	ETYMOLOGY n.	The study of words and their meanings
98	EUPHONIOUS adj.	Pleasant sounding, opposite of cacophonous; melodious
99	EVANESCENT n.	Fleeting, vanishing, happening only for the briefest period
100	EVINCE v.	To demonstrate convincingly; to prove
101	EXECRATE v.	To curse, denounce
102	EXHUME v.	To unbury; to dig out of the ground
103	EXONERATE v.	To free completely from blame
104	EXPEDITIOUS adj.	Prompt, speedy (to expedite, v.)
105	EXPIATE v.	To make amends, to atone
106	EXPUNGE v.	To erase, obliterate, to blot out
107	FECUND adj.	Fertile, productive
108	FERVENT adj.	Having intense feeling, enthusiastic; fervid
109	FEIGN v.	To pretend; to make a false representation of something
110	FLACCID adj.	Soft and limp
111	FLOUT v.	To disregard something or someone out of disrespect
112	FORD n., v.	The shallow part of a river; to cross a river at the shallow part
113	FORENSICS n.	The art or study of argumentation and formal debate
114	FORTUITOUS adj.	Accidental, occurring by chance
115	FRACAS n.	A big fight
116	FURROW n., v.	A narrow groove made in the ground; to make wrinkles in the face
117	GAFFE n.	A social blunder, an embarrassing mistake, a faux pas
118	GALVANIZE v.	To startle into sudden activity; to revitalize
119	GASTRONOMY n.	The art of eating well

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120	GERMANE adj.	Relevant, applicable, pertinent
121	GLOWER v.	To look or stare with sullen dislike or anger
122	GOLDBRICK v. n.	To swindle, to sell something worthless as if it were valuable
123	GRANDILOQUENT adj.	Using a lot of big, fancy words to sound impressive
124	GLUT n.	Surplus, overabundance
125	HALCYON adj.	Peaceful, serene; carefree
126	HEDONISM n.	The pursuit of pleasure as a way of life
127	HEGEMONY n.	Leadership, especially of one nation over another
128	HERMETIC adj.	Airtight, impervious to external influence
129	HOMILY n.	A sermon
130	HUBRIS n.	Excessive pride
131	HUMANIST n.	One who has great concern for human welfare, values, and dignity; a student of the classics
132	HYBRID n.	Formed, bred, or composed from different elements
133	HYPODERMIC adj.	Beneath the skin
134	IDIOSYNCRATIC adj.	Quirky, peculiar, eccentric
135	IGNOMINY n.	Shame, disrepute, disgrace
136	IMPORTUNE v.	To beg, urge, or insist persistently
137	INANE adj.	Silly, senseless
138	INCANTATION n.	A chant
139	INCARNATE adj.	In the flesh
140	INCENSED adj.	Very angry
141	INCHOATE adj.	Incomplete, only partially formed
142	INDIGNANT adj.	Angry or insulted, especially as a result of something unjust or unworthy
143	INEFFABLE adj.	Incapable of being expressed or described
144	INEXORABLE adj.	Relentless, inevitable, unavoidable
145	INOCULATE v.	To protect against disease
146	INSoucIANT adj.	Nonchalant, lighthearted, carefree
147	IRASCIBLE adj.	Easily angered or provoked, irritable
148	JAUNT n.	A short pleasure trip
149	JEJUNE adj.	Lacking maturity or significance; irrelevant

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153	KUDOS n.	Honor, glory, acclaim, compliment
154	LAMBASTE v.	To assault violently with words
155	LAUDATORY adj.	Praising
156	LAX adj.	Not strict; careless or negligent
157	LEXICON n.	A glossary or dictionary
158	LIMPID adj.	Transparent; clear; lucid
159	LINIMENT n.	A medicinal liquid or salve for rubbing on the skin
160	LIQUIDATE v.	To get rid of; to settle a debt
161	LUGUBRIOUS adj.	Exaggeratedly mournful
162	LUMINARY n.	A person who has attained eminence in his/her field
163	MAUDLIN adj.	Silly and overly sentimental
164	MELLIFLUOUS adj.	Flowing sweetly, usu. Refers to sounds or voices
165	MENDACIOUS adj.	Lying, dishonest
166	MERITORIOUS adj.	Deserving praise or reward
167	MIRTH n.	Amusement or laughter
168	MISANTHROPE n.	One who hates people
169	MORIBUND adj.	Dying
170	NARCISSISM n.	Excessive love of one's body or oneself
171	NEBULOUS adj.	Vague, hazy, indistinct
172	NEOLOGISM n.	A new word or phrase, a new usage of a word
173	NEOPHYTE n.	A novice or beginner
174	NOISOME adj.	Offensive or disgusting; stinking, noxious
175	NOXIOUS adj.	Harmful, offensive
176	NUANCE n.	A subtle difference or distinction
177	NUMEROLOGY n.	The study of numbers for the purposes of predicting the future
178	OBEISANCE n.	Deep reverence; a bow or curtsy
179	OBFUSCATE v.	To darken or confuse
180	OBSEQUIIOUS adj.	Fawning, subservient, servile, excessively deferential
181	ODOMETER n.	Instrument that measures how many miles one has traveled
182	OLFACTORY adj.	Pertaining to the sense of smell
183	OLIGARCHY n.	Government by only a very few people

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185	PALTRY adj.	Insignificant, worthless
186	PANACEA n.	Something that cures everything
187	PANACHE n.	Flair, verve; dashing elegance
189	PARAGON n.	A model of excellence
190	PECCADILLO n.	A minor offense or error
191	PEDANTIC adj.	Boringly scholarly or academic
192	PENURIOUS adj.	Extremely stingy, poor, or miserly
193	PERFIDY n.	Treachery
194	PERFUNCTORY adj.	Unenthusiastic, careless
195	PERNICIOUS adj.	Deadly, extremely evil
196	PERQUISITE n.	A privilege that goes along with a job, a "perk"
197	PHILISTINE n.	A smugly ignorant person with no intellectual or artistic appreciation
198	PIQUANT adj.	Pleasantly sharp in flavor; interestingly provocative or stimulating
199	PIQUE v.	To excite; to arouse an emotion or provoke to action
200	PLEBEIAN adj.	Common, vulgar, low class
201	POLEMIC n.	A powerful argument often made to attack or refute a controversial issue
202	PORTENT n.	An omen, a sign of something coming
203	POTENTATE n.	A person who possesses great power
204	PREDILECTION n.	A natural preference for something
205	PREEMPT v.	To seize something by prior right
206	PRESCIENT adj.	Having knowledge of things before they exist or happen
207	PRIGGISH adj.	Very fussy, self-righteous, high-maintenance, usu. Refers to people
208	PROFLIGATE adj.	Extravagantly wasteful; wildly immoral
209	PROLIFIC adj.	Abundantly productive, fruitful, or fertile
210	PROMULGATE v.	To publicly or formally declare something
211	PULCHRITUDE n.	Physical beauty
212	QUEUE n., v.	A line; to line up
213	QUIESCENT adj.	Motionless; at rest; still
214	QUINTESSENTIAL adj.	Being the most perfect example of

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215	QUIXOTIC adj.	Idealistic to a foolish or impractical degree, like Don Quixote
216	QUOTIDIAN adj.	Daily; everyday; ordinary
217	RAZE v.	To completely destroy or level something
218	REBUKE v.	To criticize sharply
219	RECAPITULATE v.	To review or summarize
220	RECIDIVISM n.	The act of repeating an offense
221	REDOLENT adj.	Fragrant
222	RENEGE v.	To go back on a bet or promise
223	RETRENCHMENT n.	Cutting down or off, reduction
224	RHETORIC n.	The study or art of using language well; using undue exaggeration
225	SACROSANCT adj.	Sacred, held to be inviolable
226	SANGUINE adj.	Cheerful, optimistic, hopeful
227	SARDONIC adj.	Mocking, scornful
228	SATURNINE adj.	Gloomy or taciturn
229	SCRUPULOUS adj.	Strict, careful, hesitant for ethical reasons
230	SEMANTIC n.	Pertaining to the meaning of words or symbols
231	SEMAPHORE n.	A system of signaling, usually through the use of flags
232	SERENDIPITY n.	Accidental good fortune, discovering good things without looking for them
233	SKINFLINT n.	A mean, penny-pinching person
234	SMIDGEN n.	A very small amount
235	SOMBER adj.	Depressing, dismal, gloomy
236	SPECIOUS adj.	Deceptively plausible or attractive; misleading; like an answer choice Joe Bloggs would fall for.
237	STAND n.	A group of trees
238	SUBLIME adj.	Of great intellectual, moral, or spiritual value
249	SUBSIDY n.	A gift of money
240	SUBTERFUGE n.	Deceptive strategy used to conceal, escape, or evade
241	SUPERCILIOUS adj.	Haughty, patronizing
242	SUPPLICATE v.	To ask or beg humbly
243	TENABLE adj.	Valid, capable of being argued successfully
244	THREADBARE adj.	Falling apart, meager, poor, old
245	TRUCULENT adj.	Fierce, cruel, savagely brutal

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247	UNCANNY adj.	Extraordinary, mysterious, uncomfortably strange
248	UNILATERAL adj.	Involving one side only; done on behalf of one side only
249	USURY n.	The practice of lending money at a high rate of interest
250	VACUOUS adj.	Empty of content; lacking in ideas or intelligence
251	VAPID adj.	Dull, spiritless
252	VERDANT adj.	Covered with green plants; leafy; inexperienced
253	VERNACULAR n.	Everyday speech, slang, idiom
254	VESTIGE n.	A remaining bit of something, a last trace
255	WANE v.	To decrease in strength or intensity; to fade away; to decline in power
256	WANTON adj.	Malicious, unjustifiable, unprovoked, egregious
257	WIZENED adj.	Shriveled; withered; shrunken
258	XENOPHOBIA n.	One who greatly fears or dislikes foreigners
259	YEOMANLY adj.	Dependable, hard-working
260	ZEITGEIST n.	The mood or spirit of the times
261	ZENITH n.	The highest point; peak; pinnacle

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