

1. **abate:** subside or moderate
2. **aberrant:** abnormal or deviant
3. **abeyance:** suspended action
4. **abscond:** depart secretly and hide
5. **abstemious:** sparing in eating and drinking; temperate
6. **admonish:** warn; reprove
7. **adulterate:** make impure by adding inferior or tainted substances
8. **aesthetic:** artistic; dealing with or capable of appreciating the beautiful
9. **aggregate:** gather; accumulate
10. **alacrity:** cheerful promptness; eagerness
11. **alleviate:** relieve
12. **amalgamate:** combine; unite in one body
13. **ambiguous:** unclear or doubtful in meaning
14. **ambivalence:** the state of having contradictory or conflicting emotional attitudes
15. **ameliorate:** improve
16. **anachronism:** something or someone misplaced in time
17. **analogous:** comparable
18. **anarchy:** absence of governing body; state of disorder
19. **anomalous:** abnormal; irregular
20. **antipathy:** aversion; dislike
21. **apathy:** lack of caring; indifference
22. **appease:** pacify or soothe; relieve
23. **apprise:** inform
24. **approbation:** approval
25. **appropriate:** acquire; take possession of for one's own use
26. **arduous:** hard; strenuous
27. **artless:** without guile; open and honest
28. **ascetic:** practicing self-denial; austere
29. **assiduous:** diligent
30. **assuage:** ease or lessen (pain); satisfy (hunger); soothe (anger)
31. **attenuate:** make thinner; weaken or lessen (in density, force, degree)
32. **audacious:** daring; bold
33. **austere:** forbiddingly stern; severely simple and unornamented
34. **aver:** assert confidently or declare; as used in law, state formally as a fact
35. **banal:** hackneyed; commonplace; trite; lacking originality
36. **belie:** contradict; give a false impression
37. **beneficent:** kindly; doing good
38. **bolster:** support; reinforce
39. **bombastic:** pompous; using inflated language
40. **boorish:** rude; insensitive
41. **burgeon:** grow forth; send out buds
42. **burnish:** make shiny by rubbing; polish
43. **buttress:** support; prop up
44. **cacophonous:** discordant; inharmonious
45. **capricious:** unpredictable; fickle
46. **castigation:** punishment; severe criticism
47. **catalyst:** agent that stimulates or precipitates a reaction, development, or change
48. **caustic:** burning; sarcastically biting
49. **chicanery:** trickery; deception
50. **coagulate:** thicken; congeal; clot
51. **coda:** concluding section of a musical or literary composition; something that summarizes
52. **cogent:** convincing
53. **commensurate:** corresponding in extent, degree, amount, etc.; proportionate
54. **compendium:** brief, comprehensive summary
55. **complaisant:** trying to please; overly polite; obliging
56. **compliant:** yielding; conforming to requirements
57. **conciliatory:** reconciling; soothing
58. **condone:** overlook; forgive; give tacit approval; excuse
59. **confound:** confuse; puzzle
60. **connoisseur:** person competent to act as a judge of art, etc.; a lover of an art
61. **contention:** claim; thesis
62. **contentious:** quarrelsome
63. **contrite:** penitent
64. **conundrum:** riddle; difficult problem
65. **converge:** approach; tend to meet; come together
66. **convoluted:** coiled around; involved; intricate
67. **craven:** cowardly
68. **daunt:** intimidate; frighten
69. **decorum:** propriety; orderliness and good taste in manners
70. **default:** failure to act
71. **deference:** courteous regard for another's wish
72. **delineate:** portray; depict; sketch
73. **denigrate:** blacken
74. **deride:** ridicule; make fun of
75. **derivative:** unoriginal; obtained from another source
76. **desiccate:** dry up
77. **desultory:** aimless; haphazard; digressing at random
78. **deterrent:** something that discourages; hindrance
79. **diatribe:** bitter scolding; invective
80. **dichotomy:** split; branching into two parts (especially contradictory ones)

81. **diffidence:** shyness
82. **diffuse:** wordy; rambling; spread out (like a gas)
83. **digression:** wandering away from the subject
84. **dirge:** lament with music
85. **disabuse:** correct a false impression; undeceive
86. **discerning:** mentally quick and observant; having insight
87. **discordant:** not harmonious; conflicting
88. **discredit:** defame; destroy confidence in; disbelieve
89. **discrepancy:** lack of consistency; difference
90. **discrete:** separate; unconnected; consisting of distinct parts
91. **disingenuous:** lacking genuine candor; insincere
92. **disinterested:** unprejudiced
93. **disjointed:** lacking coherence
94. **dismiss:** eliminate from consideration; reject
95. **disparage:** belittle
96. **disparate:** basically different; unrelated
97. **dissemble:** disguise; pretend
98. **disseminate:** distribute; spread; scatter (like seeds)
99. **dissolution:** disintegration; looseness in morals
100. **dissonance:** discord; opposite of harmony
101. **distend:** expand; swell out
102. **distill:** purify; refine; concentrate
103. **diverge:** vary; go in different directions from the same point
104. **divest:** strip; deprive
105. **document:** provide written evidence
106. **dogmatic:** opinionated; arbitrary; doctrinal
107. **dormant:** sleeping; lethargic; latent
108. **dupe:** someone easily fooled
109. **ebullient:** showing excitement; overflowing with enthusiasm
110. **eclectic:** selective; composed of elements drawn from disparate sources
111. **efficacy:** power to produce desired effect
112. **effrontery:** impudence; shameless boldness; sheer nerve; presumptuousness
113. **elegy:** poem or song expressing lamentation
114. **elicit:** draw out by discussion
115. **embellish:** adorn; ornament; enhance, as a story
116. **empirical:** base on experience
117. **emulate:** imitate; rival
118. **endemic:** prevailing among a specific group of people or an area
119. **enervate:** weaken
120. **engender:** cause; produce
121. **enhance:** increase; improve
122. **ephemeral:** short-lived; fleeting
123. **equanimity:** calmness of temperament; composure
124. **equivocate:** lie, mislead; attempt to conceal the truth
125. **erudite:** learned; scholarly
126. **esoteric:** hard to understand; known only to the chosen few
127. **eulogy:** expression of praise, often on the occasion of someone's death
128. **euphemism:** mild expression in place of an unpleasant one
129. **exacerbate:** worsen; embitter
130. **exculpate:** clear from blame
131. **exigency:** urgent situation; pressing needs or demands; state of requiring immediate attention
132. **extrapolation:** projection; superfluous
133. **facetious:** joking (often inappropriately); humorous
134. **facilitate:** help bring about; make less difficult
135. **fallacious:** false; misleading
136. **fatuous:** brainless; inane; foolish, yet smug
137. **fawning:** trying to please by behaving obsequiously, flattering or cringing
138. **felicitous:** apt; suitably expressed; well chosen
139. **fervor:** glowing ardor; intensity of feeling
140. **flag:** droop; grow feeble
141. **fledgling:** inexperienced
142. **flout:** reject; mock; show contempt for
143. **foment:** stir up; instigate
144. **forestall:** prevent by taking action in advance
145. **frugality:** thrift; economy
146. **futile:** useless; hopeless; ineffectual
147. **gainsay:** deny
148. **garrulous:** loquacious; wordy; talkative
149. **goad:** urge on
150. **gouge:** overcharge
151. **grandiloquent:** pompous; bombastic; using high-sounding language
152. **gregarious:** sociable
153. **guileless:** without deceit
154. **gullible:** easily deceived
155. **harangue:** long, passionate, and vehement speech
156. **homogenous:** of the same kind
157. **hyperbole:** exaggeration; overstatement
158. **iconoclast:** attacking cherished traditions
159. **idolatry:** worship of idols; excessive admiration
160. **immutable:** unchangeable
161. **impair:** injure; hurt
162. **impassive:** without feeling; imperturbable; stoical
163. **impede:** hinder, block
164. **impermeable:** impervious; not permitting passage through its substance

165. **imperturbable:** calm; placid
166. **impervious:** impenetrable; incapable of being damaged or distressed
167. **implacable:** incapable of being pacified
168. **implicit:** understood but not stated
169. **implode:** burst inward
170. **inadvertently:** unintentionally; by oversight; carelessly
171. **inchoate:** recently begun; rudimentary; elementary
172. **incongruity:** lack of harmony; absurdity
173. **inconsequential:** insignificant; unimportant
174. **incorporate:** introduce something into a larger whole; combine; unite
175. **indeterminate:** uncertain; not clearly fixed; indefinite
176. **indigence:** poverty
177. **indolent:** lazy
178. **inert:** inactive; lacking power to move
179. **ingenuous:** naive and trusting; young; unsophisticated
180. **inherent:** firmly established by nature or habit
181. **innocuous:** harmless
182. **insensible:** unconscious; unresponsive
183. **insinuate:** hint; imply; creep in
184. **insipid:** lacking in flavor; dull
185. **insularity:** narrow-mindedness; isolation
186. **intractable:** unruly; stubborn; unyielding
187. **intransigence:** refusal of any compromise; stubbornness
188. **inundate:** overwhelm; flood; submerge
189. **inured:** accustomed; hardened
190. **invective:** abuse
191. **irascible:** irritable; easily angered
192. **irresolute:** uncertain how to act; weak
193. **itinerary:** plan of a trip
194. **laconic:** brief and to the point
195. **lassitude:** languor; weariness
196. **latent:** potential but undeveloped; dormant; hidden
197. **laud:** praise
198. **lethargic:** drowsy; dull
199. **levee:** earthen or stone embankment to prevent flooding
200. **levity:** lack of seriousness or steadiness; frivolity
201. **log:** record of a voyage or flight; record of day-to-day activities
202. **loquacious:** talkative
203. **lucid:** easily understood; clear; intelligible
204. **luminous:** shining; issuing light
205. **magnanimity:** generosity
206. **malingerer:** one who feigns illness to escape duty
207. **malleable:** capable of being shaped by pounding; impressionable
208. **maverick:** rebel; nonconformist
209. **mendacious:** lying; habitually dishonest
210. **metamorphosis:** change of form
211. **meticulous:** excessively careful; painstaking; scrupulous
212. **misanthrope:** one who hates mankind
213. **mitigate:** lessen in intensity; moderate; appease
214. **mollify:** soothe
215. **morose:** ill-humored; sullen; melancholy
216. **mundane:** worldly as opposed to spiritual; everyday
217. **negate:** cancel out; nullify; deny
218. **neophyte:** recent convert; beginner
219. **obdurate:** stubborn
220. **obsequious:** slavishly attentive; servile; sycophantic
221. **obviate:** make unnecessary; get rid of
222. **occlude:** shut; close
223. **officious:** meddlesome; excessively pushy in offering one's services
224. **onerous:** burdensome
225. **opprobrium:** infamy; vilification
226. **oscillate:** vibrate pendulumlike; waver
227. **ostentatious:** showy; pretentious; trying to attract attention
228. **paragon:** model of perfection
229. **partisan:** one-sided; prejudiced; committed to a party
230. **pathological:** pertaining to disease
231. **paucity:** scarcity
232. **pedantic:** showing off learning; bookish
233. **penchant:** strong inclination; liking
234. **penury:** severe poverty; stinginess
235. **perennial:** something long-lasting
236. **perfidious:** treacherous; disloyal
237. **perfunctory:** superficial; not thorough; lacking interest, care, or enthusiasm
238. **permeable:** penetrable; porous; allowing liquids or gas to pass through
239. **pervasive:** spread throughout
240. **phlegmatic:** calm; not easily disturbed
241. **piety:** devoutness; reverence for God
242. **placate:** pacify; conciliate
243. **plasticity:** ability to be molded
244. **platitude:** trite remark; commonplace statement
245. **plethora:** excess; overabundance
246. **plummet:** fall sharply
247. **porous:** full of pores; like a sieve
248. **pragmatic:** practical (as opposed to idealistic)
249. **preamble:** introductory statement
250. **precarious:** uncertain; risky

251. **precipitate:** rash; premature; hasty; sudden
252. **precursor:** forerunner; harbinger
253. **presumptuous:** arrogant; taking liberties
254. **prevaricate:** lie
255. **pristine:** characteristic of earlier times; primitive; unspoiled
256. **probity:** uprightness; incorruptibility
257. **problematic:** doubtful; unsettled; questionable; perplexing
258. **prodigal:** wasteful; reckless with money
259. **profound:** deep; not superficial; complete
260. **prohibitive:** inclined to prevent or forbid
261. **proliferate:** grow rapidly; spread; multiply
262. **propensity:** natural inclination
263. **propitiate:** appease
264. **propriety:** fitness; correct conduct
265. **proscribe:** ostracize; banish; outlaw
266. **pungent:** stinging; sharp in taste or smell; caustic
267. **qualified:** limited; restricted
268. **quibble:** minor objection or complaint
269. **quiescent:** at rest; dormant; temporarily inactive
270. **rarefied:** made less dense (of a gas)
271. **recalcitrant:** obstinately stubborn; determined to resist authority; unruly
272. **recant:** disclaim or disavow; retract a previous statement; openly confess error
273. **recluse:** hermit; loner
274. **recondite:** abstruse; profound; secret
275. **refractory:** stubborn; unmanageable
276. **refute:** disprove
277. **relegate:** banish to an inferior position; delegate; assign
278. **reproach:** express disapproval or disappointment
279. **reprobate:** person hardened by sin, devoid of a sense of decency
280. **repudiate:** disown; disavow
281. **rescind:** cancel
282. **resolution:** determination
283. **resolve:** determination; firmness of purpose
284. **reticent:** reserved; uncommunicative; inclined to silence
285. **reverent:** respectful; worshipful
286. **sage:** person celebrated for wisdom
287. **salubrious:** healthful
288. **sanction:** approve; ratify
289. **satiate:** satisfy fully
290. **saturate:** soak thoroughly
291. **savor:** enjoy; have a distinctive flavor, smell, or quality
292. **secrete:** hide away or cache; produce and release a substance into an organism

293. **shard:** fragment; generally of pottery
294. **skeptic:** doubter; person who suspends judgment until having examined the evidence supporting a point of view
295. **solicious:** worried, concerned
296. **soporific:** sleep-causing; marked by sleepiness
297. **specious:** seemingly reasonable but incorrect; misleading (often intentional)
298. **spectrum:** colored band produced when a beam of light passes through a prism
299. **sporadic:** occurring irregularly
300. **stigma:** token of disgrace; brand
301. **stint:** be thrifty; set limits
302. **stipulate:** make express conditions, specify
303. **stolid:** dull; impassive
304. **striated:** marked with parallel bands; grooved
305. **strut:** supporting bar
306. **strut:** pompous walk
307. **subpoena:** writ summoning a witness to appear
308. **subside:** settle down; descend; grow quiet
309. **substantiate:** establish by evidence; verify; support
310. **supersede:** cause to be set aside; replace; make obsolete
311. **supposition:** hypothesis; surmise
312. **tacit:** understood; not put into words
313. **tangential:** peripheral; only slightly connected; digressing
314. **tenuous:** thin; rare; slim
315. **tirade:** extended scolding; denunciation; harangue
316. **torpor:** lethargy; sluggishness; dormancy
317. **tortuous:** winding; full of curves
318. **tractable:** docile; easily managed
319. **transgression:** violation of a law; sin
320. **truculence:** aggressiveness; ferocity
321. **vacillate:** waver; fluctuate
322. **venerate:** revere
323. **veracious:** truthful
324. **verbose:** wordy
325. **viable:** practical or workable; capable of maintaining life
326. **viscous:** sticky, gluey
327. **vituperative:** abusive; scolding
328. **volatile:** changeable; explosive; evaporating rapidly
329. **warranted:** justified; authorized
330. **wary:** very cautious
331. **welter:** turmoil; bewildering jumble
332. **whimsical:** capricious; fanciful
333. **zealot:** fanatic; person who shows excessive zeal