

Barrons GRE High-Frequency 333 Words

Vocabulary List

WORD	MEANING
Abate	subside , or moderate
Aberrant	abnormal, or deviant
Abeyance	suspended action
Abscond	depart secretly and hide
Abstemious	sparing in eating and drinking; temperate
Admonish	warn; reprove
Adulterate	make impure by adding inferior or tainted substances
Aesthetic	artistic; dealing with or capable of appreciating the beautiful
Aggregate	gather; accumulate
Alacrity	cheerful promptness; eagerness
Alleviate	relieve
Amalgamate	combine; unite in one body
Ambiguous	unclear or doubtful in meaning
Ambivalence	the state of having contradictory or conflicting emotional attitudes
Ameliorate	improve
Anachronism	something or someone misplaced in time
Analogous	comparable
Anarchy	absence of governing body; state of disorder
Anomalous	abnormal; irregular
Antipathy	aversion; dislike
Apathy	lack of caring; indifference
Appease	pacify or soothe; relieve
Apprise	inform
Approbation	approval
Appropriate v.	acquire; take possession of for one's own use
Arduous	hard; strenuous
Artless	without guile; open and honest
Ascetic	practicing self-denial; austere
Assiduous	diligent
Assuage v.	ease or lessen (pain); satisfy (hunger); soothe (anger)
Attenuate	make thinner
Audacious	daring; bold
Austere	forbiddingly stern; severely simple and unornamented
Autonomous	self-governing; independent
Aver	assert confidently or declare; as used in law, state formally as a fact
Banal	hackneyed; commonplace; trite; lacking originality
Belie	contradict; give a false impression

Beneficent	kindly; doing good
Bolster	support; reinforce
Bombastic	pompous; using inflated language
Boorish	rude; insensitive
Burgeon	grow forth; send out buds
Burnish	make shiny by rubbing; polish
Buttress v.	support; prop up
Capricious	unpredictable; fickle
Castigation	punishment; severe criticism
Catalyst	agent that increases the pace of a chemical action
Caustic	burning; sarcastically biting
Chicanery	trickery; deception
Coagulate	thicken; congeal; clot
Coda	concluding section of a musical or literary composition; summarizes or concludes
Cogent	convincing
Commensurate adj.	corresponding in extent, degree, etc.; proportionate
Compendium	brief, comprehensive summary
Complaisant	trying to please; overly polite; obliging
Compliant	yielding; conforming to requirements
Conciliatory	reconciling; soothing
Condone	overlook; forgive; give tacit approval; excuse
Confound	confuse; puzzle
Connoisseur	person competent to act as a judge of art; a lover of art
Contention	claim; thesis
Contentious	quarrelsome
Contrite	penitent
Conundrum	riddle; difficult problem
Converge	approach; tend to meet; come together
Convolved	coiled around; involved; intricate
Craven	cowardly
Daunt	intimidate; frighten
Decorum	propriety; orderliness and good taste in manners
Default	failure to act
Deference	courteous regard for another's wishes
Delineate	portray; depict; sketch
Denigrate	blacken
Deride	ridicule; make fun of
Derivative	unoriginal; obtained from another source
Desiccate	dry up
Desultory	aimless; haphazard; digressing at random
Deterrent	Something that discourages; hindrance
Diatribes n.	bitter scolding; invective
Dichotomy	split; branching into two parts (especially contradictory ones)
Diffidence	Shyness
Diffuse adj.	wordy, rambling, spread out (like a gas)

Digression	Wandering away from the subject
Dirge	Lament with music
Disabuse	correct a false impression; undeceive
Discerning	mentally quick and observant; having insight
Discordant	not harmonious; conflicting
Discredit	defame; destroy confidence in; disbelieve
Discrepancy	lack of consistency; difference
Discrete adj.	separate; unconnected; consisting of distinct parts
Disingenuous	lacking genuine candor; insincere
Disinterested	unprejudiced
Disjointed	lacking coherence; separated at the joints
Dismiss	eliminate from consideration; reject
Disparage	belittle
Disparate adj.	basically different; unrelated
Dissemble v.	disguise; pretend
Disseminate	distribute; spread; scatter (like seeds)
Dissolution	disintegration; looseness in morals
Dissonance	discord; opposite of harmony
Distend	expand; swell out
Distill	purify; refine; concentrate
Diverge	vary; go in different directions from the same point
Divest	strip; deprive
Document	provide written evidence
Dogmatic	opinionated; arbitrary; doctrinal
Dormant	sleeping; lethargic; latent
Dupe	someone easily fooled
Ebullient	showing excitement; overflowing with enthusiasm
Eclectic	selective; composed of elements drawn from disparate sources
Efficacy	power to produce desired effect
Effrontery	impudence; shameless boldness; sheer nerve; presumptuousness
Elegy	poem or song expressing lamentation
Elicit	draw out by discussion
Embellish	adorn; ornament; enhance, as a story
Empirical	based on experience
Emulate	imitate; rival
Endemic	prevailing among a specific group of people or in a specific area or country
Enervate	weaken
Engender	cause; produce
Enhance	increase; improve
Ephemeral	short-lived; fleeting
Equanimity	calmness of temperament; composure
Equivocate	lie; mislead; attempt to conceal the truth
Erudite	learned; scholarly
Esoteric	hard to understand; known only to the chosen few

Eulogy	expression of praise, often on the occasion of someone's death
Euphemism	mild expression in place of an unpleasant one
Exacerbate	worsen; embitter
Exculpate	clear from blame
Exigency	urgent situation; pressing needs or demands; state of requiring immediate attention
Extrapolation	projection; conjecture
Facetious	joking (often inappropriately); humorous
Facilitate	help bring about; make less difficult
Fallacious	false; misleading
Fatuous	brainless; inane; foolish, yet smug
Fawning	trying to please by behaving obsequiously, flattering, or cringing
Felicitous	apt; suitably expressed; well chosen
Fervor	glowing ardor; intensity of feeling
Flag	droop; grow feeble
Fledgling	inexperienced
Flout	reject; mock; show contempt for
Foment	stir up; instigate
Forestall	prevent by taking action in advance
Frugality	thrift; economy
Futile	useless; hopeless; ineffectual
Gainsay	deny
Garrulous	loquacious; talkative; wordy
Goad	urge on
Gouge	overcharge
Grandiloquent	pompous; bombastic; using high-sounding language
Gregarious	sociable
Guileless	without deceit
Gullible	easily deceived
Harangue	long, passionate, and vehement speech
Homogeneous	of the same kind
Hyperbole	exaggeration; overstatement
Iconoclastic	attacking cherished traditions
Idolatry	worship of idols; excessive admiration
Immutable	unchangeable
Impair	injure; hurt
Impassive	without feeling; imperturbable; stoical
Impede	hinder; block
Impermeable	impervious; not permitting passage through its substance
Imperturbable	calm; placid
Impervious	impenetrable; incapable of being damaged or distressed
Implacable	incapable of being pacified

Implicit	understood but not stated
Implode	burst inward
Inadvertently	unintentionally; by oversight; carelessly
Inchoate adj.	recently begun; rudimentary; elementary
Incongruity	lack of harmony; absurdity
Inconsequential	insignificant; unimportant
Incorporate	introduce something into a larger whole; combine; unite
Indeterminate	uncertain; not clearly fixed; indefinite
Indigence	poverty
Indolent	Lazy
Inert	inactive; lacking power to move
Ingenuous	naive and trusting; young; unsophisticated
Inherent	firmly established by nature or habit
Innocuous	Harmless
Insensible	unconscious; unresponsive
Insinuate	hint; imply; creep in
Inspid	lacking in flavor; dull
Insularity	narrow-mindedness; isolation
Intractable	unruly; stubborn; unyielding
Intransigence n.	refusal of any compromise; stubbornness
Inundate	overwhelm; flood; submerge
Inured adj.	accustomed; hardened
Invective n.	abuse
Irascible	irritable; easily angered
Irresolute	uncertain how to act; weak
Itinerary	plan of a trip
Laconic	brief and to the point
Lassitude	languor; weariness
Latent	potential but undeveloped; dormant; hidden
Laud v.	praise
Lethargic	drowsy; dull
Levee	stone embankment to prevent flooding
Levity	lack of seriousness or steadiness; frivolity
Log	record of a voyage or flight; record of day-to-day activities
Loquacious	talkative
Lucid	easily understood; clear; intelligible
Luminous	shining; issuing light
Magnanimity	Generosity
Malingerer	one who feigns illness to escape duty
Malleable	capable of being shaped by pounding; impressionable
Maverick	rebel; nonconformist
Mendacious	lying; habitually dishonest
Metamorphosis	change of form
Meticulous	excessively careful; painstaking; scrupulous
Misanthrope	one who hates mankind
Mitigate	appease; moderate

Mollify	soothe
Morose	ill-humored; sullen; melancholy
Mundane	worldly as opposed to spiritual; everyday
Negate	cancel out; nullify; deny
Neophyte	recent convert; beginner
Obdurate adj.	stubborn
Obsequious	lavishly attentive; servile; sycophantic
Obviate	make unnecessary; get rid of
Occlude	shut; close
Officious	meddlesome; excessively pushy in offering one's services
Onerous	burdensome
Opprobrium	infamy; vilification
Oscillate	vibrate; waver
Ostentatious	showy; pretentious; trying to attract attention
Paragon	model of perfection
Partisan	one-sided; prejudiced; committed to a party
Pathological	pertaining to disease
Paucity	Scarcity
Pedantic	showing off learning; bookish
Penchant	strong inclination; liking
Penury	severe poverty; stinginess
Perennial	something long-lasting
Perfidious	treacherous; disloyal
Perfunctory	superficial; not thorough; lacking interest, care, or enthusiasm
Permeable	penetrable; porous; allowing liquids or gas to pass through
Pervasive	spread throughout
Phlegmatic	calm; not easily disturbed
Piety	devoutness; reverence for God
Placate	pacify; conciliate
Plasticity	ability to be molded
Platitude n.	trite remark; commonplace statement
Plethora	excess; overabundance
Plummet	fall sharply
Porous	full of pores; like a sieve
Pragmatic	practical (as opposed to idealistic); concerned with the practical worth or impact of something
Preamble	introductory statement
Precarious	uncertain; risky
Precipitate adj.	rash, premature, hasty, sudden
Precursor	forerunner
Presumptuous	arrogant; taking liberties
Prevaricate	lie
Pristine	characteristic of earlier times; primitive; unspoiled
Probity	uprightness; incorruptibility

Problematic	doubtful; unsettled; questionable; perplexing
Prodigal	wasteful; reckless with money
Profound	deep; not superficial; complete
Prohibitive	tending to prevent the purchase or use of something; inclined to prevent or forbid
Proliferate	grow rapidly; spread; multiply
Propensity	natural inclination
Propitiate	appease
Propriety	fitness; correct conduct
Proscribe	ostracize; banish; outlaw
Pungent	stinging; sharp in taste or smell; caustic
Qualified	limited; restricted
Quibble	minor objection or complaint
Quiescent	at rest; dormant; temporarily inactive
Rarefied	made less dense (of a gas)
Recalcitrant	obstinately stubborn; determined to resist authority; unruly
Recant	disclaim or disavow; retract a previous statement; openly confess error
Recluse	hermit; loner
Recondite	abstruse; profound; secret
Refractory	stubborn; unmanageable
Refute	disprove
Relegate	banish to an inferior position; delegate; assign
Reproach	express disapproval or disappointment
Reprobate	person hardened in sin; devoid of a sense of decency
Repudiate	disown; disavow
Rescind	cancel
Resolution	Determination
Resolve	determination; firmness of purpose
Reticent	reserved; uncommunicative; inclined to silence
Reverent	respectful; worshipful
Sage	person celebrated for wisdom
Salubrious	healthful
Sanction	approve; ratify
Satiate	satisfy fully
Saturate	soak thoroughly
Savor	enjoy; have a distinctive flavor, smell, or quality
Secrete	hide away or cache; produce and release a substance into an organism
Shard	fragment, generally of pottery
Skeptic	doubter; person who suspends judgment until having examined evidence supporting a point of view
Solicitous	worried; concerned
Soporific	sleep-causing; marked by sleepiness
Specious	seemingly reasonable but incorrect; misleading (often

	intentionally)
Spectrum	colored band produced when a beam of light passes through a prism
Sporadic	occurring irregularly
Stigma	token of disgrace; brand
Stint v.	be thrifty; set limits
Stipulate	make express conditions; specify
Stolid	dull; impassive
Striated	marked with parallel bands; grooved
Strut	pompous walk
Strut	supporting bar
Subpoena	writ summoning a witness to appear
Subside	settle down; descend; grow quiet
Substantiate	establish by evidence; verify; support
Supersede	cause to be set aside; replace; make obsolete
Supposition	hypothesis; surmise
Tacit	understood; not put into words
Tangential	peripheral; only slightly connected; digressing
Tenuous	thin; rare; slim
Tirade	extended scolding; denunciation; harangue
Torpor	lethargy; sluggishness; dormancy
Tortuous	winding; full of curves
Tractable	docile; easily managed
Transgression	violation of a law; sin
Truculence	aggressiveness; ferocity
Vacillate	waver; fluctuate
Venerate	revere
Veracious	truthful
Verbose	wordy
Viable	practical or workable
Viscous	sticky, gluey
Vituperative adj	abusive; scolding
Volatile	changeable; explosive; evaporation rapidly
Warranted	justified; authorized
Wary	very cautious
Welter	turmoil; bewildering jumble
Whimsical	capricious; fanciful
Zealot	fanatic; person who shows excessive zeal

GRE Vocabulary Workout

400 OF THE GRE'S FAVORITE WORDS WITH DEFINITIONS

A

ABDICATE to give up a position, right, or power
ABJURE to reject, abandon formally
ABLUTION act of cleansing
ABNEGATE to deny, renounce
ABROGATE to abolish or invalidate by authority
ABSTEMIOUS consuming moderately
ABSTRUSE difficult to comprehend
ABUT to touch, to be in contact with
ACERBIC bitter, sharp in taste or temper
ACME highest point, summit
ACQUIESCE to agree or comply in silence
ADROIT skillful, accomplished, highly competent
ADUMBRATE to sketch, outline in a shadowy way
AERIE nook or nest built high in the air
ALTRUISM unselfish concern for others' welfare
AMBULATORY itinerant; walking around
AMORTIZE to diminish by installment payments
ANCILLARY accessory, subordinate; helping
ANTEDILUVIAN prehistoric, ancient beyond measure; coming before the biblical flood
ANTHROPOMORPHIC attributing human qualities to nonhumans; having human qualities
APLOMB poise, confidence
APOSTATE one who renounces a religious faith
APOTHEGM a short, instructive saying
APOTHEOSIS deification; glorified ideal
ARBOREAL relating to trees; living in trees
ASSIDUOUS diligent, persistent, hardworking

B

BACCHANALIAN drunkenly festive
BALK to refuse, shirk; prevent
BEATIFIC saintly, angelic
BEHEMOTH huge creature
BELIE to misrepresent; expose as false
BENISON blessing
BIFURCATE divide into two parts
BILIOUS easily irritated, relating to bile
BONHOMIE good-natured geniality; atmosphere of good cheer
BULWARK defense wall; anything serving as defense

C

CAJOLE to flatter, coax, persuade
CALAMITOUS disastrous, catastrophic
CALUMNY false and malicious accusation, misrepresentation, slander
CANARD a lie
CAROM to strike and rebound
CAVALCADE a procession
CHAGRIN shame, embarrassment, humiliation
CHARLATAN quack, fake
CHATTEL piece of personal property
CHIMERICAL fanciful, imaginary, visionary; impossible

CHOLERIC easily angered, short-tempered
CHURLISH rude
CISTERN tank for rainwater
COALESCE to grow together; cause to unite as one
COFFER strongbox, large chest for money
COGNOMEN family name; any name, especially a nickname
COMELINESS physical grace and beauty
COMMODIOUS roomy, spacious
COMPUNCTIOUS feeling guilty or having misgivings
CONCILIATORY overcoming distrust or hostility
CONFLAGRATION big, destructive fire
CONGENIAL similar in tastes and habits
CONSANGUINEOUS of the same origin; related by blood
CONTENTIOUS quarrelsome, disagreeable, belligerent
CONTUMACIOUS rebellious
CORPULENCE obesity, fatness, bulkiness
CORRUGATE to mold in a shape with parallel grooves and ridges
COSSET to pamper, treat with great care
COTERIE small group of persons with a similar purpose
COVEN group of witches
CURMUDGEON cranky person

D

DECLIVITY downward slope
DELETERIOUS harmful, destructive, detrimental
DELUGE flood
DEMAGOGUE leader or rabble-rouser who usually uses appeals to emotion or prejudice
DENIGRATE to slur or blacken someone's reputation
DESCRY to discover or reveal
DIAPHANOUS allowing light to show through; delicate
DICTUM authoritative statement; popular saying
DIDACTIC excessively instructive
DILUVIAL relating to a flood
DIMINUTIVE small
DISCOMFIT to cause perplexity and embarrassment
DISTAFF the female branch of a family
DITHER to move or act confusedly or without clear purpose
DIURNAL daily
DOCTRINAIRE rigidly devoted to theories
DOLOR sadness
DOUGHTY courageous
DROLL amusing in a dry, subtle way
DYSPEPTIC suffering from indigestion; gloomy and irritable

E

EBULLIENT exhilarated, full of enthusiasm and high spirits
EFFLUVIA outpouring of gases or vapors
EFFULGENT brilliantly shining
EGREGIOUS conspicuously bad
EMEND to correct a text
EMOLLIENT having soothing qualities, esp. for skin
ENCOMIUM warm praise
ENDEMIC belonging to a particular area, inherent

ENNUI boredom, lack of interest and energy
EPICURE person with refined taste in food and wine
EPITOME representative of an entire group; summary
ERSATZ fake
ESCHEW to abstain from, avoid
EVINCE to show clearly, display, signify
EXORCISE to expel evil spirits
EXPATiate to wander; to discuss or describe at length
EXPIATE to atone for, make amends for
EXPUNGE to erase, eliminate completely
EXPURGATE to censor
EXTEMPORANEOUS unrehearsed, on the spur of the moment
EXTOL to praise
EXTRAPOLATE to estimate

F

FACETIOUS witty in an inappropriate way
FATUOUS stupid; smugly foolish; unconsciously foolish
FEALTY intense loyalty
FECUND fertile, fruitful, productive
FETID foul-smelling, putrid
FEY doomed
FILCH to steal
FILIAL appropriate for a child
FLACCID limp, flabby, weak
FOLIATE to grow, sprout leaves
FORSWEAR to repudiate, renounce, disclaim, reject
FRACAS noisy dispute
FRACTIOUS unruly, rebellious
FRENETIC wildly frantic, frenzied, hectic
FULMINATE to explode with anger
FULSOME excessive, overdone, sickeningly abundant
FURTIVE secret, stealthy

G

GAINSAY to deny
GAMBOL to dance or skip around playfully
GAUCHE crude, socially awkward
GERMINATE to begin to grow (as in a seed or idea)
GIBE to make heckling, taunting remarks
GLIB fluent in an insincere manner; offhand, casual
GNOSTIC having to do with knowledge
GRANDILOQUENCE pompous talk, fancy but meaningless language
GRATUITOUS free, voluntary; unnecessary and unjustified
GUSTATORY relating to sense of taste

H

HACKNEYED worn out by over-use
HARANGUE a pompous speech
HEGEMONY leadership, domination, usually by a country
HERETICAL opposed to an established religious orthodoxy
HERMETIC tightly sealed
HOARY very old; whitish or gray from age
HUSBAND to farm; manage carefully and thriftily

I

IDIOSYNCRASY peculiarity of temperament, eccentricity
IGNOMINIOUS disgraceful and dishonorable
ILK type or kind

ILLUSORY unreal, deceptive
IMBUE to infuse; dye; wet, moisten
IMPECUNIOUS poor, having no money
IMPERIOUS arrogantly self-assured, domineering, overbearing
IMPOLITIC unwise
IMPROMPTU spontaneous, without rehearsal
IMPUGN to call into question, attack verbally
INCARNATE having bodily form
INCENDIARY combustible, flammable, burning easily
INCULCATE to teach; impress in the mind
INCULPATE to blame; charge with a crime
INDEFATIGABLE never tired
INDIGENT very poor
INDOLENT habitually lazy, idle
INDUBITABLE unquestionable
INERT unable to move, tending to inactivity
INFALLIBLE incapable of making a mistake
INGENIOUS original, clever, inventive
INGRATiate to bring oneself purposely into another's good graces
INGRESS entrance
INNUENDO indirect and subtle criticism, insinuation
INSIDIOUS sly, treacherous, devious
INSUPERABLE insurmountable, unconquerable
INTERDICT to forbid, prohibit
INTERLOCUTOR someone taking part in a dialogue
INTERLOPER trespasser; meddler in others' affairs
INTERNECINE deadly to both sides
INTERPOLATE to insert; change by adding new words or material
INTERSTICE a space between things
INTIMATION clue, suggestion
INTREPID fearless
INTRINSIC inherent, internal
INURE to harden; accustom; become used to
INVETERATE confirmed, long-standing, deeply rooted
INVIDIOUS likely to provoke ill will, offensive
ITINERANT wandering from place to place, unsettled

J

JIBE to shift suddenly from one side to the other
JINGOISM belligerent support of one's country
JOCULAR jovial, playful, humorous
JUGGERNAUT huge force destroying everything in its path
JURISPRUDENCE philosophy of law

K

KISMET fate
KNELL sound of a funeral bell; omen of death or failure

L

LACHRYMOSE tearful
LAMBASTE disapprove angrily
LAPIDARY relating to precious stones
LARGESS generosity; gift
LASSITUDE lethargy, sluggishness
LEGERDEMAIN trickery
LEVITY humor, frivolity, gaiety
LEXICON dictionary, list of words
LIBIDINOUS lustful
LICENTIOUS immoral; unrestrained by society

LIMPID clear and simple in style
LINIMENT medicinal liquid used externally to ease pain
LIONIZE to treat as a celebrity
LISSOME easily flexed, limber, agile
LUGUBRIOUS sorrowful, mournful

M

MACABRE gruesome, producing horror
MACHINATION plot or scheme
MALAPROPISM humorous misuse of a word
MALEVOLENT ill-willed; causing evil or harm to others
MANIFOLD diverse, varied; comprised of many parts
MARTINET strict disciplinarian; one who rigidly follows rules
MAUDLIN overly sentimental
MAWKISH sickeningly sentimental
MEGALOMANIA mental state with delusions of wealth and power
MENDACIOUS dishonest
MENDICANT beggar
MERCURIAL quick, shrewd, and unpredictable
MERITORIOUS deserving reward or praise
MINATORY menacing, threatening
MNEMONIC relating to memory; designed to assist memory
MOLT to shed hair, skin, or an outer layer periodically
MORDACIOUS caustic, biting
MOTE small particle, speck
MULTIFARIOUS diverse
MUNIFICENT generous

N

NADIR lowest point
NASCENT starting to develop, coming into existence
NEBULOUS vague, cloudy
NECROMANCY black magic
NEFARIOUS vicious, evil
NEOLOGISM new word or expression
NEOPHYTE novice, beginner
NIHILISM belief that existence and all traditional values are meaningless
NOISOME stinking, putrid
NOXIOUS harmful, unwholesome
NUMISMATICS coin collecting

O

OBFUSCATE to confuse, obscure
OBSTREPEROUS troublesome, boisterous, unruly
OMNIPOTENT having unlimited power
OMNISCIENT having infinite knowledge
OSCILLATE to move back and forth
OUSTER expulsion, ejection

P

PAEAN a song of praise or thanksgiving
PALLIATE to make less serious, ease
PANACEA cure-all
PANEGYRIC elaborate praise; formal hymn of praise
PANOPLY impressive array
PARLEY discussion, usually between enemies
PAROCHIAL of limited scope or outlook, provincial
PARSIMONY stinginess
PASTICHE piece of literature or music imitating other works

PAUCITY scarcity, lack
PECCADILLO minor sin or offense
PECULATION theft of money or goods
PENCHANT inclination
PENULTIMATE next to last
PENUMBRA partial shadow
PERAMBULATE walk about
PERIPHRASTIC using circumlocution
PERNICIOUS very harmful
PERSPICACIOUS shrewd, astute, keen-witted
PERTINACIOUS persistent, stubborn
PHALANX massed group of soldiers, people, or things
PHILISTINE narrow-minded person, someone lacking appreciation for art or culture
PLAIT to braid
PLANGENT resounding; plaintive
PLAUDIT applause
PNEUMATIC relating to air; worked by compressed air
POLEMIC controversy, argument; verbal attack
POLYGLOT speaker of many languages
POSIT to put in position; to suggest an idea
PRECEPT principle; law
PRECURSOR forerunner, predecessor
PREDILECTION preference, liking
PRESCIENT having foresight
PRIVATION lack of usual necessities or comforts
PROBITY honesty, high-mindedness
PROGENITOR originator, forefather, ancestor in a direct line
PROGNOSTICATE to predict
PROLIFIC productive, fertile
PROLIX tedious; wordy
PROMULGATE to make known publicly
PROPINQUITY nearness
PROPTITIOUS favorable, advantageous
PROSELYTIZE to induce someone to convert to a particular belief or religion
PROSTRATE lying face downward, lying flat on the ground
PROTAGONIST main character in a play or story, hero
PROVIDENT prudent, frugal
PROVINCIAL rustic, unsophisticated, limited in scope
PRURIENT lustful, exhibiting lewd desires
PUERILE childish, immature, silly
PULCHRITUDE beauty
PUNDIT an authority or critic
PUSILLANIMOUS cowardly

Q

QUERULOUS inclined to complain, irritable
QUOTIDIAN occurring daily; commonplace

R

RACONTEUR a witty, skillful storyteller
RAILLERY lighthearted jesting
RANCOR bitter hatred
RAPACIOUS greedy; predatory
RAPPROCHEMENT reestablishing a cordial relationship
RAZE to tear down, demolish
RECALCITRANT resisting authority or control
RECIDIVISM tendency to repeat previous behavior
RECONDITE relating to obscure learning; known to only a few
RECREANT disloyal; cowardly

REDRESS relief from wrong or injury
REJOINDER response
RENEGE to go back on one's word
RENITENT resisting pressure, obstinate
REPAST meal
REPROBATE morally unprincipled person
REQUITE to return or repay
RESPITE interval of relief
RESTIVE impatient, uneasy, restless
RETINUE group of attendants with an important person
REVELRY boisterous festivity
RIBALD humorous in a vulgar way
RIPOSTE a retort
ROCCO very highly ornamented
ROTUND round in shape; fat
RUMINATE to contemplate, reflect upon

S

SACROSANCT extremely sacred; beyond criticism
SAGACIOUS shrewd, wise
SALACIOUS lustful
SALUBRIOUS healthful
SANGUINE ruddy; cheerfully optimistic
SAPIENT wise
SCABBARD sheath for sword or dagger
SCINTILLA very small amount
SCINTILLATE to sparkle, flash
SCURRILOUS vulgar, low, indecent
SEDITION behavior promoting rebellion
SENESCENT aging, growing old
SENTIENT aware, conscious, able to perceive
SEPULCHRAL typical of a place of burial
SERAPHIC angelic, pure, sublime
SHIRK to avoid a task due to laziness or fear
SIMPER to smirk, smile foolishly
SINECURE well-paying job or office that requires little or no work
SINUOUS winding; intricate, complex
SLAKE to quench or moderate
SLOVENLY untidy, messy
SOJOURN visit, stay
SOLECISM grammatical mistake
SOLIPSISM belief that the self is the only reality
SOMNAMBULIST sleepwalker
SONOROUS producing a full, rich sound
SOPHIST person good at arguing deviously
SPORTIVE frolicsome, playful
SQUALID filthy; morally repulsive
STAD self-restrained, strait-laced
STENTORIAN extremely loud
STRIATE striped, grooved
STRINGENT imposing severe, rigorous standards
STYMIE to block or thwart
SUBTERFUGE trick or tactic used to avoid something
SULLY to soil, stain, tarnish; taint
SUPERCILIOUS arrogant, haughty, overbearing, condescending
SURLY rude and bad-tempered
SURREPTITIOUS characterized by secrecy
SYBARITE person devoted to pleasure and luxury
SYCOPHANT self-serving flatterer, yes-man
SYNCOPATION temporary irregularity in musical rhythm

T

TABLEAU vivid description, striking incident or scene
TALISMAN something producing a magical effect
TANTAMOUNT equivalent in value or significance; amounting to
TEMERITY recklessness
TEMPORAL relating to time; chronological
TENABLE defensible, reasonable
TENET belief, doctrine
TENUOUS weak, insubstantial
THRENODY a sad poem or song
TRAMMEL to impede or hamper
TRENCHANT acute, sharp, incisive; forceful, effective
TRITE shallow, superficial
TRUCULENT savage and cruel; fierce; ready to fight
TURGID swollen, bloated
TURPITUDE inherent vileness, foulness, depravity
TYRO beginner, novice

U

UMBRAGE offense, resentment
UNCTUOUS greasy, oily; smug and falsely earnest
UNFETTERED free, unrestrained
UNSULLIED clean
UNTOWARD not favorable; unruly
URBANE courteous, refined, suave
USURY lending money at exorbitant rates

V

VACUOUS empty, void; lacking intelligence, purposeless
VARIEGATED varied; marked with different colors
VIRILE manly, having qualities of an adult male
VISCOUS thick, syrupy, and sticky
VITIATE reduce in value or effectiveness
VITRIOLIC burning, caustic; sharp, bitter
VITUPERATE to abuse verbally
VOCIFEROUS loud, vocal, and noisy
VOLUBLE speaking much and easily, talkative; glib

W

WASPISH easily irritated
WIZENED withered, shriveled, wrinkled
WRAITH a ghost

X

XENOPHOBIA fear or hatred of foreigners or strangers

Z

ZENITH highest point, summit



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Hit-parade Group 1

aberrant	deviating from the norm
alacrity	eager and enthusiastic willingness
anomaly	deviation from the normal order, form, or rule; abnormality
approbation	an expression of approval or praise
assuage	to ease or lessen; to appease or pacify
audacious	daring and fearless; recklessly bold
capricious	inclined to change one's mind impulsively; erratic; unpredictable
censure	to criticize severely; to officially rebuke
chicanery	trickery or subterfuge
connoisseur	an informed and astute judge in matters of taste; expert
discordant	conflicting; dissonant or harsh in sound
disparate	fundamentally distinct or dissimilar
eloquent	well-spoken; expressive; articulate
enervate	to weaken; to reduce in vitality
ennui	dissatisfaction and restlessness resulting from boredom or apathy
equivocate	to use ambiguous language with a deceptive intent
exculpate	exonerate; to clear of blame
exigent	urgent; pressing; requiring immediate action or attention
filibuster	intentional obstruction, esp. using prolonged speechmaking to delay legislative action
ingenuous	artless; frank and candid; lacking in sophistication
inured	accustomed to accepting something undesirable
irascible	easily angered; prone to temperamental outbursts
laud	to praise highly
magnanimity	the quality of being generously noble in mind and heart, esp. in forgiving
martial	associated with war and the armed forces
mundane	of the world; typical of or concerned with the ordinary
nascent	coming into being; in early developmental stages
nebulous	vague; cloudy; lacking clearly defined form
neologism	a new word, expression, or usage; the creation or use of new words or senses
noxious	harmful; injurious
obtuse	lacking sharpness of intellect; not clear or precise in thought or expression
obviate	to anticipate and make unnecessary
onerous	troubling; burdensome
parody	a humorous imitation intended for ridicule or comic effect, esp. in literature and art
perennial	recurrent through the year or many years; happening repeatedly
perfunctory	cursory; done without care or interest
prattle	to babble meaninglessly; to talk in an empty and idle manner
prescience	foreknowledge of events; knowing of events prior to their occurring

prevaricate	to deliberately avoid the truth; to mislead
refute	to disprove; to successfully argue against
relegate	to forcibly assign, esp. to a lower place or position
solicitous	concerned and attentive; eager
sporadic	occurring only occasionally, or in scattered instances
static	not moving, active, or in motion; at rest
stupefy	to stun, baffle, or amaze
tortuous	winding; twisting; excessively complicated
truculent	fierce and cruel; eager to fight
voracious	having an insatiable appetite for an activity or pursuit; ravenous
waver	to move to and fro; to sway; to be unsettled in opinion

Hit-parade Group 2

abscond	to depart clandestinely; to steal off and hide
ameliorate	to make better or more tolerable
arduous	strenuous; taxing; requiring significant effort
ascetic	one who practices rigid self-denial, esp. as an act of religious devotion
austere	without adornment; bare; severely simple; ascetic
axiom	a universally recognized principle
axiomatic	taken as a given; possessing self-evident truth
bucolic	rustic and pastoral; characteristic of rural areas and their inhabitants
canonical	following or in agreement with accepted, traditional standards
contentious	argumentative; quarrelsome; causing controversy or disagreement
convoluted	complex or complicated
culpable	deserving blame
disabuse	to undeceive; to set right
eclectic	composed of elements drawn from various sources
effrontery	extreme boldness; presumptuousness
ephemeral	brief; fleeting
erudite	very learned; scholarly
eulogy	a speech honoring the dead
extemporaneous	improvised; done without preparation
facetious	playful; humorous
fulminate	to loudly attack or denounce
hyperbole	an exaggerated statement, often used as a figure of speech
lucid	clear; easily understood
oscillation	the act or state of swinging back and forth with a steady, uninterrupted rhythm

paean	a song or hymn of praise and thanksgiving
penurious	penny-pinching; excessively thrifty; ungenerous
perfidy	intentional breach of faith; treachery
pernicious	extremely harmful; potentially causing death
perspicacious	acutely perceptive; having keen discernment
pious	extremely reverent or devout; showing strong religious devotion
precipitate	acting with excessive haste or impulse
precipitate	to cause or happen before anticipated or required
precursor	one that precedes and indicates or announces another
predilection	a disposition in favor of something; preference
prolific	producing large volumes or amounts; productive
qualms	misgivings; reservations; causes for hesitancy
quiescence	stillness; motionlessness; quality of being at rest
recant	to retract, esp. a previously held belief
redoubtable	awe-inspiring; worthy of honor
reticent	quiet; reserved; reluctant to express thoughts and feelings
satire	a literary work that ridicules or criticizes a human vice through humor or derision
sordid	characterized by filth, grime, or squalor; foul
squalid	sordid; wretched and dirty as from neglect
squander	to waste by spending or using irresponsibly
stoic	indifferent to or unaffected by pleasure or pain; steadfast
stymie	to block; thwart
supplant	to take the place of; supersede
synthesis	the combination of parts to make a whole
torpid	lethargic; sluggish; dormant
torque	a force that causes rotation
ubiquitous	existing everywhere at the same time; constantly encountered; widespread
veracity	truthfulness; honesty
vilify	to defame; to characterize harshly
virulent	extremely harmful or poisonous; bitterly hostile or antagonistic

Hit-parade Group 3

abate	to lessen in intensity or degree
accolade	an expression of praise
adulation	excessive praise; intense adoration
aesthetic	dealing with, appreciative of, or responsive to art or the beautiful
avarice	greed, esp. for wealth
burgeon	to grow rapidly or flourish
cacophony	harsh, jarring, discordant sound; dissonance
canon	an established set of principles or code of laws, often religious in nature
castigation	severe criticism or punishment

catalyst	a substance that accelerates the rate of a chemical reaction without itself changing
catalyst	a person or thing that causes change
caustic	burning or stinging; causing corrosion
chary	wary; cautious; sparing
cogent	appealing forcibly to the mind or reason; convincing
complaisance	the willingness to comply with the wishes of others
contrite	regretful; penitent; seeking forgiveness
dearth	smallness of quantity or number; scarcity; a lack
demur	to question or oppose
didactic	intended to teach or instruct
discretion	cautious reserve in speech; ability to make responsible decisions
disinterested	indifferent; free from self-interest
dogmatic	stubbornly opinionated
ebullience	the quality of lively or enthusiastic expression of thoughts and feelings
elegy	a mournful poem, esp. one lamenting the dead
emollient	soothing, esp. to the skin; making less harsh
empirical	based on observation or experiment
enigmatic	mysterious; obscure; difficult to understand
esoteric	intended for or understood by a small, specific group
exonerate	to remove blame
fallacy	an invalid or incorrect notion; a mistaken belief
furtive	marked by stealth; covert; surreptitious
gregarious	sociable; outgoing; enjoying the company of other people
harangue	to deliver a pompous speech or tirade
heretical	violating accepted dogma or convention
impecunious	lacking funds; without money
incipient	beginning to come into being or to become apparent
inert	unmoving; lethargic; sluggish
innocuous	harmless; causing no damage
intransigent	refusing to compromise
inveigle	to obtain by deception or flattery
morose	sad; sullen; melancholy
odious	evoking intense aversion or dislike
opaque	impenetrable by light; not reflecting light
peruse	to examine with great care
preen	to dress up; to primp; to groom oneself with elaborate care
prodigious	abundant in size, force, or extent; extraordinary
putrefy	to rot; to decay and give off a foul odor
quaff	to drink deeply
sanction	authoritative permission or approval; a penalty intended to enforce compliance
urbane	sophisticated; refined; elegant
viscous	thick; sticky

Hit-parade Group 4

acerbic	having a sour or bitter taste or character
amalgamate	to combine several elements into a whole
amenable	agreeable; responsive to suggestion
bolster	to provide support or reinforcement
bombast	self-important or pompous writing or speech
bombastic	pompous; grandiloquent
credulous	tending to believe too readily; gullible
diatribe	a harsh denunciation
fawn	to flatter or praise excessively
fervent	greatly emotional or zealous
flout	to demonstrate contempt for, as in a rule or convention
fortuitous	happening by fortunate accident or chance
garrulous	pointlessly talkative; talking too much
germane	relevant to the subject at hand; appropriate in subject matter
glib	marked by ease or informality; nonchalant; lacking in depth; superficial
halcyon	calm and peaceful
hubris	arrogant presumption or pride
idolatrous	given to intense or excessive devotion to something
imminent	about to happen; impending
imperturbable	marked by extreme calm, impassivity and steadiness
impetuous	hastily or rashly energetic; impulsive and vehement
implacable	not capable of being appeased or significantly changed
indifferent	having no interest or concern; showing no bias or prejudice
intrepid	steadfast and courageous
laconic	using few words; terse
malleable	capable of being shaped or formed; tractable; pliable
maverick	an independent individual who does not go along with a group or party
mendacity	the condition of being untruthful; dishonesty
mercurial	characterized by rapid and unpredictable change in mood
meticulous	characterized by extreme care and precision; attentive to detail
mollify	to calm or soothe; to reduce in emotional intensity
obdurate	unyielding; hardhearted; intractable
obfuscate	to deliberately obscure; to make confusing
obsequious	exhibiting a fawning attentiveness
obstinate	stubborn; hardheaded; uncompromising
opprobrium	disgrace; contempt; scorn
ostentatious	characterized by or given to pretentiousness
pedantic	the parading of learning; excessive attention to minutiae and formal rules
pervade	to permeate throughout

pervasive	having the tendency to permeate or spread throughout
phlegmatic	calm; sluggish; unemotional
pirate	to illegally use or reproduce
plethora	an overabundance; a surplus
polemical	controversial; argumentative
pragmatic	practical rather than idealistic
rancorous	characterized by bitter, long-lasting resentment
rhetoric	the art or study of effective use of language for communication and persuasion
salubrious	promoting health or well-being
sedulous	diligent; persistent; hard-working
solvent	able to meet financial obligations; able to dissolve another substance
soporific	causing drowsiness; tending to induce sleep

Hit-parade Group 5

aggrandize	to increase in intensity, power, or prestige
alchemy	a medieval science aimed at the transmutation of metals, esp. base metals into gold
anachronism	something or someone out of place in terms of historical or chronological context
astringent	having a tightening effect on living tissue; harsh; severe
contiguous	sharing a border; touching; adjacent
convention	a generally agreed-upon practice or attitude
cynicism	an attitude or quality of belief that all people are motivated by selfishness
decorum	polite or appropriate conduct or behavior
derision	scorn; ridicule; contemptuous treatment
desiccate	to dry out or dehydrate; to make dry or dull
dilettante	one with an amateurish or superficial interest in the arts or a branch of knowledge
disparage	to slight or belittle
divulge	to disclose something secret
immutable	not capable of change
inimical	damaging; harmful; injurious
intractable	not easily managed or directed; stubborn; obstinate
neophyte	a recent convert; a beginner; novice
presumptuous	overstepping due bounds (as of propriety or courtesy); taking liberties
pristine	pure; uncorrupted; clean
probity	adherence to highest principles; uprightness
proclivity	a natural predisposition or inclination
profligate	excessively wasteful; recklessly extravagant

propensity	a natural inclination or tendency; penchant
prosaic	dull; unimaginative
pungent	characterized by a strong, sharp smell or taste
quixotic	foolishly impractical; marked by lofty romantic ideals
quotidian	occurring or recurring daily; commonplace
rarefy	to make or become thin, less dense; to refine
recondite	hidden; concealed; difficult to understand; obscure
refulgent	radiant; shiny; brilliant
renege	to fail to honor a commitment; to go back on a promise
shard	a piece of broken pottery or glass
sparse	thin; not dense; arranged at widely spaced intervals
spendthrift	one who spends money wastefully
subtle	not obvious; elusive; difficult to discern
tacit	implied; not explicitly stated
terse	brief and concise in wording
tout	to publicly praise or promote
trenchant	sharply perceptive; keen; penetrating
unfeigned	genuine; not false or hypocritical
untenable	indefensible; not viable; uninhabitable
vacillate	to waver indecisively between one course of action or opinion and another; to waver
variegated	multicolored; characterized by a variety of patches of different color
vexation	annoyance; irritation
vigilant	alertly watchful
vituperate	to use harsh condemnatory language; to abuse or censure severely or abusively; to berate
volatile	readily changing to a vapor; changeable; fickle; explosive

Hit-parade Group 6

acumen	quick, keen, or accurate knowledge or insight
adulterate	to reduce purity by combining with inferior ingredients
archaic	outdated; associated with an earlier, perhaps more primitive, time
aver	to state as a fact; to confirm or support
dissemble	to disguise or conceal; to mislead
eccentric	departing from norms or conventions
endemic	characteristic of or often found in a particular locality, region, or people
evanescent	tending to disappear like vapor; vanishing

exacerbate	to make worse or more severe
grandiloquence	pompous speech or expression
hackneyed	rendered trite or commonplace by frequent usage
hedonism	devotion to pleasurable pursuits, esp. to the pleasures of the senses
hegemony	the consistent dominance of one state or ideology over others
iconoclast	one who attacks or undermines traditional conventions or institutions
impassive	revealing no emotion
impunity	immunity from punishment or penalty
inchoate	in an initial stage; not fully formed
infelicitous	unfortunate; inappropriate
insipid	without taste or flavor; lacking in spirit; bland
loquacious	extremely talkative
luminous	characterized by brightness and the emission of light
malevolent	having or showing often vicious ill-will, spite, or hatred
misanthrope	one who hates all other humans
mitigate	to make or become less severe or intense; to moderate
occlude	to obstruct or block
pedagogy	the art or profession of training, teaching, or instructing
penury	poverty; destitution
pine	to yearn intensely; to languish; to lose vigor
pith	the essential or central part
pithy	precise and brief
placate	to appease; to calm by making concessions
platitude	a superficial remark, esp. one offered as meaningful
plummet	to plunge or drop straight down
prodigal	recklessly wasteful; extravagant; profuse; lavish
profuse	given or coming forth abundantly; extravagant
proliferate	to grow or increase swiftly and abundantly
queries	questions; inquiries; doubts in the mind; reservations
querulous	prone to complaining or grumbling; quarrelsome
recalcitrant	obstinately defiant of authority; difficult to manage
repudiate	to refuse to have anything to do with; to disown
rescind	to invalidate; to repeal; to retract
reverent	marked by, feeling, or expressing a feeling of profound awe and respect
specious	seeming true, but actually being fallacious; misleadingly attractive
spurious	lacking authenticity or validity; false; counterfeit
subpoena	a court order requiring appearance and/or testimony
succinct	brief; concise
superfluous	exceeding what is sufficient or necessary
surfeit	excess; overindulgence
tenacity	the quality of adherence or persistence to something valued
tenuous	having little substance or strength; flimsy; weak
tirade	a long and extremely critical speech; a harsh denunciation
transient	fleeting; passing quickly; brief

zealous	fervent; ardent; impassioned
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Beyond Hit-parade Group 1

alloy	(v) to commingle; to debase by mixing with something inferior
appropriate	(v) to take for one's own use; confiscate
arrest	(v) to suspend; to engage; holding one
august	(adj) majestic, venerable
bent	(n) leaning, inclination, proclivity, tendency
broach	(v) bring up, announce, begin to talk about
brook	(v) to tolerate, endure, countenance
cardinal	(adj) major
chauvinist	(n) a blindly devoted patriot
color	(v) to change as if by dyeing, i.e., to distort, gloss or affect
consequential	(adj) pompous, self-important (primary definitions are: logically following; important)
damp	(v) to diminish the intensity or check the vibration of a sound
die	(n) a tool used for shaping
essay	(v) to test or try; attempt, experiment
exact	(v) to demand, call for; require, take
fell	(v) to cause to fall by striking
fell	(adj) inhumanly cruel
flag	(v) to sag or droop, to become spiritless, to decline
flip	(adj) sarcastic, impertinent
ford	(v) to wade across the shallow part of a stream or river
grouse	(v) to complain or grumble
guy	(n/v) a rope, cord or cable attached to something as a brace or guide; to steady or reinforce using a guy (think "guide")
intimate	(v) to imply, suggest or insinuate
list	(v) to tilt or lean to one side
lumber	(v) to move heavily and clumsily
meet	(adj) fitting, proper
milk	(v) to exploit, to squeeze for every last ounce of
mince	(v) pronounce or speak affectedly, euphemize, speak too carefully
nice	(adj) exacting, fastidious, extremely precise
obtain	(adj) to be established, accepted, or customary
occult	(adj) hidden, concealed, beyond comprehension
pedestrian	(adj) commonplace, trite, unremarkable, quotidian
pie	(adj) multicolored, usually in blotches
pine	(v) to lose vigor (as through grief); to yearn
plastic	(adj) moldable, pliable, not rigid
pluck	(n) courage, spunk, fortitude
prize	(v) to pry; to press or force with a lever
rail	(v) to complain about bitterly

rent	(v/n) torn; past of red/an opening or a tear caused by such
quail	(v) to lose courage; turn frightened
qualify	(v) to limit
sap	(n) a fool or nitwit
scurvy	(adj) contemptible, despicable
singular	(adj) exceptional, unusual, odd
stand	(n) a group of trees
steep	(v) to saturate or completely soak
strut	(n) the supporting structural cross-part of a wing
table	(v) to remove from consideration
tender	(v) to proffer or offer
waffle	(v) to equivocate; to change one's position
wag	(n) wit; joker

Beyond Hit-parade Group 2

abjure	(v) to renounce or reject solemnly; to recant; to avoid
adumbrate	(v) to foreshadow vaguely or intimate; to suggest or outline sketchily; to obscure or overshadow
anathema	(n) a solemn or ecclesiastical (religious) curse; accursed or thoroughly loathed person or thing
anodyne	(adj/n) soothing, something that assuages or allays pain or comforts
apogee	(n) farthest or highest point; culmination; zenith
apostate	(n) one who abandons long held religious or political convictions
apotheosis	(n) deification, glorification to godliness, an exalted example, a model of excellence or perfection
asperity	(n) severity, rigor, roughness, harshness, acrimony, irritability
asseverate	(v) to aver, allege, assert
assiduous	(adj) diligent, hardworking
augury	(n) omen, portent
bellicose	(adj) belligerent, pugnacious, warlike
calumniate	(v) to slander, make a false accusation
captious	(adj) disposed to point out trivial faults; calculated to confuse or entrap in argument
cavil	(v) to find fault without good reason
celerity	(n) speed, alacrity (think accelerate)
chimera	(n) an illusion; originally a fire-breathing she-monster
contumacious	(adj) insubordinate, rebellious
debacle	(n) rout, fiasco, complete failure
denouement	(n) an outcome or solution; the unraveling of a plot
descry	(v) to discriminate or discern

desuetude	(n) disuse
desultory	(adj) random; aimless; marked by a lack of plan or purpose
diaphanous	(adj) transparent, gauzy
diffident	(adj) (adj) reserved, shy, unassuming; lacking in self-confidence
dirge	(n) a song of grief or lamentation
encomium	(n) glowing and enthusiastic praise; panegyric, tribute, eulogy
eschew	(v) to shun or avoid
excoriate	(v) to censure scathingly, to upbraid
execrate	(v) denounce, feel loathing for, curse, declare to be evil
exegesis	(n) critical examination, explication
expiate	(v) to atone or make amends for
extirpate	(v) to destroy, exterminate, cut out, excise
fatuous	(adj) silly, inanely foolish
fractious	(adj) quarrelsome, rebellious, unruly, refractory, irritable
gainsay	(v) to deny, dispute, contradict, oppose
heterodox	(adj) unorthodox, heretical, iconoclastic
imbroglio	(n) difficult or embarrassing situation
indefatigable	(adj) not easily exhaustible; tireless; dogged
ineluctable	(adj) certain; inevitable
inimitable	(adj) one of a kind; peerless
insouciant	(adj) unconcerned, carefree, heedless
inveterate	(adj) deep rooted, ingrained, habitual
jejune	(adj) vapid, uninteresting, nugatory, childish, immature, puerile
lubricious	(adj) lewd, wanton, greasy, slippery
mendicant	(n) a beggar, suppliant
meretricious	(adj) cheap, gaudy, tawdry, flashy, showy; attracting by false show
minatory	(adj) menacing, threatening
nadir	(n) low point, perigee
nonplussed	(adj) baffled, bewildered, at a loss for what to do or think
obstreperous	(adj) noisily and stubbornly defiant, aggressively boisterous
ossified	(adj) tending to become more rigid, conventional, sterile, and reactionary with age; literally, turned into bone
palliate	(v) to make something seem less serious, to gloss over, to make less severe or intense
panegyric	(n) formal praise, eulogy, encomium
parsimonious	(adj) cheap, miserly
pellucid	(adj) transparent, easy to understand, limpid
peroration	(n) the concluding part of a speech; flowery, rhetorical speech
plangent	(adj) pounding, thundering, resounding
prolix	(adj) long-winded, verbose
propitiate	(v) to appease, to conciliate
puerile	(adj) childish, immature, jejune, nugatory
puissance	(n) power, strength
pusillanimous	(adj) cowardly, craven
remonstrate	(v) to protest, object

sagacious	(adj) having sound judgment; perceptive, wise; like a sage
salacious	(adj) lustful, lascivious, bawdy
salutary	(adj) remedial, wholesome, causing improvement
sanguine	(adj) cheerful, optimistic, confident
saturnine	(adj) gloomy, dark, sullen, morose
sententious	(adj) aphoristic or moralistic; epigrammatic; tending to moralize excessively
stentorian	(adj) extremely loud and powerful
stygian	(adj) gloomy, dark
sycophant	(n) toady, servile, self-seeking flatterer; parasite
tendentious	(adj) biased; showing marked tendencies
timorous	(adj) timid, fearful, diffident
tyro	(n) novice, greenhorn, rank amateur
vitiate	(v) to corrupt, debase, spoil, make ineffective
voluble	(adj) fluent, verbal, having easy use of spoken language