

ABATE -> TO DECREASE; REDUCE

ABDICATE -> TO GIVE UP A POSITION, RIGHT, OR POWER

ABERRANT -> DEVIATING FROM WHAT IS NORMAL

ABEYANCE -> TEMPORARY SUPPRESSION OR SUSPENSION

ABJECT -> MISERABLE; PITIFUL

ABJURE -> TO REJECT; ABANDON FORMALLY

ABSCISSION -> N. THE ACT OF CUTTING; THE NATURAL SEPARATION OF A LEAF OR OTHER PART OF A PLANT, V. TO CUT OFF OR AWAY (ABSCISE)

ABSCOND -> TO DEPART SECRETLY

ABSTEMIOUS -> MODERATE IN APPETITE

ABSTINENCE -> THE GIVING UP OF CERTAIN PLEASURES

ABYSMAL -> VERY BAD

ACCRETION -> GROWTH IN SIZE OR INCREASE IN AMOUNT

ACCRUE -> TO ACCUMULATE; GROW BY ADDITIONS

ADAMANT -> UNCOMPROMISING; UNYIELDING

ADJUNCT -> SOMETHING ADDED, ATTACHED, OR JOINED

ADMONISH -> TO CAUTION OR REPRIMAND

ADULTERATE -> TO CORRUPT OR MAKE IMPURE

AESTHETIC -> ADJ. RELATING TO BEAUTY OR ART, N. A CONCEPTION OF WHAT IS ARTISTICALLY BEAUTIFUL

AFFECTED -> PRETENTIOUS, PHONY

AFFINITY -> FONDNESS; LIKING; SIMILARITY

AGGRANDIZE -> TO MAKE LARGER OR GREATER

AGGREGATE -> ADJ. AMOUNTING TO A WHOLE; TOTAL, V. TO COLLECT INTO A MASS, N. COLLECTIVE MASS OR SUM

ALACRITY -> CHEERFUL WILLINGNESS; EAGERNESS; SPEED

ALCHEMY -> MEDIEVAL CHEMICAL PHILOSOPHY BASED ON CHANGING METAL INTO GOLD; A SEEMINGLY MAGICAL POWER OR PROCESS OF TRANSMUTATION

ALLAY -> TO LESSEN; EASE; SOOTHE

ALLEViate -> TO RELIEVE; IMPROVE PARTIALLY

ALLOY -> A COMBINATION; A MIXTURE OF TWO OR MORE METALS

ALLURE -> THE POWER TO ENTICE BY CHARM

AMALGAMATE -> TO COMBINE INTO A UNIFIED WHOLE

AMBIGUOUS -> UNCLEAR OR DOUBTFUL IN MEANING

AMBIVALENCE -> THE STATE OF HAVING CONFLICTING EMOTIONAL ATTITUDES

AMBROSIA -> SOMETHING DELICIOUS; THE FOOD OF THE GODS

AMELIORATE -> TO IMPROVE

AMENABLE -> AGREEABLE; COOPERATIVE; SUITED

AMENITY -> SOMETHING THAT INCREASES COMFORT

AMULET -> ORNAMENT WORN AS A CHARM AGAINST EVIL SPIRITS

ANACHRONISM -> SOMETHING OUT OF THE PROPER TIME

ANALGESIC -> MEDICATION THAT REDUCES OR ELIMATES PAIN

ANALOGOUS -> ADJ. COMPARABLE, N. A SIMILARITY IN SOME WAYS BETWEEN THINGS THAT ARE OTHERWISE DISSIMILAR (ANALOGY)

ANARCHY -> N. ABSENCE OF GOVERNMENT; STATE OF DISORDER, ADJ. LACKING ORDER OR CONTROL (ANARCHIC)

ANODYNE -> N. SOMETHING THAT CALMS OR SOOTHES PAIN, ADJ. RELAXING, OR CAPABLE OF SOOTHING PAIN

ANOMALOUS -> IRREGULAR; DEVIATING FROM THE NORM

ANOMIE -> A SOCIAL CONDITION MARKED BY A BREAKDOWN OF SOCIAL NORMS

ANTECEDENT -> SOMETHING THAT COMES BEFORE

ANTEDILUVIAN -> PREHISTORIC

ANTIPATHY -> DISLIKE; HOSTILITY

APATHY -> INDIFFERENCE

APEX -> THE HIGHEST POINT

APOGEE -> THE POINT IN AN ORBIT MOST DISTANT FROM THE BODY BEING ORBITED; THE HIGHEST POINT

APOTHEGM -> A TERSE, WITTY SAYING

APPEASE -> TO CALM; PACIFY; PLACATE

APPELLATION -> NAME

APPOSITE -> STRIKINGLY APPROPRIATE AND RELEVANT

APPRISE -> TO INFORM

APPROBATION -> PRAISE; APPROVAL

APPROPRIATE -> TO TAKE POSSESSION FOR ONE'S OWN USE; CONFISCATE

APROPOS -> RELEVANT

ARABESQUE -> ORNATE DESIGN FEATURING INTERTWINED CURVES; A BALLET POSITION IN WHICH ONE LEG IS EXTENDED IN BACK WHILE THE OTHER SUPPORTS THE WEIGHT OF THE BODY

ARCHEOLOGY -> THE STUDY OF MATERIAL EVIDENCE OF PAST HUMAN LIFE

ARDOR -> GREAT EMOTION OR PASSION

ARDUOUS -> EXTREMELY DIFFICULT; LABORIOUS

ARGOT -> A SPECIALIZED VOCABULARY USED BY A GROUP

ARREST -> TO STOP; TO SEIZE

ARTIFACT -> ITEM MADE BY HUMAN CRAFT

ARTLESS -> GUILTESS; NATURAL

ASCETIC -> N. ONE WHO PRACTICES SELF-DENIAL, ADJ. SELF-DENYING OR AUSTERE

ASPERITY -> SEVERITY; HARSHNESS; IRRITABILITY

ASPERSION -> SLANDER; FALSE RUMOR

ASSIDUOUS -> DILIGENT; HARD-WORKING

ASSUAGE -> TO MAKE LESS SEVERE

ASTRINGENT -> HARSH; SEVERE

ASYLUM -> PLACE OF REFUGE OR SHELTER

ATAVISM -> IN BIOLOGY, THE REAPPEARANCE OF A CHARACTERISTIC IN AN ORGANISM AFTER SEVERAL GENERATIONS OF ABSENCE; INDIVIDUAL OR A PART THAT EXHIBITS ATAVISM; RETURN OF A TRAIT AFTER A PERIOD OF ABSENCE

ATTENUATE -> TO WEAKEN

AUDACIOUS -> BOLD; DARING

AUSTERE -> STERN; UNADORNED

AUTONOMOUS -> SELF-GOVERNING; INDEPENDENT

AVARICE -> GREED

AVER -> TO AFFIRM; DECLARE TO BE TRUE

AVOCATION -> SECONDARY OCCUPATION

AVUNCULAR -> LIKE AN UNCLE, BENEVOLENT AND TOLERANT

AXIOMATIC -> TAKEN FOR GRANTED

BACCHANALIAN -> PERTAINING TO RIOTOUS OR DRUNKEN FESTIVITY; PERTAINING TO REVELRY

BANAL -> COMMONPLACE; TRITE

BANTER -> PLAYFUL CONVERSATION

BARD -> POET

BAWDY -> OBSCENE

BEATIFY -> TO SANCTIFY; TO BLESS; TO ASCRIBE A VIRTUE TO

BEDIZEN -> TO DRESS IN A VULGAR; SHOWY MANNER

BEHEMOTH -> HUGE CREATURE; ANYTHING VERY LARGE AND POWERFUL

BELIE -> TO CONTRADICT; MISREPRESENT; GIVE A FALSE IMPRESSION

BENEFACTANT -> KINDLY; DOING GOOD

BIFURCATE -> TO DIVIDE INTO TWO PARTS

BIONICS -> THE APPLICATION OF BIOLOGICAL PRINCIPLES TO THE DESIGN OF ELECTRICAL OR ENGINEERING SYSTEMS

BLANDISHMENT -> N. FLATTERY, V. TO COAX WITH FLATTERY (BLANDISH)

BLASE -> BORED BECAUSE OF FREQUENT INDULGENCE; UNCONCERNED

BOLSTER -> TO GIVE A BOOST TO; PROP UP; SUPPORT

BOMBASTIC -> POMPOUS; USING INFLATED LANGUAGE

BOORISH -> RUDE; INSENSITIVE

BOVINE -> COWLIKE

BRAZEN -> BOLD; SHAMELESS

BROACH -> TO MENTION FOR THE FIRST TIME

BUCOLIC -> CHARACTERISTIC OF THE COUNTRYSIDE; RUSTIC; PASTORAL

BURGEON -> TO FLOURISH

BURNISH -> TO POLISH

BUTTRESS -> TO REINFORCE; SUPPORT

CACOPHONOUS -> UNPLEASANT OR HARSH-SOUNDING

CADGE -> TO BEG; SPONGE

CALLOUS -> THICK-SKINNED; INSENSITIVE

CALUMNY -> FALSE AND MALICIOUS ACCUSATION; SLANDER

CANARD -> FALSE, DELIBERATELY MISLEADING STORY

CANON -> AN ESTABLISHED PRINCIPLE; A BASIS OR STANDARD FOR JUDGMENT; A GROUP OF LITERARY WORKS

CANT -> INSINCERE TALK; LANGUAGE OF A PARTICULAR GROUP

CANTANKEROUS -> IRRITABLE; ILL-HUMORED

CAPRICIOUS -> ADJ. FICKLE, N. INCLINATION TO CHANGE ONE'S MIND
COMPULSIVELY

CAPTIOUS -> FAULTFINDING; INTENDED TO ENTRAP, AS IN AN ARGUMENT

CARDINAL -> OF FOREMOST IMPORTANCE

CARNAL -> OF THE FLESH OR BODY; RELATED TO PHYSICAL APPETITES

CARPING -> TO FIND FAULT; COMPLAIN

CARTOGRAPHY -> SCIENCE OF MAKING MAPS

CASTE -> ANY OF THE HEREDITARY SOCIAL CLASSES OF HINDU SOCIETY;
SOCIAL STRATIFICATION

CASTIGATION -> PUNISHMENT; CHASTISEMENT; CRITICISM

CATAclysm -> A VIOLENT UPHEAVAL THAT CAUSES GREAT DESTRUCTION
AND CHANGE

CATALYST -> SOMETHING CAUSING CHANGE

CATEGORICAL -> ABSOLUTE; WITHOUT EXCEPTION

CAUCUS -> SMALLER GROUP WITHIN AN ORGANIZATION

CAUSAL -> INVOLVING A CAUSE

CAUSTIC -> SARCASTICALLY BITING; BURNING

CELESTIAL -> CONCERNING THE SKY OR HEAVENS; SUBLIME

CENTRIFUGAL -> MOVING AWAY FROM A CENTER

CENTRIPETAL -> MOVING OR DIRECTED TOWARD A CENTER

CHAMPION -> TO DEFEND OR SUPPORT

CHASTEN -> TO CORRECT BY PUNISHMENT OR REPROOF; TO RESTRAIN OR
SUBDUE

CHICANERY -> TRICKERY; FRAUD

CHIVALRY -> THE QUALITIES IDEALIZED BY KNIGHTHOOD SUCH AS
BRAVERY AND GALLANTRY TOWARD WOMEN

CHURLISH -> RUDE; BOORISH

CIRCUITOUS -> ROUNDABOUT

CLAIRVOYANT -> ONE WHO CAN PREDICT THE FUTURE; PSYCHIC

CLAMOR -> NOISY OUTCRY

CLIQUE -> A SMALL, EXCLUSIVE GROUP

CLOISTER -> V. TO CONFINED; SECLUDE, N. MONASTERY OR CONVENT, ADJ. SHUT AWAY FROM THE WORLD (CLOISTERED)

COAGULATE -> THICKEN; CONGEAL

COALESCE -> TO CAUSE TO BECOME ONE

CODA -> CONCLUDING PART OF A LITERARY OR MUSICAL COMPOSITION; SOMETHING THAT SUMMARIZES OR CONCLUDES

CODIFY -> SYSTEMATIZE

COGNIZANT -> INFORMED; CONSCIOUS; AWARE

COLLAGE -> ARTISTIC COMPOSITION OF MATERIALS PASTED OVER A SURFACE; AN ASSEMBLAGE OF DIVERSE ELEMENTS

COMMENSURATE -> PROPORTIONAL

COMPENDIUM -> BRIEF, COMPREHENSIVE SUMMARY

COMPLACENT -> SELF-SATISFIED

COMPLAISANT -> OVERLY POLITE; WILLING TO PLEASE; OBLIGING

COMPLEMENT -> SOMETHING THAT COMPLETES OR MAKES UP A WHOLE

COMPLIANT -> YIELDING

COMPUNCTION -> UNEASINESS CAUSED BY GUILT

CONCAVE -> CURVING INWARD

CONCILIATORY -> OVERCOMING DISTRUST OR HOSTILITY

CONCOCT -> INVENT

CONCOMITANT -> EXISTING CONCURRENTLY

CONDONE -> TO OVERLOOK VOLUNTARILY; FORGIVE

CONFOUND -> TO Baffle; PERPLEX; MIX UP

CONGENIAL -> SIMILAR IN TASTES AND HABITS; FRIENDLY; SUITED TO

CONJUGAL -> PERTAINING TO MARRIAGE AGREEMENT

CONNOISSEUR -> A PERSON POSSESSING EXPERT KNOWLEDGE OR TRAINING; A PERSON OF INFORMED AND DISCRIMINATING TASTE

CONSCRIPT -> N. PERSON COMPULSORILY ENROLLED FOR MILITARY SERVICE, V. TO ENROLL A PERSON FOR MILITARY SERVICE

CONSECRATE -> TO DECLARE SACRED

CONTEND -> V. TO ASSERT, N. AN ASSERTION (CONTENTION)

CONTENTIOUS -> QUARRELSOME; CAUSING QUARRELS

CONTIGUOUS -> TOUCHING, NEIGHBORING; CONNECTING WITHOUT A BREAK

CONTINENCE -> SELF-CONTROL; ABSTENTION FROM SEXUAL ACTIVITY

CONTRITE -> VERY SORROWFUL FOR A WRONG

CONTUMACIOUS -> DISOBEDIENT; REBELLIOUS

CONUNDRUM -> RIDDLE; PUZZLE WITH NO SOLUTION

CONVENTION -> N. PRACTICE WIDELY OBSERVED IN A GROUP; CUSTOM; ACCEPTED TECHNIQUE OR DEVICE, ADJ. CUSTOMARY OR COMMONPLACE (CONVENTIONAL)

CONVERGE -> TO APPROACH; COME TOGETHER; TEND TO MEET

CONVEX -> CURVED OUTWARD

CONVIVIAL -> SOCIABLE

CONVOLUTED -> TWISTED; COMPLICATED

COPIOUS -> ABUNDANT; PLENTIFUL

COQUETTE -> WOMAN WHO FLIRTS

CORNUCOPIA -> HORN OVERFLOWING WITH FRUIT AND GRAIN; STATE OF ABUNDANCE

COSMOLOGY -> STUDY OF THE UNIVERSE AS A TOTALITY; THEORY OF THE ORIGIN AND STRUCTURE OF THE UNIVERSE

COVERT -> HIDDEN; SECRET

COVETOUS -> DESIRING SOMETHING OWNED BY ANOTHER

COZEN -> TO MISLEAD BY TRICK OR FRAUD; DECEIVE

CRAVEN -> COWARDLY

CREDENCE -> ACCEPTANCE OF SOMETHING AS TRUE

CREDO -> STATEMENT OF BELIEF OR PRINCIPLE; CREED

DAUNT -> TO DISCOURAGE; INTIMIDATE; DISHEARTEN

DE FACTO -> IN FACT, WHETHER BY RIGHT OR NOT; EXERCISING POWER WITHOUT BEING LEGALLY ESTABLISHED

DEARTH -> SCARCITY

DEBAUCHERY -> CORRUPTION

DECORUM -> PROPER BEHAVIOR

DEFAME -> TO MALIGN; HARM SOMEONE'S REPUTATION

DEFAULT -> TO FAIL TO ACT

DEFER -> TO SUBMIT TO THE WISHES OF ANOTHER DUE TO RESPECT OR RECOGNITION OF THE PERSON'S AUTHORITY OR KNOWLEDGE

DEFERENCE -> RESPECT; REGARD FOR ANOTHER'S WISH

DEFUNCT -> NO LONGER EXISTING

DELINEATE -> TO REPRESENT OR DEPICT

DEMOGRAPHIC -> RELATED TO POPULATION BALANCE

DEMOTIC -> PERTAINING TO PEOPLE

DEMUR -> TO EXPRESS DOUBT

DENIGRATE -> TO SLUR SOMEONE'S REPUTATION

DENIZEN -> AN INHABITANT; A REGULAR VISITOR

DENOUEMENT -> OUTCOME; UNRAVELING OF THE PLOT OF A PLAY OR WORK OF LITERATURE

DERIDE -> TO MOCK

DERIVATIVE -> SOMETHING DERIVED; UNORIGINAL

DESICCATE -> TO DRY COMPLETELY

DESUETUDE -> STATE OF DISUSE

DESULTORY -> RANDOM; DISCONNECTED; RAMBLING

DETERRENT -> SOMETHING THAT DISCOURAGES OR HINDERS

DETRACTION -> THE ACT OF TAKING AWAY; DEROGATORY COMMENT ON A PERSON'S CHARACTER

DEVIANT -> A PERSON WHOSE BEHAVIOR DIFFERS FROM THE ACCEPTED STANDARDS OF SOCIETY

DIAPHANOUS -> TRANSPARENT; FINE-TEXTURED; INSUBSTANTIAL; VAGUE

DIATRIBE -> BITTER VERBAL ATTACK

DICHOTOMY -> DIVISION INTO TWO USUALLY CONTRADICTORY PARTS

DIFFIDENCE -> SHYNESS; LACK OF CONFIDENCE

DIFFUSE -> V. TO SPREAD OUT, ADJ. WORDY; RAMBLING; SPREAD OUT

DIGRESSION -> ACT OF STRAYING FROM THE MAIN POINT

DIRGE -> FUNERAL HYMN

DISABUSE -> TO FREE FROM MISCONCEPTION

DISCERN -> TO PERCEIVE SOMETHING OBSCURE

DISCERNING -> PERCEPTIVE; EXHIBITING KEEN INSIGHT AND GOOD JUDGMENT

DISCOMFIT -> TO MAKE UNEASY; DISCONCERT

DISCORDANT -> NOT IN TUNE

DISCREDIT -> TO DISHONOR; DISGRACE; CAUSE TO BE DOUBTED

DISCREPANCY -> DIFFERENCE BETWEEN

DISCRETE -> CONSTITUTING A SEPARATE THING; DISTINCT

DISCRETION -> QUALITY OF SHOWING SELF-RESTRAINT IN SPEECH OR ACTIONS; CIRCUMSPECTION; FREEDOM TO ACT ON ONE'S OWN

DISINGENUOUS -> NOT CANDID; CRAFTY

DISINTERESTED -> UNPREJUDICED; OBJECTION

DISJOINTED -> LACKING ORDER OR COHERENCE; DISLOCATED

DISMISS -> PUT AWAY FROM CONSIDERATION; REJECT

DISPARAGE -> TO BELITTLE

DISPARATE -> DISSIMILAR

DISSEMBLE -> TO PRETEND; DISGUISE ONE'S MOTIVES

DISSEMINATE -> TO SPREAD; SCATTER; DISPERSE

DISSIDENT -> PERSON WHO DISAGREES ABOUT BELIEF, ETC.

DISSOLUTION -> DISINTEGRATION; DEBAUCHERY

DISSONANCE -> DISCORD; LACK OF HARMONY

DISTEND -> TO EXPAND; SWELL OUT

DISTILL -> EXTRACT THE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS

DISTRAIT -> INATTENTIVE; PREOCCUPIED

DIVERGE -> TO VARY; GO IN DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS FROM THE SAME POINT

DIVEST -> TO STRIP; DEPRIVE; RID

DIVULGE -> TO MAKE KNOWN SOMETHING THAT IS SECRET

DOCTRINAIRE -> RELATING TO A PERSON WHO CANNOT COMPROMISE ABOUT POINTS OF A THEORY OR DOCTRINE; DOGMATIC; UNYIELDING

DOCUMENT -> TO PROVIDE WITH WRITTEN EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT

DOGGEREL -> POOR VERSE

DOGMATIC -> STATING OPINIONS WITHOUT PROOF

DORMANT -> INACTIVE

DROSS -> WASTE; WORTHLESS MATTER; TRIVIAL MATTER

DUPE -> TO DECEIVE; TRICK

EBULLIENT -> EXHILARATED; ENTHUSIASTIC

ECLECTIC -> SELECTING FROM VARIOUS SOURCES

EFFERVESCENCE -> STATE OF HIGH SPIRITS OR LIVELINESS; THE PROCESS OF BUBBLING AS GAS ESCAPES

EFFETE -> DEPLETED OF VITALITY; OVERREFINED; DECADENT

EFFICACY -> EFFICIENCY; EFFECTIVENESS

EFFRONTERY -> SHAMELESS BOLDNESS; PRESUMPTUOUSNESS

EGOISM -> THE TENDENCY TO SEE THING IN RELATION TO ONESELF; SELF-CENTERED

EGOTISTICAL -> EXCESSIVELY SELF-CENTERED; CONCEITED

ELEGY -> POEM OR SONG EXPRESSING LAMENTATION

ELICIT -> TO PROVOKE; DRAW OUT

ELIXIR -> A SUBSTANCE BELIEVED TO HAVE THE POWER TO CURE ILLS

ELYSIAN -> BLISSFUL; DELIGHTFUL

EMACIATED -> THIN AND WASTED

EMBELLISH -> TO ADORN; DECORATE; ENHANCE; MAKE MORE ATTRACTIVE BY ADDING DETAILS

EMOLLIENT -> ADJ. SOOTHING; MOLLIFYING, N. AN AGENT THAT SOOTHES OR MAKES MORE ACCEPTABLE

EMPIRICAL -> DERIVED OBSERVATION AND EXPERIMENT

EMULATE -> TO IMITATE; COPY

ENCOMIUM -> A FORMAL EXPRESSION OF PRAISE

ENDEMIC -> INHERENT; BELONGING TO AN AREA

ENERVATE -> TO WEAKEN

ENGENDER -> TO CAUSE; PRODUCE

ENHANCE -> TO INCREASE; IMPROVE

ENTOMOLOGY -> THE SCIENTIFIC STUDY OF INSECTS

ENUCIATE -> TO PRONOUNCE CLEARLY

EPHEMERAL -> SHORT-LIVED; FLEETING

EPISTEMOLOGY -> BRANCH OF PHILOSOPHY THAT EXAMINES THE NATURE OF KNOWLEDGE

EQUABLE -> STEADY; UNVARYING; SERENE

EQUANIMITY -> COMPOSURE; CALMNESS

EQUITABLE -> FAIR; JUST; IMPARTIAL

EQUIVOCATION -> TO INTENTIONALLY USE VAGUE LANGUAGE

ERRANT -> MISTAKEN; STRAYING FROM THE PROPER COURSE

ERUDITE -> LEARNED; SCHOLARLY

ESOTERIC -> HARD TO UNDERSTAND; KNOWN ONLY TO A FEW

ESSAY -> TO MAKE AN ATTEMPT; SUBJECT TO A TEST

ESTIMABLE -> ADMIRABLE; POSSIBLE TO ESTIMATE

ETHNOCENTRIC -> BASED ON THE ATTITUDE THAT ONE'S GROUP IS SUPERIOR

ETIOLOGY -> CAUSES OR ORIGINS

ETYMOLOGY -> ORIGIN AND HISTORY OF A WORD

EUGENICS -> STUDY OF FACTORS THAT INFLUENCE THE HEREDITARY QUALITIES OF THE HUMAN RACE AND WAYS TO IMPROVE THESE QUALITIES

EULOGY -> HIGH PRAISE, ESPECIALLY OF A PERSON WHO HAS RECENTLY DIED

EUPHEMISM -> USE OF AGREEABLE OR INOFFENSIVE LANGUAGE IN PLACE OF UNPLEASANT OR OFFENSIVE LANGUAGE

EUPHORIA -> A FEELING OF EXTREME HAPPINESS

EUTHANASIA -> MERCY KILLING

EVINCE -> TO SHOW PLAINLY; BE AN INDICATION OF

EVOCATIVE -> TENDING TO CALL TO MIND OR PRODUCE A REACTION

EXACERBATE -> TO AGGRAVATE; MAKE WORSE

EXACT -> V. TO FORCE THE PAYMENT OF; DEMAND AND OBTAIN BY AUTHORITY, ADJ. EXTREMELY DEMANDING (EXACTING)

EXCULPATE -> TO CLEAR OF BLAME; VINDICATE

EXECRABLE -> DETESTABLE; ABHORRENT

EXHORT -> TO URGE BY STRONG APPEALS

EXIGENCY -> CRISIS; URGENT REQUIREMENTS

EXISTENTIAL -> HAVING TO DO WITH EXISTENCE; BASED ON EXPERIENCE; HAVING TO DO WITH THE PHILOSOPHY OF EXISTENTIALISM

EXORCISE -> TO EXPEL EVIL SPIRITS; FREE FROM BAD INFLUENCES

EXPATiate -> TO SPEAK OR WRITE AT LENGTH

EXPATRIATE -> TO SEND INTO EXILE

EXPIATE -> TO ATONE FOR

EXPLICATE -> TO EXPLAIN; INTERPRET; CLARIFY

EXPOSITORY -> EXPLANATORY

EXTANT -> IN EXISTENCE; NOT LOST

EXTEMPORANEOUS -> UNREHEARSED

EXTIRPATE -> TO ROOT UP; TO DESTROY

EXTRANEOUS -> NOT ESSENTIAL

EXTRAPOLATION -> THE ACT OF ESTIMATION BY PROJECTING KNOWN INFORMATION

EXTRINSIC -> NOT INHERENT OR ESSENTIAL

FACETIOUS -> HUMOROUS

FACILITATE -> TO MAKE LESS DIFFICULT

FACTOTUM -> A PERSON WHO DOES ALL SORTS OF WORK; A HANDYMAN

FALLACIOUS -> BASED ON A FALSE IDEA OR FACT; MISLEADING

FALLOW -> PLOWED BUT NOT SOWED; UNCULTIVATED

FATUOUS -> FOOLISHLY SELF-SATISFIED

FAUNA -> ANIMALS OF A PERIOD OR REGION

FAWNING -> SEEKING FAVOR BY FLATTERY

FELICITOUS -> SUITABLY EXPRESSED; APPROPRIATE; WELL-CHOSEN

FERAL -> EXISTING IN A WILD OR UNTAMED STATE

FERVOR -> N. WARMTH AND INTENSITY OF EMOTION, ADJ. FULL OF STRONG EMOTION OR IMPASSIONED (FERVENT)

FETID -> HAVING A BAD SMELL

FETTER -> V. TO BIND; CONFINE, N. SOMETHING THAT RESTRICTS OR RESTRAINS

FIAT -> ARBITRARY ORDER; AUTHORIZATION

FIDELITY -> LOYALTY; EXACT CORRESPONDENCE

FILIBUSTER -> USE OF OBSTRUCTIVE TACTICS IN A LEGISLATURE TO BLOCK PASSAGE OF A LAW

FINESSE -> TO HANDLE WITH A DECEPTIVE OR EVASIVE STRATEGY; TO USE FINESSE, THAT IS, REFINEMENT IN PERFORMANCE

FISSURE -> CREVICE

FLAG -> TO DROOP; GROW WEAK

FLEDGLING -> BEGINNER; NOVICE

FLORA -> PLANTS OF A REGION OR ERA

FLORID -> RUDDY; REDDISH; FLOWERY

FLOURISH -> N. AN EMBELLISHMENT OR ORNAMENTATION, V. MEANING TO GROW VIGOROUSLY, OR TO THRIVE

FLOUT -> TO TREAT SCORNFULLY

FLUX -> FLOWING; A CONTINUOUS MOVING

FOMENT -> TO INCITE; AROUSE

FORBEARANCE -> PATIENCE

FORESTALL -> TO PREVENT; DELAY

FORMIDABLE -> MENACING; THREATENING

FORSWEAR -> RENOUNCE; REPUDIATE

FOUNDER -> TO SINK; FAIL; COLLAPSE

FRACAS -> A LOUD QUARREL; BRAWL

FRACTIOUS -> QUARRELSOME; UNRULY; REBELLIOUS

FRESCO -> A PAINTING DONE ON PLASTER

FRIEZE -> ORNAMENTAL BAND ON A WALL

FROWARD -> STUBBORNLY CONTRARY; OBSTINATELY DISOBEDIENT

FRUGALITY -> THRIFT

FULMINATE -> TO ATTACK LOUDLY; DENOUNCE

FULSOME -> SO EXCESSIVE AS TO BE DISGUSTING

FUSION -> UNION; SYNTHESIS

FUTILE -> INEFFECTIVE; USELESS; FRUITLESS

GAINSAY -> TO DENY; DISPUTE; OPPOSE

GAMBOL -> TO FROLIC; LEAP PLAYFULLY

GARRULOUS -> VERY TALKATIVE; WORDY

GAUCHE -> COARSE AND UNCOUTH; CLUMSY

GENIALITY -> CHEERFULNESS; KINDLINESS; SOCIABILITY

GERRYMANDER -> TO DIVIDE AN AREA INTO VOTING DISTRICTS IN A WAY THAT FAVORS A POLITICAL PARTY

GLIB -> FLUENT IN AN INSINCERE WAY; OFFHAND

GOAD -> TO PROD; URGE ON

GOSSAMER -> SHEER; LIGHT AND DELICATE, LIKE COBWEBS

GOUGE -> TO TEAR OUT; SCOOP OUT; OVERCHARGE

GRANDILOQUENT -> POMPOUS; BOMBASTIC

GREGARIOUS -> SOCIABLE

GROUSE -> TO COMPLAIN

GUILE -> DECEPTION OR TRICKERY

GUILELESS -> FREE OF CUNNING OR DECEIT; ARTLESS

GUISE -> OUTWARD APPEARANCE; FALSE APPEARANCE; PRETENSE

GULLIBLE -> EASILY DECEIVED

GUSTATORY -> AFFECTING THE SENSE OF TASTE

HALCYON -> CALM AND PEACEFUL; HAPPY; GOLDEN; PROSPEROUS

HALLOWED -> HOLY; SACRED

HARANGUE -> LONG, POMPOUS SPEECH; TIRADE

HARROWING -> EXTREMELY DISTRESSING; TERRIFYING

HERBIVOROUS -> RELATING TO A HERBIVORE, AN ANIMAL THAT FEEDS MAINLY ON PLANTS

HERMETIC -> TIGHTLY SEALED; MAGICAL

HETERODOX -> UNORTHODOX; NOT WIDELY ACCEPTED

HEURISTIC -> RELATING TO A SPECULATIVE FORMULATION GUIDING THE INVESTIGATION OR SOLUTION OF A PROBLEM; EDUCATIONAL METHOD IN WHICH STUDENTS LEARN FROM THEIR OWN INVESTIGATIONS

HIEROGLYPHICS -> A SYSTEM OF WRITING IN WHICH PICTORIAL SYMBOLS REPRESENT MEANING OR SOUNDS; WRITING OR SYMBOLS THAT ARE DIFFICULT TO DECIPHER; THE SYMBOLS USED IN ADVANCED MATHEMATICS

HIRSUTE -> COVERED WITH HAIR

HISTRIONIC -> RELATING TO EXAGGERATED EMOTIONAL BEHAVIOR CALCULATED FOR EFFECT; THEATRICAL ARTS OR PERFORMANCES

HOMEOSTASIS -> AUTOMATIC MAINTENANCE BY AN ORGANISM OF NORMAL TEMPERATURE, CHEMICAL BALANCE, ETC. WITHIN ITSELF

HOMILY -> SERMON; TEDIOUS MORALIZING LECTURE; PLATITUDE

HOMOGENEOUS -> COMPOSED OF IDENTICAL PARTS; UNIFORM IN COMPOSITION

HYPERBOLE -> PURPOSEFUL EXAGGERATION FOR EFFECT

ICONOCLASTIC -> ATTACKING CHERISHED TRADITION

IDOLATRY -> IDOL WORSHIP; BLIND OR EXCESSIVE DEVOTION

IGNEOUS -> PRODUCED BY FIRE; VOLCANIC

IMBROGLIO -> COMPLICATED SITUATION; AN ENTANGLEMENT

IMMUTABLE -> UNCHANGEABLE

IMPAIR -> TO DAMAGE; INJURE

IMPASSIVE -> SHOWING NO EMOTION

IMPECUNIOUS -> POOR; HAVING NO MONEY

IMPEDE -> TO HINDER; BLOCK

IMPERMEABLE -> IMPOSSIBLE TO PENETRATE

IMPETURBABLE -> NOT EASILY DISTURBED

IMPERVIOUS -> IMPOSSIBLE TO PENETRATE; INCAPABLE OF BEING AFFECTED

IMPINGE -> TO STRIKE; ENCROACH

IMPLACABLE -> INFLEXIBLE; INCAPABLE OF BEING PLEASED

IMPLAUSIBLE -> UNLIKELY; UNBELIEVABLE

IMPLICIT -> IMPLIED; UNDERSTOOD BUT NOT STATED

IMPLODE -> COLLAPSE INWARD VIOLENTLY

IMPRECATION -> CURSE

IMPUTE -> TO RELATE TO A PARTICULAR CAUSE OR SOURCE; ATTRIBUTE THE FAULT TO; ASSIGN AS A CHARACTERISTIC

INADVERTENTLY -> CARELESSLY; UNINTENTIONALLY

INCARNATE -> HAVING BODILY FORM

INCHOATE -> IMPERFECTLY FORMED OR FORMULATED

INCONGRUITY -> STATE OF NOT FITTING

INCONSEQUENTIAL -> INSIGNIFICANT; UNIMPORTANT

INCORPORATE -> INTRODUCE SOMETHING INTO ANOTHER THING ALREADY IN EXISTENCE; COMBINE

INCURSION -> SUDDEN INVASION

INDETERMINATE -> UNCERTAIN; INDEFINITE

INDIGENCE -> POVERTY

INDOLENT -> HABITUALLY LAZY; IDLE

INELUCTABLE -> NOT TO BE AVOIDED OR ESCAPED; INEVITABLE

INERT -> UNABLE TO MOVE; SLUGGISH

INERTIA -> DISINCLINATION TO ACTION OR CHANGE

INGENUOUS -> NAIVE AND TRUSTING; LACKING SOPHISTICATION

INHERENT -> FIRMLY ESTABLISHED BY NATURE OR HABIT

INNOCUOUS -> HARMLESS

INSENSIBLE -> UNCONSCIOUS; UNRESPONSIVE

INSINUATE -> TO SUGGEST; SAY INDIRECTLY; IMPLY

INSIPID -> LACKING IN FLAVOR; DULL

INSOUCIANT -> INDIFFERENT; LACKING CONCERN OR CARE

INSULARITY -> NARROW-MINDEDNESS; ISOLATION

INSUPERABLE -> INSURMOUNTABLE; UNCONQUERABLE

INTANGIBLE -> NOT MATERIAL

INTERDICT -> TO FORBID; PROHIBIT; TO CONFRONT AND HALT THE ACTIVITIES, ADVANCE, OR ENTRY OF

INTERNECINE -> DEADLY TO BOTH SIDES

INTERPOLATE -> TO INSERT; CHANGE BY ADDING NEW WORDS OR MATERIAL

INTERREGNUM -> INTERVAL BETWEEN REIGNS; GAP IN CONTINUITY

INTIMATE -> MARKED BY CLOSE ACQUAINTANCE

INTRACTABLE -> NOT EASILY MANAGED

INTRANSIGENCE -> STUBBORNNESS; REFUSAL TO COMPROMISE

INTROSPECTIVE -> CONTEMPLATING ONE'S OWN THOUGHTS AND FEELINGS

INUNDATE -> TO COVER WITH WATER; OVERWHELM

INURED -> HARDENED; ACCUSTOMED; USED TO

INVECTIVE -> VERBAL ABUSE

INVEIGH -> TO DISAPPROVE; PROTEST VEHEMENTLY

INVEIGLE -> TO WIN OVER BY FLATTERY OR COAXING

INVETERATE -> CONFIRMED; LONG-STANDING; DEEPLY ROOTED

INVIDIOUS -> LIKELY TO PROVOKE ILL WILL; OFFENSIVE

IRASCIBLE -> EASILY ANGERED

IRRESOLUTE -> UNSURE OF HOW TO ACT; WEAK

ITINERANT -> WANDERING FROM PLACE TO PLACE; UNSETTLED

ITINERARY -> ROUTE OF A TRAVELER'S JOURNEY

JAUNDICED -> HAVING A YELLOWISH DISCOLORATION OF THE SKIN; AFFECTED BY ENVY, RESENTMENT, OR HOSTILITY

JIBE -> TO BE IN AGREEMENT

JOCOSE -> FOND OF JOKING; JOCULAR; PLAYFUL

JUGGERNAUT -> HUGE FORCE DESTROYING EVERYTHING IN ITS PATH

JUNTA -> GROUP OF PEOPLE UNITED IN POLITIC INTRIGUE

JUXTAPOSE -> PLACE SIDE BY SIDE

KUDOS -> FAME; GLORY; HONOR

LABILE -> LIKELY TO CHANGE

LACONIC -> USING FEW WORDS

LAMBASTE -> TO THRASH VERBALLY OR PHYSICALLY

LASCIVIOUS -> LUSTFUL

LASSITUDE -> LETHARGY; SLUGGISHNESS

LATENT -> PRESENT BUT HIDDEN; POTENTIAL

LAUD -> TO PRAISE

LETHARGIC -> INACTIVE

LEVEE -> AN EMBANKMENT THAT PREVENTS A RIVER FROM OVERFLOWING

LEVITY -> LIGHT MANNER OR ATTITUDE

LIBERAL -> TOLERANT; BROAD-MINDED; GENEROUS; LAVISH

LIBERTINE -> ONE WITHOUT MORAL RESTRAINT

LIBIDO -> SEXUAL DESIRE

LILLIPUTIAN -> EXTREMELY SMALL

LIMN -> TO DRAW; DESCRIBE

LIMPID -> CLEAR; TRANSPARENT

LINGUISTIC -> PERTAINING TO LANGUAGE

LITANY -> LENGTHY RECITATION; REPETITIVE CHANT

LITERATI -> SCHOLARLY OR LEARNED PERSONS

LITIGATION -> LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

LOG -> RECORD OF A VOYAGE; RECORD OF DAILY ACTIVITIES

LOQUACIOUS -> TALKATIVE

LUCID -> BRIGHT; CLEAR; INTELLIGIBLE

LUCRE -> MONEY OR PROFITS

LUMINOUS -> BRIGHT; BRILLIANT; GLOWING

LUSTROUS -> SHINING

MACHIAVELLIAN -> CRAFTY; DOUBLE-DEALING

MACHINATIONS -> PLOTS OR SCHEMES

MAELSTROM -> WHIRLPOOL; TURMOIL

MAGNANIMITY -> GENEROSITY; NOBILITY

MALIGN -> TO SPEAK EVIL OF

MALINGER -> TO FEIGN ILLNESS TO ESCAPE DUTY

MALLEABLE -> CAPABLE OF BEING SHAPED BY POUNDING;
IMPRESSIONABLE

MAVERICK -> DISSENTER

MEGALOMANIA -> DELUSIONS OF POWER OR IMPORTANCE

MENAGERIE -> A VARIETY OF ANIMALS KEPT TOGETHER

MENDACIOUS -> DISHONEST

MENDICANT -> BEGGAR

MERETRICIOUS -> GAUDY; PLAUSIBLE BUT FALSE; SPECIOUS

MESMERIZE -> TO HYPNOTIZE

METAMORPHOSIS -> CHANGE; TRANSFORMATION

METAPHYSICS -> A BRANCH OF PHILOSOPHY THAT INVESTIGATES THE
ULTIMATE NATURE OF REALITY

METEOROLOGICAL -> CONCERNED WITH THE WEATHER

METICULOUS -> VERY CAREFUL; FASTIDIOUS

METTLE -> COURAGE; ENDURANCE

METTLESOME -> FULL OF COURAGE AND FORTITUDE; SPIRITED

MICROCOSM -> A SMALL SYSTEM HAVING ANALOGIES TO A LARGER
SYSTEM; SMALL WORLD

MILITATE -> TO WORK AGAINST

MINATORY -> THREATENING; MENACING

MINUSCULE -> VERY SMALL

MINUTIA -> PETTY DETAILS

MISANTHROPE -> ONE WHO HATES HUMANITY

MISCELLANY -> MIXTURE OF WRITINGS ON VARIOUS SUBJECTS

MISCREANT -> VILLAIN; CRIMINAL

MISOGYNIST -> ONE WHO HATES WOMEN

MITIGATE -> TO CAUSE TO BECOME LESS HARSH; SEVERE, OR PAINFUL;
ALLEVIATE

MNEMONIC -> ADJ. RELATED TO MEMORY; ASSISTING MEMORY, N. A
SYSTEM THAT DEVELOPS AND IMPROVES THE MEMORY

MODICUM -> LIMITED QUANTITY

MOLLIFY -> SOOTHE

MONOLITHIC -> SOLID AND UNIFORM; CONSTITUTING A SINGLE, UNIFIED
WHOLE

MOROSE -> ILL-HUMORED; SULLEN

MOTLEY -> MANY COLORED; MADE UP OF MANY PARTS

MULTIFARIOUS -> DIVERSE

MUNDANE -> WORLDLY AS OPPOSED TO SPIRITUAL; CONCERNED WITH THE
ORDINARY

NECROMANCY -> BLACK MAGIC

NEGATE -> TO CANCEL OUT; NULLIFY

NEOLOGISM -> NEW WORD OR EXPRESSION

NEOPHYTE -> NOVICE; BEGINNER

NEXUS -> A MEANS OF CONNECTION; A CONNECTED GROUP OR SERIES; A
CENTER

NONPLUSSED -> BEWILDERED

NOSTALGIA -> SENTIMENTAL LONGING FOR A PAST TIME

NOSTRUM -> MEDICINE OR REMEDY OF DOUBTFUL EFFECTIVENESS;
SUPPOSED CURE

NUGATORY -> TRIFLING; INVALID

OBDURATE -> STUBBORN

OBSEQUIOUS -> OVERLY SUBMISSIVE

OBSEQUIY -> FUNERAL CEREMONY (OFTEN USED IN THE PLURAL, OBSEQUIES)

OBVIATE -> TO MAKE UNNECESSARY; TO ANTICIPATE AND PREVENT

OCCLUDE -> TO SHUT; BLOCK

OCCULT -> RELATING TO PRACTICES CONNECTED WITH SUPERNATURAL PHENOMENA

ODYSSEY -> A LONG ADVENTUROUS VOYAGE; A QUEST

OFFICIOUS -> TOO HELPFUL; MEDDLESOME

OLFACTORY -> CONCERNING THE SENSE OF SMELL

OLIGARCHY -> FORM OF GOVERNMENT IN WHICH POWER BELONGS TO ONLY A FEW LEADERS

ONEROUS -> BURDENSOME

ONOMATOPOEIA -> FORMATION OR USE OF WORDS THAT IMITATE SOUNDS OF THE ACTIONS THEY REFER TO

OPPROBRIUM -> DISGRACE; CONTEMPT

ORNITHOLOGIST -> SCIENTIST WHO STUDIES BIRDS

OSCILLATE -> TO MOVE BACK AND FORTH

OSTENTATIOUS -> SHOWY; TRYING TO ATTRACT ATTENTION; PRETENTIOUS

OVERWEENING -> PRESUMPTUOUS; ARROGANT; OVERBEARING

PAEAN -> SONG OF JOY OR TRIUMPH; A FERVENT EXPRESSION OF JOY

PALEONTOLOGY -> STUDY OF PAST GEOLOGICAL ERAS THROUGH FOSSIL REMAINS

PALLID -> LACKING COLOR OR LIVELINESS

PANEGYRIC -> ELABORATE PRAISE; FORMAL HYMN OF PRAISE

PARAGON -> MODEL OF EXCELLENCE OR PERFECTION

PARTISAN -> ONE-SIDED; COMMITTED TO A PARTY, GROUP. OR CAUSE;
PREJUDICED

PATHOLOGICAL -> DEPARTING FROM NORMAL CONDITION

PATHOS -> A QUALITY THAT CAUSES A FEELING OF PITY OR SORROW

PATOIS -> A REGIONAL DIALECT; NONSTANDARD SPEECH; JARGON

PAUCITY -> SCARCITY

PEDANT -> UNINSPIRED, BORING ACADEMIC

PEDANTIC -> SHOWING OFF LEARNING

PELLUCID -> TRANSPARENT; TRANSLUCENT; EASILY UNDERSTOOD

PENCHANT -> INCLINATION

PENURTY -> EXTREME POVERTY

PEREGRINATION -> A WANDERING FROM PLACE TO PLACE

PEREMPTORY -> IMPERATIVE; LEAVING NO CHOICE

PERENNIAL -> PRESENT THROUGHOUT THE YEARS; PERSISTENT

PERFIDIOUS -> FAITHLESS; DISLOYAL; UNTRUSTWORTHY

PERFUNCTORY -> SUPERFICIAL; NOT THOROUGH; PERFORMED REALLY AS
A DUTY

PERIGEE -> POINT IN AN ORBIT THAT IS CLOSEST TO THE EARTH

PERMEABLE -> PENETRABLE

PERTURB -> TO DISTURB GREATLY; MAKE UNEASY OR ANXIOUS; CAUSE A
BODY TO DEVIATE FROM ITS REGULAR ORBIT

PERVASIVE -> SPREAD THROUGHOUT EVERY PART

PETULANT -> RUDE; PEEVISH

PHLEGMATIC -> CALM IN TEMPERAMENT; SLUGGISH

PHOENIX -> MYTHICAL, IMMORTAL BIRD THAT LIVES FOR 500 YEARS, BURNS
ITSELF TO DEATH, AND RISES FROM THE ASHES; ANYTHING THAT IS
RESTORED AFTER SUFFERING GREAT DESTRUCTION

PHYSIOGNOMY -> FACIAL FEATURES

PIETY -> DEVOUTNESS

PIQUANT -> APPEALINGLY STIMULATING; PLEASANTLY PUNGENT;
ATTRACTIVE

PIQUE -> N. FLEETING FEELING OF HURT PRIDE, V. TO PROVOKE OR
AROUSE

PLACATE -> TO LESSEN ANOTHER'S ANGER; TO PACIFY

PLACID -> CALM

PLAINTIVE -> MELANCHOLY; MOURNFUL

PLASTICITY -> CONDITION OF BEING ABLE TO BE SHAPED OR FORMED;
PLIABILITY

PLATITUDE -> STALE, OVERUSED EXPRESSION

PLATONIC -> SPIRITUAL, WITHOUT SENSUAL DESIRE, OR THEORETICAL

PLATONIC -> SPIRITUAL; WITHOUT SENSUAL DESIRE; THEORETICAL

PLETHORA -> EXCESS; OVERABUNDANCE

PLUMB -> TO DETERMINE THE DEPTH; TO EXAMINE DEEPLY

PLUME -> TO CONGRATULATE ONESELF IN A SELF-SATISFIED WAY

PLUMMET -> TO FALL; PLUNGE

PLUTOCRACY -> SOCIETY RULED BY THE WEALTHY

POROUS -> FULL OF HOLES; PERMEABLE TO LIQUIDS

POSEUR -> PERSON WHO AFFECTS AN ATTITUDE OR IDENTITY TO IMPRESS
OTHERS

PRAGMATIC -> PRACTICAL

PRATE -> TO TALK IDLY; CHATTER

PRATTLE -> MEANINGLESS, FOOLISH TALK

PREAMBLE -> PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

PRECARIOUS -> UNCERTAIN

PRECEPT -> PRINCIPLE; LAW

PRECIPITATE -> V. TO CAUSE TO HAPPEN; THROW DOWN FROM A HEIGHT, ADJ. RASH; HASTY SUDDEN

PRECURSOR -> FORERUNNER; PREDECESSOR

PREEMPT -> TO SUPERSEDE; APPROPRIATE FOR ONESELF

PREHENSILE -> CAPABLE OF GRASPING

PREMONITION -> FOREWARNING; PRESENTIMENT

PRESAGE -> TO FORETELL; INDICATE IN ADVANCE

PRESUMPTUOUS -> RUDE; IMPROPERLY BOLD

PRETERNATURAL -> BEYOND THE NORMAL COURSE OF NATURE; SUPERNATURAL

PREVARICATE -> TO QUIBBLE; EVADE THE TRUTH

PRIMORDIAL -> ORIGINAL; EXISTING FROM THE BEGINNING

PRISTINE -> UNTOUCHED; UNCORRUPTED

PROBITY -> HONESTY; HIGH-MINDEDNESS

PROBLEMATIC -> POSING A PROBLEM; DOUBTFUL; UNSETTLED

PRODIGAL -> WASTEFUL; EXTRAVAGANT; LAVISH

PROFOUND -> DEEP; NOT SUPERFICIAL

PROHIBITIVE -> SO HIGH AS TO PREVENT THE PURCHASE OR USE OF; PREVENTING; FORBIDDING

PROLIFERATE -> TO INCREASE RAPIDLY

PROPENSITY -> INCLINATION; TENDENCY

PROPITIATE -> TO WIN OVER; APPEASE

PROPRIETY -> CORRECT CONDUCT; FITNESS

PROSCRIBE -> V. TO CONDEMN; FORBID OUTLAW, ADJ. RELATING TO PROHIBITION

PROVIDENT -> PROVIDING FOR FUTURE NEEDS; FRUGAL

PUISSANT -> POWERFUL

PUNCTILIOUS -> CAREFUL IN OBSERVING RULES OF BEHAVIOR OR CEREMONY

PUNGENT -> STRONG OR SHARP IN SMELL OR TASTE; PENETRATING; CAUSTIC; TO THE POINT

PURPORT -> V. TO PROFESS; SUPPOSE; CLAIM, N. MEANING INTENDED OR IMPLIED

PUSILLANIMOUS -> COWARDLY

QUAGMIRE -> MARSH; DIFFICULT SITUATION

QUAIL -> TO COWER; LOSE HEART

QUALIFIED -> LIMITED; RESTRICTED

QUALM -> SUDDEN FEELING OF FAINTNESS OR NAUSEA; UNEASY FEELING ABOUT THE RIGHTNESS OF ACTIONS

QUERY -> TO QUESTION

QUIBBLE -> TO ARGUE OVER INSIGNIFICANT AND IRRELEVANT DETAILS

QUIESCENT -> INACTIVE; STILL

QUORUM -> NUMBER OF MEMBERS NECESSARY TO CONDUCT A MEETING

RACONTEUR -> WITTY, SKILLFUL STORYTELLER

RAIL -> TO SCOLD WITH BITTER OR ABUSIVE LANGUAGE

RAIMENT -> CLOTHING

RAMIFICATION -> IMPLICATION; OUTGROWTH; CONSEQUENCE

RAREFIED -> REFINED

RATIONALE -> FUNDAMENTAL REASON

REBUS -> PUZZLE IN WHICH PICTURES OR SYMBOLS REPRESENT WORDS

RECALCITRANT -> RESISTING AUTHORITY OR CONTROL

RECAN -> TO RETRACT A STATEMENT OR OPINION

RECLUSE -> PERSON WHO LIVES IN SECLUSION AND OFTEN IN SOLITUDE

RECONDITE -> ABSTRUSE; PROFOUND

REDOUBTABLE -> FORMIDABLE; AROUSING FEAR; WORTHY OF RESPECT

REDUCTIONISTIC -> ATTEMPTING TO EXPLAIN COMPLEX PHENOMENA BY SIMPLE PRINCIPLES

REFRACT -> DEFLECT LIGHT OR SOUND

REFRACTORY -> STUBBORN; UNMANAGEABLE; RESISTING ORDINARY METHODS OF TREATMENT

REFULGENT -> BRIGHTLY SHINING; RESPLENDENT

REFUTE -> TO CONTRADICT; DISAPPROVE

REGALE -> ENTERTAIN

RELEGATE -> TO CONSIGN TO AN INFERIOR POSITION

REMONSTRATE -> TO OBJECT OR PROTEST

RENEGE -> TO GO BACK ON ONE'S WORD

REPARATION -> AMENDS; COMPENSATION

REPINE -> FRET; COMPLAIN

REPRISE -> REPETITION, ESPECIALLY OF A PIECE OF MUSIC

REPROACH -> TO FIND FAULT WITH; BLAME

REPROBATE -> MORALLY UNPRINCIPLED PERSON

REPUDIATE -> TO REJECT AS HAVING NO AUTHORITY

RESCIND -> TO CANCEL

RESOLUTION -> DETERMINATION; RESOLVE

RESOLVE -> DETERMINATION; FIRMNESS OF PURPOSE

RETICENT -> NOT SPEAKING FREELY; RESERVED; RELUCTANT

REVERENT -> EXPRESSING DEEP RESPECT; WORSHIPFUL

RIPOSTE -> RETALIATORY ACTION OR RETORT

ROCOCO -> EXCESSIVELY ORNATE; HIGHLY DECORATED; STYLE OF ARCHITECTURE IN EIGHTEENTH CENTURY EUROPE

RUBRIC -> TITLE OR HEADING; CATEGORY; ESTABLISHED MODE OF PROCEDURE OR CONDUCT; PROTOCOL

RUE -> TO REGRET

RUSE -> TRICK; CRAFTY STRATAGEM; SUBTERFUGE

SAGE -> WISE

SALACIOUS -> LASCIVIOUS; LUSTFUL

SALUBRIOUS -> HEALTHFUL

SALUTARY -> EXPECTING AN IMPROVEMENT; FAVORABLE TO HEALTH

SANCTION -> V. TO APPROVE; RATIFY; PERMIT, N. APPROVAL; RATIFICATION; PERMISSION; PENALIZE

SARDONIC -> CYNICAL; SCORNFULLY MOCKING

SARTORIAL -> PERTAINING TO TAILORS

SATIATE -> TO SATISFY

SATURATE -> TO SOAK THOROUGHLY; IMBUE THROUGHOUT

SATURNINE -> GLOOMY

SATYR -> A CREATURE THAT IS HALF-MAN, HALF-BEAST WITH THE HORNS AND LEGS OF A GOAT; IT IS A FOLLOWER OF DIONYSOS; A LECHER

SAVOR -> TO ENJOY; HAVE A DISTINCTIVE FLAVOR OR SMELL

SCHEMATIC -> RELATING TO OR IN THE FORM OF AN OUTLINE OR DIAGRAM

SECRETE -> PRODUCE AND RELEASE SUBSTANCE INTO AN ORGANISM

SEDITION -> BEHAVIOR PROMPTING REBELLION

SEDULOUS -> DILIGENT

SEISMIC -> RELATING TO EARTHQUAKES; EARTHSHAKING

SENSUAL -> RELATING TO THE SENSES; GRATIFYING THE PHYSICAL SENSES, ESPECIALLY SEXUAL APPETITES

SENSUOUS -> RELATING TO THE SENSES; OPERATING THROUGH THE SENSES

SENTIENT -> AWARE; CONSCIOUS; ABLE TO PERCEIVE

SERVILE -> SUBMISSIVE; OBEDIENT

SEXTANT -> NAVIGATION TOOL THAT DETERMINES LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE

SHARD -> A PIECE OF BROKEN GLASS OR POTTERY

SIDEREAL -> RELATING TO THE STARS

SIMIAN -> APELIKE; RELATING TO APES

SIMILE -> COMPARISON OF ONE THING WITH ANOTHER USING "LIKE" OR "AS"

SINECURE -> WELL-PAYING JOB OR OFFICE THAT REQUIRES LITTLE OR NO WORK

SINGULAR -> UNIQUE; EXTRAORDINARY; ODD

SINUOUS -> WINDING; INTRICATE; COMPLEX

SKEPTIC -> ONE WHO DOUBTS

SOBRIETY -> SERIOUSNESS

SODDEN -> THOROUGHLY SOAKED; SATURATED

SOLICITOUS -> CONCERNED; ATTENTIVE; EAGER

SOLILOQUY -> LITERARY OR DRAMATIC SPEECH BY ONE CHARACTER, NOT ADDRESSED TO OTHERS

SOLVENT -> ABLE TO MEET FINANCIAL OBLIGATION

SOMATIC -> RELATING TO OR AFFECTING THE BODY; CORPOREAL

SOPORIFIC -> SLEEP PRODUCING

SORDID -> FILTHY; CONTEMPTIBLE AND CORRUPT

SPECIOUS -> SEEMING TO BE LOGICAL AND SOUND, BUT NOT REALLY SO

SPECTRUM -> BAND OF COLORS PRODUCED WHEN SUNLIGHT PASSES THROUGH A PRISM; A BROAD RANGE OF RELATED IDEAS OR OBJECTS

SPENDTHRIFT -> N. PERSON WHO SPENDS MONEY RECKLESSLY, ADJ. WASTEFUL AND EXTRAVAGANT

SPORADIC -> IRREGULAR

SQUALOR -> FILTHY, WRETCHED CONDITION

STACCATO -> MARKED BY ABRUPT, CLEAR-CUT SOUNDS

STANCH -> TO STOP OR CHECK THE FLOW OF

STENTORIAN -> EXTREMELY LOUD

STIGMA -> MARK OF DISGRACE OR INFERIORITY

STINT -> V. TO BE SPARING, N. A PERIOD OF TIME SPENT DOING SOMETHING

STIPULATE -> TO SPECIFY AS AN ESSENTIAL CONDITION

STOLID -> HAVING OR SHOWING LITTLE EMOTION

STRATIFIED -> ARRANGED IN LAYERS

STRIATED -> MARKED WITH THIN, NARROW GROOVES OR CHANNELS

STRICTURE -> SOMETHING THAT RESTRAINS; NEGATIVE CRITICISM

STRIDENT -> LOUD; HARSH; UNPLEASANTLY NOISY

STRUT -> TO SWAGGER; DISPLAY TO IMPRESS OTHERS

STULTIFY -> TO IMPAIR OR REDUCE TO USELESSNESS

STUPEFY -> TO DULL THE SENSES OF; STUN; ASTONISH

STYGIAN -> DARK AND GLOOMY; HELLISH

SUBPOENA -> NOTICE ORDERING SOMEONE TO APPEAR IN COURT

SUBSIDE -> TO SETTLE DOWN; GROW QUIET

SUBSTANTIATE -> TO SUPPORT WITH PROOF OR EVIDENCE

SUBSTANTIVE -> ESSENTIAL; PERTAINING TO THE SUBSTANCE

SUBSUME -> TO INCLUDE; INCORPORATE

SUBVERSIVE -> INTENDED TO UNDERMINE OR OVERTHROW, ESPECIALLY AN ESTABLISHED GOVERNMENT

SUCCOR -> RELIEF; HELP IN TIME OF DISTRESS OR WANT

SUFFRAGE -> THE RIGHT TO VOTE

SUNDRY -> VARIOUS

SUPERSEDE -> TO REPLACE, ESPECIALLY TO DISPLACE AS INFERIOR OR ANTIQUATED

SUPINE -> LYING ON THE BACK; MARKED BY LETHARGY

SUPPLANT -> TO REPLACE; SUBSTITUTE

SUPPLIANT -> BESEECHING

SUPPLICANT -> ONE WHO ASKS HUMBLY AND EARNESTLY

SUPPOSITION -> THE ACT OF ASSUMING TO BE TRUE OR REAL

SYLLOGISM -> A FORM OF DEDUCTIVE REASONING THAT HAS A MAJOR PREMISE, A MINOR PREMISE, AND A CONCLUSION

SYLVAN -> RELATED TO THE WOODS OR FOREST

TACIT -> SILENTLY UNDERSTOOD; IMPLIED

TALISMAN -> CHARM TO BRING GOOD LUCK AND AVERT MISFORTUNE

TANGENTIAL -> PERIPHERAL; DIGRESSING

TAUTOLOGY -> UNNECESSARY REPETITION

TAXONOMY -> SCIENCE OF CLASSIFICATION; IN BIOLOGY, THE PROCESS OF CLASSIFYING ORGANISMS IN CATEGORIES

TENET -> BELIEF; DOCTRINE

TENUOUS -> WEAK; INSUBSTANTIAL

TERRESTRIAL -> EARTHLY; COMMONPLACE

THEOCRACY -> GOVERNMENT BY PRIESTS REPRESENTING A GOD

THESPIAN -> AN ACTOR OR ACTRESS

TIMBRE -> THE CHARACTERISTIC QUALITY OF SOUND PRODUCED BY A PARTICULAR INSTRUMENT OR VOICE; TONE COLOR

TIRADE -> LONG, VIOLENT SPEECH; VERBAL ASSAULT

TOADY -> FLATTERER; HANGER-ON; YES-MAN

TOME -> BOOK, USUALLY LARGE AND ACADEMIC

TORPOR -> LETHARGY; DORMANCY; SLUGGISHNESS

TORQUE -> A TURNING OR TWISTING FORCE; THE MOMENT OF A FORCE; THE MEASURE OF A FORCE'S TENDENCY TO PRODUCE TWISTING OR TURNING AND ROTATION AROUND AN AXIS

TORTUOUS -> HAVING MANY TWISTS AND TURNS; HIGHLY COMPLEX

TOUT -> TO PROMOTE OR PRAISE ENERGETICALLY

TRACTABLE -> OBEDIENT; YIELDING

TRANSGRESSION -> ACT OF TRESPASSING OR VIOLATING A LAW OR RULE

TRANSIENT -> TEMPORARY; SHORT-LIVED; FLEETING

TRANSLUCENT -> PARTIALLY TRANSPARENT

TRAVAIL -> N. WORK, ESPECIALLY ARDUOUS WORK; TRIBULATION; ANGUISH, V. TO WORK STRENUOUSLY

TRAVESTY -> PARODY; EXAGGERATED IMITATION; CARICATURE

TREATISE -> ARTICLE TREATING A SUBJECT SYSTEMATICALLY AND THOROUGHLY

TREMULOUS -> TREMBLING; QUIVERING; FRUGAL; TIMID

TREPIDATION -> FEAR AND ANXIETY

TRUCULENCE -> AGGRESSIVENESS; FEROCITY

TRYST -> AGREEMENT BETWEEN LOVERS TO MEET; RENDEZVOUS

TUMID -> SWOLLEN; DISTENDED

TURBID -> MUDDY; OPAQUE; IN A STATE OF GREAT CONFUSION

TURGID -> SWOLLEN; BLOATED; POMPOUS

TUTELARY -> SERVING AS A GUARDIAN OR PROTECTOR

UNCANNY -> MYSTERIOUS; STRANGE

UNDULATING -> MOVING IN WAVES

UNFEIGNED -> NOT FALSE; NOT MADE UP; GENUINE

UNTENABLE -> INDEFENSIBLE

UNTOWARD -> NOT FAVORABLE; TROUBLESOME; ADVERSE; UNRULY

USURY -> PRACTICE OF LENDING MONEY AT EXORBITANT RATES

VACILLATE -> TO WAVER; OSCILLATE

VACUOUS -> EMPTY; VOID; LACKING INTELLIGENCE; PURPOSELESS

VALEDICTORY -> PERTAINING TO A FAREWELL

VAPID -> TASTELESS; DULL

VARIEGATED -> VARIED; MARKED WITH DIFFERENT COLORS

VAUNT -> TO BOAST; BRAG

VENAL -> BRIBABLE; MERCENARY; CORRUPTIBLE

VENDETTA -> PROLONGED FEUD MARKED BY BITTER HOSTILITY

VENERATE -> V. TO ADORE; HONOR; RESPECT, ADJ. RESPECTED BECAUSE OF AGE, CHARACTER, OR POSITION

VERACIOUS -> TRUTHFUL; ACCURATE

VERBOSE -> WORDY

VERTIGO -> DIZZINESS

VEXATION -> IRRITATION; ANNOYANCE; CONFUSION; PUZZLEMENT

VIABLE -> PRACTICABLE; CAPABLE OF DEVELOPING

VINDICTIVE -> SPITEFUL; VENGEFUL; UNFORGIVING

VIRTUOSO -> SOMEONE WITH MASTERLY SKILLS; EXPERT MUSICIAN

VISAGE -> COUNTENANCE; APPEARANCE; ASPECT

VISCOUS -> THICK, SYRUPY, AND STICKY

VITIATE -> TO IMPAIR THE QUALITY OF; CORRUPT MORALLY; MAKE INOPERATIVE

VITUPERATIVE -> USING OR CONTAINING HARSH, ABUSIVE CENSURE

VIVISECTION -> DISSECTION; SURGERY; OR PAINFUL EXPERIMENTS PERFORMED ON A LIVING ANIMAL FOR THE PURPOSE OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

VOGUE -> PREVAILING FASHION OR PRACTICE

VOLATILE -> TENDING TO VARY FREQUENTLY; FICKLE

VORTEX -> WHIRLPOOL; WHIRLWIND; CENTER OF TURBULENCE

WARRANTED -> ADJ. JUSTIFIED, V. TO ATTEST TO THE ACCURACY OR QUALITY; JUSTIFY; GRANT AUTHORIZATION

WARY -> CAREFUL; CAUTIOUS

WELTER -> TO WALLOW OR ROLL; TOSS ABOUT; BE IN TURMOIL

WHIMSICAL -> FANCIFUL; UNPREDICTABLE

WHIMSY -> PLAYFUL OR FANCIFUL IDEA

WISTFUL -> VAGUELY LONGING; SADLY THOUGHTFUL

ZEALOT -> ONE WHO IS FANATICALLY DEVOTED TO A CAUSE

ZEALOTRY -> FANATICISM