**1.anecdote** - a short story that you tell someone about something that happened to you or someone else  
*a speech full of anecdotes*

**2.intrepid** - brave and willing to do dangerous things  
*intrepid travellers*

**3.ostentatious** - intended to attract attention or admiration, often by showing money or power  
*an ostentatious display of wealth*

**4.superfluous** - not needed, or more than is needed  
*superfluous details/information*

**5.subtle** - not obvious or easy to notice  
*a subtle change/difference*

**6.arid** - very dry and without enough rain for plants  
*an arid region/climate*

**7.transient** - lasting only for a short time  
*transient pleasures*

**8.derogatory** - showing strong disapproval and not showing any respect for someone  
*derogatory comments/remarks*

**9.dexterity** - skill at doing something, especially using your hands  
*manual dexterity*

**10.diligent** - working hard with care and effort  
*a diligent student*

**11.disparage** - to say that you think someone or something is not very good  
*[ often passive ] He is often disparaged by the critics.*

**12.dispatch** - to send someone or something somewhere  
*They dispatched a police car to arrest him.*

**13.docile** - A docile person or animal is quiet and easily controlled.

**14.doleful** - very sad  
*doleful eyes*

**15.dormant** - not active or developing now, but possibly active in the future  
*a dormant volcano*

**16.drought** - a long period when there is no rain and people do not have enough water  
*A severe drought ruined the crops.*

**17.conclusive**  - proving that something is true  
*conclusive evidence/proof*

**18.incurable** - impossible to cure  
*an incurable disease*

**19.aversion**  - a strong dislike of something

**20.docile**  - A docile person or animal is quiet and easily controlled.

**21.boisterous**  - noisy and full of energy  
*a boisterous child*

**22.propensity**  - If someone has a propensity for something or to do something, they often do it.  
*to have a propensity for violence*

**23.Muggy** - When the weather is muggy, it is unpleasantly warm and the air contains a lot of water.  
*a muggy afternoon*

**24.Plague** - a serious disease that spreads quickly and kills a lot of people  
*a plague of rats*

**25.favor** - something that you do to help someone  
*Could you do me a favour please?*

**26.disposable**  - intended to be used only once and then thrown away  
*a disposable camera/razor*

**27.mislead** - to make someone believe something that is untrue by giving them information that is wrong or not complete  
*[ often passive ] She claims the public was misled by the government.*

**28.malice** - the feeling of wanting to harm or upset someone  
*There was no malice in her comments.*

**29.qualify** - If you qualify for something, you are allowed to do it or have it, and if something qualifies you for something, it allows you to do it or have it.  
*To qualify for the competition, you must be over 18.*

**30.unnecessary** - not needed  
*You don't want to make any unnecessary car journeys in this weather.*

**31.refer** - to read something in order to get information  
*Please refer to your owner's manual for more information.*

**32.sustain** - to cause or allow something to continue for a period of time  
*The team may not be able to sustain this level of performance.*

**33.steady** - happening at a gradual, regular rate  
*steady economic growth*

**34.stall** - a small shop with an open front or a table from which goods are sold  
*a market stall*

**35.odd** - strange or unusual  
*I always thought there was something odd about her.*

**36.striking** - easily noticed  
*There's a striking resemblance between them.*

**37.conventional** - Conventional people are traditional and not willing to try new ideas.  
*conventional farming/medicine*

**38.insolent** - rude and not showing respect  
*an insolent reply*

**39.perk** - an advantage, such as money or a car, that you are given because of your job  
*[ usually plural ] A mobile phone is one of the perks of the job.*

**40.loose** - not firmly fixed  
*There were some loose wires hanging out of the wall.*

**41.cereal**  - a plant that is grown to produce grain for food  
*cereal crops*

**42.endurance** - the ability to keep doing something difficult, unpleasant, or painful for a long time  
*The race will test athletes' endurance.*

**43.fleet** - a group of ships, or all of the ships in a country's navy  
*a fleet of aircraft/cars*

**44.tack** - to try to deal with a problem in a different way  
*I've tried being nice to her and it doesn't work so I might take a different tack.*

**45.acknowledgment**  - the act of accepting that something is true or exists  
*There was no acknowledgement of the extent of the problem.*

**46.inevitably**  - If something is inevitable, you cannot avoid or prevent it.  
*[ + (that) ] It was inevitable that his crime would be discovered.*

**47.controversial** - causing a lot of disagreement or argument  
*a controversial decision/issue*

**48.contest** - a competition or election  
*Mr Hughes went back to court to contest the verdict.*

**49.prosperity** - a situation in which someone is successful, usually by earning a lot of money

**50.steer** - to control the direction of a vehicle  
*I tried to steer the boat away from the bank.*

**51.yawn** - to take a deep breath with your mouth wide open, because you are tired or bored  
*She yawned and looked at her watch.*

**52.substitute** - someone or something that is used instead of another person or thing  
*Margarine can be used as a substitute for butter.*

**53.extinguish** - to stop something burning or giving out light  
*The fire took two hours to extinguish.*

**54.sink** - to go down or make something go down below the surface of water and not come back up  
*The Titanic sank after hitting an iceberg.*

**55.disobedience**  - behaviour in which someone refuses to do what someone in authority tells them to do

**56.procure** - to obtain something that is difficult to get

**57.bulb** - a glass object containing a wire which produces light from electricity  
*an electric light bulb*

**58.disposal** - the job or activity of getting rid of something, especially by throwing it away  
*waste disposal*

**59.mature** - completely grown or developed  
*sexually mature*

**60.vigilant** - watching carefully and always ready to notice anything dangerous or illegal  
*Police have asked people to be vigilant after yesterday's bomb attack.*

**61.behalf** - If you do something on someone's behalf, you do it for them or instead of them.  
*We are campaigning on behalf of thousands of refugees.*

**62.inevitable** - If something is inevitable, you cannot avoid or prevent it.  
*[ + (that) ] It was inevitable that his crime would be discovered.*

**63.violate** - to not obey a law, rule, or agreement  
*Countries that violate international law will be dealt with severely.*

**64.contradiction** - a big difference between two things that are said or written about the same subject, or between what someone says and what they do  
*There is a clear contradiction between what she says and what she does.*

**65.bleak** - If a situation is bleak, there is little or no hope for the future.  
*The future is looking bleak for small businesses struggling with debts.*

**66.incentive** - something that encourages you to act in a particular way  
*[ + to do sth ] People had little incentive to save.*

**67.descendant** - someone who is related to someone who lived a long time ago  
*She is a descendant of Queen Victoria.*

**68.pronoun** - a word that is used instead of a noun which has usually already been talked about. For example the words 'she', 'it', and 'mine' are pronouns.

**69.excerpt** - a short piece from a book, film, piece of music, etc