PREVARICATE

Definition: [verb] avoid telling the truth by not directly answering a question

Example sentence: During the trial, the lead witness was willing to prevaricate in order to protect his friend.

Synonyms: perjure, beguile, fool, misrepresent



OSTENTATION

Definition: [noun] excessive display of weath

Example sentence: Owning a mansion doesn't imply ostentation, but traveling exclusively by private jet certainly can.

Synonyms: showiness, pretentiousness, gaudiness



MALLEABLE

Definition: [adj.] easily influenced; pliable

Example sentence: Children's moods are often malleable since children are greatly affected by their surroundings.

Synonyms: impressionable, compliant, tractable



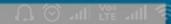
GARRULOUS

Definition: [adj.] excessively talkative

Example sentence: The garrulous hair stylist talked to each customer for hours at a time.

Synonyms: loquacious, verbose, chatty





DISSONANCE

Definition: [noun] a lack of harmony or agreement

Example sentence: The school board's meeting lasted for hours due to the lengthy debate fueled by dissonance among opinions.

Synonyms: discord, discrepancy, disparity, incongruity





BOLSTER

Definition: [verb] support or strengthen

Example sentence: The prosecutor worked to find evidence that would bolster her case against the defendant.

Synonyms: reinforce, renew, fortify, boost



WAVER

Definition: [verb] go back and forth between choices or opinions

Example sentence: Some citizens vote solely along party lines and never waver in their political decisions.

Synonyms: fluctuate, vacillate, dither





PHILANTHROPIC

Definition: [adj.] seeking to promote the welfare of others

Example sentence: The students were grateful to receive financial support from philanthropic organizations that promote education.

Synonyms: charitable, generous, benevolent



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OBDURATE

Definition: [adj.] stubbornly refusing to change one's opinion

Example sentence: The obdurate three-year-old refused to eat any vegetables, no matter how they were prepared.

Synonyms: obstinate, intransigent, inflexible



LETHARGIC

Definition: [adj.] lacking energy

Example sentence: It is not uncommon to feel lethargic for weeks or even months after major surgery.

Synonyms: listless, inactive, slow, lifeless





EULOGY

Definition: [noun] a speech that praises someone, typically someone who has recently died

Example sentence: The rabbi's eulogy was both heartfelt and inspiring.

Synonyms: tribute



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DERIDE

Definition: [verb] express contempt for; ridicule

Example sentence: The unreasonable supervisor was known to deride his employees on a daily basis.

Synonyms: ridicule, mock, scorn



CACOPHONY

Definition: [noun] a harsh, unpleasant mixture of sounds

Example sentence: The cacophony of the middle school band warming up was nearly unbearable for the audience.

Synonyms: racket, noise, clamor, dissonance, uproar



ANTIPATHY

Definition: [noun] a strong feeling of dislike

Example sentence: The students voiced their antipathy for homework very loudly.

Synonyms: animosity, enmity, bitterness, hostility, rancor



MISANTHROPE

Definition: [noun] a person who dislikes humankind

Example sentence: The neighborhood misanthrope surrounded his yard with barbed wire to keep people away.

Synonyms: pessimist, cynic, naysayer



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VENERATE

Definition: [verb] regard with great respect

Example sentence: To venerate the fire chief's forty years of service, the department held a special banquet.

Synonyms: revere, exalt, honor, respect, esteem



PROPRIETY

Definition: [noun] the state or quality of being correct or proper

Example sentence: The students were instructed to behave with the utmost propriety while on their class field trip.

Synonyms: decorum, respectability, decency, civility



ENERVATE

Definition: [verb] cause (someone or something) to feel drained of energy; weaken

Example sentence: The boxer used a swift left uppercut to the jaw to enervate his opponent.

Synonyms: exhaust, tire, fatigue, incapacitate



MITIGATE

Definition: [verb] make less severe, serious, or painful

Example sentence: We want to mitigate students' GRE stress by offering helpful study tools.

Synonyms: alleviate, reduce, diminish, lessen, weaken, lighten, attenuate



EPHEMERAL

Definition: [adj.] lasting for a very short time

Example sentence: An ephemeral moment of victory may last mere seconds, but it can remain as a triumphant memory for decades.

Synonyms: transitory, transient, fleeting, momentary, brief



CORROBORATE

Definition: [verb] confirm or make more certain

Example sentence: The scientist was able to corroborate his hypothesis with data gathered from multiple sources.

Synonyms: confirm, verify, endorse, ratify, authenticate



ADULTERATE

Definition: [verb] make (something) impure or weaker by adding something of inferior quality

Example sentence: Many chefs use fresh produce and refuse to adulterate their dishes with canned ingredients.

Synonyms: degrade, debase, spoil, taint, contaminate



PRAGMATIC

Definition: [adj.] dealing with the problems that exist in a reasonable and logical way instead of depending on theories

Example sentence: A pragmatic approach to legislation can be difficult given the complexities of politics.

Synonyms: practical, sensible, businesslike



CAPRICIOUS

Definition: [adj.] given to sudden changes of mood or behavior

Example sentence: The capricious supervisor would hand out raises one day and fire his entire staff the next.

Synonyms: unpredictable, temperamental, erratic, variable



LOQUACIOUS

Definition: [adj.] tending to talk a great deal

Example sentence: The loquacious professor was known for his five-hour lectures.

Synonyms: talkative, communicative, chatty



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LACONIC

Definition: [adj.] using few words

Example sentence: The student's laconic response suggested that she did not know very much about the topic the professor was discussing.

Synonyms: brief, concise, terse, succinct, short



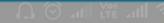
PLACATE

Definition: [verb] make (someone) less angry or hostile

Example sentence: A parent may decide to placate a baby with a pacifier.

Synonyms: pacify, calm, appease, mollify, soothe, conciliate, propitiate





OPAQUE

Definition: [adj.] not able to be seen through; not transparent

Example sentence: Medical jargon includes many opaque terms like macrosomic, which describes a newborn who weighs more than 4,000 grams.

Synonyms: nontransparent, obscure, unclear



PRECIPITATE

Definition: [verb] cause (something) to happen quickly or suddenly

Example sentence: Unforeseen costs can precipitate a budget crisis.

Synonyms: cause, trigger, instigate, spark



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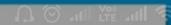
Definition: [noun] a person or thing that is mysterious, puzzling, or difficult to understand

Example sentence: Scientists continue to research cancer to solve the enigma of its primary cause, which will hopefully lead to a cure.

Synonyms: paradox, quandary, riddle







PRODIGAL

Definition: [adj.] wastefully extravagant

Example sentence: The prodigal prince bought lavish gifts and planned expensive events.

Synonyms: spendthrift, profligate, improvident, imprudent



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ASSUAGE

Definition: [verb] make (an unpleasant feeling) less intense

Example sentence: A massage can assuage the soreness in your muscles.

Synonyms: relieve, ease, alleviate, soothe, mitigate, allay, palliate, abate, suppress, subdue



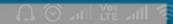
ERUDITE

Definition: [adj.] having or showing great knowledge

Example sentence: High school students often struggle with novels that are more erudite than they are entertaining.







LUCID

Definition: [adj.] very clear and easy to understand

Example sentence: The lecture was lucid and straightforward, allowing the students to fully grasp the concepts presented.

Synonyms: intelligible, unambiguous, comprehensible



ERUDITE

Definition: [adj.] having or showing great knowledge

Example sentence: High school students often struggle with novels that are more erudite than they are entertaining.

Synonyms: scholarly, educated, knowledgeable, intellectual



FERVID

Definition: [adj.] intensely enthusiastic or passionate

Example sentence: The child showed a fervid fascination for superheroes, pouring over comic books for hours.

Synonyms: fervent, ardent, intense, vehement



AUDACIOUS

Definition: [adj.] a willingness to take bold risks

[adj.] showing a lack of respect

Example sentence: The new CEO pursued audacious initiatives to save the company from bankruptcy.

The student's audacious remark earned her a seat in afternoon detention.



LAUDABLE

Definition: [adj.] deserving praise and commendation

Example sentence: Providing affordable healthcare for all citizens is a laudable goal.

Synonyms: praiseworthy, commendable, admirable, worthy, deserving



GULLIBLE

Definition: [adj.] easily persuaded to believe something

Example sentence: The gullible little boy gave his older sister all of his allowance because she told him she would buy a pony for him.

Synonyms: innocent, inexperienced, unsuspecting, unsuspicious



PEDANT

Definition: [noun] a person who makes an excessive display of learning

Example sentence: Professor Blackwell, a well-known pedant, required his pre-med students to speak in Latin throughout the entire semester.

Synonyms: purist, perfectionist, formalist, literalist



VACILLATE

Definition: [verb] waver between different opinions or actions

Example sentence: Undergraduate students often vacillate among various majors before deciding which degree to pursue.

Synonyms: fluctuate, sway, oscillate



DESICCATE

Definition: [verb] remove the moisture from (something)

Example sentence: The heat and energy from the sun can desiccate even the most hearty plants.

Synonyms: dry, dehydrate



EQUIVOCAL

Definition: [adj.] not easily understood or explained

Example sentence: Politicians have been known to provide equivocal answers to reporters' questions.

Synonyms: disputable, dubious, questionable, ambiguous

