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| abdicate | give up, step down from a power/position |
| abnegate | To deny yourself something. |
| acerbic | Bitter. Ex. acerbic wit |
| Acrid | Harsh. Ex. acrid taste, acrid feeling, acrid behavior. |
| Acrimonious | Hate and bitter stuff. Ex acrimonious relations. |
| Adverse | Unfavorable, antagonist. Ex. adverse weather, adverse conditions |
| Affectation | Unnatural behavior usually to impress. Ex absurd affectation. |
| Allude | Make an indirect reference. Ex. novel A alludes novel B |
| Aloof | Uninvolved, keeping distance. Ex. stands aloof animals. |
| Amiable | Friendly, warm hearted person. Ex. amiable drama, amiable dog |
| Amicable | Polite, friendly. Ex. amicable trade between the countries. |
| Amnesty | Official pardon for breaking a law. |
| Amoral | not moral |
| Amorous | sexual love |
| Anecdote | humorous way to reveal an incident |
| Apocryphycal | Something that may not be true. Ex. apocryphycal story |
| Appease | Pacify, soothe, give in to demands. |
| arbiter/arbitrator | Judge |
| Ardent | Passionate. Ex. ardent love |
| Aristocratic | Belonging to noble family. |
| Artful | crafty, witty, sly Ex. artful comment |
| Ascendancy | To ascend to the max, supremo. Ex. someone in ascendency is supreme |
| Ascetic | simple, hermit, monk |
| Avow | to declare publicly |
| Avuncular | uncle-like, helpful, generous, warm |

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| Bane | poison Ex. bane the food |
| bequest/bequeathed | Something (money/property) left in will. |
| Bereft | Someone bereaved is bereft. |
| Blatant | unpleasantly noisy, glaring Ex. blatant criticism |
| Bourgeois | Middle class, boring, conventional, ordinary, plain. |
| Bovine | Anything related to cows. Ex. eating grass is a bovine quality. |
| Burlesque | Ridiculous, mocking, exaggerated comedy. Ex.Charile Chaplin performed burlesques. |

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| Capitalism | enterprise owned by free people |
| Categorical | Unconditional, absolute, total. Ex. categorical denial. |
| Catholic | Universal, all accepting nature. Ex. catholic facts |
| Cerebral | Brainy. |
| Chagrin | Humiliation, embarrassment, disappointment. Ex. much to my chagrin, I did laugh at the eulogy |
| Chasm | Deep, gaping hole. Ex. the hero swung across the chasm. |
| Chimera | Illusion. Ex. Becoming a movie star is a chimera. |
| Chronicle | Record of events over time. |
| Civil | Polite, courteous. Ex. Dinner guests conducted themselves *civilly.* |
| Cliché | Overused saying. Ex. Megu calls my jokes *cliché* |
| Cognizant | Aware, conscious. Ex. Be *cognizant* of your responsibilities |
| Coherent | Holding together, make sense. Ex. My mother is the coherent person here.  Ex. The coherent explanations are needed. |
| Collude | To have a conspiracy. Ex. Muslims colluded to attack USA |
| Comprise | Components of whole |
| Conducive | Promoting, favoring. Ex. Conducive environment. |
| Congenital | Natural; quality acquired during birth.  Ex. Congenital (natural) liar.  Ex. Congenital birth defect. |
| Congenial | Pleasant; agreeably suitable  Ex. congenial atmosphere |
| Conjure | To summon by magic  Ex. The chef conjured the fabulous meal. |
| Consecrate | To make sacred. Opposite of desecrate. |
| consensus | General agreement.  Ex. Where there is consensus, there is peace. |
| Consonant | Harmony, agreement. Opposite of dissonant  Ex. The plan to construct the gym was in consonant with the director’s need for physical education. |
| Construe | Interpret; opposite of misconstrue  Ex. Chat construed the right meaning of the metaphor |
| Contrived | Artificial; labored  Ex. Sam’s acting was contrived.  Ex. No one laughed at Sue’s contrived attempt at humor. |
| Conventional | Common; unexceptional;  Ex. Conventional pedagogy |
| Corollary | Something that follows;  Ex. Mathematical corollary is observations following a theorem. |
| Cosmopolitan | Feel like home; internationally sophisticated  Ex. A traveler always feels cosmopolitan.  Ex. His likings were cosmopolitan- German Beer, American pizza etc. |
| Coup | A victory; overthrow of government by a group  Ex. Winning gold was a coup.  Ex. The army officers tried a coup |
| Covenant | Agreement; contract; pledge  Ex. The warring tribes made a covenant. |
| Criterion | Standard; basis of judgment |
| Cryptic | Mystic; mystifying.  Ex. Chain’s remarks were cryptic and baffling. |
| Culminate | To climax; fruition  Ex. Chain’s work culminated to fetch an awesome score. |
| Credulous | Eager to believe; opposite - incredulous  Ex. The credulous postman believed he won a million dollars |
| Credible | To be believable; opposite- incredible  Ex. Chai was a credible employee |
| Creditable | Something worthy of credit;  Ex. Chai’s coorg relief activities are creditable. |
| Cynic | A person who believes humans are motivated by selfishness. |

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| Debauchery | Wild living; excessive corruption  Ex. Debauchery can be expensive  Ex. Someone debauched is corrupt and seduced. |
| Debilitate, debility | To weaken; cripple  Ex. Max debilitated sue by smacking him.  Ex. The injury debilitated my career. |
| Debacle | Violent fight;  Ex. Political debates often turn into debacles. |
| Definitive | Conclusive, final word.  Ex. Chai gave the definitive statement for the symposium |
| Degenerate | To break down; to deteriorate.  Ex. The peaceful meeting quickly degenerated into a farce. |
| Delude, delusion | Trick, con.  Ex. The man deluded us to think we were gods. |
| Deprecate | To express disapproval |
| Depreciate | To lessen the value of something. Opposite – appreciate. |
| Deride, derision | To ridicule, laugh at. |
| Derogatory | Disapproving; degrading  Ex. Derogatory remarks |
| Destitute | Extremely poor.  Ex. Destitute people are without money and possessions. |
| Desultory | Without a plan; random; disconnected  Ex1. Pak’s attack on India were desultory  Ex2. The meeting was called in a desultory.  Ex3. The address I gave was desultory to my job. |
| Diffident | Timid; lacking in self-confidence. Opposite-confident  Ex1. The PM’s speech was diffident. |
| Digress | To drift from main subject.  Ex1. During trainings, the trainers often digress from the main topic. |
| Discrete | Unique; separate; distinct  Ex. The twins were identical but discrete. |
| Disdain | Arrogant scorn;  Ex. Max saw the food in disdain. |
| Disparage | To belittle; say uncomplimentary things  Ex1. Max disparaged his workers |
| Dormant | Inactive; asleep  Ex. After a sumptuous lunch we all felt dormant. |
| Dubious | Full of doubt; uncertain;  Ex. We were dubious about the team’s success. |

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| Egalitarian | Someone who believes in social and economic equality of people |
| Egocentric, egoist | Selfish; believe that I am at the center of everything |
| Elicit | To bring out; to call forth |
| Elliptical | Oval shaped; missing a word/words.  Ex. Rishon’s essay was elliptical and needed correction. |
| Emigrate | Move to a new country. |
| Eminent | Respected and well known.  Ex. Dr APJ is an eminent personality. |
| Encroach | To trespass; to acquire gradually |
| Enfranchise | To grant privileges esp. right to vote. |
| Euphemism | Pleasant way to tell something unpleasant |
| Exasperate | To annoy; to make angry  Ex. Chai exasperates neha everyday. |
| Exemplify | To illustrate with an example.  Ex1. The teacher exemplified the concept with numerous examples. |
| Expatriate | To throw someone out of country  Ex1. The rebels were expatriated from the land as they were boisterous. |
| Expedient | Provide an immediate advantage.  Ex. England felt that taking out Kohli would be expedient for them. |
| Explicit | Tell clearly. |
| Extraneous | Unnecessary, irrelevant |
| Extricate | To free from difficulty.  Ex. Veer was extricated by death. |

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| Fabrication | Make up; lie  Ex. Chai fabricated reasons during the demo |
| Facile | Adept; skillful  Ex. The bank’s president was a facile speaker |
| Faction | A group, part of a larger group.  Ex. Smarthas are a faction of brahmins. |
| Fatalist | Someone who believes future events are already decided. |
| Fervor | Zeal; ardor; warmth and eagerness  Ex. Aficionados display their ferver for sports |
| Flout | Disregard out of disrespect |
| Forbear, forgo | To refrain  Ex. George forbore from smoking |
| Forsake | To abandon;  Ex. Chai forsake his life for a girl. |
| Founder | To fail  Ex. India’s batting foundered after Kohli |
| Fraternal | Brotherlike |
| Futile | Hapless; useless |

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| Genteel | Polite, refined behaviour  Ex1. Chivalrous men are genteel |
| Glut | Surplus; plethora  Ex1. We have glut of food in coorg |
| Grandiose | Absurdly exaggerated  Ex1. The scientist’s grandiose was to build a mall on the moon. |
| Guile | Cunning; duplicity;  Ex1. Jose used guile to win the prize. |

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| Hegemony | Leadership, usually between nations  Ex1. America’s hegemony has been challenged by Russia |
| Heresy | Iconoclastic beliefs  Ex1. Galileo’s heresy led to his death |
| Hermetic | Cannot be penetrated from the outside.  Ex1. The president led a hermetic life in the white house. |
| Heyday | the period of greatest prosperity or productivity.  Ex1. In his heyday, chai was a great quizzer |
| histrionic | Overly dramatic;  Ex1. Adele’s histrionic request embarassed everyone at office. |

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| Ideology | A system of social and political ideas.  A person attached to ideologies is idealogue.  Ex1. Conservatism is an ideology |
| Ignominy | Deep disgrace.  Ex1. After commonwealth games kalmadi’s life fell into shame and ignominy. |
| Illicit | Illegal  Ex1. Sale of illicit drugs is an offense |
| Impotent | Helpless; powerless |
| Incandescent | Bright; something giving heat and light  Ex1. The electric bulbs are incandescent just like their inventor Mr. Edison. |
| Incantation | To chant; repeat statements  Ex1. The wizard’s incantation caused some magic to happen. |
| Incense | To make very angry.  Ex1. Jeremy was incensed when I told he is a stupid |
| Incessant | Long and continoued.  Ex1. I will go deaf if your children don’t stop their incessant rant. |
| Indifferent | Not caring; apathetic; mediocre;  Ex1. Red is indifferent about politics  Ex2. Our plants bore indifferent rosed.  Ex3. The painter did a indifferent job which anyway didn’t matter to susan |
| Indignant | Angry at something unjust/unworthy; insulted  Ex1. Bruno became indignant after the policeman’s accuse |
| Indulgent | Lenient; yeilding  Ex1. The nice mom was indulgent of her children.  Ex2. Our indulgent teacher never punished us for homework. |
| Ineffable | Unable to express feelings,facts.  Ex1. The beauty of nature is ineffable. |
| Inept | Clumsy; incompetant; gauche. Opposite – adept, adroit  Ex1. Sam was a inept dancer. |
| Infatuated | Foolish; foolishly passionate |
| Infer | Conclude; deduce |
| Infinitesimal | Very very small portion |
| Inherent | Essential quality of something  Ex1. Wetness is inherentquality of water. |
| Innate | Existing since birth; inherent  Ex1. Joe’s kindness was innate  Ex2. There is nothing innate about good manners. Everyone know it. |
| Innocuous | Harmless; banal  Ex1. Children’s piss is innocuous |
| Insolent | Arrogant; insulting.  Ex1. The ill mannered kid was insolent. |
| Insurgent | Rebel; usually against government.  Ex1. ISIS is an army of insurgents. |
| Intransigent | Unyeilding; uncompromising  Ex1. SC/ST laws are intransigent |
| Invective | Insulting and abusive speech.  Ex1. The critic's remarks were bitter and invective. |

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| Judicious | Giving out sounding judgement.  Ex1. Judges are judicial. |

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| Lampoon | Satirize; mock; parody  Ex1. The children often lampooned their Latin teacher. |
| Lible | Published falsehood intended to defame  Ex1. The congress libeled in their arguments about the Rafale deal. |
| Litigate | Engage in legal process; try in court  Ex1. Sam litigated Bella for cheating him. |
| Lugubrious | To make a big show of being sad and sorrow.  Ex1. Harry’s lugubrious eulogy embarrassed everyone. |

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| Mandate | Command/authorization to do something; will of the voters.  Ex1. The court mandated the CBI to investigate properly.  Ex2. The president felt that the public had given him the mandate to kill. |
| Manifest | Visible; evident  Ex1. Chai’s anger at us was manifest. |
| Manifesto | Public declaration of beliefs/principles for election. |
| Marshal | Arrange things in order;  Ex1. Loka marshaled the coconuts for cooking. |
| Matriculate | To enroll; to enroll into college  Ex1. If I get a good score, I will be able to matriculate into a good college. |
| Maudlin | Silly and sentimental;  Ex. The high school reunion grew more and more maudlin. |
| Maverick | Rebel;  Ex. The maverick police office got into trouble over the corruption charges. |
| Maxim | Fundamental principle; old saying  Synonyms – adage, aphorism; |
| Mediate | To help settle differences;  Ex. India mediated the discussion between Nepal and Bhutan. |
| Mendicant | A beggar |
| Mercenary | Hired soldier; willing to do anything for money  Ex. Laura’s motive in the defense deal were mercenary. |
| Mortify | To humiliate.  Ex. My manager mortified me with the fact that I am not skilled to do a task |

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| Nominal | Titular; insignificant |
| Notorious | Famous for something bad.  Ex. Amarish puri was great actor of notorious characters. |
| Novel | New;original.  Ex. Chai’s ideas about cloud security were new and novel. |

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