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1. ichthyology – the study of fishes
2. icon – an image; a figure or sculpture; anybody or anything uncritically admired
3. iconoclast – a person who attacks traditional or established beliefs, principles, ideas, institutions, etc.
4. ideation – the power of the mind for forming ideas or images
5. ideology – way of thinking; doctrine; beliefs
6. idiocy – extremely stupid behaviour
7. idiosyncrasy – peculiarity of temperament; any characteristic of a person; eccentricity
8. idol – an image of a God; fetish; an impostor, a sham
9. idolatry – excessive adoration of or devotion to someone or something
10. idyll – a short pictorial poem, chiefly on pastoral subjects
11. igloo – a dome-shaped hut made of blocks of hard snow; a hollow in the snow made by a seal over its breathing hole in the ice
12. igneous – of fire; produced by solidification of the earth's internal molten magma

13. ignoble – of low birth; mean or worthless;  
dishonorable
14. ignominy – humiliation; dishonor; shame; infamy
15. ignoramus – an ignorant person
16. illicit – unlawful; forbidden; illegal
17. illimitable – limitlessly infinite
18. illusion – deceptive appearance; an apparition;  
hallucination
19. imaginings – thoughts or fantasies
20. imbecile – a foolish, unwise or stupid person; an  
idiot
21. imbibe – to assimilate; to absorb; to receive into the  
mind
22. imbroglio – an intricate or perplexing situation
23. imbrue – to soak; to drench; to stain or dye
24. imbue – to fill, permeate, inspire
25. immaculate – perfectly groomed; flawless;  
unstained
26. imminent – impending; forthcoming; threatening
27. immigrant – come as a permanent resident to a  
country other than one's native
28. immolate – to offer or kill as a sacrifice
29. immune – inoculated; protected against a disease  
or infection; unresponsive

30. immune – to confine; to imprison; to enclose as if within walls
31. immutable – unchangeable
32. imp – a small, mischievous devil or sprite; a mischievous child
33. impair – weaken; damage
34. impale – to pierce with something pointed; to fix on a sharp stake thrust through the body
35. impalpable – not perceivable or detectable by touch; not capable of being comprehended or grasped
36. impasse – a deadlock, stalemate; a situation from which further progress is impossible
37. impassive – imperturbable; unemotional; having no sensation
38. impeach – to arraign; to disparage; to charge with an offence committed in office
39. impeccable – faultless; without flaw or error; ideal
40. impecunious – destitute; poverty-stricken; poor
41. impede – to hinder; to thwart; to obstruct
42. impediment – an obstacle; hindrance
43. impending – threatening
44. impenitent – not repenting; a hardened sinner
45. imperious – domineering, dictatorial; assuming command; haughty

46. impermeable – not permitting passage, esp. of fluids or gases; impervious
47. impertinent – audacious; bold; impudent; rude
48. imperturbability – not disturbed or agitated; serene
49. impervious – not easily influenced by ideas, arguments, etc., or moved or upset
50. impetigo – a contagious skin infection forming spots and yellow crusty sores
51. impetuous – hasty; spontaneous without due consideration
52. impetus – momentum; motivation; force
53. impiety – blasphemy; profanity; disrespect
54. impinge – infringe; invade; violate
55. impious – blasphemous; profanity; disrespect
56. implacable – incapable of being placated or appeased; inexorable
57. implausible – inconceivable; incredible; unbelievable
58. implicate – connect with; involve; entangle
59. implicit – absolute; definite; unquestionable; certain
60. implore – to beg earnestly or desperately
61. impolitic – not politic; inexpedient
62. imponderable – not able to be weighed or evaluated

63. import – significance; worth
64. importunate – troublesomely persistent or demanding; pressing; insistent; annoying
65. importune – to press or urge with repeated requests
66. impostor – a person who assumes a false character or pretends to be someone else
67. imposture – fraud; deception
68. impotent – powerless; helpless; incapable of having sexual intercourse, owing to inability to achieve or maintain an erection
69. imprecate – to invoke evil upon; to put a curse on
70. impregnable – that cannot be captured, broken into or taken by force; strong
71. impressionable – easily influenced
72. imprimatur – a licence or permission to print a book, etc.
73. impromptu – extemporaneous; improvised; spontaneous; unrehearsed
74. impropriety – mistake; error; blunder; unsuitability
75. improvident – imprudent; thoughtless; negligent
76. improvise – to perform extempore; to bring about suddenly

77. imprudent – lacking foresight or discretion; incautious; reckless
78. impugn – to oppose; to attack by words or arguments; to call in question; criticize
79. impunity – absolution; pardon
80. imputation – the act of imputing or charging; censure; reproach
81. impute – to ascribe; to charge; to attribute vicariously to
82. inadvertence – negligence; over-sight
83. inalienable – not capable of being transferred or removed; unchangeable
84. inane – idiotic; senseless; ludicrous
85. inanimate – without life; dead; dull
86. inarticulate – dumb; speechless; incapable of clear and fluent expression
87. incandescent – radiant; luminous; fluorescent
88. incantation – a formula of words sung for purposes of enchantment, a magic spell; recitation of magic spells
89. incapacitate – to disqualify legally; to disable; to make unfit (for)
90. incarcerate – to imprison; to confine
91. incarnadine – belonging to blood-red; blood-coloured

92. incarnate – personified; embodied
93. incarnation – the act of embodying in flesh
94. incendiary – a person who inflames passions or stirs up trouble; a person who maliciously sets fire to property
95. incense – anger; enrage; inflame; provoke
96. incentive – that which incites to action, a stimulus; encouragement
97. inception – beginning; commencement; inauguration
98. incessant – uninterrupted; continuous
99. inchoate – not established; rudimentary; only begun
100. incidence – the frequency or range of occurrence; the falling of a ray on a surface
101. incipient – beginning; nascent; developing
102. incisive – having the quality of cutting in; trenchant
103. incite – instigate; arouse; motivate; stimulate
104. incivility – rude speech or behaviour
105. inclement – severe; stormy; violent; harsh
106. incognito – disguised; secretly
107. incongruous – inconsistent; unsuitable
108. inconsequential – unimportant; negligible; trivial
109. incontinent – unrestrained; lacking control over

110. incontrovertible – indisputable; unquestionable
111. incorporeal – having no material form or body;  
intangible; spiritual or metaphysical
112. incorrigible – beyond correction or reform
113. incorruptible – too honest to be corrupted by taking  
bribes; not prone to death or decay
114. incredulity – not having belief; expressing disbelief;  
skeptical
115. incredulous – suspicious; doubtful; unwilling to  
believe
116. incriminate – to implicate; to involve; to charge
117. incubate – to brood eggs; to hatch; to devise
118. incubus – a nightmare; any oppressive influence
119. inculcate – to instill; to teach
120. incumbent – a person who holds an office; binding;  
obligatory
121. incur – incite; provoke; acquire; assume
122. incursion – a sudden attack; invasion
123. indefatigable – unflagging; untiring; determined
124. indelible – (of ink or a mark) unable to be removed;  
unable to be forgotten
125. indelicate – lacking sensitive understanding; slightly  
indecent
126. indemnify – to compensate; to secure (with)



127. indenture – contract; a written agreement between two or more parties, esp. between an apprentice and an employer
128. indict – to charge with a crime formally or in writing
129. indigence – dearth; insufficiency; poverty; destitution
130. indigenous – native born; originating or produced naturally in a country, not imported
131. indignation – righteous anger at injustice, etc; feeling caused by an unjustified slight, etc. to oneself
132. indignity – disgrace; dishonor; insult
133. indiscriminate – haphazard; random; unsystematic
134. indisputable – beyond doubt or question
135. indissoluble – that cannot be broken or dissolved; inseparable; binding permanently
136. indite – to compose or write
137. indolence – idleness; inactivity; laziness
138. indomitable – not to be overcome, unconquerable
139. indubitably – without doubt, certainly
140. induce – bring on; cause; produce
141. inductive – possessive; introductory
142. indulgent – lenient; permissive; ready to gratify the wishes of others
143. inebriety – drunkenness; intoxication

144. ineffable – inexpressible; not able to be described, indescribable
145. ineluctable – not able to be escaped from or avoided
146. inept – foolish, silly; awkward, clumsy
147. inequity – discrimination; injustice
148. inert – sluggish; static; chemically inactive
149. inexorable – relentless; unyielding
150. inextricable – impossible to untangle or separate
151. infallible – perfect; incapable of making a mistake; incapable of failure
152. infamous – notorious; nefarious; having a very bad reputation
153. infantile – childish; undeveloped
154. inference – conclusion; deduction
155. infernal – hellish; fiendish; abominable
156. infidel – agnostic; atheist; unbeliever
157. infinitesimal – minute; tiny; microscopic
158. infirmity – illness; ailment; disease
159. influx – a flowing in, esp. of a large number of people or things; accession
160. infraction – breach; violation
161. infringe – to violate; to break; to trespass
162. ingenious – skilful; adroit; of good natural abilities

163. ingénue – an artless, naïve or inexperienced young woman
164. ingenuous – genuine; candid; frank
165. ingrate – an ungrateful person
166. ingratiate – to commend persuasively to someone's favour; cajole; flatter
167. inherent – inborn; natural; native
168. inhibit – constrain; restrain; restrict
169. inimical – hostile; unfriendly; unfavorable
170. inimitable – incomparable; matchless; exceptionally good or remarkable
171. iniquitous – wicked; evil; sinful
172. initiate – to begin, start; to introduce
173. inkling – a slight hint; a clue; an indication
174. innate – natural; inborn; native
175. innocuous – harmless; innocent
176. innovation – a thing introduced as a novelty; introduction
177. innuendo – insinuation; an indirect reference or intimation
178. inoculate – treat a (person or animal) with vaccine containing a dead or modified disease-causing agent; instill a person with ideas or options
179. inopportune – inauspicious; untimely

180. inordinate – unrestrained; excessive; immoderate
181. inquisitor – an official investigator
182. insane – not of sound mind, mad
183. inscribe – write or carve on stone, metal, paper, a book, etc.
184. inscrutable – that cannot be scrutinized or searched into and understood; mysterious, enigmatic
185. insensate – without sensation, inanimate; having little or no good sense
186. insidious – cunning and treacherous; deceitful; covert
187. insinuate – to hint or indirectly suggest; to intimate
188. insipid – lacking spirit or interest; dull
189. insolent – disrespectful and rude; unmannerly; bold; audacious
190. insolvent – bankrupt; not able to pay one's debts; destitute
191. insomnia – sleeplessness
192. insouciant – unconcerned; indifferent; heedless; apathetic
193. instigate – to initiate, bring about; to encourage; to provoke
194. insubordinate – refusing to submit to authority; disobedient, rebellious

195. insularity – the state of being isolated or remaining aloof
196. insuperable – not capable of being overcome or surmounted
197. insurgent – rebellious; revolutionary; mutinous
198. insurrection – revolt; uprising
199. integrity – honesty; principle; character
200. integument – an external covering
201. intellect – the thinking principle; intelligence; brain
202. intelligentsia – the intellectual or cultured classes
203. inter –to bury
204. interdict – to prohibit; to forbid
205. interim – meantime; provisional; temporary
206. interlocutor – a person who takes part in a dialogue or conversation
207. interlocutory – of an intermediate decree before a final decision
208. interloper – a person who meddles in another's affairs, esp. for profit; an intruder; a trespasser
209. interminable – without termination or limit; endless
210. intermittent – ceasing at intervals; periodic
211. intern – a recent graduate or advanced student receiving supervised training in a hospital and acting as

- an assistant physician or surgeon; confine, oblige (a prisoner, alien, etc.) to reside within prescribed limits
212. internecine – deadly; murderous
213. interpolate – to tamper with or to corrupt by spurious insertions
214. interstices – a small space between things closely set
215. intimidation – the act of intimidating; the use of violence or threats; to frighten
216. intone – recite with prolonged sounds, utter with a particular tone
217. intractable – disobedient; unruly; stubborn
218. intransigence – refusal to come to an understanding
219. intrepid – brave; undaunted
220. intrinsic – genuine; inherent
221. introspection – the observation and analysis of the processes of one's own mind
222. introvert – a person predominantly concerned with his or her own thoughts and feelings rather than with external things
223. intuition – the power of the mind by which it perceives the truth of things without reasoning or analysis; instinct
224. inundate – flood; overwhelm

225. inured – accustomed; habituated; hardened
226. invalidate – to render invalid or ineffective; to annul; to cancel
227. invective – a severe or reproachful accusation or denunciation; an attack with words; abusive language
228. inveigh – to rebuke; to revile; to criticize
229. inveigle – entice; wheedle; to persuade by cajolery
230. inveterate – chronic; deep-rooted
231. invidious – malicious; likely to incur or provoke ill-will or resentment; likely to excite envy
232. invincible – unbeatable; that cannot be defeated or overcome; insuperable
233. inviolability – the quality of being inviolable
234. invoke – to call upon earnestly or solemnly; to address in prayer
235. invulnerable – indomitable; unconquerable; that cannot be wounded
236. iota – bit; fraction
237. irascible – irritable; quick-tempered
238. irate – angry; enraged
239. iridescent – glittering with changing colours like the rainbow
240. irksome – burdensome; tedious; annoying

- 241. irony – conveyance of meaning by words whose literal meaning is the opposite; sarcasm
- 242. irreconcilable – incapable of being brought back to a state of friendship or agreement
- 243. irrefragable – that cannot be refuted; unanswerable
- 244. irrepressible – not able or willing to be restrained, subdued
- 245. irresolute – not firm in purpose; weak willed
- 246. irreverent – sacrilegious; disrespectful; not reverent
- 247. irrevocable – that cannot be recalled or revoked
- 248. iterate – repeat, state repeatedly
- 249. itinerant – migrant; wandering
- 250. itinerary – travel plan; a record of a journey

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