

WORD GROUPS

abrogate – revoke, end, recall, withdraw, reverse, cancel, abolish, repeal, renounce, take back, call back, retract, repudiate, negate, rescind, invalidate, annul, nullify, recant, obviate, disclaim, countermand

abstract – theoretical, complex, intellectual, subtle, profound, speculative, unrealistic, conceptual, indefinite, occult, hypothetical, generalized, impractical, arcane, notional, abstruse, recondite, conjectural, unpractical

acquiesce – submit, agree, accept, approve, yield, bend, surrender, consent, tolerate, comply, give in, conform, succumb, concur, assent, capitulate, accede

adjunct – addition, supplement, accessory, complement, auxiliary, add-on, appendage, addendum, appurtenance

adumbrate – intimate, *insinuate*, *hint*, suggest, *inkling* (**N**)

affluent - wealthy, rich, prosperous, opulent

allegiance - loyalty, duty, obligation, devotion, fidelity, obedience, adherence, constancy, faithfulness

argot - jargon, slang, dialect, idiom, vernacular, patter, parlance, cant, lingo, patois

artificial – synthetic, manufactured, plastic, insincere, forced, affected, assumed, false, pretended, hollow, contrived, unnatural, feigned, spurious, meretricious, specious, fabricated, counterfeit

assiduous – *diligent*, constant, steady, hard-working, persistent, attentive, *persevering*, *laborious*, *industrious*, *indefatigable*, studious, untiring, *sedulous*

autonomous – free, *independent*, *sovereign*, self-sufficient, *self-governing*

barricade – barrier, wall, railing, fence, *blockade*, obstruction, *rampart*, *fortification*, bulwark, palisade, *stockade*

bent (N) – *inclination*, ability, taste, leaning, *tendency*, preference, faculty, forte, *flair*, *penchant*, *propensity*, aptitude, *predisposition*, *predilection*, *proclivity*, liking

berate – rebuke, reproof, scold, lambast, reprimand, remonstrate, castigate, chastise, objurgate

 bland(-ness) – dull, boring, plain, commonplace, tedious, dreary, tiresome, monotonous, uninspiring, humdrum, unimaginative, uninteresting, insipid, unexciting, vapid

bottomless – deep, profound, boundless, unfathomable, immeasurable, fathomless, endless, inexhaustible Also **abysmal** (dreadful, bad, terrible, awful, appalling, dismal, dire, ghastly, hideous, atrocious)

burgeon(-ing) — develop, increase, *grow*, flower, progress, *mature*, thrive, *flourish*, bloom, bud, *blossom*, *prosper*

buttress – support, sustain, strengthen, shore, prop, reinforce, back up, brace, uphold, bolster, augment

catholic – wide, liberal, global, *varied*, comprehensive, *universal*, tolerant, *eclectic*, *ecumenical*, broad-minded, *unbigoted*, *unsectarian*

clairvoyant(-ce) – visionary, *prophetic*, *prescient*, telepathic, extrasensory, *oracular*, *presaging*, *prognostic*, *augural*

clergy – priesthood, ministry, clerics, clergymen, churchmen, holy orders, ecclesiastics

cohort – supporter, partner, associate, mate, assistant, follower, comrade, protagonist, accomplice, henchman

commotion – disturbance, to-do, riot, disorder, excitement, fuss, turmoil, racket, upheaval, bustle, furore, uproar, ferment, agitation, ado, tumult

conceal – hide, bury, secrete, cover, screen, *disguise*, obscure, camouflage, mask, veil, dissemble

conditional – dependent, limited, qualified, subject to, contingent, provisional, with reservations

conjecture – guess, theory, fancy, speculation, assumption, hypothesis, inference, presumption, surmise, theorizing, guesswork, supposition

conscientious – careful, exact, faithful, meticulous, painstaking, diligent, punctilious, moral, strict, straightforward, upright, honest, scrupulous, highminded, incorruptible, ethical

corroborate(-ion) – support, establish, confirm, document, sustain, back up, endorse, ratify, validate, bear out, substantiate, authenticate

courtly – ceremonious, civil, formal, obliging, refined, polite, dignified, stately, *aristocratic*, *gallant*, *affable*, *urbane*, *decorous*, *chivalrous*, highbred

craven – cowardly, weak, scared, fearful, abject, dastardly, lily-livered, timorous, pusillanimous

dawdle – waste time, potter, *trail*, *lag*, idle, hang about, *loiter*, *linger*, *procrastinate*

decimate – destroy, devastate, annihilate, eradicate, wipe out, eliminate, carry off, extinguish, ravage

decorate – adorn, deck, trim, embroider, garnish, ornament, embellish, festoon, bedeck, beautify, grace, ornament, (Adj. – florid, ruddy, ornate)

deference – respect, regard, consideration, attention, honour, esteem, courtesy, reverence, politeness, civility, veneration

denounce(-iating) - condemn, attack, censure, decry, castigate, revile, vilify, proscribe, stigmatize, impugn, excoriate

depose – (a) oust, dismiss, displace, degrade, downgrade, cashier(v), demote, dethrone.
(b) swear, declare, to give testimony(=deposition)

deride – mock, ridicule, scom, insult, taunt, sneer, jeer, disdain, scoff, detract, flout, disparage, chaff, gibe

derisive – mocking, ridiculing, jeering, taunting, scoffing, contemptuous, scornful

diaphanous – fine, light, thin, sheer, delicate, transparent, translucent, gossamer, gauzy, filmy, pellucid

diatribe – tirade, abuse, criticism, denunciation, reviling, stricture, harangue, invective, vituperation

diffuse – spread, distribute, scatter, circulate, disperse, dispense, dispel, dissipate, propagate, disseminate, meander

digress – drift, stray, depart, ramble, meander, diverge, deviate, expatiate

disconcert – disturb, worry, trouble, upset, confuse, baffle, unsettle, bewilder, agitate, ruffle, perplex, fluster, perturb, faze, nonplus

disconsolate – inconsolable, despairing, sad, miserable, gloomy, hopeless, dismal, melancholy, desolate, forlom, woeful, dejected, grief-stricken, wretched

dissemble - hide, act, pretend, bluff, be dishonest, dissimulate, conceal, mask

don - (N) – lecturer, professor, fellow, academic, scholar (V) – put on, get into, dress in, pull on, change into, get dressed in

drab – dull, grey, gloomy, dismal, dreary, sombre, lacklustre, flat, uninspired, vapid

draconian – severe, harsh, stern, drastic, stringent, punitive, austere, pitiless, cruel, relentless, oppressive, austere, unrelenting, inexorable

dreadful – terrible, distressing, appalling, tragic, horrible, formidable, fearful, dire, horrendous, hideous, monstrous, atrocious, frightful

drivel – babble, ramble, maunder, prate, prattle, gibber, chatter, blabber, twaddle

dulcet – sweet, pleasing, *melodious*, *mellifluous*, *euphonious*,

dupe – deceive, trick, cheat, con, hoax, defraud, beguile, delude, swindle, outwit, bamboozle, hoodwink

effusive – demonstrative, enthusiastic, extravagant, overflowing, gushing, exuberant, ebullient, unrestrained, talkative, fulsome, profuse

elite – aristocracy, cream, upper/privileged class, nobility, gentry, high society, crème de la crème (French), nonpareil

elixir - panacea, cure-all, nostrum, syrup, potion, distillate

emancipate(-ion) – free, release, *liberate*, set free, enfranchise, unshackle, *disencumber*, *unfetter*, unbridle, disenthral, *manumit*

embargo – ban, barrier, restriction, boycott, *prohibition*, *moratorium*, stoppage, *impediment*, blockage, hindrance, *interdiction*, *proscription*, *ostracize*

embezzle – misappropriate, steal, appropriate, rob, siphon off, pilfer, purloin, filch

embroil – complicate, mix up, implicate, *entangle*, mire, *ensnare*, *encumber*

encumbrance – burden, difficulty, obstacle,
 embarrassment, obstruction, hindrance, restraint,
 inconvenience, impediment

endemic – widespread, common, sweeping, extensive, prevalent, rife, pervasive

engender – produce, create, breed, generate, provoke, induce, give rise to, precipitate, incite, instigate, foment, beget, spawn, sire, propagate

engross - engulf, steep, immerse, soak up, absorb, plunge, involve, engage, occupy

ennui – *boredom*, dissatisfaction, *tiredness*, *doldrums*, *lethargy*, tedium, *lassitude*, listlessness, indifferent, *insouciant*, *unconcerned*, jaunty

epidemic – outbreak, plague, growth, spread, scourge, contagion

exacerbate – intensify, worsen, infuriate, aggravate, exasperate, vex, *embitter*

exorbitant – excessive, high, expensive, extreme, ridiculous, outrageous, extravagant, unreasonable, undue, preposterous, inordinate, extortionate, unconscionable, immoderate

extempore - impromptu, off-the-cuff, offhand, unrehearsed

extradite - deport, exile, hand over, expel, banish, send back, expatriate

extricate – withdraw, *relieve*, *free*, clear, deliver, *liberate*, *disencumber*, *disentangle*, untangle, *disengage*

facetious – flippant, funny, playful, frivolous, droll, jocular, unserious, jocose

fallacious – incorrect, wrong, mistaken, false, misleading, untrue, deceptive, spurious, fictitious, illogical, erroneous, illusory, delusive, delusory, sophistic

famish(-ed) - hungry, starving, voracious, ravenous

fashionable – popular, *trendy*, current, *modern*, smart, prevailing, stylish, *genteel*, in vogue, *modish*

fastidious – particular, *meticulous*, fussy, overdelicate, difficult, nice, critical, discriminating, *dainty*, *squeamish*, choosy, hard to please, *finicky*, *punctilious*

fervent – ardent, earnest, enthusiastic, fervid, passionate, warm, excited, emotional, intense, flaming, eager, animated, fiery, ecstatic, devout, impassioned, zealous

fetter – chain, tie up, shackle, hobble, hold captive, manacle, captivity(N), bondage(N)

filibuster – obstruction, delay, postponement, hindrance, procrastination

finicky – fussy, difficult, particular, hard to please, critical, scrupulous, fastidious, dainty, squeamish, choosy, overparticular

flaunt - show off, display, boast, parade, exhibit, brandish, vaunt

flay – upbraid, castigate, revile, excoriate, execrate, criticise, lash, assail, fleece

flimsy – fragile, weak, slight, delicate, shallow, shaky, frail, superficial, makeshift, insubstantial

flinch - wince, start, duck, shrink, cringe, quail, recoil, cower, swerve, shirk

fluster – upset, bother, *disturb*, *ruffle*, excite, *confuse*, hurry, *rattle*, bustle, hassle, flurry, *agitate*, *confound*, unnerve, *perturb*

gaffe – blunder, mistake, error, indiscretion, lapse, faux pas, solecism, gaucherie

gingerly – cautiously, carefully, reluctantly, suspiciously, tentatively, warily, hesitantly, timidly, circumspectly, charily

glean – gather, learn, collect, harvest, accumulate, reap, gamer, amass

gloat – relish, triumph, glory, revel in, vaunt, exult, brag, tout, preen

grate – annoy, irritate, gall, exasperate, nettle, jar, vex, chafe, irk

gratitude(-inous) - thankfulness, recognition,
appreciation, indebtedness, gratefulness

gregarious – outgoing, friendly, cordial, sociable, affable, convivial, companionable

gusto – relish, enthusiasm, appetite, appreciation, liking, delight, pleasure, enjoyment, savour, zeal, verve, zest, fervour, exhilaration

haven – sanctuary, shelter, retreat, asylum, refuge, oasis, sanctum

hedonist – pleasure-seeker, *epicurean*, bon vivant (French), *epicure*, sensualist, voluptuary, *sybarite*

husband – conserve, budget, use *sparingly*, *save*, store, hoard, *economize*, *frugal*(Adj.), *provident*(Adj.)

hydrate – moisten, wet, water, soak, sodden, dampen, moisturize, bedew

hyperbole – exaggeration, overstatement, enlargement, magnification, amplification

hypothetical – theoretical, academic, assumed, imaginary, *speculative*, *putative*, *conjectural*, *theatrical*, *histrionic*, melodramatic

immaculate – pure, perfect, spotless, flawless, impeccable, stainless, faultless, unblemished, unsullied, uncontaminated, unpolluted, untarnished, unexceptionable, undefiled

immanent – inherent, innate, intrinsic, natural, internal, indigenous, subjective, inborn

imminent – threatening, forthcoming, looming menacing, brewing, impending, upcoming,

impetuous(-ity) – rash, hasty, impulsive, violent, furious, spontaneous, precipitate, ardent, impassioned, unplanned, unbridled, vehement, unrestrained, unthinking, unpremeditated

imprison(-ment) - gaol, immure, incarcerate, jail, put behind bars, remand, intern, impound, confine, jurisprudence

indemnify – compensate, pay, reimburse, repair, repay, requite, recompense, reparation, restitution indict – charge, accuse, prosecute, summon, impeach, arraign, sentence, blame, condemn, convict, damn, inculpate

indigent(-ce) - destitute, poor, impoverished, needy, penniless, penurious, necessitous, impecunious

infamous(-my) – notorious, base, disgraceful, shameful, vile, scandalous, wicked, atrocious, heinous, odious, ignominious, disreputable, egregious, abominable, villainous, dishonourable, nefarious, iniquitous, detestable, opprobrious

infirm – frail, weak, *feeble*, failing, ailing, *debilitated*, *decrepit*, *enfeebled*, doddery

inimical – hostile, opposed, contrary, destructive, harmful, adverse, hurtful, unfriendly, unfavourable, antagonistic, injurious

inquest - inquiry, investigation, probe, inquisition

insularity – narrow-minded, prejudiced, provincial, limited, narrow, petty, parochial, blinkered, circumscribed, illiberal, sectarian

interim – temporary, provisional, makeshift, acting, passing, intervening, caretaker, improvised, transient, stopgap

intermittent - broken, occasional, recurring, irregular, sporadic, recurrent, fitful, spasmodic, discontinuous

intimidate – frighten, pressurize, threaten, scare, terrify, cow, menace, hound, daunt, harass, subdue, oppress, persecute, tyrannize, domineer

investiture – installation, ordination, inauguration, investment, investing, admission, induction, enthronement

jaundiced – cynical, bitter, hostile, prejudiced, biased, suspicious, partial, jealous, distorted, sceptical, resentful, envious, bigoted, spiteful, preconceived

jocund – jolly, jovial, merry, mirthful, jocose, animated, glad, hilarious, buoyant, airy, jubilant, cheery, cordial, convivial, blithe

juggle – manipulate, change, doctor, alter, modify, disguise, manoeuvre, tamper, misrepresent, falsify

kindred – kin, lineage, kinsmen, compatible, congenial, companionable, congnate

lampoon - ridicule, mock, mimic, parody, caricature, squib, burlesque, satirize

lanky - gangling, thin, tall, gaunt, bony, rangy, scraggy

legend – myth, story, tale, fiction, narrative, saga, fable, folk tale, celebrity, star, phenomenon, genius, spectacle, wonder, marvel, prodigy, luminary

levity – *frivolity*, silliness, triviality, *fickleness*, *flippancy*, giddiness, skittishness, *facetiousness*

lumber(-ing) - plod, shuffle, shamble, trudge, stump, clump, waddle

lunacy – foolishness, madness, folly, stupidity, absurdity, aberration, imbecility, foolhardiness, insanity, madness, mania, dementia

magnanimous – generous, kind, *noble*, selfless, charitable, *bountiful*, unselfish, *unstinting*, beneficent, *munificent*

maladroit - clumsy, awkward, bungling, inept, inexpert, unskilful

mannered – affected, posed, artificial, pretentious, stilted, pretentious, counterfeit, feigned, spurious, conceited, insincere

maudlin – sentimental, tearful, weepy, mawkish, lachrymose

maverick – rebel, radical, dissenter, individualist, protester, eccentric, heretic, nonconformist, iconoclast

meddlesome – interfering, *meddling*, *intrusive*, mischievous, prying, *officious*

mercurial – capricious, volatile, unpredictable, erratic, variable, unstable, *fickle*, temperamental, *impulsive*, irrepressible, *changeable*, *whimsical*

mimic – imitate, *ape*, *parody*, *caricature*, impersonate

moderate – soften, *control*, calm, *temper*, regulate, quiet, diminish, *curb*, restrain, *subdue*, play down, lessen, *repress*, *mitigate*, tone down, *pacify*, *modulate*

momentous – *significant*, important, serious, *vital*, critical, crucial, *grave*, historic, *decisive*, pivotal, fateful, weighty, *consequential*

mundane – ordinary, routine, commonplace, banal, everyday, prosaic, humdrum

narcissistic – self-loving, conceited, self-centred, egocentric, self-obsessed, egoistic, proud, vain

nemesis – bane, scourge, curse, affliction, retribution, destruction, vengeance

obliterate – destroy, eliminate, devastate, wreck, wipe out, demolish, *ravage*, eradicate, *desolate*, *annihilate*, *raze*, *extirpate*

occult – supernatural, *mysterious*, *mystical*, unearthly, unnatural, *esoteric*, *uncanny*, *arcane*, paranormal, *abstruse*, *recondite*, *preternatural*

onerous – trying, hard, taxing, demanding, difficult, heavy, responsible, grave, exhausting, exacting, formidable, troublesome, oppressive, laborious, burdensome, irksome, exigent

opprobrium – censure, criticism, condemnation, discredit, disapproval, reproach, calumny, odium, obloquy, contumely, scurrility, slur, ignominy, infamy

paltry - insignificant, trivial, worthless, unimportant, small, base, slight, petty, trifling

pan(V) - criticize, knock, blast, censure, flay, lambast

parch - wither, burn, blight, brand, scorch, sizzle, shrivel, cauterize, desiccate, dry up

partisan – (**Adj**.) – prejudiced, one-sided, biased, partial, sectarian, factional, tendentious

(Noun) – supporter, champion, follower, backer, disciple, stalwart, devotee, adherent, upholder

pathetic - sad, moving, touching, affecting, distressing, tender, poignant, plaintive, pitiable

pecuniary – monetary, economic, financial, capital, commercial, fiscal, budgetary

pensive – thoughtful, serious, sad, grave, sober, musing, preoccupied, melancholy, solemn, reflective, dreamy, wistful, contemplative, meditative, sorrowful, ruminative, cogitative

permeate – pervade, saturate, charge, fill, pass through, penetrate, *infiltrate*, *imbue*, *impregnate*, seep, *percolate*

pernicious – damaging, dangerous, evil, offensive, fatal, deadly, destructive, harmful, poisonous, malicious, malign, malignant, detrimental, hurtful, malevolent, noxious, venomous, ruinous, baleful, deleterious, injurious, noisome, baneful, pestilent, maleficent

pillage – plunder, sack, rob, rifle, loot, ravage, ransack, maraud

pine – (a) waste, decline, weaken, sicken, sink, flag, fade, decay, wither, wilt, languish, droop
 (b) long, ache, crave, yearn

pious – religious, godly, devoted, spiritual, holy, dedicated, righteous, devout, saintly, God-fearing, reverent, sanctimonious

pluck(N) - courage, nerve, heart, spirit, grit, bravery, mettle, boldness, intrepidity

plumb(V) - examime throughly, measure, explore, probe, sound out, search, go into, penetrate, gauge, unravel, fathom

ponder – think about, consider, study, reflect on, examine, contemplate, deliberate about, muse on, brood on, meditate on, mull over, ruminate on, cogitate

precipitate - quicken, trigger, accelerate, advance, hurry, dispatch, speed up, hasten, expedite

preposterous – ridiculous, bizarre, incredible, outrageous, shocking, crazy, absurd, foolish, ludicrous, unthinkable, unreasonable, insane, irrational, senseless, laughable, asinine

prerogative – *right*, choice, *claim*, authority, title, advantage, *privilege*, birthright, droit, *perquisite*

presumptuous - bold, arrogant, presuming, rash, audacious, conceited, foolhardy, insolent, overconfident

pristine - new, pure, immaculate, untouched, unspoiled, unsullied, uncorrupted, undefiled, original

prolific - productive, creative, fertile, inventive, copious, generative, profuse, fecund

prolix - talkative, garrulous, loquacious, forthcoming, articulate, fluent, chatty, wordy, effusive, voluble, verbose

prologue - introduction, preliminary, prelude, preface, preamble, foreword, exordium

promontory - point, cape, head, spur, headland, foreland prudish - exaggeratedly proper, prim, formal, proper, puritanical, demure, squeamish, narrow-minded, overmodest, overnice quail – shrink, cringe, flinch, shake, faint, tremble, quake, shudder, falter, droop, recoil, cower, blench

quaint – unusual, odd, curious, *original*, strange, *bizarre*, *fantastic*, old-fashioned, *peculiar*, *eccentric*, *queer*, fanciful, *whimsical*, *droll*, *picturesque*, antique, gothic

querulous – complaining, cross, discontented, grumbling, peevish, critical, sour, carping, murmuring, whining, dissatisfied, irritable, touchy, petulant, plaintive, irascible, cantankerous, tetchy

quiver – shake, *tremble*, shiver, quake, *shudder*, agitate, vibrate, *pulsate*, *convulse*, *palpitate*

rail(-ed) - complain, attack, abuse, criticize, censure, scold, castigate, revile

raillery – *banter*, *badinage*, light-hearted teasing, *persiflage*, repartee

rapture – ecstasy, delight, enthusiasm, joy, happiness, bliss, euphoria, rhapsody, exaltation, delectation, beatitude, ravishment

ratify – approve, establish, confirm, bind, sanction, endorse, uphold, authorize, affirm, certify, consent to, validate, corroborate, authenticate

raucous – harsh, rough, loud, noisy, grating, strident, rasping, husky, discordant, clamorous, cacophonous, din

rectitude – morality, principle, honour, virtue, decency, justice, equity, integrity, goodness, honesty, correctness, righteousness, probity, incorruptibility, scrupulousness, uprightness, verity

renaissance – rebirth, revival, restoration, renewal, awakening, resurrection, regeneration, resurgence

rent(V) - tear, split, rip, slash, slit

rustic – rural, country, pastoral, bucolic, sylvan, simple, homely, basic, plain, unsophisticated, unrefined, artless, unpolished

sacrilege – desecration, violation, blasphemy, mockery, heresy, irreverence, profanity, impiety, profanation, profaneness

sanctum – sanctuary, shrine, altar, holy place, refuge, retreat

sap – weaken, drain, undermine, rob, exhaust, erode, deplete, enervate, devitalize

saturnine – *gloomy*, grave, *sombre*, dour, *morose*, glum, dismal, *melancholy*, mournful, *lugubrious*, doleful

scathing – *critical*, cutting, biting, harsh, savage, brutal, searing, belittling, sarcastic, caustic, scornful, vitriolic, trenchant, mordant

sedentary – inactive, sitting, seated, desk, motionless, torpid, lazy, sluggish, languid, slow, dull, passive, numb, motionless, stagnant, inert, slow-moving, lethargic, apathetic, drowsy, listless, indolent, languorous, somnolent, lackadaisical, slothful

seminal – influential, *important*, *original*, *creative*, productive, *innovative*, imaginative

sentient – feeling, living, conscious, live, sensitive, reactive

slack – negligent, lazy, lax, idle, inactive, tardy, neglectful, slipshod, inattentive, remiss, dodge

slight – insignificant, negligible, weak, modest, trivial, superficial, feeble, trifling, meagre, unimportant, paltry, insubstantial, scanty

sordid – (a) base, degraded, shameful, vicious, shabby, vile, degenerate, despicable, disreputable, debauched
(b) dirty, squalid, mean, foul, filthy, unclean, wretched, slovenly

specious – *fallacious*, misleading, deceptive, *plausible*, *sophistic*, *casuistic*

spotted – speckled, dotted, flecked, pied, specked, mottled, dappled

stall – hinder, obstruct, impede, block, halt, slow down, hamper, thwart, sabotage

stout – robust, brawny, plucky, fat, overweight, plump, bulky, obese, fleshy, portly, rotund, corpulent, plucky

stupor – numbness, *unconsciousness*, trance, coma, *lethargy*, *torpor*, *stupefaction*, insensibility

subjugate – defeat, crush, suppress, put down, overthrow, subdue, overpower, quell, rule over, enslave, vanquish

tawdry – vulgar, *cheap*, tasteless, *gaudy*, showy, *meretricious*

titan – behemoth, colossus, giant, leviathan, mammothian

traitor – betrayer, deserter, turncoat, deceiver, informer, renegade, defector, quisling, apostate, miscreant

turpitude – wickedness, evil, corruption, depravity, immorality, iniquity, viciousness, vileness, nefariousness

uncommunicative - reticent, reserved, withdrawn, guarded, silent, shy, curt, taciturn, unresponsive, unforthcoming

unconquerable – *invincible*, unbeatable, *indomitable*, enduring, irresistible, *irrepressible*, *insurmountable*, unyielding, undefeatable

unctuous – obsequious, plausible, oily, fawning, cringing, ingratiating, insincere, sycophantic

unfledged – inexperienced, immature, callow, young, green, raw, undeveloped

unkempt – untidy, scruffy, dishevelled, disordered, messy, sloppy, shabby, rumpled, slovenly, disarranged, ungroomed, disarrayed

valor – gallantry, heroism, valiance, bravery, courage, fearlessness, intrepidity, doughtiness, boldness, pluck, arit. fortitude

verbiage – verbosity, repetition, tautology, redundancy, circumlocution, prolixity, periphrasis, wordiness, garrulity, loquaciousness