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Aa

adept very skilled or proficient at something

agile able to move quickly and easily

alternatives other possibilities, options, or choices

amalgams mixtures or blends

ambiguous unclear due to having more than one possible meaning or interpretation

avian relating to birds

Bb

bliss great joy

broadcasted transmitted by television or radio

Cc

churns moves about vigorously

concoction a mixture of various ingredients

connoisseur an expert judge in matters of taste

contributions the roles played by a person or thing in bringing about a result or helping something to advance

controversial likely to give rise to disagreement or argument

cylindrical in the shape or form of a cylinder; having straight parallel sides and a circular or oval cross-section

Dd

dense packed together; difficult to see through

desolate lacking inhabitants or visitors; showing the effects of abandonment and neglect

diligent attentive and persistent

Ee

eccentric having slightly strange views or behavior

enhancing improving the quality or value of something

extravaganzas spectacular shows or events

Ff

fastidious excessively particular about matters of cleanliness

featured showed something as the most important part

fermenting breaking down and changing the chemicals of a substance

frantically in a nervously panic-stricken or hurried manner

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Gg

glance a brief, short, or quick look

grapple to begin to understand something

Hh

haggard looking exhausted or unwell, especially from fatigue, worry, or suffering

hazmat an abbreviation for hazardous materials

Ii

intricate very complicated or detailed

irrelevant not related to the subject at hand

Jj

jocund cheerful; merry; lighthearted

Ll

laden heavily loaded; weighed down

longevity long life

Mm

mastered acquired complete knowledge or skill

membrane a thin sheet of material forming a barrier

Nn

noteworthy interesting or significant; deserving of attention

Pp

parlor a room for entertaining guests; a sitting room

passionate having strong beliefs; compelled by strong feelings

perpetual occurring repeatedly

pertinent relating directly to a particular matter

preclude to exclude from something

predicament a difficult situation

premiered gave the first performance of

preposterous contrary to reason or common sense

preserved maintained in an original state

proboscis the scientific term for certain animals' noses, especially long and flexible ones

promoting supporting or actively encouraging

pungent having a sharply strong smell or taste

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Qq

quarantine a period of time during which a person or animal is isolated, in order to prevent the spread of an infectious disease

Rr

raspy hoarse or harsh-sounding

Ss

sacred having a religious purpose

solitude the state or situation of being alone

speculate to guess possible answers to a question without firm evidence

sprightly lively; full of energy

sterile free from bacteria and germs; totally clean

stupendous amazingly large or great; immense

suppressant a substance that reduces an undesirable action or condition

Tt

tide the regular rising or falling of the ocean or other body of water

Vv

vales valleys

vintage representing the high quality and value of the past