

## **whitewash-**

(Noun): a solution of lime and water or of whiting, size, and water, used for painting walls white.

(Verb): paint (a wall, building, or room) with whitewash

## **vigorous-**

(Adjective): strong, healthy, and full of energy

## **scintillating-**

(Adjective): sparkling or shining brightly

## **unscrupulous-**

(Adjective): having or showing no moral principles; not honest or fair

## **chagrin-**

(Noun): annoyance or distress at having failed or been humiliated (Verb): feel distressed or humiliated

## **insidious-**

(Adjective): proceeding in a gradual, subtle way, but with very harmful effects

## **dissemble-**

(Verb): conceal or disguise one's true feelings or beliefs

## **venal-**

(Adjective): showing or motivated by susceptibility to bribery; corrupt

## **requisite-**

(Adjective): made necessary by particular circumstances or regulations (Noun): a thing that is necessary for the achievement of a specified end

## **elite-**

(Noun): a select group that is superior in terms of ability or qualities to the rest of a group or society

## **discretionary-**

(Adjective): available for use at the discretion of the user

## **xenophobia-**

(Noun): dislike of or prejudice against people from other countries

## **egregious-**

(Adjective): outstandingly bad; shocking

## **brusque-**

(Adjective): abrupt or offhand in speech or manner

## **anticipate-**

(Verb): regard as probable; expect or predict

## **solemnity-**

(Noun): the state or quality of being serious and dignified

## **idle-**

(Adjective): (of a person) avoiding work; lazy (Verb): spend time doing nothing

## **contrary-**

(Adjective): opposite in nature, direction, or meaning (Noun): the opposite

## **aesthetic-**

(Adjective): concerned with beauty or the appreciation of beauty (Noun): a set of principles underlying the work of a particular artist or artistic movement

## **insightful-**

(Adjective): having or showing an accurate and deep understanding; perceptive

## **tonality-**

(Noun): the character of a piece of music as determined by the key in which it is played or the relations between the notes of a scale or key

## **ingenious-**

(Adjective): (of a person) clever, original, and inventive

## **coltish-**

(Adjective): energetic but awkward in one's movements or behaviour

## **conjectural-**

(Adjective): based on or involving conjecture

## **entail-**

(Verb): involve (something) as a necessary or inevitable part or consequence (Noun): a limitation of the inheritance of property to certain heirs over a number of generations

## **arduous-**

(Adjective): involving or requiring strenuous effort; difficult and tiring

## **antagonistic-**

(Adjective): showing or feeling active opposition or hostility towards someone or something

## **sardonic-**

(Adjective): grimly mocking or cynical

## **redundant-**

(Adjective): not or no longer needed or useful; superfluous

## **impudent-**

(Adjective): not showing due respect for another person; impertinent

## **blissful-**

(Adjective): extremely happy; full of joy

## **dementia-**

(Noun): a chronic or persistent disorder of the mental processes caused by brain disease or injury and marked by memory disorders, personality changes, and impaired reasoning.

## **erudition-**

(Noun): the quality of having or showing great knowledge or learning; scholarship

## **stolid-**

(Adjective): calm, dependable, and showing little emotion or animation

## **simulacrum-**

(Noun): an image or representation of someone or something

## **boorish-**

(Adjective): rough and bad-mannered; coarse

## **venerable-**

(Adjective): accorded a great deal of respect, especially because of age, wisdom, or character

## **tendentious-**

(Adjective): expressing or intending to promote a particular cause or point of view, especially a controversial one

## **rout-**

(Noun): a disorderly retreat of defeated troops (Verb): defeat and cause to retreat in disorder

## **uncouth-**

(Adjective): lacking good manners, refinement, or grace

## **ephemeral-**

(Adjective): lasting for a very short time (Noun): an ephemeral plant

## **insurmountable-**

(Adjective): too great to be overcome

## **impotent-**

(Adjective): unable to take effective action; helpless or powerless

## **impartial-**

(Adjective): treating all rivals or disputants equally

## **acumen-**

(Noun): the ability to make good judgements and take quick decisions

## **humanize-**

(Verb): make (something) more humane or civilized

## **blunt-**

(Adjective): (of a cutting implement) not having a sharp edge or point (Verb): make or become less sharp (Noun): a hollowed-out cigar filled with cannabis.

## **tyrannical-**

(Adjective): exercising power in a cruel or arbitrary way

## **chary-**

(Adjective): cautiously or suspiciously reluctant to do something

## **fastidious-**

(Adjective): very attentive to and concerned about accuracy and detail