

GRE Vocabulary List

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1 Common Words I [50/50] 54

- ☒ **aberration** (n) [ab-uh-rey-shuh n] {anomaly} a deviation from what is normal or expected
- ☒ **acrimony** (n) [ak-ruh-moh-nee] {asperity, mordancy, vitriol} bitterness and ill will
- ☒ **amalgam** (n) [uh-mal-guh m] {conflation} a mixture of multiple things
- ☒ **ambiguous** (adj) [am-big-yoo-uh s] {cryptic, equivocal, inscrutable, opaque} open to more than one interpretation
- ☒ **ambivalent** (adj) [am-biv-uh-luh nt] mixed or conflicting emotions about something
- ☒ **amenable** (adj) [uh-mee-nuh-buh l] {docile, tractable} easily persuaded
- ☒ **amorphous** (adj) [uh-mawr-fuh s] shapeless
- ☒ **anomalous** (adj) [uh-nom-uh-luh s] {aberrant} not normal
- ☒ **artful** (adj) [ahrt-fuh l] exhibiting artistic skill || clever in a cunning way
- ☒ **auspicious** (adj) [aw-spish-uh s] {propitious} favorable, the opposite of sinister
- ☒ **belie** (v) [bih-lahy] to give a false representation to; misrepresent
- ☒ **betray** (v) [bih-trey] to reveal or make known something, usually unintentionally

- ☒ **calumny (n)** [kal-uh m-nee] making of a false statement meant to injure a person's reputation
- ☒ **castigate (v)** [kas-ti-geyt] {chastise, lambast, rebuke, reproach, upbraid} to reprimand harshly
- ☒ **censure (v)** [sen-sheer] {decry, objurgate} to express strong disapproval
- ☒ **chastise (v)** [chas-tahyz] {castigate, lambast, rebuke, reproach, upbraid} to reprimand harshly
- ☒ **commensurate (adj)** [kuh-men-ser-it] to be in proportion or corresponding in degree or amount
- ☒ **demur (v)** [dih-mur] {remonstrate} to object or show reluctance
- ☒ **disinterested (adj)** [dis-in-tri-stid] {dispassionate, impartial, equitable, evenhanded} unbiased; neutral
- ☒ **egregious (adj)** [ih-gree-juh s] {blatant, conspicuous, patent} standing out in a negative way; shockingly bad
- ☒ **enervate (v)** [en-er-veyt] {desiccate, stultify} to sap energy from
- ☒ **equivocal (adj)** [ih-kwiv-uh-kuh l] {ambiguous, cryptic, inscrutable, opaque} confusing or ambiguous
- ☒ **extant (adj)** [ik-stant] still existing (usually refers to documents)
- ☒ **frugal (adj)** [froo-guh l] {economical, provident, thrifty} not spending much money (but spending wisely)
- ☒ **galvanize (v)** [gal-vuh-nahyz] to excite or inspire (someone) to action
- ☒ **gregarious (adj)** [gri-gair-ee-uh s] {boon, convivial} to be likely to socialize with others
- ☒ **harangue (n, v)** [huh-rang] {diatribe, tirade} a long pompous speech; a tirade || to deliver a long pompous speech or tirade
- ☒ **iconoclast (n)** [ahy-kon-uh-klast] {heretic, maverick} somebody who attacks cherished beliefs or institutions
- ☒ **impertinent (adj)** [im-pur-tn-uh nt] {brazen, impudent, insolent} being disrespectful; improperly forward or bold

- ☒ **ingenuous** (adj) [in-jen-yoo-uh s] {artless, guileless} to be naive and innocent
- ☒ **innocuous** (adj) [ih-nok-yoo-uh s] {anodyne, benign} harmless and doesn't produce any ill effects
- ☒ **intimate** (v) [in-tuh-mit] to suggest something subtly
- ☒ **involved** (adj) [in-volvɪd] {byzantine, convoluted} complicated, and difficult to comprehend
- ☒ **laconic** (adj) [luh-kon-ik] {reticent, taciturn} one who says very few words
- ☒ **maintain** (v) [meyn-teyn] to assert
- ☒ **mercurial** (adj) [mer-kyoo r-ee-uh l] {fickle} (of a person) prone to unexpected and unpredictable changes in mood
- ☒ **parochial** (adj) [puh-roh-kee-uh l] {provincial} narrowly restricted in scope or outlook
- ☒ **parsimonious** (adj) [pahr-suh-moh-nee-uh s] {penurious} extremely frugal; miserly
- ☒ **prevaricate** (v) [pri-var-i-keyt] to speak in an evasive way
- ☒ **prodigal** (adj) [prod-i-guh l] {profligate, spendthrift, squandering} rashly or wastefully extravagant
- ☒ **profligate** (adj, n) [prof-li-git, -geyt] {prodigal, spendthrift, squandering} spending resources recklessly or wastefully || someone who spends resources recklessly or wastefully
- ☒ **qualify** (adj, v) [kwol-uh-fahy] to be legally competent or capable || to make less severe; to limit (a statement)
- ☒ **restive** (adj) [res-tiv] restless
- ☒ **undermine** (v) [uhn-der-mahyn] to weaken (usually paired with an abstract term)
- ☒ **upbraid** (v) [uhp-breyd] {castigate, chastise, lambast, rebuke, reproach} to reproach; to scold

- ☒ **venality (n)** [vee-nal-i-tee] the condition of being susceptible to bribes or corruption
- ☒ **venerate (v)** [ven-uh-reyt] {**revere**} to respect deeply
- ☒ **veracious (adj)** [vuh-rey-shuh s] truthful
- ☒ **vindicate (v)** [vin-di-keyt] {**exonerate**} to clear of accusation, blame, suspicion, or doubt with supporting arguments or proof
- ☒ **wanting (adj)** [won-ting] lacking

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- ☒ **aesthete (n)** [es-theet] one who professes great sensitivity to the beauty of art and nature
- ☒ **aesthetic (adj, n)** [es-thet-ik] concerned with the appreciation of beauty || a set of principles underlying and guiding the work of a particular artist or artistic movement
- ☒ **apathetic (adj)** [ap-uh-thet-ik] {**indifferent, insouciant, nonchalant, perfunctory**} marked by a lack of interest
- ☒ **audacious (adj)** [aw-dey-shuh s] {**foolhardy, temerarious**} willing to be bold in social situations or to take risks
- ☒ **banal (adj)** [buh-nal] {**hackneyed, trite**} repeated too often; overfamiliar through overuse
- ☒ **bucolic (adj)** [byoo-kol-ik] {**pastoral, rustic**} relating to the pleasant aspects of the country
- ☒ **chortle (v)** [chawr-tl] {**guffaw**} to chuckle, laugh merrily
- ☒ **concede (v)** [kuh n-seed] {**capitulate, cede**} acknowledge defeat || admit wrongdoing || give over; surrender or relinquish to the physical control of another
- ☒ **conspicuous (adj)** [kuh n-spik-yoo-uh s] {**blatant, egregious, patent**} without any attempt at concealment; completely obvious
- ☒ **cryptic (adj)** [krip-tik] {**ambiguous, equivocal, inscrutable, opaque**} mysterious or vague, usually intentionally

- ☒ **culminate** (v) [kuhl-muh-neyt] reach the highest or most decisive point
- ☒ **culpability** (n) [kuhl-puh-bil-i-tee] a state of guilt
- ☒ **decorous** (adj) [dek-er-uh s] {genteel} characterized by good taste in manners and conduct
- ☒ **deferential** (adj) [def-uh-ren-shuh l] showing respect
- ☒ **dictatorial** (adj) [dik-tuh-tohr-ee-uh l] {autocratic, despotic} expecting unquestioning obedience; characteristic of an absolute ruler
- ☒ **didactic** (adj) [dahy-dak-tik] instructive (especially excessively)
- ☒ **diffident** (adj) [dif-i-duh nt] {demure, retiring, self-effacing} showing modest reserve; lacking self-confidence
- ☒ **dogmatic** (adj) [dawg-mat-ik] {pontifical} highly opinionated, not accepting that your belief may not be correct
- ☒ **engender** (v) [en-jen-der] {catalyze} give rise to
- ☒ **entrenched** (adj) [en-trench d] {inveterate} fixed firmly or securely
- ☒ **eschew** (v) [es-choo] avoid and stay away from deliberately; stay clear of
- ☒ **exacerbate** (v) [ig-zas-er-beyt] make worse
- ☒ **fortuitous** (adj) [fawr-too-i-tuh s] {inadvertent} occurring by happy chance; having no cause or apparent cause
- ☒ **frivolous** (adj) [friv-uh-luh s] not serious in content or attitude or behavior
- ☒ **gainsay** (v) [geyn-sey] {repudiate, refute} deny or contradict; speak against or oppose
- ☒ **gall** (n) [gawl] {audacity, effrontery, presumption, temerity} {animosity, antipathy, enmity} the trait of being rude and impertinent || feeling of deep and bitter anger and ill-will
- ☒ **germane** (adj) [jer-meyn] {apposite, pertinent} relevant and appropriate

- ☒ **glut** (n, v) [gluht] {surfeit} an excessive supply || to supply with an excess of
- ☒ **gossamer** (adj) [gos-uh-mer] {ethereal} characterized by unusual lightness and delicacy
- ☒ **impudent** (adj) [im-pyuh-duh nt] {brazen, impertinent, insolent} improperly forward or bold
- ☒ **incisive** (adj) [in-sahy-siv] {perspicacious, sagacious} having or demonstrating ability to recognize or draw fine distinctions
- ☒ **inexorable** (adj) [in-ek-ser-uh-buh l] impossible to stop or prevent
- ☒ **lambast** (v) [lam-bast] {castigate, chastise, rebuke, reproach, upbraid} criticize severely or angrily
- ☒ **mawkish** (adj) [maw-kish] {maudlin, sentimental} overly sentimental to the point that it is disgusting
- ☒ **meticulous** (adj) [muh-tik-yuh-luh s] {scrupulous} marked by extreme care in treatment of details
- ☒ **mitigate** (v) [mit-i-geyt] {assuage} {extenuate} make less severe or harsh || lessen the severity of an offense
- ☒ **obscure** (v, adj) [uh b-skyoo r] make unclear || known by only a few
- ☒ **perfidy** (n) [pur-fi-dee] an act of deliberate betrayal; a breach of a trust
- ☒ **platitude** (n) [plat-i-tood] {banality, bromide} a trite or obvious remark
- ☒ **preclude** (v) [pri-klood] {avert} keep from happening or arising (by taking action in advance); make impossible
- ☒ **predilection** (n) [pred-l-ek-shuh n] a strong liking
- ☒ **prescience** (n) [presh-ee-uh ns] the power to foresee the future
- ☒ **querulous** (adj) [kwer-uh-luh s] habitually complaining
- ☒ **recondite** (adj) [rek-uh n-dahyt] {abstruse, arcane, esoteric} difficult to penetrate; incomprehensible to one of ordinary understanding or knowledge

- ☒ **reticent (adj)** [ret-uh-suh nt] {laconic, taciturn} disinclined to talk, not revealing one's thoughts
- ☒ **rustic (adj)** [ruhs-tik] {bucolic, pastoral} characteristic of rural life; awkwardly simple and provincial
- ☒ **superfluous (adj)** [soo-pur-floo-uh s] serving no useful purpose or more than is needed, desired, or required
- ☒ **torpor (n)** [tawr-per] {languor, lethargy} inactivity resulting from lethargy and lack of vigor or energy
- ☒ **vociferous (adj)** [voh-sif-er-uh s] {obstreperous} conspicuously and offensively loud; given to vehement outcry
- ☒ **volubility (n)** [vol-yuh-bil-i-tee] {expansiveness, glibness} the quality of talking or writing easily and continuously

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- ☒ **abstain (v)** [ab-steyn] choose not to consume or take part in (particularly something enjoyable)
- ☒ **ameliorate (v)** [uh-meel-yuh-reyt] make something bad better
- ☒ **apathy (n)** [ap-uh-thee] {phlegm} an absence of emotion or enthusiasm
- ☒ **ascetic (adj, n)** [uh-set-ik] {austere, spartan} practicing self-denial
|| one who practices great self-denial
- ☒ **avaricious (adj)** [av-uh-rish-uh s] excessively greedy
- ☒ **belligerent (adj)** [buh-lij-er-uh nt] {bellicose, pugnacious} characteristic of one eager to fight
- ☒ **circumvent (v)** [sur-kuh m-vent] cleverly find a way out of one's duties or obligations
- ☒ **contrive (v)** [kuh n-trahyv] {collude, connive, machinate} to pull off a plan or scheme, usually through skill or trickery
- ☒ **delineate (v)** [dih-lin-ee-eyt] describe in detail

- ☒ **denote (v)** [dih-noht] be a sign or indication of; have as a meaning
- ☒ **derivative (n)** [dih-riv-uh-tiv] not original but drawing strongly on something already in existence
- ☒ **derive (v)** [dih-rahv] {**extrapolate**} come from; be connected by a relationship of blood, for example || reason by deduction; establish by deduction
- ☒ **disaffected (adj)** [dis-uh-fek-tid] discontented as toward authority
- ☒ **eclectic (adj)** [ih-klek-tik] comprised of a variety of styles
- ☒ **elucidate (v)** [ih-loo-si-deyt] {**construe, expound**} make clearer and easier to understand
- ☒ **eminent (adj)** [em-uh-nuh nt] {**illustrious**} standing above others in quality or position
- ☒ **ephemeral (adj)** [ih-fem-er-uh l] {**evanescent, transient, transitory**} lasting a very short time
- ☒ **fallacious (adj)** [fuh-ley-shuh s] of a belief that is based on faulty reasoning
- ☒ **forlorn (adj)** [fawr-lawrn] marked by or showing hopelessness
- ☒ **frustrate (v)** [fruhs-treyt] {**thwart**} hinder or prevent (the efforts, plans, or desires) of
- ☒ **guileless (adj)** [gahyl-lis] {**artless, ingenuous**} free of deceit
- ☒ **haughty (adj)** [haw-tee] {**cavalier, imperious, overweening, supercilious**} having or showing arrogant superiority to and disdain of those one views as unworthy
- ☒ **heretic (n)** [her-i-tik] {**iconoclast, maverick**} a person who holds unorthodox opinions in any field
- ☒ **immutable (adj)** [ih-myoo-tuh-buh l] not able to be changed
- ☒ **incongruous (adj)** [in-kong-groo-uh s] {**discordant, indecorous, infelicitous, unseemly**} lacking in harmony or compatibility or appropriateness
- ☒ **insidious (adj)** [in-sid-ee-uh s] {**deleterious, pernicious**} working in a subtle but destructive way

- ⊗ **itinerant** (adj) [ahy-tin-er-uh nt] {errant, peripatetic} traveling from place to place to work
- ⊗ **jingoism** (n) [jing-goh-iz-uh m] {chauvinism} fanatical patriotism
- ⊗ **jubilant** (adj) [joo-buh-luh nt] full of high-spirited delight because of triumph or success
- ⊗ **juxtapose** (v) [juh-k-stuh-pohz] place side by side for contrast
- ⊗ **languid** (adj) [lang-gwid] {dilatatory, enervated, languishing} not inclined towards physical exertion or effort; slow and relaxed
- ⊗ **magnanimous** (adj) [mag-nan-uh-muh s] {chivalrous} noble and generous in spirit, especially towards a rival or someone less powerful
- ⊗ **mollify** (v) [mol-uh-fahy] {appease, placate, propitiate} to make someone angry less angry; placate
- ⊗ **negligible** (adj) [neg-li-juh-buh l] {picayune} so small as to be meaningless; insignificant
- ⊗ **panache** (n) [puh-nash] distinctive and showy elegance
- ⊗ **precocious** (adj) [pri-koh-shuh s] characterized by or characteristic of exceptionally early development or maturity (especially in mental aptitude)
- ⊗ **quotidian** (adj) [kwoh-tid-ee-uh n] found in the ordinary course of events
- ⊗ **refractory** (adj) [ri-frak-tuh-ree] {obstreperous} stubbornly resistant to authority or control
- ⊗ **rudimentary** (adj) [roo-duh-men-tuh-ree] being in earliest stages of development; being or involving basic facts or principles
- ⊗ **spurious** (adj) [spyoo r-ee-uh s] {specious} plausible but false
- ⊗ **staunch** (adj) [stawnch] {steadfast} firm and dependable especially in loyalty
- ⊗ **subsume** (v) [suh b-soom] contain or include || consider (an instance of something) as part of a general rule or principle

- ☒ **supplant** (v) [suh-plant] take the place or move into the position of
- ☒ **tantamount** (adj) [tan-tuh-mount] being essentially equal to something
- ☒ **tenacious** (adj) [tuh-ney-shuh s] {**dogged**} stubbornly unyielding
- ☒ **travesty** (n) [trav-uh-stee] an absurd presentation of something; a mockery
- ☒ **treacherous** (adj) [trech-er-uh s] {**fickle, perfidious**} tending to betray || dangerously unstable and unpredictable
- ☒ **unequivocal** (adj) [uhn-i-kwiv-uh-kuh l] {**lucid, pellucid**} admitting of no doubt or misunderstanding; having only one meaning or interpretation and leading to only one conclusion
- ☒ **vehement** (adj) [vee-uh-muh nt] marked by extreme intensity of emotions or convictions
- ☒ **vilify** (v) [vil-uh-fahy] {**calumniate**} spread negative information about

4 Common Words IV [50/50] 53

- ☒ **aberrant** (adj) [uh-ber-uh nt] {**anomalous**} markedly different from an accepted norm
- ☒ **abstruse** (adj) [ab-stroos] {**arcane, esoteric, recondite**} difficult to understand; incomprehensible
- ☒ **acerbic** (adj) [uh-sur-bik] {**mordant, sardonic**} harsh in tone
- ☒ **adamant** (adj) [ad-uh-muh nt] {**dogged, intransigent, obstinate, obdurate, ossified**} refusing to change one's mind
- ☒ **admonitory** (adj) [ad-mon-i-tohr-ee] serving to warn; expressing reproof or reproach especially as a corrective
- ☒ **apocryphal** (adj) [uh-pok-ruh-fuh l] being of questionable authenticity
- ☒ **blatant** (adj) [bleyt-nt] {**conspicuous, egregious, patent**} without any attempt at concealment; completely obvious

- ☒ **bumbling** (adj) [buhm-bling] {maladroit} lacking physical movement skills, especially with the hands
- ☒ **burgeon** (v) [bur-juh n] grow and flourish
- ☒ **confound** (v) [kon-found] {flummox} {conflate} to cause confusion || mistake one thing for another
- ☒ **construe** (v) [kuh n-stroo] {elucidate, expound} interpreted in a particular way
- ☒ **contingent** (n, adj) [kuh n-tin-juh nt] a gathering of persons representative of some larger group || dependent on (usually used with upon)
- ☒ **copious** (adj) [koh-pee-uh s] {profuse} in abundant supply
- ☒ **decorum** (n) [dih-kohr-uh m] propriety in manners and conduct
- ☒ **denigrate** (v) [den-i-greyt] {belittle} charge falsely or with malicious intent; attack the good name and reputation of someone
- ☒ **discrete** (adj) [dih-skreet] constituting a separate entity or part
- ☒ **eradicate** (v) [ih-rad-i-keyt] {expunge} to completely destroy
- ☒ **espouse** (v) [ih-spouz] adopt or support an idea or causes
- ☒ **exacting** (adj) [ig-zak-ting] {stringent} requiring and demanding accuracy
- ☒ **exalt** (v) [ig-zawlt] praise or glorify
- ☒ **exonerate** (v) [ig-zon-uh-reyt] {vindicate} pronounce not guilty of criminal charges
- ☒ **expound** (v) [ik-spound] {construe, elucidate} add details or explanation; clarify the meaning; state in depth
- ☒ **forthcoming** (adj) [fohrth-kuhm-ing] {aboveboard, candid} available when required or as promised || at ease in talking to others
- ☒ **hackneyed** (adj) [hak-need] {banal, trite} lacking significance through having been overused
- ☒ **iconoclastic** (adj) [ahy-kon-uh-klas-tik] {heretical, maverick} defying tradition or convention

- ☒ **idiosyncrasy** (n) [id-ee-uh-sing-kruh-see] {eccentricity} behavioral attribute distinctive and peculiar to an individual
- ☒ **ignoble** (adj) [ig-noh-buh l] {base, sordid} dishonorable
- ☒ **implacable** (adj) [im-plak-uh-buh l] incapable of making less angry or hostile
- ☒ **implausible** (adj) [im-plaw-zuh-buh l] describing a statement that is not believable
- ☒ **incorrigible** (adj) [in-kor-i-juh-buh l] impervious to correction by punishment
- ☒ **indifference** (n) [in-dif-er-uh ns] {insouciance, nonchalance} state of seeming not to care
- ☒ **ingratiate** (v) [in-grey-shee-eyt] gain favor with somebody by deliberate efforts
- ☒ **intransigent** (adj) [in-tran-si-juh nt] {adamant, dogged, obstinate, obdurate, ossified} unwilling to change one's beliefs or course of action
- ☒ **largess** (n) [lahr-jes] {munificence} extreme generosity and giving
- ☒ **laudable** (adj) [law-duh-buh l] {commendable, estimable} worthy of high praise
- ☒ **myopic** (adj) [mahy-op-ik] {improvident} lacking foresight or imagination
- ☒ **opaque** (adj) [oh-peyk] {ambiguous, cryptic, equivocal, inscrutable} not clear
- ☒ **ostentatious** (adj) [os-ten-tey-shuh s] intended to attract notice and impress others; tawdry or vulgar
- ☒ **pedantic** (adj) [puh-dan-tik] marked by a narrow focus on or display of learning especially its trivial aspects
- ☒ **petulant** (adj) [pech-uh-luh nt] {choleric, irascible, peevish} easily irritated or annoyed
- ☒ **pragmatic** (adj) [prag-mat-ik] guided by practical experience and observation rather than theory

- ☒ **provincial** (adj) [pruh-vin-shuh l] {**parochial**} characteristic of a limited perspective; not fashionable or sophisticated
- ☒ **pundit** (n) [puhn-dit] scholar or expert
- ☒ **reconcile** (v) [rek-uh n-sahyl] {**conciliate**} make (one thing) compatible with (another)
- ☒ **refute** (v) [ri-fyoot] {**gainsay, repudiate**} prove to be false or incorrect
- ☒ **soporific** (adj) [sop-uh-rif-ik] inducing mental lethargy; sleep inducing
- ☒ **temperance** (n) [tem-per-uh ns] {**abstinence, asceticism**} trait of avoiding excesses
- ☒ **tortuous** (adj) [tawr-choo-uh s] marked by repeated turns and bends; not straightforward
- ☒ **underscore** (v) [uhn-der-skohr] give extra weight to (a communication)
- ☒ **unscrupulous** (adj) [uhn-skroo-pyuh-luh s] {**unconscionable**} having no morals

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- ☒ **accolade** (n) [ak-uh-leyd] {**commendation, panegyric**} an award || praise granted as a special honor
- ☒ **admonish** (v) [ad-mon-ish] to warn strongly, even to the point of reprimanding
- ☒ **antithetical** (adj) [an-tuh-thet-i-kuh l] sharply contrasted in character or purpose
- ☒ **arbitrary** (adj) [ahr-bi-trer-ee] {**capricious, whimsical**} based on a random, groundless decision
- ☒ **arcane** (adj) [ahr-keyn] {**abstruse, esoteric, recondite**} requiring secret knowledge or mysterious knowledge

- ☒ **audacity (n)** [aw-das-i-tee] {effrontery, gall, presumption, temerity}
aggressive boldness in social situations
- ☒ **austere (adj)** [aw-steer] {ascetic, spartan} practicing self-denial || unadorned in style or appearance || harsh in manner of temperament
- ☒ **brazen (adj)** [brey-zuh n] {insolent, impertinent, impudent} unrestrained by convention or propriety
- ☒ **circumscribe (v)** [sur-kuh m-skrahyb] restrict or confine
- ☒ **constituent (n)** [kuh n-stich-oo-uh nt] a citizen who is represented in a government by officials for whom he or she votes || an abstract part of something
- ☒ **dilettante (n)** [dil-i-tahnt] an amateur who engages in an activity without serious intentions and who pretends to have knowledge
- ☒ **foment (v)** [foh-ment] try to stir up public opinion
- ☒ **garrulous (adj)** [gar-uh-luh s] full of trivial conversation
- ☒ **gauche (adj)** [gohsh] lacking social polish, also not tactful
- ☒ **haphazard (adj)** [hap-haz-erd] {slapdash} marked by great carelessness; dependent upon or characterized by chance
- ☒ **hegemony (n)** [hi-jem-uh-nee] {ascendancy} dominance over a certain area
- ☒ **inimical (adj)** [ih-nim-i-kuh l] {jaundiced} hostile (conditions or environments)
- ☒ **inscrutable (adj)** [in-skroo-tuh-buh l] {ambiguous, cryptic, equivocal, opaque} not easily understood; unfathomable
- ☒ **insolent (adj)** [in-suh-luh nt] {brazen, impertinent, impudent} rude and arrogant
- ☒ **intrepid (adj)** [in-trep-id] {doughty, stalwart} fearless
- ☒ **inveterate (adj)** [in-vet-er-it] {entrenched} habitual
- ☒ **irrevocable (adj)** [ih-rev-uh-kuh-buh l] incapable of being retracted or revoked

- ☒ **lionize** (v) [lahy-uh-nahyz] assign great social importance to
- ☒ **munificent** (adj) [myoo-nif-uh-suh nt] {unstinting} very generous
- ☒ **myriad** (n) [mir-ee-uh d] a large indefinite number
- ☒ **obsequious** (adj) [uh b-see-kwee-uh s] {fawning, sycophantic} attentive in an ingratiating or servile manner; attempting to win favor from influential people by flattery
- ☒ **ostracize** (v) [os-truh-sahyz] {banish} exclude from a community or group
- ☒ **pedestrian** (adj) [puh-des-tree-uh n] {humdrum, jejune, prosaic} lacking imagination
- ☒ **pernicious** (adj) [per-nish-uh s] {deleterious, insidious} exceedingly harmful; working or spreading in a hidden and injurious way
- ☒ **poignant** (adj) [poin-yuh nt] emotionally touching
- ☒ **precipitous** (adj) [pri-sip-i-tuh s] {precipitate, rash} done with great haste and without due deliberation
- ☒ **prodigious** (adj) [pruh-dij-uh s] {colossal} so great in size or force or extent as to elicit awe
- ☒ **prolific** (adj) [pruh-lif-ik] {fecund} intellectually productive
- ☒ **propitious** (adj) [pruh-pish-uh s] {auspicious} presenting favorable circumstances; likely to result in or show signs of success
- ☒ **ravenous** (adj) [rav-uh-nuh s] {voracious} extremely hungry; devouring or craving food in great quantities
- ☒ **repudiate** (v) [ri-pyoo-dee-eyt] {gainsay, refute} reject as untrue or unfounded
- ☒ **rescind** (v) [ri-sind] {abrogate} cancel officially
- ☒ **resurgent** (adj) [ri-sur-juh nt] rising again as to new life and vigor
- ☒ **reverent** (adj) [rev-er-uh nt] {venerating} feeling or showing profound respect or veneration

- ☒ **sanction** (v, n) [sangk-shuh n] give authority or permission to || a legal penalty for a forbidden action
- ☒ **scrupulous** (adj) [skroo-pyuh-luh s] {**meticulous**} characterized by extreme care and great effort and great effort || having a sense of right and wrong; principled
- ☒ **sporadic** (adj) [spuh-rad-ik] {**erratic, intermittent**} recurring in scattered and irregular or unpredictable instances
- ☒ **subversive** (adj) [suh b-vur-siv] in opposition to an established system or institution
- ☒ **sycophant** (n) [sik-uh-fuh nt] {**fawner**} a servile self-seeking flatterer
- ☒ **taciturn** (adj) [tas-i-turn] {**laconic, reticent**} temperamentally disinclined to talk
- ☒ **tempered** (adj) [tem-perd] moderated in effect
- ☒ **tractable** (adj) [trak-tuh-buh l] {**amenable, docile**} readily reacting to suggestions and influences; easily managed (controlled or taught or molded)
- ☒ **trite** (adj) [trahyt] {**banal, hackneyed**} boring from much use; overfamiliar through overuse
- ☒ **vacillate** (v) [vas-uh-leyt] be undecided about something; waver between conflicting positions or courses of action
- ☒ **winsome** (adj) [win-suh m] charming in a childlike or naive way

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- ☒ <**anomaly**> (n) [uh-nom-uh-lee] {**aberration**} something that is not normal, standard, or expected
- ☒ **antipathy** (n) [an-tip-uh-thee] {**animosity, enmity, gall, jaundice**} intense feeling of dislike
- ☒ **appease** (v) [uh-pee-z] {**mollify, placate, propitiate**} pacify by acceding to the demands of

- ☒ **arduous** (adj) [ahr-joo-uh s] {taxing} demanding considerable mental effort and skill; testing powers of endurance
- ☒ **askance** (adv) [uh-skans] with a look of suspicion or disapproval
- ☒ **banality** (n) [buh-nal-i-tee] {bromide, platitude} a trite or obvious remark
- ☒ **bolster** (v) [bohl-ster] {buttress, corroborate} support and strengthen
- ☒ **capricious** (adj) [kuh-prish-uh s] {arbitrary, whimsical} determined by chance or impulse or whim rather than necessity or reason
- ☒ **caprice** (n) [kuh-prees] {whim} a sudden change; especially: a sudden change in someone's mood or behavior
- ☒ **contrition** (n) [kuh n-trish-uh n] {contriteness} feeling of remorse or guilt from doing something bad
- ☒ **craven** (adj) [krey-vuh n] pathetically cowardly
- ☒ **deleterious** (adj) [del-i-teer-ee-uh s] {insidious, pernicious} harmful to living things
- ☒ **dilatory** (adj) [dil-uh-tohr-ee] {languid} wasting time
- ☒ **dispassionate** (adj) [dis-pash-uh-nit] {disinterested, impartial, equitable, evenhanded} unaffected by strong emotion or prejudice
- ☒ **disseminate** (v) [dih-sem-uh-neyt] cause to be widely known
- ☒ **duress** (n) [doo-res] compulsory force or threat
- ☒ **economical** (adj) [ek-uh-nom-i-kuh l] {frugal, provident, thrifty} avoiding waste; efficient
- ☒ **edifying** (adj) [ed-uh-fahy-ing] enlightening or uplifting as to encourage intellectual or moral improvement
- ☒ **efficacious** (adj) [ef-i-key-shuh s] producing the intended result
- ☒ **elicit** (v) [ih-lis-it] to draw forth or bring out
- ☒ **erudite** (adj) [er-yoo-dahyt] having or showing profound knowledge
- ☒ **esoteric** (adj) [es-uh-ter-ik] {abstruse, arcane, recondite} confined to and understandable by only an enlightened inner circle

- ☒ **fastidious** (adj) [fa-stid-ee-uh s] overly concerned with details
- ☒ **flux** (n) [fluhks] state of uncertainty about what should be done
- ☒ **furtive** (adj) [fur-tiv] marked by quiet and caution and secrecy to avoid being observed
- ☒ **harried** (adj) [har-ee d] troubled persistently especially with petty annoyances
- ☒ **ignominious** (adj) [ig-nuh-min-ee-uh s] deserving or bringing disgrace or shame in defeat
- ☒ **impartial** (adj) [im-pahr-shuh l] {disinterested, dispassionate, equitable, evenhanded} free from undue bias or preconceived opinions
- ☒ **imprudent** (adj) [im-prood-nt] not wise
- ☒ **indecorous** (adj) [in-dek-er-uh s] {incongruous, infelicitous, unseemly} not in keeping with accepted standards of what is right or proper in polite society
- ☒ **jovial** (adj) [joh-vee-uh l] {jocular} full of or showing high spirited merriment
- ☒ **maladroit** (adj) [mal-uh-droit] {bumbling} clumsy
- ☒ **maverick** (n) [mav-rik] {heretic, iconoclast} someone who exhibits great independence in thought or action
- ☒ **mendacity** (n) [men-das-i-tee] the tendency to be untruthful
- ☒ **misconstrue** (v) [mis-kuh n-stroo] interpret in the wrong way
- ☒ **mundane** (adj) [muhn-deyn] repetitive and boring; not spiritual || relating to the ordinary world
- ☒ **nonplussed** (adj) [non-pluhs d] {confounded} unsure how to act or respond
- ☒ **nuance** (n) [noo-ahns] a subtle difference in meaning or opinion or attitude
- ☒ **opulence** (n) [op-yuh-luh ns] wealth as evidenced by sumptuous living

- ☒ **pejorative (adj)** [pi-jor-uh-tiv] {derogative} expressing disapproval of (a term)
- ☒ **placate (v)** [pley-keyt] {appease, mollify, propitiate} gain the good will of
- ☒ **polemic (n)** [puh-lem-ik] strong verbal or written attack on someone or something
- ☒ **posit (v)** [poz-it] assume as fact
- ☒ **rebuke (v)** [ri-byook] {castigate, chastise, lambast, reproach, upbraid} criticize severely or angrily
- ☒ **reproach (v)** [ri-prohch] {castigate, chastise, lambast, rebuke, upbraid} express criticism towards
- ☒ **specious (adj)** [spee-shuh s] {spurious} plausible but false || deceptively pleasing
- ☒ **stringent (adj)** [strin-juh nt] {exacting} demanding strict attention to rules and procedures
- ☒ **sullen (adj)** [suhl-uh n] {bleak, morose, saturnine} showing a brooding ill humor
- ☒ **timorous (adj)** [tim-er-uh s] timid by nature or revealing fear and nervousness
- ☒ **transient (adj)** [tran-shuh nt] {ephemeral, evanescent, transitory} lasting a very short time
- ☒ **truncate (v)** [truhng-keyt] reduce the length of something

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- ☐ **acme (n)** [ak-mee] {apex, apogee, pinnacle, summit, zenith} highest point of achievement
- ☐ **affable (adj)** [af-uh-buh l] likable; easy to talk to
- ☐ **affluent (adj)** [af-loo-uh nt] wealthy
- ☐ **amiable (adj)** [ey-mee-uh-buh l] friendly

- ☒ **bleak** (adj) [bleek] {**morose, saturnine, sullen**} having a depressing or gloomy look
- ☒ **candid** (adj) [kan-did] {**aboveboard, forthcoming**} straightforward and honest
- ☐ **censor** (v, n) [sen-ser] {**bowdlerize, expurgate**} to examine and remove objectionable material || an official who censors material
- ☐ **demean** (v) [dih-meen] to insult or cause someone to lose dignity
- ☒ **demure** (adj) [dih-myoo r] {**diffident, retiring, self-effacing**} to be modest and shy
- ☐ **diabolical** (adj) [dahy-uh-bol-i-kuh l] to be extremely wicked like the devil
- ☐ **dog** (v) [dawg] pursue relentlessly; hound
- ☐ **dupe** (v, n) [doop] to trick or swindle || a person who is easily tricked or swindled
- ☐ **embroiled** (adj) [em-broild] involved in argument or contention
- ☐ **err** (v) [air] to make an error
- ☒ **erratic** (adj) [ih-rat-ik] {**eccentric, intermittent, sporadic**} unpredictable; strange and unconventional
- ☐ **hound** (v) [hound] pursue relentlessly
- ☐ **indict** (v) [in-dahyt] formally charge or accuse of wrong-doing
- ☐ **indigenous** (adj) [in-dij-uh-nuh s] {**endemic**} originating in a certain area, native
- ☐ **indignant** (adj) [in-dig-nuh nt] feeling anger over a perceived injustice
- ☐ **inflammatory** (adj) [in-flam-uh-tohr-ee] extremely controversy, incendiary
- ☐ **insolvent** (adj) [in-sol-vuh nt] unable to pay one's bills; bankrupt
- ☐ **inundate** (v) [in-uh n-deyt] to flood or overwhelm

- ☐ **macabre** (adj) [muh-kahb] suggesting the horror of death and decay;
gruesome
- ☐ **mesmerize** (v) [mez-muh-rahyz] to spellbound or enthrall
- ☐ **miser** (n) [mahy-zer] person who doesn't like to spend money because
of greed
- ☐ **peruse** (v) [puh-rooz] to read very carefully
- ☐ **pine** (v) [pahyn] to yearn for
- ☐ **pinnacle** (n) [pin-uh-kuh l] {acme, apex, apogee, summit, zenith}
highest point
- ☒ **profuse** (adj) [pruh-fyoos] {copious} plentiful; pouring out in abun-
dance
- ☐ **remiss** (v) [ri-mis] to be negligent in one's duties
- ☐ **reprobate** (n) [rep-ruh-beyt] a person without morals who is disap-
proved of
- ☒ **retiring** (adj) [ri-tahyuh r-ing] {demure, diffident, self-effacing}
to be shy, and to be inclined to retract from company
- ☐ **screed** (n) [skreed] an abusive rant often tedious
- ☐ **serendipity** (n) [ser-uh n-dip-i-tee] instance in which accidental, for-
tunate discovery is made
- ☒ **slapdash** (adj) [slap-dash] {haphazard} carelessly and hastily put to-
gether
- ☐ **spendthrift** (adj) [spend-thrift] {prodigal, profligate, squandering}
one who spends money extravagantly
- ☐ **stipend** (n) [stahy-pend] regular allowance of money
- ☐ **summit** (n) [suhm-it] {acme, apex, apogee, pinnacle, zenith} the
peak or highest point || a meeting of high-level leaders
- ☐ **telling** (adj) [tel-ing] significant and revealing of another factor
- ☒ **telltale** (adj) [tel-teyl] {denoting} revealing

- ☐ **tender (v)** [ten-der] offer up something formally
- ☐ **thoroughgoing (adj)** [thur-oh-goh-ing] very thorough, complete
- ☒ **thrifty (adj)** [thrif-tee] {economical, frugal, provident} spending money wisely
- ☒ **tirade (n)** [tahy-reyd] {diatribe, harangue} an angry speech
- ☐ **underwrite (v)** [uhn-der-rahyt] to support financially
- ☐ **unnerve (v)** [uhn-nurv] to make nervous or upset
- ☐ **variance (n)** [vair-ee-uh ns] the quality of being different
- ☐ **vindictive (adj)** [vin-dik-tiv] to have a very strong desire for revenge
- ☒ **voracious (adj)** [voh-rey-shuh s] {ravenous, avid} very hungry; approaching an activity with gusto
- ☐ **zenith (n)** [zee-nith] {acme, apex, apogee, pinnacle, summit} the highest point; culmination

8 Basic Words II [5/50]

- ☒ **aboveboard (adj)** [uh-buhv-bohrd] {candid, forthcoming} open and honest
- ☐ **amok (adv)** [uh-muhk] in a frenzied or uncontrolled state
- ☒ **animosity (n)** [an-uh-mos-i-tee] {antipathy, enmity, gall, jaundice} intense hostility
- ☐ **apex (n)** [ey-peks] {acme, apogee, pinnacle, summit, zenith} the highest point
- ☐ **avarice (n)** [av-er-is] {cupidity} greed
- ☐ **badger (v)** [baj-er] to pester
- ☐ **beatific (adj)** [bee-uh-tif-ik] blissfully happy
- ☐ **becoming (adj)** [bih-kuhm-ing] appropriate, and matches nicely
- ☒ **bellicose (adj)** [bel-i-kohs] {belligerent, pugnacious} warlike; inclined to quarrel

- ☐ **cadaverous** (adj) [kuh-dav-er-uh s] emaciated; gaunt; resembling a corpse
- ☐ **cardinal** (adj) [kahr-dn-l] of primary importance; fundamental
- ☐ **catalyst** (n) [kat-l-ist] something that speeds up an event
- ☐ **chauvinist** (n) [shoh-vuh-nist] {jingoist} someone who believes in the superiority of their group
- ☐ **check** (v, n) [chek] to limit growth of something || the condition of being held back or limited
- ☐ **checkered** (adj) [chek-erd] marked by disreputable or unfortunate happenings
- ☐ **cogent** (adj) [koh-juh nt] clear and persuasive
- ☐ **contrite** (adj) [kuh n-traht] to be remorseful
- ☐ **corroborate** (v) [kuh-rob-uh-reyt] {buttress, bolster} to confirm or lend support to (usually an idea or claim)
- ☐ **desecrate** (v) [des-i-kreyt] to willfully violate or destroy a sacred place
- ☐ **disparate** (adj) [dis-per-it] two things are fundamentally different
- ☒ **errant** (adj) [er-uh nt] {itinerant, peripatetic} to be wandering; not sticking to a circumscribed path
- ☐ **exhort** (v) [ig-zawrt] to strongly urge on; encourage
- ☐ **extenuating** (adj) [ik-sten-yoo-ey-ting] make less guilty or more forgivable
- ☐ **ferret** (v) [fer-it] to search for something persistently
- ☐ **fleece** (v) [flees] to deceive
- ☐ **flush** (adj) [fluhsh] to be in abundance
- ☐ **heyday** (n) [hey-dey] the pinnacle of a time period or career
- ☐ **hodgepodge** (n) [hoj-po] a confusing mixture or jumble
- ☐ **immaterial** (adj) [im-uh-teer-ee-uh l] not relevant

- ☐ **imponderable (adj)** [im-pon-der-uh-buh l] impossible to estimate or figure out
- ☐ **junta (n)** [hoo n-tuh] an aggressive takeover by a group (usually military); the group that executes such a takeover
- ☐ **melee (n)** [mey-ley] a wild, confusing fight or struggle
- ☐ **misanthrope (n)** [mis-uh n-throhp] a hater of mankind
- ☐ **moment (n)** [moh-muh nt] importance in influence or effect
- ☐ **paucity (n)** [paw-si-tee] {dearth} a lack of something
- ☐ **pittance (n)** [pit-ns] a small amount (of money)
- ☐ **powwow (n)** [pou-wou] an informal meeting
- ☐ **preemptive (adj)** [pree-emp-tiv] done before someone else can do it
- ☒ **pugnacious (adj)** [puhg-ney-shuh s] {bellicose, belligerent} eager to fight or argue; verbally combative
- ☐ **raft (n)** [raft] a large number of something
- ☐ **replete (adj)** [ri-pleet] {glutted} completely stocked or furnished with something
- ☐ **sanctimonious (adj)** [sangk-tuh-moh-nee-uh s] making a show of being pious; holier-than-thou
- ☐ **sanguine (adj)** [sang-gwin] cheerful; optimistic
- ☐ **scintillating (adj)** [sin-tl-ey-ting] describes someone who is brilliant and lively
- ☐ **start (v)** [stahrt] to suddenly move in a particular direction
- ☐ **stem (v)** [stem] to hold back or limit the flow or growth of something
- ☐ **unconscionable (adj)** [uhn-kon-shuh-nuh-buh l] {unscrupulous} {exorbitant} unscrupulous || excessive; unreasonable
- ☐ **vicarious (adj)** [vahy-kair-ee-uh s] experienced or realized through imaginative or sympathetic participation in the experience of another
- ☐ **virago (adj)** [vi-rah-goh] ill-tempered or violent woman
- ☐ **wax (v)** [waks] gradually increase in size or intensity

9 Basic Words III [7/50]

- ☐ **advocate** (v, n) [ad-vuh-keyt, -kit] {**champion**} {**proponent**} speak, plead, or argue in favor of || a person who pleads for a cause or propounds an idea
- ☐ **appreciable** (adj) [uh-pree-shee-uh-buh l] large enough to be noticed (usu. refers to an amount)
- ☐ **apprehension** (n) [ap-ri-hen-shuh n] {**perturbation**, **solicitude**} fearful expectation
- ☐ **archaic** (adj) [ahr-key-ik] {**antiquated**, **moribund**} so old as to appear to belong to a different period
- ☒ **ascendancy** (n) [uh-sen-duh n-see] {**hegemony**} the state that exists when one person or group has power over another
- ☐ **autonomously** (adv) [aw-ton-uh-muh s-lee] acting independently; self-governing (of a country)
- ☐ **avid** (adj) [av-id] {**voracious**} marked by active interest and enthusiasm
- ☒ **boon** (n, adj) [boon] {**convivial**, **gregarious**} a desirable state || very close and convivial
- ☐ **consummate** (adj, v) [kon-suh-mit, -meyt] having or revealing supreme mastery or skill || to make perfect and complete in every respect
- ☐ **dearth** (n) [durth] {**paucity**} a lack or shortage
- ☐ **degrade** (v) [dih-greyd] reduce in worth or character, usually verbally
- ☐ **deter** (v) [dih-tur] turn away from by persuasion or try to prevent; show opposition to
- ☐ **discriminate** (v) [dih-skrim-uh-neyt] recognize or perceive the difference
- ☐ **disenfranchise** (v) [dis-en-fran-chahyz] deprive of voting rights
- ☐ **disheartened** (adj) [dis-hahr-tend] made less hopeful or enthusiastic
- ☐ **elusive** (adj) [ih-loo-siv] difficult to capture or difficult to remember

- ☐ **endemic (adj)** {indigenous} [en-dem-ik] native; originating where it is found
- ☐ **entice (v)** [en-tahys] get someone to do something through (often false or exaggerated) promises
- ☐ **fete (v)** [feyt] to celebrate a person
- ☐ **fledgling (adj, n)** [flej-ling] {callow} {tyro} young and inexperienced
|| any new participant in some activity
- ☐ **flounder (v)** [floun-der] behave awkwardly; have difficulties
- ☒ **guffaw (v)** [guh-faw] {chortle} laugh boisterously
- ☐ **impede (v)** {frustrate} [im-peed] be a hindrance or obstacle to
- ☐ **impermeable (adj)** [im-pur-mee-uh-buh l] {impervious, impregnable}
does not allow fluids to pass through
- ☐ **incessant (adj)** [in-ses-uh nt] uninterrupted in time and indefinitely long continuing
- ☐ **inclement (adj)** [in-klem-uh nt] (of weather) unpleasant, stormy || used of persons or behavior; showing no mercy
- ☐ **ingenuity (n)** [in-juh-nyoo-i-tee] the power of creative imagination
- ☐ **jocular (adj)** [jok-yuh-ler] {jovial} characterized by jokes and good humor
- ☐ **malady (n)** [mal-uh-dee] a disease or sickness
- ☐ **malleable (adj)** [mal-ee-uh-buh l] capable of being shaped or bent or drawn out || easily influenced
- ☐ **meander (v)** [mee-an-der] {maunder} to wander aimlessly
- ☐ **moot (adj)** [moot] open to argument or debate; undecidable in a meaningless or irrelevant way
- ☒ **morose (adj)** [muh-rohs] {bleak, saturnine, sullen} ill-tempered and not inclined to talk; gloomy
- ☐ **muted (adj)** [myoo-tid] softened, subdued

- ☒ **obdurate** (adj) [ob-doo-rit] {adamant, dogged, intransigent, obstinate, ossified}
unable to be persuaded or moved emotionally; stubborn; unyielding
- ☒ **ornate** (adj) [awr-neyt] {grandiloquent} marked by elaborate rhetoric
and elaborated with decorative details
- ☐ **patronize** (v) [pey-truh-nahyz] treat condescendingly
- ☐ **pithy** (adj) [pith-ee] concise and full of meaning
- ☐ **plodding** (adj) [plod-ing] (of movement) slow and laborious
- ☐ **proponent** (n) [pruh-poh-nuh nt] {advocate} a person who pleads
for a cause or propounds an idea
- ☐ **quandary** (n) [kwon-duh-ree] state of uncertainty or perplexity espe-
cially as requiring a choice between equally unfavorable options
- ☐ **raffish** (adj) [raf-ish] marked by a carefree unconventionality or disrep-
utableness
- ☐ **renege** (v) [ri-neeg] fail to fulfill a promise or obligation
- ☐ **resolve** (v) [ri-zolv] reach a conclusion after a discussion or deliberation
- ☐ **respite** (n) [res-pit] a pause from doing something (as work)
- ☐ **robust** (v) [roh-buhst] sturdy and strong in form, constitution, or con-
struction
- ☐ **snide** (adj) [snahyd] expressive of contempt; derogatory or mocking in
an indirect way
- ☐ **stolid** (adj) [stol-id] having or revealing little emotion or sensibility;
not easily aroused or excited
- ☐ **thwart** (v) [thwawrt] {frustrate} hinder or prevent (the efforts, plans,
or desires) of
- ☒ **transitory** (adj) {ephemeral, evanescent, transitory} [tran-si-tohr-ee]
lasting a very short time

10 Basic Words IV [9/50]

- ☐ **altruism (n)** [al-troo-iz-uh m] the quality of unselfish concern for the welfare of others
- ☐ **assail (v)** [uh-seyl] {castigate, excoriate, lambast, vituperate} attack in speech or writing
- ☒ **assuage (v)** [uh-sweyj] {mitigate} make something intense less severe
- ☐ **augment (v)** [awg-ment] enlarge or increase; improve
- ☒ **banish (v)** [ban-ish] {ostracize} expel from a community, residence, or location; drive away
- ☐ **benign (adj)** [bih-nahyn] {anodyne, innocuous} kind || (medicine) not dangerous to health; not recurrent or progressive
- ☐ **buck (v)** [buhk] resist
- ☒ **commendable (adj)** [kuh-men-duh-buh l] {estimable, laudable} worthy of high praise
- ☐ **conducive (adj)** [kuh n-doo-siv] making a situation or outcome more likely to happen
- ☐ **contemptuous (adj)** [kuh n-temp-choo-uh s] {pejorative, } scornful, looking down at others with a sneering attitude
- ☐ **cornucopia (n)** [kawr-nuh-koh-pee-uh] an abundant supply of something good
- ☐ **credence (n)** [kreed-ns] belief in something
- ☐ **debase (v)** [dih-beys] reduce the quality or value of something
- ☐ **derisive (adj)** [dih-rah-y-siv] abusing vocally; expressing contempt or ridicule
- ☐ **detrimental (adj)** [de-truh-men-tl] (sometimes followed by "to") causing harm or injury
- ☐ **egotist (n)** [ee-guh-tist] a conceited and self-centered person
- ☐ **elaborate (adj, v)** [ih-lab-er-it, ih-lab-uh-reyt] marked by complexity and richness of detail || explain in more detail

- ☐ **empathetic (adj)** [em-puh-thet-ik] showing understanding and ready comprehension of other peoples' states and emotions
- ☐ **euphoria (n)** [yoo-fohr-ee-uh] a feeling of great (usually exaggerated) elation
- ☐ **facetious (adj)** [fuh-see-shuh s] cleverly amusing in tone
- ☒ **fickle (adj)** [fik-uh l] {mercurial} liable to sudden unpredictable change, esp. in affections or attachments
- ☐ **genial (adj)** [jee-nee-uh l] agreeable, conducive to comfort
- ☒ **genteel (adj)** [jen-teel] {decorous} marked by refinement in taste and manners
- ☐ **glib (adj)** [glib] (of a person) speaking with ease but without sincerity
- ☐ **grovel (v)** [gruhv-uh l] show submission or fear
- ☐ **hamstrung (v)** [ham-strung] made ineffective or powerless
- ☐ **illicit (adj)** [ih-lis-it] contrary to or forbidden by law
- ☐ **impeccable (adj)** [im-pek-uh-buh l] without fault or error
- ☒ **inadvertent (adj)** [in-uh d-vur-tnt] {fortuitous} happening by chance or unexpectedly or unintentionally
- ☐ **irresolute (adj)** [ih-rez-uh-loot] uncertain how to act or proceed
- ☐ **jargon (n)** [jahr-guh n] a characteristic language of a particular group
- ☐ **lucid (adj)** [loo-sid] {pellucid, unequivocal} (of language) transparently clear; easily understandable
- ☐ **martial (adj)** [mahr-shuh l] suggesting war or military life
- ☐ **perennial (adj)** [puh-ren-ee-uh l] {perpetual} lasting an indefinitely long time; eternal; everlasting
- ☐ **perpetuate (v)** [per-pech-oo-eyt] cause to continue
- ☒ **pertinent (adj)** [pur-tn-uh nt] {apposite, germane} having precise or logical relevance to the matter at hand

- ☐ **precedent (n)** [pres-i-duh nt] an example that is used to justify similar occurrences at a later time
- ☐ **pristine (adj)** [pris-teen] unspoiled, untouched (usu. of nature) || immaculately clean and unused
- ☐ **rankle (v)** [rang-kuh l] {embroil} gnaw into; make resentful or angry
- ☒ **sentimental (adj)** [sen-tuh-men-tl] {maudlin, mawkish} effusively or insincerely emotional, especially in art, music, and literature
- ☐ **smattering (n)** [smat-er-ing] {modicum} a slight or superficial understanding of a subject; a small amount of something
- ☐ **spurn (v)** [spurn] {balk} reject with contempt
- ☐ **surly (adj)** [sur-lee] {bilious, splenetic} inclined to anger or bad feelings with overtones of menace
- ☐ **tawdry (adj)** [taw-dree] tastelessly showy; cheap and shoddy
- ☐ **tumult (n)** [too-muh lt] a state of chaos, noise and confusion
- ☐ **uncompromising (adj)** [uhn-kom-pruh-mahy-zing] not making concessions
- ☐ **unruly (adj)** [uhn-roo-lee] (of persons) noisy and lacking in restraint or discipline; unwilling to submit to authority
- ☐ **urbane (adj)** [ur-beyn] showing a high degree of refinement and the assurance that comes from wide social experience
- ☐ **vacuous (adj)** [vak-yoo-uh s] {obtuse} devoid of intelligence, matter, or significance
- ☒ **whimsical (adj)** [wim-zi-kuh l] {arbitrary, capricious} determined by impulse or whim rather than by necessity or reason

11 Basic Words V [8/50]

- ☐ **aphoristic (adj)** [af-uh-ris-tik] something that is concise and instructive of a general truth or principle
- ☐ **brusquely (adv)** [bruhs-k-lee] in a blunt, direct manner

- ☐ **candidness (n)** [kan-did-nes] the quality of being honest and straight-forward in attitude and speech
- ☐ **collusion (n)** [kuh-loo-zhuh n] agreement on a secret plan
- ☐ **complacent (adj)** [kuh m-pley-suh nt] {egotistic, smug} contented to a fault with oneself or one's actions
- ☒ **connive (v)** [kuh-nahyv] {collude, contrive, machinate} taking part in immoral and unethical plots
- ☒ **convoluted (adj)** [kon-vuh-loo-tid] {byzantine, involved} highly complex or intricate
- ☐ **credulity (n)** [kruh-doo-li-tee] tendency to believe readily
- ☐ **derogative (adj)** [dih-rog-uh-tiv] expressed as worthless or in negative terms
- ☐ **destitute (adj)** [des-ti-toot] {impecunious, indigent, penurious} poor enough to need help from others || completely wanting or lacking (usually "destitute of")
- ☐ **devolve (v)** [dih-volv] pass on or delegate to another || grow worse (usually "devolve into")
- ☐ **diligent (adj)** [dil-i-juh nt] characterized by care and perseverance in carrying out tasks
- ☐ **discord (n)** [dis-kawrd] lack of agreement or harmony
- ☐ **eke (v)** [eek] to live off meager resources, to scrape by
- ☐ **elude (v)** [ih-lood] escape understanding
- ☐ **embellish (v)** [em-bel-ish] make more attractive by adding ornament, colour, etc.; make more beautiful
- ☒ **enmity (n)** [en-mi-tee] {antipathy, animosity, gall, jaundice} a state of deep-seated ill-will
- ☐ **exasperate (v)** [ig-zas-puh-reyt] to irritate intensely
- ☐ **exemplify (v)** [ig-zem-pluh-fahy] be characteristic of || clarify by giving an example of

- ☐ **foible (n)** [foi-buh l] a minor flaw or shortcoming in character or behavior
- ☐ **goad (v)** [gohd] urge on with unpleasant comments
- ☐ **impending (adj)** [im-pen-ding] close in time; about to occur
- ☐ **impregnable (adj)** [im-preg-nuh-buh l] {impervious, impermeable} immune to attack; incapable of being tampered with
- ☐ **irk (v)** [urk] irritate or vex
- ☐ **leery (adj)** [leer-ee] openly distrustful and unwilling to confide
- ☐ **malevolent (adj)** [muh-lev-uh-luh nt] wishing or appearing to wish evil to others; arising from intense ill will or hatred
- ☐ **maxim (n)** [mak-sim] {aphorism, apothegm, epigram} a short saying expressing a general truth
- ☒ **obstinate (adj)** [ob-stuh-nit] {adamant, dogged, intransigent, obdurate, ossified} resistant to guidance or discipline; stubbornly persistent
- ☒ **pastoral (adj)** [pas-ter-uh l] {bucolic, rustic} relating to the countryside in a pleasant sense
- ☒ **peevish (adj)** [pee-vish] {choleric, irascible, petulant} easily irritated or annoyed
- ☐ **perturb (v)** [per-turb] disturb in mind or cause to be worried or alarmed
- ☐ **placid (adj)** [plas-id] {limpid, serene} not easily irritated
- ☐ **ploy (n)** [ploi] {artifice, gambit} a clever plan to turn a situation to one's advantage
- ☐ **presumption (n)** [pri-zuhmp-shuh n] {audacity, effrontery, gall, temerity} an assumption that is taken for granted || audacious (even arrogant) behavior that you have no right to
- ☐ **quip (n, v)** [kwip] a witty saying or remark || to make a witty remark, to say in jest
- ☐ **rash (adj)** [rash] {precipitate, precipitous} marked by defiant disregard for danger or consequences; imprudently incurring risk

- **reservation (n)** [rez-er-vey-shuh n] an unstated doubt that prevents you from accepting something wholeheartedly
- **retract (v)** [ri-trakt] pull inward or towards a center; formally reject or disavow a formerly held belief, usually under pressure
- **savvy (n, v, adj)** [sav-ee] a perceptive understanding || get the meaning of something || well-informed or perceptive
- **serene (adj)** [suh-reen] {placid, limpid} calm and peaceful
- **smug (adj)** [smuhg] {complacent, egotistic} marked by excessive complacency or self-satisfaction
- **squander (v)** [skwon-der] {dissipate} spend thoughtlessly; waste time, money, or an opportunity
- ☒ **steadfast (adj)** [sted-fast] {staunch} marked by firm determination or resolution; not shakable
- **tact (n)** [takt] consideration in dealing with others and avoiding giving offense
- **tarnish (v)** [tahr-nish] make dirty or spotty, as by exposure to air; also used metaphorically
- **taxing (adj)** [tak-sing] {arduous, exacting} use to the limit; exhaust
- **tout (v)** [tout] advertize in strongly positive terms; show off
- **travail (n)** [truh-veyl] {tribulation} use of physical or mental energy; hard work; agony or anguish
- **unprecedented (adj)** [uhn-pres-i-den-tid] having never been done or known before; novel
- ☒ **unseemly (adj)** [uhn-seem-lee] {incongruous, indecorous, infelicitous} not in keeping with accepted standards of what is right or proper in polite society

12 Basic Words VI [8/51]

- **analogous (adj)** [uh-nal-uh-guh s] similar in some respects but otherwise different

- ☐ **antedate (v)** [an-ti-deyt] precede in time
- ☐ **ascribe (v)** [uh-skrahyb] {**impute**} attribute or credit to
- ☐ **avert (v)** [uh-vurt] {**preclude**} turn away || ward off or prevent
- ☐ **begrudge (v)** [bih-gruhj] to envy someone for possessing or enjoying something || to give reluctantly
- ☐ **behoove (v)** [bih-hoov] to be one's duty or obligation
- ☒ **belittle (v)** [bih-lit-l] {**denigrate**} lessen the importance, dignity, or reputation of
- ☐ **besmirch (v)** [bih-smurch] damage the good name and reputation of someone
- ☐ **buttress (v)** [buh-tris] {**bolster, corroborate**} make stronger or defensible
- ☒ **cavalier (adj)** [kav-uh-leer] {**haughty, imperious, overweening, supercilious**} given to haughty disregard of others
- ☐ **cerebral (adj)** [suh-ree-bruh l] involving intelligence rather than emotions or instinct
- ☐ **clemency (n)** [klem-uh n-see] leniency and compassion shown toward offenders by a person or agency charged with administering justice
- ☐ **coalesce (v)** [koh-uh-les] fuse or cause to grow together
- ☐ **cohesive (adj)** [koh-hee-siv] well integrated, forming a united whole
- ☐ **consecrate (v)** [kon-si-kreyt] to make holy or set apart for a high purpose
- ☐ **conundrum (n)** [kuh-nuhn-druh m] a difficult problem
- ☐ **delegate (v)** [del-i-geyt] give an assignment to (a person)
- ☐ **deride (v)** [dih-rahyd] treat or speak of with contempt
- ☒ **docile (adj)** [dos-uh l] {**amenable, tractable**} easily handled or managed; willing to be taught or led or supervised or directed
- ☐ **eccentric (adj)** [ik-sen-trik] {**erratic**} highly unconventional or unusual (usually describes a person)

- ☐ **emulate (v)** [em-yuh-leyt] strive to equal or match, especially by imitating; compete with successfully
- ☒ **evenhanded (adj)** [ee-vuh n-han-did] {disinterested, dispassionate, equitable, impartial} without partiality
- ☐ **fawn (v)** [fawn] try to gain favor by extreme flattery
- ☐ **finagle (v)** [fi-ney-guh l] achieve something by means of trickery or devious methods
- ☒ **foolhardy (adj)** [fool-hahr-dee] {audacious, temerarious} marked by defiant disregard for danger or consequences
- ☐ **forthright (adj)** [fohrth-rahyt] characterized by directness in manner or speech; without subtlety or evasion
- ☐ **glean (v)** [gleen] collect information bit by bit
- ☒ **humdrum (adj)** [huhm-druhm] {jejune, pedestrian, prosaic} dull and lacking excitement
- ☐ **implicate (v)** [im-pli-keyt] convey a meaning; imply || to indicate in wrongdoing, usually a crime
- ☐ **incense (v)** [in-sens] make furious
- ☐ **incumbent (adj)** [in-kuhm-buh nt] necessary (for someone) as a duty or responsibility
- ☐ **industrious (adj)** [in-duhs-tree-uh s] characterized by hard work and perseverance
- ☐ **insipid (adj)** [in-sip-id] dull and uninteresting
- ☒ **intermittent (adj)** [in-ter-mit-nt] {erratic, sporadic} stopping and starting at irregular intervals
- ☒ **irascible (adj)** [ih-ras-uh-buh l] {choleric, peevish, petulant} quickly aroused to anger
- ☐ **lethargic (adj)** [luh-thahr-jik] {torpid} lacking energy
- ☐ **melancholy (n)** [mel-uh n-kol-ee] a deep, long-lasting sadness
- ☐ **piquant (adj)** [pee-kuh nt] having an agreeably pungent taste

- **precarious** (adj) [pri-kair-ee-uh s] fraught with danger
- **fraught** (adj) [frawt] full of or accompanied by something specified
- **preempt** (v) [pree-empt] take the place of or have precedence over
- **presumptuous** (adj) [pri-zuhmp-choo-uh s] excessively forward
- **prevail** (v) [pri-veyl] be widespread in a particular area at a particular time; be current || prove superior
- **profusion** (n) [pruh-fyoo-zhuh n] the property of being extremely abundant
- **rakish** (adj) [rey-kish] marked by a carefree unconventionality or disreputableness
- **redress** (n) [ri-dres] an act of making something right
- **rile** (v) [rahyl] {rankle} cause annoyance in; disturb, especially by minor irritations
- **tribulation** (n) [trib-yuh-ley-shuh n] {travail} something, especially an event, that causes difficulty and suffering
- **uncanny** (adj) [uhn-kan-ee] suggesting the operation of supernatural influences; surpassing the ordinary or normal
- **veneer** (n) [vuh-neer] covering consisting of a thin superficial layer that hides the underlying substance
- **wanton** (adj) [won-tn] without check or limitation; showing no moral restraints to one's anger, desire, or appetites

13 Basic Words VII [3/50]

- **abysmal** (adj) [uh-biz-muh l] extremely bad
- **amply** (adv) [am-plee] more than is adequate
- **antiquated** (adj) [an-ti-kwey-tid] {archaic, moribund} old-fashioned; belonging to an earlier period in time
- **aphorism** (n) [af-uh-riz-uh m] {apothegm, epigram, maxim} a short instructive saying about a general truth

- ☐ **balk (v)** [bawk] {spurn} refuse to comply
- ☐ **besiege (v)** [bih-seej] harass, as with questions or requests; cause to feel distressed or worried
- ☐ **boorish (adj)** [boo r-ish] {churlish} ill-mannered and coarse or contemptible in behavior or appearance
- ☐ **carping (n)** [kahr-ping] persistently petty and unjustified criticism
- ☐ **champion (v)** [cham-pee-uh n] {advocate} to fight for a cause
- ☒ **chivalrous (adj)** [shiv-uh l-ruh s] {magnanimous} being attentive to women like an ideal knight
- ☒ **colossal (adj)** [kuh-los-uh l] {prodigious} so great in size or force or extent as to elicit awe
- ☐ **complementary (adj)** [kom-pluh-men-tuh-ree] enhancing each other's qualities (for two things or more)
- ☐ **compound (v)** [kuh m-pound] make more intense, stronger, or more marked
- ☐ **constraint (n)** [kuh n-streynt] something that limits or restricts
- ☒ **convivial (adj)** [kuh n-viv-ee-uh l] {boon, gregarious} describing a lively atmosphere
- ☐ **cosmopolitan (adj)** [koz-muh-pol-i-tn] comprising many cultures; global in reach and outlook
- ☐ **creditable (adj)** [kred-i-tuh-buh l] deserving of praise but not that amazing
- ☐ **cumbersome (adj)** [kuhm-ber-suh m] {ponderous} difficult to handle or use especially because of size or weight
- ☐ **debunk (v)** [dih-buhngk] expose as false ideas and claims, especially while ridiculing
- ☐ **decimation (n)** [des-uh-mey-shuh n] destroying or killing a large part of the population
- ☐ **deliberate (v)** [dih-lib-uh-reyt] think about carefully; weigh the pros and cons of an issue

- **differentiate (v)** [dif-uh-ren-shee-eyt] be a distinctive feature, attribute, or trait (sometimes in positive sense) || evolve so as to lead to a new species or develop in a way most suited to the environment
- **dilapidated (adj)** [dih-lap-i-dey-tid] in terrible condition
- **discreet (adj)** [dih-skreet] careful to protect one's speech or actions in order to avoid offense or draw attention
- **dispatch (n, v)** [dih-spach] the property of being prompt and efficient || dispose of rapidly and without delay and efficiently
- **enumerate (v)** [ih-noo-muh-reyt] determine the number or amount of || specify individually, one by one
- **evasive (adj)** [ih-vey-siv] avoiding or escaping from difficulty or danger or commitment || deliberately vague or ambiguous
- **excruciating (adj)** [ik-skroo-shee-ey-ting] extremely painful
- **futile (adj)** [fyoot-l] producing no result or effect; unproductive of success
- **hamper (v)** [ham-per] {encumber, hobble, stymie} prevent the progress or free movement of
- **inarticulate (adj)** [in-ahr-tik-yuh-lit] without or deprived of the use of speech or words
- **inkling (n)** [ingk-ling] a slight suggestion or vague understanding
- **laborious (adj)** [luh-bohr-ee-uh s] characterized by effort to the point of exhaustion; especially physical effort
- **malodorous (adj)** [mal-oh-der-uh s] {noisome} having an unpleasant smell
- **miscreant (n)** [mis-kree-uh nt] a person who breaks the law
- **misogynist (n)** [mi-soj-uh-nist] a person who dislikes women in particular
- **morph (v)** [mawrf] to undergo dramatic change in a seamless and barely noticeable fashion

- **obliging (adj)** [uh-blahy-jing] showing a cheerful willingness to do favors for others
- **paradoxical (adj)** [par-uh-dok-si-kuh l] seemingly contradictory but nonetheless possibly true
- **perquisite (n)** [pur-kwuh-zit] a right reserved exclusively by a particular person or group (especially a hereditary or official right)
- **provisional (adj)** [pruh-vizh-uh-nl] under terms not final or fully worked out or agreed upon
- **qualm (n)** [kwahm] uneasiness about the fitness of an action
- **relegate (v)** [rel-i-geyt] assign to a lower position
- **resignation (n)** [rez-ig-ney-shuh n] the acceptance of something unpleasant that can't be avoided
- **snub (v)** [snuhb] refuse to acknowledge; reject outright and bluntly
- **sordid (adj)** [sawr-d] {base, ignoble} involving ignoble actions and motives; arousing moral distaste and contempt; foul and run-down and repulsive
- **staid (adj)** [steyd] characterized by dignity and propriety
- **stymie (v)** [stahy-mee] {encumber, hamper, hobble} hinder or prevent the progress or accomplishment of
- **vanquish (v)** [vang-kwish] come out better in a competition, race, or conflict
- **vie (v)** [vahy] compete for something

14 Advanced Words I [10/50]

- **alacrity (n)** [uh-lak-ri-tee] an eager willingness to do something
- **anathema (n)** [uh-nath-uh-muh] a detested person; the source of somebody's hate
- **apogee (n)** [ap-uh-jee] {acme, apex, pinnacle, summit, zenith} the highest point

- ☐ **apostate (n)** [uh-pos-teyt] a person who has abandoned a religious faith or cause
- ☐ **arrant (adj)** [ar-uh nt] complete and wholly (usually modifying a noun with negative connotation)
- ☒ **artless (adj)** [ahrt-lis] {guileless, ingenuous} without cunning or deceit
- ☐ **attenuate (v)** [uh-ten-yoo-eyt] to weaken (in terms of intensity); to taper off/become thinner
- ☐ **base (adj)** [beys] {ignoble, sordid} the lowest, without any moral principles
- ☐ **beg (v)** [beg] assume something is true (usu. followed by "the question", meaning that you ask a question in which you assume something that hasn't been proven true)
- ☒ **byzantine (adj)** [biz-uh n-teen] {convoluted, involved} intricate and complex
- ☐ **catholic (adj)** [kath-uh-lik] of broad scope; universal
- ☐ **chary (adj)** [chair-ee] cautious, suspiciously reluctant to do something
- ☒ **choleric (adj)** [kol-er-ik] {irascible, peevish, petulant} prone to outbursts of temper; easily angered
- ☐ **churlish (adj)** [chur-lish] {boorish} lacking manners or refinement
- ☐ **conciliate (v)** [kuh n-sil-ee-eyt] to make peace with
- ☐ **contentious (adj)** [kuh n-ten-shuh s] likely to argue
- ☐ **cow (v)** [kou] to intimidate
- ☐ **defray (v)** [dih-frey] to help pay the cost of, either in part or full
- ☒ **diatribe (n)** [dahy-uh-trahyb] {harangue, tirade} a strong verbal attack against a person or institution
- ☐ **equivocate (v)** [ih-kwiv-uh-keyt] to speak vaguely, usually with the intention to mislead or deceive

- ☐ **exegesis (n)** [ek-si-jee-sis] critical explanation or analysis, especially of a text
- ☐ **expansive (adj)** [ik-span-siv] communicative, and prone to talking in a sociable manner
- ☒ **expunge (v)** [ik-spuhnj] {eradicate} to eliminate completely
- ☐ **factionous (adj)** [fak-shuh s] produced by, or characterized by internal dissension
- ☐ **feckless (adj)** [fek-lis] lazy and irresponsible
- ☐ **fractious (adj)** [frak-shuh s] irritable and is likely to cause disruption
- ☐ **hector (v)** [hek-ter] to bully or intimidate
- ☐ **imbibe (v)** [im-bahyb] to drink or absorb as if drinking
- ☐ **indigent (adj, n)** [in-di-juh nt] {destitute, impecunious, penurious} poor; having very little || a poor or needy person
- ☐ **insufferable (adj)** [in-suhf-er-uh-buh l] intolerable, difficult to endure
- ☐ **(n)** [jing-goh-ist] {chauvinist} a person who thinks their country is always right and who is in favor of aggressive acts against other countries
- ☐ **kowtow (v)** [kou-tou] to bow or act in a subservient manner
- ☐ **lascivious (adj)** [luh-siv-ee-uh s] lecherous; sexually perverted
- ☐ **malfeasance (n)** [mal-fee-zuh ns] misconduct or wrongdoing (especially by a public official)
- ☐ **nadir (n)** [ney-der] the lowest point
- ☒ **overweening (adj)** [oh-ver-wee-ning] {cavalier, haughty, imperious, supercilious} arrogant; presumptuous
- ☐ **pariah (n)** [puh-rah-yuh] an outcast
- ☐ **penurious (adj)** [puh-noo r-ee-uh s] {destitute, impecunious, indigent} {parsimonious} lacking money; poor || miserly
- ☒ **perfunctory (adj)** [per-fuhngk-tuh-ree] {apathetic, insouciant, indifferent, nonchalant} done routinely and with little interest or care

- ☐ **ponderous** (adj) [pon-der-uh s] {cumbersome} weighed-down; moving slowly
- ☐ **precipitate** (adj, v) [pri-sip-i-tit, pri-sip-i-teyt] {precipitous, rash} hasty or rash || to cause to happen
- ☒ **prosaic** (adj) [proh-zey-ik] {humdrum, jejune, pedestrian} dull and lacking imagination
- ☒ **saturnine** (adj) [sat-er-nahyn] {bleak, morose, sullen} morose or gloomy
- ☐ **sedulous** (adj) [sej-uh-luh s] done diligently and carefully
- ☒ **supercilious** (adj) [soo-per-sil-ee-uh s] {cavalier, haughty, imperious, overweening} haughty and disdainful; looking down on others
- ☐ **truculent** (adj) [truhk-yuh-luh nt] {invective, vitriolic, vituperative} having a fierce, savage nature
- ☐ **turpitude** (n) [tur-pi-tood] depravity; a depraved act
- ☐ **untoward** (adj) [uhn-tohrd] unfavorable; inconvenient
- ☐ **vicissitude** (n) [vi-sis-i-tood] change in one's circumstances, usually for the worse
- ☐ **zeitgeist** (n) [tsahyt-gahyst] spirit of the times

15 Advanced Words II [6/50]

- ☐ **apotheosis** (n) [uh-poth-ee-oh-sis] {exemplar} exaltation to divine status; the highest point of development
- ☐ **arch** (adj) [ahrch] to be deliberately teasing
- ☐ **arriviste** (n) [ar-ee-veest] {parvenu} a person who has recently reached a position of power; a social climber
- ☐ **benighted** (adj) [bih-nahy-tid] fallen into a state of ignorance
- ☐ **bilious** (adj) [bil-yuh s] {splenetic, surly} irritable; always angry
- ☐ **blinkered** (adj) [bling-kerd] to have a limited outlook or understanding

- ☐ **cupidity** (n) [kyoo-pid-i-tee] {avarice} greed for money
- ☐ **curmudgeon** (n) [ker-muhj-uh n] a grouchy, surly person
- ☐ **disabuse** (v) [dis-uh-byooz] to persuade somebody that his/her belief is not valid
- ☐ **excoriate** (v) [ik-skohr-ee-eyt] {assail, castigate, lambast, vituperate} to criticize very harshly
- ☐ **execrate** (v) [ek-si-kreyt] to curse and hiss at
- ☐ **expurgate** (v) [ek-sper-geyt] {bowdlerize, censor} to remove objectionable material
- ☐ **factitious** (adj) [fak-tish-uh s] {ersatz} artificial; not natural
- ☐ **fell** (adj) [fel] terribly evil
- ☐ **gerrymander** (v) [jer-i-man-der] to manipulate voting districts in order to favor a particular political party
- ☐ **hedge** (v) [hej] to limit or qualify a statement; to avoid making a direct statement
- ☐ **histrionic** (adj) [his-tree-on-ik] to be overly theatrical
- ☐ **imbroglia** (n) [im-brohl-yoh] a confusing and potentially embarrassing situation
- ☐ **impecunious** (adj) [im-pi-kyoo-nee-uh s] {destitute, indigent, penurious} lacking money; poor
- ☐ **invective** (n) [in-vek-tiv] {truculent, vitriolic, vituperative} abusive or denunciatory language
- ☒ **jaundiced** (adj) [jawn-dist] {inimical} to be biased against due to envy or prejudice
- ☒ **jejune** (adj) [ji-joon] {humdrum, pedestrian, prosaic} {puerile} dull; lacking flavor || immature; childish
- ☐ **juggernaut** (n) [juhger-nawt] a force that cannot be stopped
- ☐ **limpid** (adj) [lim-pid] {placid} having clarity in terms of expression

- ☐ **malapropism** (n) [mal-uh-prop-iz-uh m] the confusion of a word with another word that sounds similar
- ☐ **martinet** (n) [mahr-tn-et] a strict disciplinarian
- ☒ **maudlin** (adj) [mawd-lin] {mawkish, sentimental} overly emotional and sad
- ☐ **mellifluous** (adj) [muh-lif-loo-uh s] smooth and sweet-sounding
- ☐ **mettlesome** (adj) [met-l-suh m] filled with courage or valor
- ☐ **mulct** (v) [muhlkt] to defraud or swindle
- ☐ **palimpsest** (n) [pal-imp-sest] something that has been changed numerous times but on which traces of former iterations can still be seen
- ☐ **parvenu** (n) [pahr-vuh-noo] {arriviste} a person who has suddenly become wealthy, but not socially accepted as part of a higher class
- ☐ **peremptory** (adj) [puh-remp-tuh-ree] bossy and domineering
- ☐ **phantasmagorical** (adj) [fan-taz-muh-gohr-i-kuh l] illusive; unreal
- ☒ **picayune** (adj) [pik-ee-yoon] {negligible} trifling or petty (a person)
- ☐ **Pollyannaish** (adj) [pol-ee-an-uh-ish] extremely optimistic
- ☒ **propitiate** (v) [pruh-pish-ee-eyt] {appease, mollify, placate} to placate or appease
- ☐ **protean** (adj) [proh-tee-uh n] readily taking on different roles; versatile
- ☐ **pyrrhic** (adj) [pir-ik] describing a victory that comes at such a great cost that the victory is not worthwhile
- ☐ **quisling** (n) [kwiz-ling] a traitor
- ☐ **quixotic** (adj) [kwik-sot-ik] wildly idealistic; impractical
- ☒ **remonstrate** (v) [ri-mon-streyt] {demur} to make objections while pleading
- ☐ **sangfroid** (n) [sahn-frwa] {aplomb} calmness or poise in difficult situations

- ☐ **sartorial** (adj) [sahr-tohr-ee-uh l] related to fashion or clothes
- ☐ **schadenfreude** (n) [shahd-n-froi-duh] joy from watching the suffering of others
- ☐ **sententious** (adj) [sen-ten-shuh s] to be moralizing, usually in a pompous sense
- ☐ **sybarite** (n) [sib-uh-rahyt] a person who indulges in luxury
- ☐ **tendentious** (adj) [ten-den-shuh s] likely to lean towards a controversial view
- ☐ **venial** (adj) [vee-nee-uh l] easily excused or forgiven; pardonable
- ☐ **vituperate** (v) [vahy-too-puh-reyt] {assail, castigate, excoriate, lambast} to criticize harshly; to berate

16 Advanced Words III [11/50]

- ☐ **anemic** (adj) [uh-nee-mik] lacking energy and vigor
- ☐ **anodyne** (n, adj) [an-uh-dahyn] {benign, innocuous} something that soothes or relieves pain || inoffensive
- ☐ **approbatory** (adj) [ap-ruh-bey-tohr-ee] expressing praise or approval
- ☐ **artlessness** (n) [ahrt-lis-nes] the quality of innocence
- ☐ **bowdlerize** (v) [bohd-luh-rahyz] {censor, expurgate} edit by omitting or modifying parts considered indelicate
- ☒ **cede** (v) [seed] {capitulate, concede} relinquish possession or control over
- ☐ **charlatan** (n) [shahr-luh-tn] a flamboyant deceiver; one who attracts customers with tricks or jokes
- ☐ **derelict** (adj) [der-uh-likht] (of a person) not doing one's duties || (of a building) abandoned
- ☐ **duplicity** (n) [doo-plis-i-tee] deceitfulness, pretending to want one thing but interested in something else

- ☒ **effrontery** (n) [ih-fruhn-tuh-ree] {audacity, gall, presumption, temerity}
audacious (even arrogant) behavior that you have no right to
- ☐ **enjoin** (v) [en-join] give instructions to or direct somebody to do something with authority
- ☐ **enthrall** (v) [en-thrawl] hold spellbound
- ☐ **epiphany** (n) [ih-pif-uh-nee] a sudden revelation or moment of insight
- ☒ **flummox** (v) [fluhm-uh ks] {confound} be a mystery or bewildering to
- ☐ **gaffe** (n) [gaf] {solecism} a socially awkward or tactless act
- ☒ **grandiloquent** (adj) [gran-dil-uh-kwuh nt] {ornate} puffed up with vanity
- ☐ **hagiographic** (adj) [hag-ee-oh-graf-ik] excessively flattering toward someone's life or work
- ☐ **hail** (v) [hey] enthusiastically acclaim or celebrate something
- ☒ **illustrious** (adj) [ih-luhs-tree-uh s] {eminent} widely known and esteemed; having or conferring glory
- ☐ **importune** (v) [im-pawr-toon] beg persistently and urgently
- ☐ **impute** (v) [im-pyoot] {ascribe} attribute (responsibility or fault) to something
- ☒ **insouciance** (n) [in-soo-see-uh ns] {indifference, nonchalance} lack of concern
- ☐ **lampoon** (v) [lam-poon] ridicule with satire
- ☐ **litany** (n) [lit-n-ee] any long and tedious account of something
- ☒ **lugubrious** (adj) [loo-goo-bree-uh s] {dolorous, elegiac, lachrymose} excessively mournful
- ☐ **maunder** (v) [mawn-der] {meander} wander aimlessly || speak (about unimportant matters) rapidly and incessantly
- ☐ **mordant** (adj) [mor-dnt] {acerbic, sardonic} biting and caustic in thought, manner, or style

- ☐ **moribund** (adj) [mor-uh-buhnd] {archaic, antiquated} being on the point of death; declining rapidly losing all momentum in progress
- ☐ **pecuniary** (adj) [pi-kyoo-nee-er-ee] relating to or involving money
- ☒ **perspicacious** (adj) [pur-spi-key-shuh s] {incisive, sagacious} acutely insightful and wise
- ☐ **plucky** (adj) [pluhk-ee] marked by courage and determination
- ☐ **portentous** (adj) [pohr-ten-tuh s] {baleful} ominously prophetic
- ☐ **primacy** (n) [prahy-muh-see] the state of being first in importance
- ☐ **probity** (n) [proh-bi-tee] integrity, strong moral principles
- ☐ **prognostication** (n) [prog-nos-ti-key-shuh n] a statement made about the future
- ☐ **prolixity** (n) [proh-likes-i-tee] boring verbosity
- ☒ **provident** (adj) [prov-i-duh nt] {economical, frugal, thrifty} careful in regard to your own interests; providing carefully for the future
- ☐ **punctilious** (adj) [puhngk-til-ee-uh s] marked by precise accordance with details
- ☐ **quail** (v) [kweyl] draw back, as with fear or pain
- ☐ **raconteur** (n) [rak-uh n-tur] a person skilled in telling anecdotes
- ☐ **recapitulation** (n) [ree-kuh-pich-uh-ley-shuh n] a summary (think of recap)
- ☐ **redoubtable** (adj) [ri-dou-tuh-buh l] inspiring fear or awe
- ☒ **sagacious** (adj) [suh-gey-shuh s] {incisive, perspicacious} having good judgment and acute insight
- ☐ **semblance** (n) [sem-bluh ns] an outward or token appearance or form that is deliberately misleading
- ☐ **sinecure** (n) [sahy-ni-kyoo r] an office that involves minimal duties
- ☐ **solecism** (n) [sol-uh-siz-uh m] {gaffe} a socially awkward or tactless act

- ☒ **temerity (n)** [tuh-mer-i-tee] {audacity, effrontery, gall, presumption}
fearless daring
- ☐ **umbrage (n)** [uhm-brij] a feeling of anger caused by being offended
- ☐ **unforthcoming (adj)** [uhn-fohrth-kuhm-ing] uncooperative, not willing to give up information
- ☐ **vitriolic (adj)** [vi-tree-ol-ik] {invective, truculent, vituperative}
harsh or corrosive in tone

17 Advanced Words IV [14/51]

- ☒ **apposite (adj)** [ap-uh-zit] {germane, pertinent} remarkably appropriate
- ☒ **asperity (n)** [uh-sper-i-tee] {acrimony, mordancy, vitriol} harshness of manner
- ☐ **celerity (n)** [suh-ler-i-tee] speed, rapidity
- ☐ **corollary (n)** [kor-uh-ler-ee] a practical consequence that follows naturally
- ☐ **cosset (v)** [kos-it] treat with excessive indulgence
- ☒ **crestfallen (adj)** [krest-faw-luh n] {doleful, melancholic} brought low in spirit
- ☐ **crystallize (v)** [kris-tl-ahyz] cause to take on a definite and clear shape
- ☒ **decry (v)** [dih-krahy] {censure, objurgate} express strong disapproval of
- ☐ **denouement (n)** [dey-noo-mahn] the final resolution of the many strands of a literary or dramatic work; the outcome of a complex sequence of events
- ☐ **dispensation (n)** [dis-puh n-sey-shuh n] an exemption from a rule or obligation
- ☐ **dovetail (v)** [duhv-teyl] fit together tightly, as if by means of an interlocking joint

- ☐ **encumber (v)** [en-kuhm-ber] {hamper, hobble, stymie} hold back
- ☒ **equitable (adj)** [ek-wi-tuh-buh l] {disinterested, dispassionate, evenhanded, impartial} fair to all parties as dictated by reason and conscience
- ☐ **firebrand (n)** [fahyuh r-brand] someone who deliberately creates trouble
- ☐ **flippant (adj)** [flip-uh nt] showing inappropriate levity
- ☐ **hobble (v)** [hob-uh l] {encumber, hamper, stymie} to hold back the progress of something
- ☐ **hubris (n)** [hyoo-bris] overbearing pride or presumption
- ☐ **immure (v)** [ih-myoo r] to enclose, usually in walls
- ☒ **imperious (adj)** [im-peer-ee-uh s] {cavalier, haughty, overweening, supercilious} having or showing arrogant superiority to and disdain of those one views as unworthy
- ☐ **impetuous (adj)** [im-pech-oo-uh s] characterized by undue haste and lack of thought or deliberation
- ☒ **improvident (adj)** [im-prov-i-duh nt] {myopic} not given careful consideration
- ☐ **incontrovertible (adj)** [in-kon-truh-vur-tuh-buh l] necessarily or demonstrably true; impossible to deny or disprove
- ☐ **inimitable (adj)** [ih-nim-i-tuh-buh l] defying imitation; matchless
- ☐ **intimation (n)** [in-tuh-mey-shuh n] an indirect suggestion
- ☐ **inure (v)** [in-yoo r] to make accustomed to something unpleasant
- ☐ **invidious (adj)** [in-vid-ee-uh s] likely to cause resentment
- ☐ **inviolate (adj)** [in-vahy-uh-lit] must be kept sacred
- ☐ **irrefutable (adj)** [ih-ref-yuh-tuh-buh l] impossible to deny or disprove
- ☐ **lacerate (v)** [las-uh-reyt] deeply hurt the feelings of; distress
- ☒ **machinate (v)** [mak-uh-neyt] {collude, connive, contrive} engage in plotting or enter into a conspiracy, swear together

- ☐ **magisterial** (adj) [maj-uh-steer-ee-uh l] offensively self-assured or given to exercising unwarranted power
- ☒ **nonchalant** (adj) [non-shuh-lahnt] {apathetic, insouciant, indifferent, perfunctory} across as uninterested or unconcerned; overly casual
- ☐ **obstreperous** (adj) [uh b-strep-er-uh s] {refractory, vociferous} noisily and stubbornly defiant; willfully difficult to control
- ☐ **ossify** (v) [os-uh-fahy] make rigid and set into a conventional pattern
- ☒ **patent** (adj) [peyt-nt] {blatant, conspicuous, egregious} glaringly obvious
- ☒ **peripatetic** (adj) [per-uh-puh-tet-ik] {errant, itinerant} traveling by foot
- ☐ **presentiment** (n) [pri-zen-tuh-muh nt] a feeling of evil to come
- ☒ **puerile** (adj) [pyoo-er-il] {callow, jejune} of or characteristic of a child; displaying or suggesting a lack of maturity
- ☐ **puissant** (adj) [pyoo-uh-suh nt] powerful
- ☐ **rarefied** (adj) [rair-uh-fahyd] made more subtle or refined
- ☐ **recrimination** (n) [ri-krim-uh-ney-shuh n] mutual accusations
- ☐ **ribald** (adj) [rib-uh ld] humorously vulgar
- ☒ **spartan** (adj) [spahr-tn] {ascetic, austere} unsparing and uncompromising in discipline or judgment; practicing great self-denial
- ☒ **stalwart** (adj) [stawl-wert] {doughty, intrepid} dependable; inured to fatigue or hardships
- ☐ **subterfuge** (n) [suhb-ter-fyooj] something intended to misrepresent the true nature of an activity
- ☐ **surreptitious** (adj) [sur-uh p-tish-uh s] stealthy, taking pains not to be caught or detected
- ☐ **tempestuous** (adj) [tem-pes-choo-uh s] as if driven by turbulent or conflicting emotions; highly energetic and wildly changing or fluctuating

- **unflappable** (adj) [uhn-flap-uh-buh l] not easily perturbed or excited or upset; marked by extreme calm and composure
- **unpropitious** (adj) [uhn-pruh-pish-uh s] (of a circumstance) with little chance of success
- **untenable** (adj) [uhn-ten-uh-buh l] (of theories etc) incapable of being defended or justified
- **unviable** (adj) [uhn-vahy-uh-buh l] not able to work, survive, or succeed (also spelled inviable)

18 Advanced Words V [3/50]

- **anachronism** (n) [uh-nak-ruh-niz-uh m] something that is inappropriate for the given time period (usually something old)
- **antic** (adj) [an-tik] ludicrously odd
- **apothegm** (n) [ap-uh-them] {aphorism, epigram, maxim} a short, pithy instruction saying
- **appurtenant** (adj) [uh-pur-tn-uh nt] supplying added support
- **arrogate** (v) [ar-uh-geyt] seize and control without authority
- **artifice** (n) [ahr-tuh-fis] {gambit, ploy} cunning tricks used to deceive others
- **atavism** (n) [at-uh-viz-uh m] a reappearance of an earlier characteristic; throwback
- **baleful** (adj) [beyl-fuh l] {portentous} threatening or foreshadowing evil or tragic developments
- **bemoan** (v) [bih-mohn] express discontent or strong regret
- **besotted** (adj) [bih-sot-id] strongly affectionate towards || very drunk
- **bristle** (v) [bris-uh l] react in an offended or angry manner
- **broadside** (n) [brawd-sahyd] a strong verbal attack
- **brook** (v) [broo k] put up with something or somebody unpleasant

- ☐ **browbeat** (v) [**brou-beet**] be bossy towards; discourage or frighten with threats or a domineering manner
- ☐ **chagrin** (n, v) [**shuh-grin**] strong feelings of embarrassment || cause to feel shame; hurt the pride of
- ☐ **chimera** (n) [**kahy-meer-uh**] something desired or wished for but is only an illusion and impossible to achieve
- ☐ **debonair** (adj) [**deb-uh-nair**] having a sophisticated charm
- ☐ **deign** (v) [**deyn**] do something that one considers to be below one's dignity
- ☐ **disingenuous** (adj) [**dis-in-jen-yoo-uh s**] not straightforward; giving a false appearance of frankness
- ☒ **doleful** (adj) [**dohl-fuh l**] {**crestfallen, melancholic**} filled with or evoking sadness
- ☐ **effervescent** (adj) [**ef-er-ves-uh nt**] marked by high spirits or excitement
- ☐ **embryonic** (adj) [**em-bree-on-ik**] in an early stage of development
- ☐ **empiricism** (n) [**em-pir-uh-siz-uh m**] any method that derives knowledge from experience, used in experimental science as a way to gain insight and knowledge
- ☐ **epigram** (n) [**ep-i-gram**] {**aphorism, apothegm, maxim**} a witty saying
- ☐ **ersatz** (adj) [**er-sahts**] {**factitious**} not real genuine; phony
- ☐ **exemplar** (n) [**ig-zam-pler**] {**apotheosis**} something to be imitated
- ☐ **gambit** (n) [**gam-bit**] {**artifice, ploy**} a maneuver or risk in a game or conversation, designed to secure an advantage
- ☐ **hoary** (adj) [**hohr-ee**] ancient
- ☐ **inanity** (n) [**ih-nan-i-tee**] total lack of meaning or ideas
- ☐ **inchoate** (adj) [**in-koh-it**] only partly in existence; imperfectly formed

- ☐ **ineffable** (adj) [in-ef-uh-buh l] too sacred to be uttered; defying expression or description
- ☐ **languish** (v) [lang-gwish] become feeble
- ☐ **meteoric** (adj) [mee-tee-or-ik] like a meteor in speed or brilliance or transience
- ☐ **nettlesome** (adj) [net-l-suh m] causing irritation or annoyance
- ☒ **objurgate** (v) [ob-jer-geyt] {censure, decry} express strong disapproval of
- ☐ **paragon** (n) [par-uh-gon] model of excellence or perfection of a kind; one having no equal || an ideal instance; a perfect embodiment of a concept
- ☐ **percipient** (adj) [per-sip-ee-uh nt] highly perceptive
- ☐ **philistine** (adj) [fil-uh-steen] smug and ignorant towards artistic and cultural values
- ☐ **phlegmatic** (adj) [fleg-mat-ik] showing little emotion
- ☐ **pith** (n) [pith] the most essential part of something
- ☐ **rapprochement** (n) [rap-rohsh-mahn] the reestablishing of cordial relations
- ☐ **recrudesce** (v) [ree-kroo-des] to break out or happen again
- ☐ **reprisal** (n) [ri-prahy-zuh l] a retaliatory action against an enemy in wartime
- ☐ **solicitude** (n) [suh-lis-i-tood] {apprehension, perturbation} a feeling of excessive concern
- ☐ **squelch** (v) [skwelch] suppress or crush completely
- ☐ **truculence** (n) [truhk-yuh-luh nt] defiant aggressiveness
- ☐ **unprepossessing** (adj) [uhn-pree-puh-zes-ing] creating an unfavorable or neutral first impression
- ☐ **unstinting** (adj) [uhn-stint-ing] {munificent} very generous

- ☐ **untrammelled** (adj) [uhn-tram-uh ld] not confined or limited
- ☒ **vitriol** (n) [vi-tree-uh l] {asperity, acrimony, mordancy} abusive or venomous language used to express blame or bitter deep-seated ill will

19 Advanced Words VI [10/50]

- ☐ **abjure** (v) [uh-joo r] formally reject or give up (as a belief)
- ☐ **afford** (v) [uh-fohrd] provide with an opportunity
- ☐ **aplomb** (n) [uh-plom] {sangfroid} great coolness and composure under strain
- ☐ **appropriate** (v) [uh-proh-pree-eyt] to give or take something by force || to allocate
- ☐ **assiduously** (adv) [uh-sij-oo-uh s-lee] with care and persistence
- ☐ **autocratic** (adj) [aw-tuh-krat-ik] {dictatorial} characteristic of an absolute ruler or absolute rule; having absolute sovereignty || offensively self-assured or given to exercising usually unwarranted power
- ☐ **bridle** (v) [brahyd-l] the act of restraining power or action or limiting excess || to react with anger or to take offense
- ☒ **bromide** (n) [broh-mahyd] {banality, platitude} a trite or obvious remark
- ☒ **callow** (adj) [kal-oh] {fledgling, puerile} young and inexperienced
- ☐ **complaisant** (adj) [kuh m-pley-suh nt] showing a cheerful willingness to do favors for others
- ☐ **complicit** (adj) [kuh m-plis-it] associated with or participating in an activity, especially one of a questionable nature
- ☐ **conflagration** (n) [kon-fluh-grey-shuh n] a very intense and uncontrolled fire
- ☒ **conflate** (v) [kuh n-fleyt] {confound} mix together different elements or concepts
- ☐ **coterminous** (adj) [koh-tur-muh-nuh s] being of equal extent or scope or duration

- ☐ **desiccated** (adj) [des-i-key-tid] uninteresting, lacking vitality
- ☐ **desideratum** (n) [dih-sid-uh-rey-tuh m] something desired as a necessity
- ☐ **discursive** (adj) [dih-skur-siv] (of e.g. speech and writing) tending to depart from the main point
- ☒ **dolorous** (adj) [doh-ler-uh s] {elegiac, lachrymose, lugubrious} showing sorrow
- ☒ **doughty** (adj) [dou-tee] {intrepid, stalwart} brave; bold; courageous
- ☒ **elegiac** (adj) [el-i-jahy-uh k] {elegiac, lachrymose, lugubrious} expressing sorrow
- ☐ **enormity** (n) [ih-nawr-mi-tee] an act of extreme wickedness
- ☒ **ethereal** (adj) [ih-theer-ee-uh l] {gossamer} characterized by lightness and insubstantiality
- ☐ **facile** (adj) [fas-il] arrived at without due care or effort; lacking depth
- ☒ **fecund** (adj) [fee-kuhnd] {prolific} intellectually productive
- ☐ **gumption** (n) [guhmp-shuh n] resourcefulness and determination
- ☐ **hauteur** (n) [hoh-tur] overbearing pride evidenced by a superior manner toward inferiors
- ☐ **impervious** (adj) [im-pur-vee-uh s] {impermeable, impregnable} not admitting of passage or capable of being affected
- ☐ **impugn** (v) [im-pyoon] attack as false or wrong
- ☐ **inequity** (n) [in-ek-wi-tee] injustice by virtue of not conforming with rules or standards
- ☐ **internecine** (adj) [in-ter-nee-seen] (of conflict) within a group or organization
- ☐ **inviolable** (adj) [in-vahy-uh-luh-buh l] never to be broken, infringed, or dishonored
- ☐ **malingerer** (n) [muh-ling-ger] someone shirking their duty by pretending to be sick or incapacitated

- ☐ **mendicant** (n) [men-di-kuh nt] a pauper who lives by begging
- ☐ **noisome** (adj) [noi-suh m] {malodorous} having an extremely bad smell
- ☐ **obtuse** (adj) [uh b-toos] {vacuous} slow to learn or understand; lacking intellectual acuity; lacking in insight or discernment
- ☐ **palatable** (adj) [pal-uh-tuh-buh l] acceptable to the taste or mind
- ☒ **panegyric** (n) [pan-i-jir-ik] {accolade, commendation} a formal expression of praise
- ☐ **pellucid** (adj) [puh-loo-sid] {lucid, unequivocal} transparently clear; easily understandable
- ☐ **pontificate** (v) [pon-tif-i-keyt] talk in a dogmatic and pompous manner
- ☐ **proscribe** (v) [proh-skrahyb] command against
- ☐ **proselytize** (v) [pros-uh-li-tahyz] convert (someone) to another religion, philosophy, or perspective
- ☒ **self-effacing** (adj) [self-i-feys-ing] {demure, diffident, retiring} reluctant to draw attention to yourself
- ☐ **solicitous** (adj) [suh-lis-i-tuh s] showing hovering attentiveness
- ☐ **stultify** (v) [stuhl-tuh-fahy] {desiccate, enervate} cause one, through routine, to lose energy and enthusiasm
- ☐ **transmute** (v) [trans-myoot] change or alter in form, appearance, or nature
- ☐ **turgid** (adj) [tur-jid] (of language) pompous and tedious
- ☐ **tyro** (n) [tahy-roh] {fledgling} someone new to a field or activity
- ☐ **unassailable** (adj) [uhn-uh-sey-luh-buh l] immune to attack; without flaws
- ☐ **unimpeachable** (adj) [im-pee-chuh-buh l] free of guilt; not subject to blame; beyond doubt or reproach
- ☐ **vaunted** (adj) [vawn-tid] highly or widely praised or boasted about

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- ☒ **abrogate (v)** [ab-ruh-geyt] {rescind} revoke or relinquish formally;
do away with
- ☐ **adjudicate (v)** [uh-joo-di-keyt] to serve as a judge in a competition;
to arrive at a judgment or conclusion
- ☐ **bastardization (n)** [bas-ter-dahy-zey-shuh n] an act that debases or
corrupts
- ☐ **bereft (adj)** [bih-reft] unhappy in love; suffering from unrequited love
|| sorrowful through loss or deprivation
- ☐ **canard (n)** [kuh-nahrd] a deliberately misleading fabrication
- ☒ **capitulate (v)** [kuh-pich-uh-leyt] {cede, concede} to surrender (usu-
ally under agreed conditions)
- ☐ **cataclysm (n)** [kat-uh-kliz-uh m] an event resulting in great loss and
misfortune
- ☐ **chauvinism (n)** [shoh-vuh-niz-uh m] {jingoism} fanatical patriotism;
belief that one's group/cause is superior to all other groups/causes
- ☐ **concomitant (adj)** [kon-kom-i-tuh nt] describing an event or situa-
tion that happens at the same time as or in connection with another
- ☐ **countermand (v)** [koun-ter-mand] a contrary command canceling or
reversing a previous command
- ☐ **demonstrative (adj)** [duh-mon-struh-tiv] given to or marked by the
open expression of emotion
- ☐ **despot (n)** [des-puh t] a cruel and oppressive dictator
- ☐ **diminutive (n, adj)** [dih-min-yuh-tiv] to indicate smallness || very
small
- ☐ **dissemble (v)** [dih-sem-buh l] conceal one's true motives, usually through
deceit
- ☐ **dissipate (v)** [dis-uh-peyt] {squander} squander or spend money frivolously
|| to disperse or scatter

- ☐ **dissolution (n)** [dis-uh-loo-shuh n] a living full of debauchery and indulgence in sensual pleasure
- ☐ **ebullient (adj)** [ih-buhl-yuh nt] joyously unrestrained
- ☐ **enamored (adj)** [ih-nam-er d] strongly attracted to or in love with
- ☐ **eponym (n)** [ep-uh-nim] the name derived from a person (real or imaginary); the person for whom something is named
- ☒ **estimable (adj)** [es-tuh-muh-buh l] {commendable, laudable} deserving of esteem and respect
- ☒ **evanescent (adj)** [ev-uh-nes-uh nt] {ephemeral, transient, transitory} tending to vanish like vapor
- ☐ **exiguity (n)** [ig-zi-gyoo-i-tee] the quality of being meager
- ☐ **exorbitant (adj)** [ig-zawr-bi-tuh nt] {unconscionable} greatly exceeding bounds of reason or moderation
- ☒ **extrapolate (v)** [ik-strap-uh-leyt] {derive} draw from specific cases for more general cases
- ☐ **flag (v)** [flag] droop, sink, or settle from or as if from pressure or loss of tautness; become less intense
- ☐ **graft (n)** [graft] corruption, usually through bribery
- ☐ **halcyon (adj)** [hal-see-uh n] idyllically calm and peaceful; suggesting happy tranquility; marked by peace and prosperity
- ☐ **hoodwink (v)** [hoo d-wingk] to deceive or trick someone
- ☐ **ineluctable (adj)** [in-i-luhk-tuh-buh l] impossible to avoid or evade
- ☒ **infelicitous (adj)** [in-fuh-lis-i-tuh s] {incongruous, indecorous, unseemly} inappropriate
- ☒ **lachrymose (adj)** [lak-ruh-mohs] {dolorous, elegiac, lugubrious} showing sorrow
- ☐ **loath (adj)** [lohth] unwilling to do something contrary to your custom (usually followed by 'to')

- ☐ **misattribute** (v) [**mis-uh-trib-yoot**] to erroneously attribute; to falsely ascribe; used especially of authorship
- ☐ **modicum** (n) [**mod-i-kuh m**] {**smattering**} a small or moderate or token amount
- ☐ **oblique** (adj) [**oh-bleek**] not straightforward; indirect
- ☐ **obtain** (v) [**uh b-teyn**] be valid, applicable, or true
- ☐ **officious** (adj) [**uh-fish-uh s**] intrusive in a meddling or offensive manner
- ☐ **palaver** (v) [**puh-lav-er**] speak (about unimportant matters) rapidly and incessantly
- ☐ **panacea** (n) [**pan-uh-see-uh**] hypothetical remedy for all ills or diseases; a universal solution
- ☐ **pillory** (v) [**pil-uh-ree**] ridicule or expose to public scorn
- ☐ **promulgate** (v) [**prom-uh l-geyt**] state or announce
- ☐ **raillery** (n) [**rey-luh-ree**] light teasing
- ☐ **row** (n) [**roh**] an angry dispute
- ☐ **sardonic** (adj) [**sahr-don-ik**] {**acerbic, mordant**} disdainfully or ironically humorous; scornful and mocking
- ☐ **simulacrum** (n) [**sim-yuh-ley-kruh m**] a representation of a person (especially in the form of sculpture) || a bad imitation
- ☐ **splenetic** (adj) [**spli-net-ik**] {**bilious, surly**} very irritable
- ☒ **surfeit** (n) [**sur-fit**] {**glut**} an excessive amount of something
- ☐ **trenchant** (adj) [**tren-chuh nt**] characterized by or full of force and vigor; having keenness and forcefulness and penetration in thought, expression, or intellect
- ☐ **verisimilitude** (n) [**ver-uh-si-mil-i-tood**] the appearance of truth
- ☐ **veritable** (adj) [**ver-i-tuh-buh l**] truthfully, without a doubt