

Words of the Week

Week 1

HUMOROUS

Funny or comical; characterized by humor

AMUSING

Pleasantly entertaining

NOSTALGIC

A sentimental yearning for the happiness of a former place, time, or situation

FOREBODING

A strong inner feeling of future misfortune

ANIMOSITY

A feeling of strong dislike

Words of the Week

Week 2

DEJECTED

Depressed in spirits; disheartened

AUTHORITATIVE

Able to be trusted as being accurate or true;
reliable

ARROGANT

Having an exaggerated sense of one's own
importance or abilities

DEFEATING

Preventing someone from achieving an aim

Words of the Week

Week 3

OPTIMISTIC

Hopeful and confident about the future

INSOLENT

Showing a rude or arrogant lack of respect

BITING

Sarcastic or incisive

ADMIRATION

Respect and warm approval

AMBIVALENT

Uncertain or unable to decide

Words of the Week

Week 4

DOGMATIC

Asserting opinions in a dictatorial manner

COMMENDABLE

Deserving of praise

COPIOUS

Abundant in supply or quantity

JOCULAR

Fond of joking; humorous or playful

COMICAL

Amusing

Words of the Week

Week 5

EMOTIONAL

Arousing or characterized by intense feeling

OMINOUS

Giving the impression that something bad or unpleasant is going to happen

FURY

Wild or violent anger

DESPONDENT

In low spirits from loss of hope or courage

Words of the Week

Week 6

CONSEQUENTIAL

Self-important; pompous

CONCEITED

Excessively proud of oneself; vain

DESPAIRING

Lose or be without hope

PESSIMISTIC

Expecting the worst possible outcome

DISDAINFUL

Showing or feeling contempt or lack of respect

Words of the Week

Week 7

CAUSTIC

Bitingly sarcastic

ADORATION

A feeling of profound love and adoration

APATHETIC

Showing or feeling no interest, enthusiasm, or concern

DEFIANT

Marked by resistance or bold opposition

ANTIQUATED

Very old, out-of-date, or out of fashion

Words of the Week

Week 8

OBSTINATE

Difficult to manage, control, or subdue

EXEMPLARY

Worthy of imitation; commendable

AMPLE

Of large or great size, extent, amount, or capacity

SMART

Amusingly clever; witty

Words of the Week

Week 9

ENTERTAINING

Agreeably diverting; amusing

WISTFUL

Full of wishful yearning

PORTENTIOUS

A sense of impending evil or misfortune

INDIGNATION

Anger aroused by something unjust, mean, or unworthy

GLOOMY

Marked by hopelessness; very pessimistic

Words of the Week

Week 10

FORCEFUL

Characterized by or full of force; effective

HAUGHTY

Scornfully and condescendingly proud

DOWN

Low in spirits or depressed

PRAGMATIC

Concerned with facts or actual occurrences;
practical

INSUBORDINATE

Refusing to be submissive to authority

Words of the Week

Week 11

SARCASTIC

Sharp taunting and ridicule that wounds

ESTEEM

Regarded with respect

BORED

Wearied by being dull, repetitive, or tedious

Words of the Week

Week 12

DISOBEDIENT

Refusal or failure to obey

ARCHAIC

Relating to a much earlier and more primitive time

PERSISTENT

Refusing to give up or let go

DILIGENT

Careful and persevering in carrying out tasks

PROFUSE

Given freely and abundantly

Words of the Week

Week 13

WITTY

Very clever and humorous

HUMOROUS

Full of humor; funny

SOFT-HEARTED

Very sympathetic; generous in spirit

ILL-BODING

Portending evil

RESENTMENT

Ill will felt as a result of a grievance

Words of the Week

Week 14

MELANCHOLY

Sadness or depression of the spirits

IMPORTANT

Having a high position or authority

PROUD

Feeling or showing justifiable self-respect

Words of the Week

Week 15

CYNICAL

Skeptical of the motives of others

REALISTIC

Expressing an awareness of things as they
really are

SAUCY

Impertinent or disrespectful

SARDONIC

Scornfully or cynically mocking

Words of the Week

Week 16

IDOLIZATION

Regarding with blind admiration or devotion

DISINTERESTED

Not interested; indifferent

REBELLIOUS

Resisting control; unruly

OUTDATED

Out-of-date; old-fashioned

STUBBORN

Firmly resolved or determined; unreasonably
unyielding

Words of the Week

Week 17

INDUSTRIOUS

Diligent in work or study; hardworking

PROLIFIC

Producing abundant work or results

WRY

Dryly humorous, often with a touch of irony

WHIMSICAL

Spontaneously playful or fanciful

DREAMY

Resembling a dream; soothing and serene

Words of the Week

Week 18

THREATENING

Indicating danger or harm

ACRIMONY

Bitter, sharp animosity or anger

WOEFUL

Expressing or characterized by sorrow

WEIGHTY

Of great consequence; momentous

UPPITY

Haughty, snobbish, or arrogant

Words of the Week

Week 19

HOPELESS

Having no possibility of solution; despairing

SKEPTICAL

Showing doubt; questioning

CONTEMPTUOUS

Expressing extreme lack of respect or scorn

SATIRIC

Exposing human folly to ridicule

REVERENCE

A feeling of profound awe and respect and
often love

Words of the Week

Week 20

UNCONCERNED

Not interested; indifferent

UNRULY

Difficult or impossible to control, discipline, or rule

PRIMITIVE

Characterized by simplicity or crudeness; unsophisticated

UNYEILDING

Not bending or giving in; inflexible

THEME: Admiration
Great respect

ADMIRATION

a feeling of great respect and approval

ADORATION

the act of worship; profound love or regard

ESTEEM

to regard with respect and admiration

IDOLIZATION

To regard with blind admiration or devotion

REVERENCE

deep respect for someone or something

THEME: Anger

A strong feeling of displeasure aroused
by a wrong

ANIMOSITY

ill will or resentment tending toward active hostility

FURY

intense, disordered, and often destructive rage

INDIGNATION

anger or annoyance provoked by what is perceived as
unfair treatment

RESENTMENT

a feeling of anger or displeasure about someone or
something unfair

ACRIMONY

bitterness or ill feeling

THEME: Apathetic

Having or showing little or no emotion

AMBIVALENT

having mixed feelings or contradictory ideas about something or someone

APATHETIC

showing or feeling no interest, enthusiasm, or concern

BORED

wearied by dullness, tedious repetition, unwelcome attentions

DISINTERESTED

having or feeling no interest in something

UNCONCERNED

showing a lack of worry or interest

THEME: Archaic
Very old and outdated

ANCIENT

belonging to the very distant past and no
longer in existence

ANTIQUATED

old-fashioned or outdated

ARCHAIC

very old or old-fashioned

OUTDATED

old-fashioned or obsolete

PRIMITIVE

of, belonging to, or seeming to come from an early time
in the very ancient past

THEME: Defiance
Boldly resistant or challenging

CHALLENGING

testing one's abilities; demanding

DEFIANT

refusing to obey something or someone

DISOBEDIENT

refusing to obey rules or someone in authority

REBELLIOUS

showing a desire to resist authority, control, or
convention

UNRULY

disorderly and disruptive and not amenable to
discipline or control

THEME: Depressed
Depressed, sad

DEJECTED

sad and depressed; dispirited

DESPONDENT

in low spirits from loss of hope or courage

GLOOMY

dark or poorly lit, esp. so as to appear depressing or
frightening

MELANCHOLY

a gloomy state of mind, especially when habitual or
prolonged; depression

WOEFUL

characterized by, expressive of, or causing sorrow or
misery

THEME: Disrespectful

Boldly rude or discourteous; displaying
lack of respect

CONTEMPTUOUS

feeling or showing deep hatred or disapproval

INSOLENT

showing a rude and arrogant lack of respect

INSUBORDINATE

defiant of authority; disobedient to orders

DISDAINFUL

showing contempt or lack of respect

SAUCY

impudent; flippant

THEME: Facetious

Not meant to be taken seriously or
literally

AMUSING

causing laughter or providing entertainment

HUMOROUS

causing lighthearted laughter and amusement; comic

JOCULAR

fond of or characterized by joking; humorous or playful

SMART

clever, witty, or readily effective

WITTY

showing or characterized by quick and inventive
verbal humor

THEME: Funny
Pleasantly entertaining

AMUSING

causing laughter or providing entertainment

COMICAL

provoking mirth or amusement; funny

ENTERTAINING

providing amusement or enjoyment

HUMOROUS

causing lighthearted laughter and amusement; comic

WHIMSICAL

unusual in a playful or amusing way

THEME: Good Effort

Hardworking

COMMENDABLE

deserving praise

DILIGENT

having or showing care and conscientiousness in one's
work or duties

EXEMPLARY

serving as a desirable model; representing the best of its
kind

INDUSTRIOUS

diligent and hard-working

PERSISTENT

continuing firmly or obstinately in a course of action in
spite of difficulty or opposition

THEME: Great Quantities

Better ways to say “A lot”

COPIOUS

abundant in supply or quantity

AMPLE

enough or more than enough; plentiful

PROFUSE

exuberantly plentiful; abundant

PROLIFIC

present in large numbers or quantities; plentiful

PLETHORA

a large or excessive amount of (something)

THEME: Haughty
Arrogantly superior and disdainful

ARROGANT

having or revealing an exaggerated sense of one's own
importance or abilities

CONCEITED

excessively proud of oneself; vain

HAUGHTY

arrogantly superior and disdainful

PROUD

having or showing a high or excessively high opinion of
oneself or one's importance

UPPITY

self-important; arrogant

THEME: Influential
Exerting or possessing influence

AUTHORITATIVE

able to be trusted as being accurate or true; reliable

CONSEQUENTIAL

important; significant

FORCEFUL

strong and assertive; vigorous and powerful

IMPORTANT

of great significance or value; likely to have a profound effect on success, survival, or well-being

WEIGHTY

important or momentous

THEME: Ominous
Foreshadowing imminent doom

FOREBODING

fearful apprehension; a feeling that something bad will
happen

ILL-BODING

foreboding evil; inauspicious; unlucky

OMINIOUS

giving the impression that something bad or unpleasant is
going to happen

PORTENTOUS

ominously significant or indicative

THREATENING

having a hostile or deliberately frightening quality or
manner

THEME: Outlook

Degrees of looking at something

OPTIMISTIC

Expecting everything to come out all right; hopeful;

OPTIMIST

PESSIMISTIC

Expecting the worst possible outcome; **PESSIMIST**

PRAGMATIC

Willing to see things as they really are and deal with them sensibly; **PRAGMATIST**

REALISTIC

True to life or nature; **REALIST**

SKEPTICAL

Tending to doubt or question things; **SKEPTIC**

THEME: Pessimistic

Characterized by pessimism or gloom

DEFEATING

to frustrate; thwart

DESPAIRING

showing the loss of all hope

DOWN

downcast; depressed; dejected

GLOOMY

dark or poorly lit, esp. so as to appear depressing or
frightening

HOPELESS

beyond optimism or hope; desperate

THEME: SARCASTIC

Bitterly humorous

BITING

sarcastic or incisive

CAUSTIC

bitingly sarcastic

SARCASTIC

sharp taunting and ridicule that wounds

SARDONIC

scornfully or cynically mocking

SATIRIC

using humor, irony, exaggeration, or ridicule to expose
and criticize people's Week #37 stupidity or vices

THEME: SENTIMENTAL

Expressive of or appealing to emotions

NOSTALGIC

a sentimental or wistful yearning for the happiness felt
in a former place, time, or situation

EMOTIONAL

actuated, effected, or determined by emotion rather
than reason

WISTFUL

having or showing a feeling of vague or regretful longing

SOFT-HEARTED

very sympathetic or responsive; generous in spirit

DREAMY

resembling a dream; soothing and serene

THEME: STUBBORN

Unreasonably fixed or set in ways or purpose

DOGMATIC

asserting opinions in a dictatorial manner

OBSTINATE

difficult to manage, control, or subdue

PERSISTENT

refusing to give up or let go

RESOLUTE

admirably purposeful, determined, and unwavering

UNYIELDING

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