

Magoosh 1000 words

Common (High-frequency) Words

Aberrant- Eccentric- abnormal, irregular, **anomalous**, queer, extraordinary, **idiosyncratic**

Aberration-anomaly, deviation, divergence, digression

Abstain- refrain

Abstruse- **arcane**, mysterious, **enigmatic**, **esoteric**, **cryptic**, **obscure**, **abstruse**, **recondite**, **impenetrable**, **opaque**.

Accolade- praise, **panegyric**, tribute, eulogy

Acerbic- sharp, sarcastic, sardonic, **mordant**, **trenchant**, **caustic**, piercing

Acrimony- **antipathy**, **animosity**, hostility, antagonism, resentment, **enmity**

Adamant- **dogmatic**, bold, audacious, tyrannical, peremptory, assertive

Admonish- warn, reprove

Admonitory- reproachful, reproving, exemplary, monitory, warning

Aesthete-

Aesthetic- artistic, tasteful, in good taste, graceful, elegant.

Amalgam- mixture

Ambiguous- **equivocal**, indefinite, noncommittal, **vague**, hazy, unclear, **cryptic**, **enigmatic**, indecisive

Ambivalent- **Irresolute**, indecisive, hesitant, vacillating, equivocating, dithering, wavering

Ameliorate- improve

Amenable- cooperative, compliant, obliging, manageable, tractable, malleable, complaisant

Amorphous- shapeless, vague, nebulous, indefinite

Anomalous- aberrant, **eccentric**, abnormal, irregular, **anomalous**, queer, extraordinary, **idiosyncratic**

Anomaly- **aberration**, deviation, divergence, digression

Antipathy-animosity, hostility, antagonism, **acrimony** ,resentment, **enmity**

Antithetical- opposed, opposite, discrepant, adverse

Apathetic- uninterested, indifferent, unconcerned, unmoved, uninvolved, **disinterested**

Apathy- **Indifference**, **phlegmatic**, **nonchalant**, **impassive**, uninterested

Apocryphal- fictitious, untrue, fabricated, false, **spurious**

Appease- soothe, placate

Arbitrary-Arcane- mysterious, **enigmatic**, **esoteric**, **cryptic**, **obscure**, **abstruse**, **recondite**, **impenetrable**, **opaque**.

Arcane- mysterious, **enigmatic**, **esoteric**, **cryptic**, **obscure**, **abstruse**, **recondite**, **impenetrable**, **opaque**.

Arduous- onerous, taxing, hard, heavy, burdensome

Artful- **Insidious**, cunning, **treacherous**

Ascetic- austere, abstemious, self-disciplined, monastic, reclusive, hermitic, chaste

Askance- suspiciously, skeptically, cynically

Audacious- **brazen**, arrogant, **presumptuous**, impertinent

Audacity- bold, candid

Auspicious- favorable

Austere- 1. bold
2. unadorned, unornamented

Avaricious- greedy, acquisitive, covetous, rapacious

Banal- **hackneyed**, overused, **trite**, conventional, rotten, customary, usual, corny

Belie- contradict, disprove, negate

Betray- 1. expose, reveal
2. cheat

Blatant- **conspicuous**, obvious, manifest, patent

Bolster- strengthen, fortify renew, support, sustain

Brazen- arrogant, **presumptuous**, audacious, impertinent, insolent, impudent, cocky, cheeky, bumptious, sassy

Bucolic- rustic, rural, pastoral, country, arcadian

Bumbling-gauche, uncultured, inexperienced, raw, clumsy

Burgeon- flourish, thrive, swell, mushroom

Calumny- slander, vilification, libel

Capricious- unpredictable, **fickle** , **mercurial**, volatile, **restive**

Castigate-Chastise, admonish, upbraid, reprove, **rebuke**, reprimand

Censure- Chastise, admonish, upbraid, reprove, **rebuke**, reprimand

Chastise- admonish, upbraid, reprove, **rebuke**, reprimand, **castigate, censure**

Chortle- chuckle, laugh, titter

Circumscribe- restrict, limit, confine

Circumvent- 1. avoid, cheat, fool, hype, deceive, juggle, decoy, entangle
2. Encompass, enclose

Commensurate- proportionate, equal

Concede- 1. admit, confess
2. Surrender, yield, cede, relinquish

Confound- 1. abash, baffle, enigma, bemuse, mystify
2.

Conspicuous- obvious, manifest, patent, **blatant**

Constituent- 1. component, inherent, basic
3. Voter, elector,
4. Necessary, momentous

Construe- 1. interpret
2. Derive, elicit

Contingent- 1. (n). group, delegation, cohort

Contrition- remorse, penitence, repentance

Contrive- plot, fabricate, wangle, devise

Copious- abundant, lavish, liberal, **profuse**

Craven- cowardly, mean, vile, paltry

Cryptic- ambiguous, **equivocal**, hazy

Culminate- peak, climax

Culpability- blame, fault, liability

Decorum- modesty, propriety

Decorous- demure, modest, genteel

Deferential- respectful, obsequious, yielding, **complaisant**, compliant, reverent

Deleterious- baleful, harmful, disadvantageous, unfavorable,unfortunate

Delineate- depict

Demur- object, refuse, boggle, balk

Demure- modest, **diffident**, mild, **bashful**, **reticent**, **decorous**, chaste, shrinking

Denigrate- belittle, disparage, deprecate, abase, debase

Denote- betray, mark, indicate

Derivative- 1. **trite**, cliched, **banal**
2. Collection, procurement

Derive- obtain, **elicit**, infer, glean

Dictatorial- autocratic, arbitrary, free

Didactic- instructive, educative, **edifying**, **pedagogic**

Diffident- 1. skeptical, infidel, suspicious
2. Shy, bashful, **reticent**, unassertive

Dilatory- dull, slow, tardy, sluggish

Dilettante- layman, amateur, dabbler

Disaffected- angry, resentful

Discrete- separate, distinct, individual

Disinterested- **averse**, **dispassionate**, unbiased, neutral

Dispassionate- 1. unemotional, impassive, unperturbed, laid-back, objective,
Disinterested

Dogmatic- 1. bold, audacious, tyrannical, peremptory, assertive, adamant

Duress- 1. prison, jail, confinement, warding, durance
2. Force, pressure, intimidation

Eclectic- diverse, assorted, miscellaneous

Economical- forehand, frugal, thrifty, lucrative, **advantageous**

Edifying- informative, moral or intellectual instruction, exhortative

Efficacious- effective, **benign**

Egregious- 1. heavier, major, very serious
2. Notorious, raff, infamous
3. Famous,
4. 3. smashing, **caustic**
5. Miserable, deplorable, abject

Elicit- 1. reveal, publish
2. Conclude, infer, **derive**, determine

Elucidate- enlarge, clarify

Eminent- 1. high, lofty, **sublime**, **egregious**, **exalted**

Enervate- weaken, impair, **attenuate**

Engender- 1. yield, produce, **bring forth**, kindle, **stir up**

Entrenched- firm, fixed, ingrained

Ephemeral- **transient**, momentary, short

Equivocal- **ambiguous**, indefinite, noncommittal, **vague**, hazy, unclear, **cryptic**, **enigmatic**, indecisive

Eradicate- eliminate, obliterate, extinguish, quash, efface, excise, expunge, nuke

Erudite - wise, sagacious, learned, bookish

Eschew- abstain from, **balk**, shun, give up, forgo, renounce, obviate, decline, forbear

Esoteric- **abstruse**, **obscure**, **arcane**, **rarefied**, **recondite**, abstract, **cryptic**, **inscrutable**, **opaque**

Exacerbate- 1. enhance, amplify, promote
2. Worsen, infame, aggravate
3. irritate, vex

Exacting- 1. demanding, onerous, arduous, stringent
2. faultfinding, fastidious, scrupulous

Exalt- praise, lionize, laud, idolize, worship, acclaim, entrance

Exonerate- exculpate, acquit

Expound- interpret, detail, set forth, put forward

Extant- surviving, remaining

Fallacious- fraudulent, **insidious**, deceitful, false, phony, **specious**, **spurious**

Fastidious- squeamish, fussy, finicky, **scrupulous**, **meticulous**

Flux- fluctuation, shift

Foment- instigate, stir up, cherish, rear

Forlorn- depressed, **crestfallen**, abject

Forthcoming- 1. upcoming, imminent
2. Available, obtainable

Fortuitous- sudden, adventitious, casual, inadvertent

Frivolous- **facetious**, joking, trivial, trifling, petty

Frugal- economical, forehand, thrifty, sparing

Frustrate- block, foil, derail, balk, forestall, elude, baffle, thwart, torment, **exasperate**

Furtive- unseen, hidden, sly, hush-hush, **oblique**, secretive, stealthy

Gainsay- deny, object, **demur**, **repudiate**, renounce

Gall- arrogance, **effrontery**, imprudence, **impertinence**, insolence, temerity, presumption

Galvanize- excite, impel, stir, prod, urge

Garrulous- talkative, **loquacious**, verbose, windy, **prolix**, rambling, meandering

Gauche- uncultured, inexperienced, raw, clumsy, **bumbling**

Germane- relevant, pertinent, apt, incidental

Glut- surplus, excess, **plethora**

Gossamer- **ethereal**, silk, unusual lightness, cobwebs, chiffon

Gregarious- sociable, affable, genial, convivial

Guileless- artless, sincere, ingenuous

Hackneyed- **banal**, overused, **trite**, conventional, rotten, customary, usual, corny

Haphazard- random, casual, providence, sudden

Harangue- **tirade**, **diatribe**, rant, censure

Harried- 1. oppressed, persecuted,
2. worried, anxious, demented

Haughty- proud, arrogant, **audacious**, disdainful, superior, contemptuous

Hegemony- dominance over a certain area, dominion, sway

Heretic- **iconoclast**, nonconformist, idolater, atheist, infidel, dissenter

Iconoclastic- **heretic**, nonconformist

Idiosyncrasy- peculiarity, eccentricity, caprice, kink

Ignoble- mean, lousy, **base**, vile, **sordid**

Ignominious- humiliating, inglorious, mortifying

Immutable-fixed, steadfast, stoic

Impartial- **disinterested**, just

Impertinent- 1. **brazen**, impudent, shameless, **haughty**
2. Irrelevant, discursive
3. **presumptuous**, **audacious**

Implacable- brutal, cruel, **intransigent**, relentless, unyielding, ruthless, hard

Implausible- unthinkable, irrational, ridiculous, **anecdotal**, **anecdotic**

Imprudent- unwise, improvident, indiscreet

Incisive- 1. keen, **pungent**, **trenchant**
2. penetrating, sharp, shrewd
3. Analytical, clever, smart

4.Succinct, pithy, concise

Incongruous- inappropriate, **repugnant**, dowdy

Incorrigible- unchangeable, incurable, chronic,

Indecorous- improper, unbecoming, indecent, vulgar

Indifference- 1. **apathetic**, **phlegmatic**, **nonchalant**, **impassive**, uninterested
2.traditional, customary, corny, conventional

Inexorable- 1. relentless, incessant
2. rigid, unyielding, stiff, stubborn
3.cruel, brutal

Ingenuous- 1. authentic, naive, unwary
2.candid
3.artless, guileless

Ingratiate- gain favor by flattering

Inimical- **deleterious**, antagonistic, prejudicial, antipathetic, hostile

Innocuous- harmless, **anodyne**, mild

Inscrutable- **arcane**, opaque, cryptic, **abstruse**, **enigmatic**, **impenetrable**,
obscure, unfathomable

Insidious- cunning, artful, sly, wily, stealthy, subtle, **treacherous**

Insolent- **brazen**, **impertinent**, impudent, cheeky, cocky, sassy, **audacious**,
lippy, **flippant**, saucy

Intimate-

Intransigent- **implacable**, unyielding, rigid, obstinate, obdurate, **resolute**,

Intrepid- fearless, stalwart

Inveterate- ingrained, incurable, congenital

Involved- complex, convoluted, unfathomable

Irrevocable- unchangeable, peremptory, fixed

Itinerant- traveling, errant, vagabond, excursive

Jingoism- extreme patriotism, chauvinism, xenophobia

Jovial- cheerful, merry, exuberant, perky

Jubilant- festive, **euphoric**, exultant, **ecstatic**, **jovial**

Juxtapose- compare, contrast

Laconic- 1.terse, pithy, **taciturn**
2.Concise, summary

Lambast- scold, reprimand, cane

Languid- lazy, indolent, lethargic, languorous, obtuse, dull, feeble, tame

Pedantic- 1. fanatic, orthodox, bigoted

2.overscrupulous, precise, exact, **meticulous**, perfectionist,
punctilious

Pedestrian- 1. dull, uninteresting, wearisome

2.Unimaginative

3.Mundane, humdrum, banal

Pejorative- abusive, disparaging

Perfidy- betrayal, duplicity, deceit

Pernicious- deleterious, baleful, **maleficent**, malignant

Petulant- easily irritated, resentful, grumpy, grouchy, **querulous**

Placate-

Poignant- tragic, pitiful, affecting, moving

Polemic- **diatribe**, invective, rant, tirade, **harangue**, contention, **castigation**

Posit- assume as a fact, postulate

Pragmatic- practical, down-to-earth, sensible

Precipitous- sudden, abrupt, steep

Preclude- prevent, obviate, exclude, avert

Precocious- 1. premature

2. impertinent, flippant

Prescience- prophecy, foresight

Prodigal- wasteful, extravagant, imprudent, profligate

Prodigious- 1. vast, huge, gigantic, **colossal**

2.Amazing, stunning

Profligate-wasteful, extravagant, imprudent, **prodigal**

Prolific- 1. productive, creative

2.plentiful, copious, profuse

Propitious- favorable, auspicious, promising, providential, advantageous

Provincial- **parochial**, narrow

Pundit- scholar, authority

Qualify- 1. restrict, limit, determine

2. soothe, mitigate, assuage, abate

Querulous-**petulant**, easily irritated, resentful, grumpy, grouchy

Quotidian- daily, ordinary, **mundane**

Ravenous- 1. very hungry, esurient

2.destructive, pernicious

3.greedy, rapacious

Rebuke-admonish, upbraid, reprove, reprimand, **castigate, censure, chastise**

Reconcile- reunite, settle, harmonize, conciliate

Recondite- esoteric- abstruse, obscure, arcane, rarefied, abstract, **cryptic, inscrutable, opaque**

Refractory- disobedient, stubborn, recalcitrant, obdurate

Refute- 1.separate, disprove, confute, annul

2.terminate, mitigate

Reproach- chastise, admonish, reprove, **rebuke**, reprimand, **castigate, censure, upbraid**

Repudiate- reject, deny, negate, renounce

Rescind-cancel

Restive- restless, untamed, unstable, hectic

Resurgent- resurrect, nascent

Reticent- modest, **demure, diffident**, mild, **bashful, decorous**, chaste, shrinking

Reverent- deferential, respectful, devout

Rudimentary- 1. basic, primary, fundamental

2.Immature, callow, abortive

Rustic- rural, swain

Sanction- 1. authorize, permit, endorse

2.punish

Scrupulous- meticulous, painstaking

Soporific- sedative, narcotic, opiate, hypnotic

Specious- fallacious, fraudulent, insidious, deceitful, false, phony, **spurious**.

Sporadic- occasional, irregular, **desultory, erratic**, patchy

Spurious-fallacious, fraudulent, insidious, deceitful, false, phony, **specious**

Staunch- loyal, stalwart, steadfast

Stringent- strict, firm, tough, demanding, **exacting**

Subsume- include, comprise, involve, annex

Sullen- opaque, dim, vague

Superfluous-1. excess, unwarranted

2.insufficient, inadequate

3.spare, unnecessary, redundant

Supplant- replace, **supersede**, depose

Sycophant- obsequious, servile, **fawning**

Taciturn- laconic, terse, pithy
Tantamount- equal
Temperance- frugality, moderation, sobriety
Tempered- hardened, moderated in effect
Tenacious- stubborn, unyielding, assertive
Timorous- coward, timid, **trepid**
Torpor- laziness, languor, lethargy, lassitude,
Tortuous- twisting, evasive, disingenuous, meandering
Tractable- manageable, malleable, obedient, compliant, complaisant
Transient- temporary, ephemeral, fleeting, momentary
Travesty- mockery, parody
Treacherous- unfaithful, deceitful, perfidious
Trite- trivial, banal, traditional, customary
Truncate- shorten, cut
Undermine- weaken, threaten, sap, diminish
Underscore- emphasize
Unequivocal- unambiguous, direct, explicit, categorical, manifest
Unscrupulous- shameless, impudence, unprincipled
Upbraid-chastise, admonish, reprove, **rebuke,** reprimand, **castigate, censure**
Vacillate- fluctuate, dither, waver
Vehement- fierce, intense, rampant, violent
Venality- bribe
Venerate- revere, exalt, esteem
Veracious- truthful, honest, veridical
Vilify- abase, defame, disparage, denigrate, calumniate
Vindicate- exonerate, exculpate, let off, absolve
Vociferous- loud, lofty, exalted, elevated
Volubility- fluency, locality, verbosity
Wanting- lacking, missing, inadequate
Winsome- buoyant, cheerful, merry, larky

Basic Words

Aboveboard- candid, unequivocal

Abysmal- 1. bottomless, unfathomable
2. awful, dreadful, atrocious

Acme- zenith, pinnacle

Advocate- 1. plead
2. pleader

Affable- friendly, genial, benign

Affluent- rich, wealthy

Altruism- benevolence, selflessness

Amiable- affable, friendly

Amply- fully, more than enough

Amuck- madly, frantically,

Analogous-comparable, parallel, akin, kindred, related

Animosity-antipathy, hostility, antagonism, **acrimony**, resentment, **enmity**

Antedated- predated, preceded

Antiquated- outdated, anachronistic, obsolete, archaic

Apex- acme, zenith, pinnacle

Aphorism- saying, maxim, axiom, epigram, dictum, proverb, apophthegm

Aphoristic- axiomatic, epigrammatic

Appreciable-considerable, substantial, significant

Apprehension- concern, perturbation, dread, trepidation

Archaic- **antiquated**, outdated, **anachronistic**, obsolete

Ascendancy- power, superiority, **hegemony**, leadership

Ascribe- attribute to, assign to, put down to, accredit to, credit to

Assail- attack, lay into, tear into

Assuage- **appease**, **abate**, soothe

Avarice- greed, rapacity, **cupidity**

Avert- 1. impede, baffle
2. turn aside, turn away

Avid- keen, **zealous**, ardent

Badger- bother, **torment**, **hound**

Balk- resist, **eschew**, **obviate**
Banish- **Ostracize**, outlaw, **proscribe**
Beatific- **ecstatic**, blissful, **serene**, happy
Becoming- fitting, suitable, fashionable
Begrudge- envy, resent, flutter
Behoove- be obligatory for
Belittle-**denigrate**, **disparage**, deprecate, **abase**, **debase**
Bellicose- aggressive, **belligerent**, **truculent**, antagonistic
Benign- 1. effective, **efficacious**
2.kind, ruthless, genial, friendly, congenial
Besiege - 1. prevent
2.surround
Besmirch- **belittle**,**Denigrate**, disparage, deprecate, abase, debase
Bleak- **pale**, rusty
Boon- advantage, blessings
Boorish- 1. rural, rustic, churlish
2.Brutal, barbarian, rude
Brusquely- explicitly, bluntly, apparently
Buck- resist, **balk**
Buttress- support, prop
Cadaverous- **pale**, anorexic, emaciated, gaunt
Candid- bold
Candidness-
Carping- faultfinding, **exacting**
Catalyst- stimulus, spur, **impetus**
Cavalier- 1. rough, **churlish**, **haughty**
2.insolent
3. indifferent, casual
4. **champion**
Censor- cut, edit, expurgate, sanitize
Cerebral- analytical, intellectual, rational
Champion- winner, guard, **cavalier**
Chauvinist- sexist, bigot, jingoist
Check- limit
Checkered- unstable, **erratic**

Chivalrous- 1. **bellicose**, warlike

2. Gentlemanly to women

Clemency- sympathy, leniency, indulgence

Coalesce- fuse, flux, **amalgamate**, converge

Cogent- compelling, strong, irrefutable

Cohesive- connective, copulative, subjunctive

Collusion- conspiracy, intrigue

Colossal- Prodigious, vast, huge, gigantic

Commendable- admirable, **creditable**, **laudable**

Complacent- 1. self-satisfied, **smug**, content, contented

2. Favorable, benign

Complementary- matching, supportive, reciprocal

Compound- mix, jumble, consolidate

Conductive-

Conniving- conspire, collude, intrigue

Consecrate- sanctify, hallow, vow

Constraint- limit, **check**

Consummate- 1. perfect, supreme

2. skillful

3. end, finish

Contemptuous- insulting, insolent, **haughty**, disdainful

Contrite- remorseful, repentant, penitent

Conundrum- 1. riddle, enigma

2. **Quandary**, dilemma

Convivial- 1. friendly, congenial

2. lively

Convolutd- **involved**, complex, **elaborate**, labyrinthine, baffling, intricate, tortuous

Cornucopia- abundance, profuseness, horn of plenty

Corroborate- confirm, support, ratify

Cosmopolitan- universal, **catholic**, unprovincial

Credence- faith, reliance

Creditable-Commendable, admirable, **laudable**

Credulity- **gullibility**, easily believe

Cumbersome- 1. difficult, clumsy

2.heavy

Dearth- lack, **paucity**

Debase- degrade, demean, tarnish, **adulterate**

Debunk- disclose, disprove, discredit, contradict

Decimation- destruction, kill

Degrade-debase, demean, **tarnish, adulterate**

Delegate- assign, transmit, relegate

Deliberate- well-thought

Demean- **debase**, degrade, **tarnish, adulterate**

Deride- mock, disparage, denigrate, disdain

Derisive- ridiculous, disdainful, **contemptuous**, sarcastic

Derogative- 1. disparaging

2.harmful

Desecrate- de+secrete, pollute, debase, degrade

Destitute-1. poor, impoverished

Deter- 1. intimidate, daunt

2.restrict, obstruct

Detrimental- **deleterious**, baleful, harmful, disadvantageous, unfavorable,unfortunate

Devolve- 1. delegate, assign, transfer

2. fall, drop

3. cede, relinquish

Diabolical- satanic, evil, wicked

Differentiate- 1. distinguish, discriminate

2.become different in the process of growth or development

Dilapidated- old, ragged, shabby

Diligent- industrious, **assiduous, meticulous**, painstaking, thorough, **tenacious, zealous**

Discord- conflict, contention, antagonism

Discreet- prudent, shrewd, astute, **meticulous**, thorough

Discriminate- differentiate, distinguish, separate

Disenfranchise- deprive of the right to vote.

Disheartened- discouraged, dispirited, demoralized, deflated

Disparate- unequal, **anomalous**

Dispatch- promptness

Docile- mild, **complaint**, loyal
Dog- pursue, follow, **hound**
Dupe-trick, swindle
Eccentric- abnormal, irregular, **aberrant**, **anomalous**, queer, extraordinary, **idiosyncratic**
Egotist- conceited, self-centered, **pragmatic**
Eke- be thrifty with, be frugal with
Elaborate- convoluted, **involved**, complex, labyrinthine, baffling, intricate, **tortuous**
Elude- escape, avoid, evade, dodge
Elusive-difficult to find, evasive, slippery
Embellish- beautify, garnish, tart up
Embroidered- entangled, bogged down
Empathetic- sympathetic
Emulate- imitate, equal, compete with, rival
Endemic- native, regional
Enmity- **antipathy**, hostility ,antagonism, **acrimony** ,resentment
Entice- tempt, seduce, woo, coax, lure, mislead
Enumerate- estimate, number, identify, detail
Errant- **Itinerant**, traveling, vagabond, excursive, rambling, erratic
Erratic- **sporadic**, occasional, irregular, **desultory**, patchy, **checkered**
Euphoria- happy, glee, **ecstasy**
Evasive- 1. equivocal, prevaricating, ambiguous, noncommittal
 2.elusive, artful
Evenhanded-just, **equitable**, impartial, unbiased, unprejudiced
Exasperate- annoy, irk, vex, provoke, exacerbate, **incense**
Excruciating- agonizing, severe, acute, intense
Exemplify-1. cite
 2.typify, symbolize
Exhort- urge, encourage, call on, enjoin, appeal to, entreat, implore, beg
Extenuating- mitigating, excusing, exonerative, vindicating
Facetious- **frivolous**, joking, flippant, glib, teasing
Fawn- flatter, cower, cringe, creep, **grovel**
Ferret- search, rummage
Fete- **lionize**, overpraise, exalt, acclaim

Fickle- capricious, mercurial, volatile, restive
Finagle- cheat, hype, deceive, spoof
Fledgling- newcomer, unskilled, chick
Fleece- rob, overcharge, get money by swindling
Flounder- 1. struggle, stagger
 2.err, misapprehend
Flush- full, teeming, haunted, loaded
Foible- **idiosyncrasy**, eccentricity, peculiarity
Foolhardy- reckless, rash, impulsive, hotheaded, **impetuous**, daredevil
Forthright- straightforward, sincere, **candid**, blunt, categorical
Futile- pointless, useless, ineffectual, **forlorn**
Genial- gregarious, convivial
Genteel- **decorous**, refined
Glean- pluck, derive
Glib- 1. fickle, vivacious, lively, mercurial
 2.slick, fast-talking, smooth-talking, **disingenuous**, insincere
Goad- urge on, provoke, spur, badger
Grovel- **Fawn**, flatter, cower, cringe, creep
Guffaw- laugh loudly, roar, bellow
Hamstrung- cripple, lame, disable
Hayday- the pinnacle or top of a time period or career, climax, acme, zenith
Hodgepodge- mixture, jumble
Hound- Dog- pursue, follow
Humdrum- **mundane**, boring, tedious, dull, wearisome, uninvolved
Illicit- illegal, felonious
Immaterial- irrelevant, unimportant, inconsequential
Impeccable- flawless, pristine
Impede- hinder, **avert**, baffle
Impending- forthcoming, upcoming, imminent
Impermeable- **impenetrable**, inaccessible, **impervious**
Implicate- imply
Imponderable- very light, undefinable, indiscernible
Impregnable- invulnerable, **impenetrable**
Inadvertent-**fortuitous**, sudden, adventitious, casual
Inarticulate-tongue-tied, unintelligible, unspoken

Incense- exasperate, infuriate
Incessant- uninterrupted, persistent, relentless
Inclement- 1. windy, stormy
2. harsh, severe, **stringent**, stern
Incumbent- imposed, ascribed, obligatory
Indict- accuse, charge, prosecute
Indigenous- native, local, original
Indignant- angry, resentful, affronted, riled
Inflammable- incendiary, ignitable, volatile, unstable
Ingenuity- sincerity, openness, ingenuity, candor, creativity
Inkling- hint, glimmer
Insipid- dull, flabby
Insolvent- bankrupt, impoverished, **impecunious**, **destitute**
Intermittent- sporadic, irregular, recurring, recurrent, on and off
Inundate- overwhelm, overrun, flood
Irascible- short-tempered, petulant, grouchy, grumpy
Irk- vex, gall, nettle, exasperate
Irresolute- indecisive, hesitant, vacillating, equivocating, dithering, wavering,
ambivalent
Jargon- slang, argot
Jocular- funny, jocund, **facetious**
Junta- gang, league
Laborious- arduous, exacting, wearisome, onerous
Leery- wary, cautious, suspicious
Lethargic- lazy, **languid**, **apathetic**, indolent
Lucid- clear, cogent, coherent
Macabre- horrific, gruesome, morbid
Malady- illness, sickness
Malevolent- malicious, hostile, evil-minded, **baleful**, **maleficent**
Malleable- 1. plastic, pliant, soft
2. easily influenced, tractile
Malodorous- smelly, frowsty
Martial- military, **bellicose**
Maxim- aphorism, saying, axiom, epigram, dictum, proverb, apophthegm
Meander- wander, ramble, drift, zigzag

Melancholy- sad, morose, morbid, forlorn
Melee- riot, skirmish, **tumult**, affray, hubbub
Mesmerize- spellbind, enthrall
Misanthrope- hater of mankind, cynic, recluse, hermit
Miscreant- criminal, culprit, malfeasant
Miser- niggard, scrooge
Misogynist- woman-hater, antifeminist, male chauvinist, sexist
Moment-
Moot- debatable, unsettled
Morose- 1. melancholic, morbid, glum
2. rough, grumpy
Morph-
Muted- softened, subdued
Obdurate- obstinate, stubborn, **intransigent**, **refractory**, **recalcitrant**
Obliging- helpful, **complaisant**, **beneficent**
Obstinate- stubborn, **intransigent**, **obdurate**, **refractory**, **recalcitrant**
Ornate- elaborate, decorated, embellished, adorned
Paradoxical- incongruous, anomalous, puzzling, baffling
Patronize- support, uphold
Paucity-Dearth, lack
Peevish- sullen, grumpy, **petulant**, querulous
Perennial- long-lived, unceasing
Perpetuate- maintain, sustain
Perquisite- prerogative, privilege
Pertinent- **germane**, relevant, apt, incidental
Perturb- annoy, bother, pester, displease, exacerbate
Peruse- read, study, skim through
Pine- yearn, repent, lament, mourn
Pinnacle- acme, zenith
Piquant- pungent, intense, acute, tart
Pithy- Succinct, concise, taciturn
Pittance- a small amount of money
Placid- even-tempered, mild, calm, unperturbed, **phlegmatic**, unflappable
Plodding- laborious, slow-moving and unexciting.
Ploy- tactic, maneuver

Powwow- an informal meeting or discussion

Precarious- uncertain, risky, **erratic**, dangerous

Precedent- example, paradigm, exemplar

Preempt- occupy, appropriate

Preemptive- forestall, prevent

Presumption-1. brazenness, audacity, impertinence, effrontery
2. assumption

Presumptuous- **brazen**, arrogant, audacious, **impertinent**, insolent, impudent, cocky, cheeky, bumptious, sassy

Prevail-1. win, come over
2. appear

Pristine-1. Impeccable, unspoiled
2. primitive, ancient

Profuse- copious, prolific, abundant

Proponent- advocate, champion, supporter, backer

Provisional- interim, temporary

Pugnacious- aggressive, antagonistic, **belligerent**, **bellicose**, **contentious**

Qualm- scruple, misgiving, **reservation**

Quandary- trouble, **predicament**, plight

Quip- mock, jest, witty remark

Raffish- careless, **rakish**, unconventional, bohemian

Raft- plenty, mass

Rakish- raffish, careless, unconventional, bohemian

Rankle- provoke, irk, vex, pique, nettle, **gall**, rile

Rash- reckless, impulsive, **impetuous**, hasty, foolhardy, precipitate.

Redress- remedy, repayment, justice

Relegate- assign to a lower position, delegate

Remiss- sloppy, slack, irresponsible

Revoke- 1. revoke
2. violate

Replete- full, profuse

Reprobate- bad, unprincipled

Reservation-doubt, **qualm**, scruple, misgiving, skepticism,, unease, hesitation, objection

Resignation- patience, forbearance, compliance

Resolve- settle, fix, determination

Respite- rest, break.

Retiring- shy, diffident, self-effacing, unassuming, unassertive, reticent

Retract- 1. pull in, take back, **abjure**

2. reject, repeal

3. deny, renounce

Rile- anger, exasperate, irritate.

Robust- strong, vigorous, sturdy

Sanctimonious- self-righteous, holier-than-thou, **smug**

Sanguine- optimistic, bullish, hopeful, buoyant

Savvy- 1. knowledge, shrewdness, astuteness, acumen

2. Common-sense

3. Perception

Scintillating- sparkling, brilliant

Screed- harangue

Sentimental- tender, sloppy, emotional, maudlin

Serendipity- good luck, fortuity, fluke

Serene- **beatific**, **ecstatic**, blissful, happy

Slapdash- careless, slipshod, hurried, haphazard, defiant, daring

Smattering- a slight superficial knowledge of a language or subject.

Smug- complacent, self-satisfied, content, contented

Snide- disparaging, derogatory, deprecating, denigratory, insulting, contemptuous

Snub- reproof, **censure**, reprobation

Sordid- **ignoble**, mean, lousy, base, vile

Spendthrift- **profligate**, improvident, thriftless, wasteful, extravagant, **prodigal**, squanderer

Spurn- snub, reject, turn down, refuse, decline, repudiate

Squander- spend recklessly, splurge

Staid- 1. **Steadfast**

2. Decorous

Steadfast- 1. **Staunch**, loyal, **stalwart**

2. firm, determined, resolute

Stem- impede, obstruct, check, clog

Stipend- allowance

Stolid- 1. impassive, **phlegmatic**, unemotional, imperturbable, **nonchalant**
2.dull, **anodyne**

Stymie- obstruct, embarrass, stymy, blockade

Surly- sullen, sulky, unfriendly, unpleasant

Tact- diplomacy, prudence, **savvy**

Tarnish- 1.**denigrate**, stain, **besmirch**, scandalize, spot.
2.fade, tarnish, obscure, overshadow, extinguish
3.decolorize, **pale**, wither

Tawdry- gaudy, flashy, showy, garish, loud, tasteless

Taxing- exhausting, **exacting**, onerous

Telling- revealing, significant, weighty, important, meaningful, influential, compelling

Telltale- revealing, revelatory, suggestive, meaningful, significant

Tender- bid, offer, quotation, proposal

Thoroughgoing- complete, unadulterated, gross, arrant, perfect, consummate

Thrifty- frugal, **economical**, forehand, sparing

Thwart- 1. hamper, prevent, balk, baulk
2.baffle, frustrate, defeat, confound

Tirade- diatribe, harangue, rant, **polemic**

Tout- mediate

Transitory- transient, temporary, brief, **ephemeral**, momentary, fleeting, **evanescent**

Travail- toil, labor, fatigue, diligence

Tribulation- suffering, distress, woe

Tumult- melee, skirmish, affray, hubbub

Uncanny- anomalous, ghostly

Uncompromising- unshakable, **resolute**, **obdurate**, **intransigent**

Unconscionable- unreasonable, unscrupulous, excessive

Underwrite- sponsor, cover

Unnerve- demoralize, discourage, daunt, alarm, frighten, **perturb**, upset

Unprecedented- revolutionary, pioneering, unparalleled

Unruly- disobedient, **refractory**, turbulent

Unseemly- improper, unbecoming, unfitting, indecorous, indiscreet

Urbane- sophisticated, debonair, worldly, refined

Vacuous- silly, **inane**, unintelligent, **insipid**
Vanquish- conquer, quell, subdue
Veneer- covering, layer, pretense, guise
Vicarious- indirect, secondhand, secondary, derivative, derived, surrogate
Vie- compete
Vindictive-vengeful, resentful, spiteful, rancorous, venomous, malicious, malevolent, nasty
Virago- bad-tempered woman, harridan, shrew, dragon, termagant, vixen, fishwife
Voracious- ravenous
Wanton- 1. free, arbitrary
 2.**profligate**, unchaste, incontinent, immoral, dissolute
Wax- grow, augment
Whimsical- mercurial, volatile, **capricious**, fickle, **erratic**
Zenith- acme, pinnacle

Advanced Words

Abjure- reject, retract
Abrogate- repeal, revoke, rescind, repudiate
Adjudicate- judge, resolve, try
Afford- provide, supply, furnish, offer, give
Alacrity- eagerness, readiness, dispatch
Anachronism- mistiming
Anathema- curse, execration
Anemic- feeble, weak, insipid
Anodyne- 1. Analgesic
 2.Stolid
 3.**Innocuous**- harmless, mild
Antic- odd-looking
Aplomb- calmness, composure, collectedness, **sangfroid**
Apogee- culmination

Apostate- renegade, heretic

Apothegm- aphorism apophthegm maxim

Apotheosis- the highest point in the development of something; culmination or climax

Approbatory- approving approbative plausible affirmative

Appropriate (v)- 1. allocate assign

2. seize expropriate **arrogate** sequester take over hijack

Appurtenant- included, covered, comprised, accessory, accessary

Arch- mischievous, teasing, playful

Arrant- complete, full, entire, whole

Arriviste- a person who has recently reached a position of power; a social climber

Arrogate-seize, expropriate, sequester, take over, hijack

Artifice- trickery, deceit, deception, duplicity, guile

Artless- natural, uncultivated, ingenuous

Asperity- harshness, sharpness, abrasiveness, severity, acerbity

Assiduously- carefully, meticulously, steadfastly

Atavism- throwback, reversion

Attenuate- mitigate, relieve, **alleviate**, **attenuate**

Autocratic- **Dictatorial**, arbitrary, free

Baleful- **malevolent**, malicious, hostile, evil-minded, maleficent

Base- **Ignoble**, mean, lousy, vile, sordid

Bastardization- corrupt

Beg-

Bemoan- regret, mourn, bewail, lament

Benighted- fallen into a state of ignorance

Bereft- 1. unbeloved mourning

2. deprived, lacking

Besotted- obsessed with, infatuated

Bilious- spiteful; bad-tempered

Blinkered- narrow-minded, **parochial**, **provincial**, **entrenched**

Bowdlerize- expurgate, censor

Bridle-1. bristle, take offense, be affronted

2. curb, restrain, check, harness

Bristle- Bridle, take offense, be affronted

Broadside- criticism, censure, polemic, diatribe, tirade, circular
Bromide- **tirade**, commonplace, platitude, banality, cliché
Brook- suffer, tolerate
Browbeat- bully, intimidate, force
Byzantine- intricate, complex
Callow- immature, inexperienced, juvenile
Canard- rumor, pretense, pretence
Capitulate- surrender, give in/up, yield, concede, defeat
Cataclysm- disaster, catastrophe
Catholic- Cosmopolitan, universal, unprovincial
Cede- surrender, concede, relinquish, yield, forgo
Celerity- rapidity, speed
Chagrin- 1. humiliate, abase
 3. Annoyance, irritation, vexation, exasperation
Charlatan- mountebank, hypocrite, impostor, pretender
Chary- wary, cautious, leery, canny
Chauvinism- blind patriotism, misogyny, sexism
Chimera- illusion, mirage
Choleric- bad-tempered, irascible , grouchy, peevish, touchy
Churlish- 1. country, boorish
 2. Rough, haughty
Complaisant- 1. civil, genteel, unassuming
 2. cooperative, obliging, agreeable
 3.fawning
Complicit- illegal activity
Conciliate- appease, placate, pacify, mollify, assuage, reconcile, moderate
Concomitant- accompanying, concurrent, attendant
Conflagration- fire, blaze, flames, inferno
Conflate- mix, blend, fuse, unite, integrate
Contentious- 1. querulous
 2.debatable
Corollary- guess, hypothesis, conjecture, presumption, inference, supposition
Cosseted- pamper, overindulge
Coterminous- coextensive

Countermand- revoke, rescind, reverse, repeal, retract, discharge, vacate, abrogate.

Cow- intimidate, daunt, browbeat, bully

Crestfallen- Forlorn, depressed, abject

Cupidity- Avarice- greed, rapacity

Curmudgeon- a bad-tempered or surly person.

Debonair- Urbane, sophisticated, worldly, refined

Decry- denounce, condemn, criticize, censure

Defray -pay, cover, convey

Deign- do something that one considers to be beneath one's dignity, condescend

Demonstrative- expressive, open, forthcoming, communicative

Denouement- finale, epilogue, coda, culmination, climax

Derelict- 1. abandoned, forsaken, desert, outcast, forlorn
2. tramp, vagrant, down and out, homeless person

Desiccated- lacking interest, passion, or energy.

Desideratum- requirement, prerequisite, need

Despot- tyrant, oppressor, dictator, autocrat

Diatribes- Broadside-, criticism, censure, polemic, tirade, circular, harangue

Diminutive-1. tiny, petite
2. compressed, shrunk, narrow,

Disabuse- correct on, disenchant about

Discursive- 1. irrelevant, impertinent
2. random, promiscuous, haphazard,

Disingenuous- 1. insincere
2. Tortuous, twisting, evasive, meandering

Dispensation- exemption, immunity, exoneration, reprieve, remission

Dissemble- dissimulate, pretend, feign, act, masquerade, sham, **simulate**

Dissipate-1. squander, mispend, be prodigal with
2. scatter, spatter

Dissolution- cessation, conclusion

Doleful- gloomy, morose, melancholy, miserable, forlorn

Dolorous- mournful, **doleful**, **elegiac**, funereal, funeral

Doughy- brave, bold, courageous

Dovetail- joint, fit together, splice, mortise

Duplicity- Artifice, trickery, deceit, deception, duplicity, guile

Ebullient- vivacious, lively, animated, high-spirited, bubbly, buoyant

Effervescent- vivacious, lively, animated, high-spirited, bubbly, **ebullient**, buoyant

Effrontery- Audacity, Presumption, brazenness, impertinence

Elegiac- mournful, doleful , funereal, funeral

Embryonic- rudimentary, undeveloped, immature, incipient, **inchoate**

Empiricism-

Enamor- fascinate, ensnare, enthrall, allure

Encumber- hamper, impede, restrain, bog down

Enjoin- instruct, direct, require, command

Enormity- wickedness, evil, vileness, baseness, depravity, atrocity

Enthrall- Enamor, fascinate, ensnare, allure

Epigram- witticism, quip, Aphorism- saying, maxim, axiom, dictum, proverb, apophthegm

Epiphany- a sudden revelation or moment of insight

Eponym- the person for whom something is named

Equitable- Evenhanded, just, impartial, unbiased, unprejudiced

Equivocate- prevaricate, be evasive, be noncommittal, hedge, vacillate, waver

Ersatz- artificial, mock, simulated, spurious, phony

Estimable- respectable, venerable, estimable, adorable, august

Ethereal- Gossamer, silk, unusual lightness, cobwebs, chiffon

Evanescence- Transitory, **transient**, temporary, brief, **ephemeral**, momentary, fleeting

Excoriate- censure or criticize severely

Execrate- abhor, loathe, abominate

Exegesis- explanation, interpretation, commentary, exposition

Exemplar- Precedent- example, paradigm

Exiguity- shortness, paucity, exiguity, shortage, frugality, penury

Exorbitant- additional, extra, more, excessive, spare

Expansive- 1. communicative, forthcoming, sociable, affable, garrulous, effusive, loquacious

2.extensive, broad, wide, comprehensive, thorough

Expunge- erase, wipe out, efface, cross out, strike out destroy, obliterate

Expurgate- censor, bowdlerize, sanitize

Extrapolate- foresee, anticipate, infer

Facile- simplistic, superficial, shallow, glib, jejune

Factious- divided, split, schismatic, discordant, conflicting

Factitious- 1. bogus, specious, false, counterfeit
2. artificial

Feckless- useless, incompetent, good-for-nothing, lazy, indolent

Fecund- fertile, fruitful, productive, high-yielding

Fell- murderous, savage, violent, vicious

Firebrand- radical, incendiary, troublemaker

Flag- droop, diminish, decline

Flippant- Facetious, frivolous, joking, impertinent, glib, teasing

Flummox- baffle, perplex, bewilder, mystify, bemuse

Fractious- acrimonious, fractious, fretful, atrabilious, nasty, ill-tempered

Gaffe- mistake, error, fault, boob, oversight, blooper

Gambit- stratagem, ploy

Gerrymander- manipulate the boundaries of (an electoral constituency)

Graft- bribe, payola

Grandiloquent- 1. gala, ostentatious,
2. pompous, bombastic

Gumption- initiative, resourcefulness, ingenuity, astuteness, shrewdness, acumen

Hagiographic- excessively flattering toward someone's life or work

Hail-

Halcyon- calm, serene

Hauteur- arrogance, insolence, pride, hubris, impertinence

Hector- bully, intimidate, browbeat, harass

Hedge- 1. confine, restrict
2. **Equivocate-** prevaricate, be evasive, be noncommittal,

Histrionic- melodramatic, theatrical, exaggerated

Hoary- ancient, old, **archaic,** primitive,

Hobble- stagger, thwart, prevent, balk

Hoodwink- deceive, trick, dupe

Hubris- Hauteur, arrogance, insolence, pride, hubris, impertinence, conceit

Illustrious- eminent, distinguished, acclaimed

Imbibe- drink, consume, quaff, guzzle

Imbroglia- difficulty, predicament, confusion, quandary, entanglement

Immure- confine, wall, jail

Impecunious- Insolvent- bankrupt, impoverished, impecunious, **destitute**

Imperious- peremptory, imperial, overweening, domineering, **dictatorial**, **autocratic**

Impervious- **Impermeable**, impenetrable, inaccessible,

Impetuous- **Rash**, reckless, impulsive, hasty, foolhardy, precipitate.

Importune- implore, beg, solicit, badger

Improvident- excessive, imprudent, irresponsible, reckless, prodigal, profligate

Impugn- challenge, question, dispute, query

Impute- accuse, charge, incriminate, indict, ascribe

Inanity- unmeaningness

Inchoate -**Embryonic**, rudimentary, undeveloped, immature, incipient,

Incontrovertible- irrefutable, cogent, unassailable

Indigent- 1. poor, impecunious, destitute

Ineffable- 1. secret, private
2. quiescent, unutterable
3. inscrutable

Ineluctable-unavoidable, inescapable, essential

Inequity- wrong, injustice, tort, impropriety, inequity, bias, prejudice

Infelicitous- inappropriate, inaccurate, repugnant, incongruous

Inimitable- incomparable, unparalleled, unrivaled, peerless, matchless

Insouciance- indifference, equanimity, disinterest

Insufferable- intolerable

Internecline- destructive to both sides in a conflict.

Intimation- suggestion, hint, indication

Inure- familiarize, habituate, accommodate

Invective-Polemic- diatribe, rant, tirade, harangue, contention, castigation

Invidious- unpleasant, awkward, difficult, undesirable, unenviable, odious, hateful

Inviolable- never to be broken, infringed, or dishonored, unassailable, secure, impregnable

Irrefutable- undeniable, unquestionable, certain
Jaundice- envy, grudge, jealousy
Jejune- 1. dry, arid, uninteresting, glacial, dull, insipid
2. naive, simplistic, and superficial.
Jingoist- Chauvinist- sexist, bigot
Juggernaut- a huge, powerful, and overwhelming force, steamroller
Kowtow- bow, prostration
Lacerate- tear, pierce, wound, shred
Lachrymose- weeping, whiny, slobbery
Lampoon- satire, burlesque, parody, travesty
Languish- weaken, drop, laxity
Limpid- **Pellucid**, translucent, transparent
Litany- prayer, invocation, supplication, enumeration, list
Loath-**Execrate**- abhor, loathe, abominate
Lugubrious- mournful, doleful, dolorous, dismal, melancholy
Machinate- conspire, plot, intrigue
Magisterial- authoritative, masterful, assured, lordly
Malapropism- wrong word, solecism, misapplication, slip of tongue
Malfeasance- mischief, crime
Malingerer- shirker, idler, loafer, slacker
Martinet- moralist, disciplinarian
Maudlin- oversentimental, lachrymose
Maunder- ramble, jabber
Mellifluous- smooth, mellow, harmonious
Mendicant- beggar, pauper
Meddlesome - nosy, snoop, intrusive
Mettlesome- rampant, vigorous, spunky
Misattribute-
Modicum- small, mouthful, handful
Mordant- Sardonic- bitter, caustic, acerbic, contemptuous, cynical, disdainful
Moribund- dying, expiring, terminal
Mulct- 1. fine, penalty
2. Con, swindle, defraud
Nadir- bottom, the lowest point
Nettlesome- bothersome, galling, petulant, peevish

Noisome- odorous, niffy, stinking
Nonchalant- Phlegmatic- stolid, impassive, unemotional, imperturbable
Objurgate- castigate, chasten, excoriate, reprobate, condemn
Oblique- slanted, crooked
Obstreperous- unruly, unmanageable, reckless
Obtain- prevail, exist
Obtuse- slow-witted, unintelligent, ignorant
Officious- interfering, bumptious, meddlesome, nosy, snoop, intrusive
Ossify- harden, petrify
Overweening- arrogant, dogmatic, supercilious
Palatable- tasty, edible, dainty
Palaver- chatter, jabber, maunder, talk unnecessarily
Palimpsest- manuscript
Panacea- cureall, elixir
Panegyric- tribute, eulogy, accolade
Paragon- perfect example, nonpareil, idol
Pariah- outcast, banished
Parvenu- upstart, social climber, arriviste
Patent- obvious, manifest, self-evident, conspicuous, blatant
Pecuniary- financial, monetary
Pellucid- translucent, transparent, limpid
Penurious- 1. destitute, impecunious, impoverished, indigent
2. miserly, stingy, niggard, stingy, niggardly
Percipient- intelligent, prudent, knowledgeable, smart,
Peremptory- Imperious, imperial, overweening, domineering, dictatorial, autocratic
Perfunctory- cursory, desultory, fleeting, casual, superficial, careless, routine, offhand, inattentive
Peripatetic- nomadic, itinerant, wandering, vagrant
Perspicacious- sharp-eyed, discerning, shrewd, perceptive, astute, observant
Phantasmagorical- unreal, hallucinatory, fantastic, fantastical, chimerical
Philistine- anti-intellectual, bourgeois, ignorant, boorish
Phlegmatic- stolid, impassive, unemotional, imperturbable, nonchalant
Picayune- petty, worthless
Pillory- criticize, censure, excoriate, stigmatize

Pith- main, substance, core, nub
Plucky- brave, intrepid, resolute, gutsy
Pollyannaish- extremely optimistic
Ponderous- 1. heavy, cumbersome
2. clumsy, slow
Pontificate- dogmatize, sermonize, moralize, lecture
Portentous- ominous
Precipitate- 1. hasty, rash, hurried, impetuous, impulsive, imprudent
2. Cause, instigate, accelerate, expedite
Presentiment- foreboding, sixth sense, presage
Primacy- greater importance, priority, precedence
Probity- integrity, honesty, fidelity, morality, rectitude
Prognostication- presage, foreboding, Presentiment
Prolixity- verbosity, windiness
Promulgate- propagate, disseminate, broadcast, promote
Propitiate- appease, placate, mollify, pacify, conciliate
Prosaic- ordinary, everyday, commonplace, dull, mundane, humdrum
Proscribe- Banish, **Ostracize**, outlaw,
Proselytize- convert to another religion, evangelize
Protean- versatile, fluctuating, vacillating, mercurial
Provident- 1. prudent, sensible, discreet, shrewd, astute, judicious
3. frugal
Puerile- childish, jejune
Puissant- powerful, influential
Punctilious- **meticulous**, diligent, perfectionist, methodical, pedantic
Pyrrhic- describing a victory that comes at such a great cost that the victory is not worthwhile
Quail- fear, give out, flag, languish
Quisling- traitor, defector, renegade
Quixotic- idealistic, visionary, impractical
Raconteur- storyteller, anecdotalist
Raillery- teasing, kidding, banter, quip
Rapprochement- reconciliation, amity, fellowship
Rarefied- **Recondite**, **esoteric**, **abstruse**, **obscure**, **arcane**, abstract, **cryptic**, inscrutable, opaque

Recapitulation- recap

Recrimination- mutual accusations, countercharges

Recrudesce- break out again; recur.

Redoubtable- fearsome, daunting, impressive, turbulent

Remonstrate- protest complain

Reprisal- retaliation, counterattack

Ribald- vile, mean, low, ignoble, paltry, ribald

Row- dispute, quarrel, hassle, brawl,, altercation

Sagacious- wise, knowledgeable, discerning, canny, perceptive, astute, shrewd

Sangfroid- Aplomb, calmness, composure, collectedness

Sardonic- bitter, mordant, caustic, acerbic, contemptuous, cynical, disdainful

Sartorial- related to fashion or clothes

Saturnine- gloomy, morose, melancholy

Schadenfreude- joy from watching the suffering of others

Sedulous- 1. diligent, assiduous
2. Scrupulous, meticulous

Self-effacing- Retiring, shy, diffident, unassuming, unassertive, reticent

Semblance- guise, veneer, pretense

Sententious- moralistic, **sanctimonious**, self-righteous, pious, judgmental, pompous

Simulacrum-1. image, imitation, embodiment
3. Analogy, parallel

Sinecure- easy job

Solecism- mistake, blopper

Solicitous- agitated, , anxious, concerned, caring, compassionate

Solicitude- agitation, anxiety, solicitude, fash

Splenetic- irritable, grouchy, pettish, querulous, resentful

Squelch- inhibit, put down, suppress, subdue, crush

Stalwart- 1. loyal
2. Steadfast
3. Dependable
4. Brave, valiant

Stultify- 1. bore
2. Dull, stupefy

Subterfuge- trickery, intrigue, deceit, guile, chicanery, pretense

Supercilious- arrogant, haughty, disdainful, smug, superior

Surfeit- excess, surplus, avalanche

Surreptitious- secret, stealthy

Sybarite- pleasure-seeker, hedonist, epicure

Temerity- audacity, nerve, effrontery, impudence, impertinence, gall, presumption

Tempestuous- turbulent stormy, tumultuous, wild

Tendentious- likely to lean towards a controversial view, motive

Transmute- convert, metamorphose,

Trenchant- 1. **Incisive**, keen, pungent
2. bitter, poignant
3. telling, strong, sharp, shrewd

Truculence-

Truculent- **bellicose**, aggressive, belligerent, antagonistic

Turgid- magniloquent, tumid, bombastic, pompous

Turpitude- depravity, wickedness, profligacy

Tyro- novice, beginner, neophyte

Umbrage- displeasure, vexation, Irritation

Unassailable- 1. impregnable, invulnerable, impenetrable
2. Irrefutable, unquestionable, indisputable

Unflappable- calm, imperturbable, unexcitable

Unforthcoming- uncooperative

Unimpeachable- 1. unblamable, impeccable
2. fine, accurate, flawless, blameless, faultless
3. unquestionable, **unassailable**

Unprepossessing- uninteresting, uninviting, unlovely

Unpropitious- inauspicious, unfavourable, adversity, uncongenial

Unstinting- openhanded, munificent, beneficent, bountiful, profuse, unselfish

Untenable- unjustified, weak, obsolete

Untoward- unfavorable, inconvenient

Untrammelled- free, unfettered, vicious

Unviable- not capable of working successfully; not feasible

Vaunted- boast, brag about, parade, flaunt, acclaim, trumpet, extol

Venial- 1 .forgivable, pardonable, excusable

2.trivial, insignificant, negligible, small, subtle

Verisimilitude- plausibility, authenticity, credibility

Veritable- truthfully, real, intrinsic

Vicissitude- shift, unpredictability, vacillation

Vitriol- vituperation, invective

Vitriolic- bitter, caustic, mordant, acerbic, trenchant, sphenetic, sarcastic

Vituperate- scold, revile, upbraid, criticize, vilify, denounce, disparage, castigate

Zeitgeist- spirit of the times