

## 6 NMAT by GMAC™ Word List

As you can see, vocabulary will comprise a large chunk of the questions you will see on NMAT by GMAC™ verbal section.

While there is no end to the number of words you can learn, to start with here is a list of 1000 words commonly tested on the NMAT by GMAC™. Of course, this is not a foolproof list and you will, almost certainly, see words from outside this list on the test. But, as a first step, it is a good idea to start with this list. Once you have learnt these words you can easily learn more words beyond this list.

Remember that consistency is the most important thing when it comes to expanding your vocabulary. We suggest that you start with a small number of words every day—say 20 words or so—and then gradually increase this number. If you progress at the rate of 20 words a day you will have completed all 1000 words in just 50 days!



**Important Learning:** While learning words, aim for quality and not quantity. If you study words consistently, you will be able to learn a lot of words in relatively less time.

### High Frequency Words:

#### A

Abase	lower; degrade; humiliate
Abash	make (someone) feel embarrassed, disconcerted or ashamed
Abate	to reduce in amount, degree or intensity; lessen
Abdicate	to relinquish (power or responsibility) formally
Abet	assist, usually in doing something wrong; encourage
Abhorrent	one that is hated; disgusting, loathsome or repellent
Abjure	to renounce, repudiate, retract or give up, usually under oath
Abnegation	renunciation; self-sacrifice
Abominable	detestable; extremely unpleasant
Abortive	unsuccessful; fruitless
Abridge	condense or shorten
Absolve	pardon (an offense)
Abstemious	exercising moderation and self-restraint in appetite and behaviour
Abstruse	difficult to understand; recondite
Abut	to touch at one end or side; lie adjacent
Abyss	an immeasurably deep chasm, depth or void
Accolade	an expression of approval; praise
Acerbic	sour or bitter tasting; acidic
Acme	the highest point, as of achievement or development
Acquiesce	assent; agree passively; comply without protest
Acumen	shrewdness shown by keen insight
Acquit	free from a charge or accusation

Acrimony	bitter ill-natured animosity in speech or behaviour
Adage	wise saying; proverb
Admonish	take to task; to criticise for a fault
Advocate	support or push for something
Aegis	protection; endorsement; guidance
Aesthetic	concerning or characterised by an appreciation of beauty or good taste
Affectation	a deliberate pretense or exaggerated display
Aggress	take the initiative and go on the offensive
Alacrity	liveliness and eagerness
Alleviate	to lessen the pain; to make something better
Altruism	the quality of unselfish concern for the welfare of others
Ambiguous	open to two or more interpretations; of uncertain nature or significance
Ambrosial	worthy of the gods; highly pleasing to the senses—especially that of taste
Ameliorate	to make better
Amenable	disposed or willing to comply
Amnesty	a general pardon granted by a government, especially for political offenses
Anachronism	from an incorrect time period
Anarchy	a state of lawlessness and disorder
Anathema	a damnation or a curse
Animadversion	harsh criticism or disapproval
Antediluvian	old; ancient
Antipathy	deep-seated hatred; extreme hostility and dislike
Apathy	lack of interest or concern; indifference
Aphorism	a short pithy instructive saying; an adage
Apocalyptic	prophetic of devastation or ultimate doom
Apogee	final climactic stage; the highest/farthest point
Appall	filled with apprehension or alarm; cause to be unpleasantly surprised
Appellation	a name, title or designation
Aposite	something of striking appropriateness and pertinence
Approbation	official recognition or approval
Arduous	difficult to accomplish; demanding considerable mental effort and skill
Arrogate	seize and take control without authority and possibly with force
Articulate	able to express oneself easily in clear and effective language
Artless	having or displaying no guile, cunning or deceit; innocent
Assiduous	perseverance in carrying out an action; diligent
Assuage	to satisfy or appease; to calm or to pacify
Attenuate	to make slender, fine or small; to lessen the density of; rarefy
Audacious	fearlessly, often recklessly, daring; bold
Austere	severe or stern in disposition or appearance; bare
Autonomous	independent in mind or judgment; self-directed
Avarice	immoderate desire for wealth; cupidity
Aver	to assert formally as a fact; to justify or prove

**B**

Badger	annoy persistently
Baffle	frustrate; perplex
Bait	food or other lure used to catch fish or trap animals
Balk	hesitate; recoil
Balmy	mild and pleasant; soothing
Banal	repeated too often; familiar through overuse; boring
Bane	something causing misery or death
Baleful	deadly or sinister
Base	contemptible; morally bad; inferior in value or quality
Bask	derive or receive pleasure from; get enjoyment from
Bawl	cry loudly
Bedlam	a state of extreme confusion and disorder
Bedraggle	make wet and dirty, as from rain
Befuddle	confuse thoroughly
Begrudge	envy; give or allow unwillingly
Beguile	attract; cause to be enamoured
Behemoth	huge creature; something of monstrous size or power
Belittle	lessen the authority, dignity or reputation of; express a negative opinion
Bellicose	having or showing a ready disposition to fight
Belie	represent falsely
Belligerent	someone who fights or is aggressive
Bellow	shout loudly and without restraint
Bemused	confused; lost in thought; preoccupied
Benediction	the act of praying for divine protection
Benevolent	showing kindness; generous
Benign	kindly; favourable; not malignant
Bequeath	leave or give by will after one's death
Berate	censure severely or angrily
Besmirch	charge falsely; attack the good name and reputation of someone
Blandish	praise somewhat dishonestly
Blasphemy	the act of depriving something of its sacred character
Boisterous	noisy and lacking in restraint or discipline
Bombastic	ostentatiously lofty in style
Boorish	ill-mannered and coarse; contemptible in behaviour or appearance
Brackish	slightly salty
Braggart	a very boastful and talkative person
Brusque	abrupt and curt in manner or speech
Bucolic	descriptive of rural or pastoral life
Burgeon	grow and flourish
Buttress	a support, usually of stone or brick

## C

	<i>synonym</i>	<i>antonym</i>	<i>example</i>
Cache	hiding place; a collection of similar items stored in a hidden or inaccessible place		
Cacophony	a loud harsh or strident noise		
Cajole	persuade by praise or false promise; coax; wheedle		
Callous	hardened; without sympathy for the sufferings of others		
Camaraderie	goodwill and light-hearted rapport between or among friends		
Canard	unfounded false rumour; exaggerated false report		
Candid	free from prejudice; impartial; frank		
Capitulate	to surrender under specified conditions; come to terms		
Capricious	characterised by or subject to whims; impulsive and unpredictable		
Cardinal	of foremost importance; paramount		
Caricature	a representation of a person that is exaggerated for comic effect		
Carnage	the savage and excessive killing of many people		
Castigation	punishment; chastisement; reproof		
Cataclysm	an event resulting in great loss and misfortune; a great flood		
Catholic	relating to the Church; comprehensive or universal		
Cavalier	casual and offhand; arrogant		
Cede	surrender formally		
Celerity	speed; rapidity		
Censure	harsh criticism or disapproval		
Certitude	certainty		
Charlatan	a person who makes fraudulent, and often volatile, claims to skill or knowledge		
Chasm	a deep opening in the earth's surface; a difference of ideas, beliefs or opinions		
Chagrin	strong feelings of embarrassment		
Chicanery	deception by trickery or sophistry		
Choleric	characterised by anger		
Circumlocution	an indirect way of expressing something		
Citadel	a stronghold into which people could go for shelter during a battle; fortress		
Clairvoyant	a person who can look into the future		
Coercion	using force to cause something to occur		
Cogent	powerfully persuasive		
Cognizant	marked by comprehension and perception: fully informed and aware		
Collusion	secret agreement or conspiracy		
Colossus	a person of exceptional importance and reputation		
Comeliness	the quality of being good looking and attractive		
Commensurate	corresponding in size, degree or extent; proportional		
Commiserate	to feel or express sympathy or compassion		
Compendium	a concise but comprehensive summary of a larger work		
Complacent	contented to a fault; self-satisfied and unconcerned		
Complaisant	showing a cheerful willingness to do favours for others		
Concurrent	occurring or operating at the same time		
Condone	excuse, overlook or make allowances for; be lenient with		

Congeal	to thicken or to solidify
Connoisseur	an expert in some field, especially in the fine arts
Consecrate	render holy by means of religious rites
Consequential	having great significance, following as a result or effect
Contentious	argumentative; quarrelsome; controversial
Conundrum	a difficult problem; a puzzling situation
Convene	call together
Convivial	fun loving; fond of good company
Convoluted	having numerous overlapping coils or folds
Copious	affording an abundant supply
Cornucopia	the property of being extremely abundant
Corporal	of or relating to the body
Corpulent	excessively fat
Covert	covered over; sheltered; secret
Cower	show submission or fear
Craven	an abject coward
Credulous	believe too readily; gullible
Crestfallen	brought low in spirit; dejected
Cryptic	secret; obscure in meaning
Culmination	a concluding action
Culpable	deserving blame or censure as being wrong or evil
Cursory	hasty and without attention to detail; not thorough
Cynicism	feeling of distrust
<b>D</b>	
Dabble	work in an amateurish manner
Dainty	delicate; delicately beautiful
Dandy	a man who is much concerned with his dress and appearance
Dapper	neat in appearance and quick in movements
Dauntless	having or showing courage
Dawdle	loiter; hang around; waste time doing nothing
Deadpan	impassive; with no show of feeling; with an expressionless face
Dearth	a scarce supply; a lack
Debacle	a complete failure
Debase	degrade; reduce in quality or value; degenerate
Debauchery	extreme indulgence in sensual pleasures; immoral self-indulgence
Debilitate	weaken (through heat, hunger, illness); enfeeble
Decadence	the state of being degenerate in mental or moral qualities
Decapitate	to cut off the head; behead
Decipher	decode
Decorum	appropriate behaviour; good manners
Decrepit	weak and in bad condition (from old age)

Decry	to condemn openly	to condemn openly
Defection	withdrawing support or help despite allegiance	withdrawing support or help despite allegiance
Deference	high degree of respect or courtesy	high degree of respect or courtesy
Defunct	no longer in use, force or operation	no longer in use, force or operation
Delectable	greatly pleasing, normally associated with food; delicious	greatly pleasing, normally associated with food; delicious
Deleterious	having a harmful effect; injurious	having a harmful effect; injurious
Deluge	a great flood or a heavy downpour	a great flood or a heavy downpour
Demur	to voice opposition; object	to voice opposition; object
Demure	shy	shy
Denigrate	to defame or belittle	to defame or belittle
Depravity	moral corruption or degradation	moral corruption or degradation
Derelict	deserted by an owner or keeper; abandoned; run-down; dilapidated	deserted by an owner or keeper; abandoned; run-down; dilapidated
Derision	the act of deriding or treating with contempt	the act of deriding or treating with contempt
Desecry	to discover by careful observation or scrutiny; detect	to discover by careful observation or scrutiny; detect
Despondent	the condition of being depressed	the condition of being depressed
Detrimental	causing damage or harm; injurious	causing damage or harm; injurious
Diatribe	a bitter, abusive denunciation	a bitter, abusive denunciation
Dictum	an authoritative statement	an authoritative statement
Diffident	lacking self-confidence	lacking self-confidence
Digress	turn aside, especially from the main subject of attention	turn aside, especially from the main subject of attention
Dilapidation	a state of deterioration due to old age or long use	a state of deterioration due to old age or long use
Dilatory	wasting time	wasting time
Dilemma	a confusing situation; a difficult choice	a confusing situation; a difficult choice
Dilettante	lacking the required professional skill	lacking the required professional skill
Dirge	a funeral hymn or lament	a funeral hymn or lament
Disabuse	free somebody (from an erroneous belief)	free somebody (from an erroneous belief)
Discern	detect with the senses	detect with the senses
Disconsolate	sad beyond comforting; incapable of being consoled	sad beyond comforting; incapable of being consoled
Disgruntled	in a state of sulky dissatisfaction	in a state of sulky dissatisfaction
Disparage	to speak of in a slighting or disrespectful way; belittle	to speak of in a slighting or disrespectful way; belittle
Disquietude	feelings of anxiety that make you tense and irritable	feelings of anxiety that make you tense and irritable
Dissemble	to disguise or conceal behind a false appearance	to disguise or conceal behind a false appearance
Disseminate	to scatter widely, as in sowing seed	to scatter widely, as in sowing seed
Dissidence	disagreement, especially with the government	disagreement, especially with the government
Dissuade	discourage someone from a particular course of action	discourage someone from a particular course of action
Divulge	reveal a secret	reveal a secret
Dogmatic	orthodox; conventional	orthodox; conventional
Dolorous	showing sorrow	showing sorrow
Dregs	the sediment in a liquid; the basest or least desirable portion; residue	the sediment in a liquid; the basest or least desirable portion; residue
Droll	arousing laughter	arousing laughter
Dulcet	pleasing to the ear	pleasing to the ear

**E**

Ebb	recede; lessen; diminish	weakness
Ebullience	zestful enthusiasm	zeal
Eclectic	combining elements from a variety of sources	syncretic
Ecstasy	rapture; very strong feeling of joy and happiness	rapture
Edifice	building (of imposing size)	monument
Effeminate	having feminine traits or qualities; characterised by weakness and excessive refinement	effete
Effervescence	enthusiasm; vivacity; the process of bubbling as gas escapes	bubbliness
Effete	exhausted, infertile or no longer effective; no longer possessing a unique quality	worn-out
Efficacy	power or capacity to produce a desired effect; effectiveness	effectiveness
Effulgence	brilliant radiance; bright and sending out rays of light	radiance
Egregious	bad or offensive; strong and offensive in odour or flavour	abominable
Egress	a path or opening for going out; an exit	outlet
Elated	filled with excited joy and pride; overjoyed	ecstatic
Elegy	a poem or song composed especially as a lament for a deceased person	threnode
Elicit	to bring or draw out	extract
Eloquent	persuasive, powerful discourse	eloquent
Elucidate	explain; make clear; clarify; enlighten	clarify
Elusive	evasive; not frank; baffling; hard to grasp, catch or understand	indefinite
Emaciation	extreme thinness and wasting, caused by disease or undernutrition	thinness
Emanate	issue forth; come out	emanate
Emancipate	action or process of setting free, especially from legal, social or political restrictions	liberation
Embrolil	involve in dispute; complicate	complication
Eminent	rising above others; high; lofty; distinguished	superior
Emolument	salary; payment for an office; compensation	remuneration
Emulate	imitate; rival; try to equal or excel	surpass
Encomium	warm, glowing praise	praise
Endemic	prevalent in or peculiar to a particular locality, region or people	locality
Endorse	approve; support	recommend
Enervate	to weaken or destroy the strength or vitality	weaken
Engender	to procreate; propagate; give rise to	generate
Engross	occupy fully; absorb	absorb
Enigmatic	difficult to explain or understand	obscure
Enjoin	to give orders to	command
Ennui	the feeling of being bored by something tedious	tediousness
Enthrall	hold spellbound	hypnotise
Entice	lure; persuade to do (something wrong); attract; tempt	tempt
Entrench	fix firmly or securely	embed
Epiphany	a revelatory manifestation of a divine being	revelation
Equanimity	the quality of being calm and even-tempered; maintaining composure	tranquillity
Equivocal	deliberately ambiguous or vague	vague

Erratic	lacking consistency, regularity or uniformity
Erudite	extremely learned
Eschew	to keep away from or to avoid
Esoteric	known by a restricted number of people; understood by few
Eulogy	high praise or commendation
Euphemism	substituting a mild, indirect or vague term for one considered harsh, blunt or offensive
Euphoria	a feeling of great happiness or well-being
Exacerbate	to increase the severity; to aggravate further
Exasperate	to provoke or annoy to an extreme degree
Exhume	to remove from a grave; to dig out of the earth something that has been buried
Exigent	requiring immediate action or remedy; demanding; exacting
Exodus	a departure of a large number of people
Exonerate	to free from blame
Expatriate	to give up residence in one's homeland; to send into exile
Expiate	to make amends; atone
Expurgate	remove parts considered harmful or improper for publication
Extirpate	to destroy totally; exterminate
Extol	to pay tribute or homage to; to honour
Exuberant	full of unrestrained enthusiasm or joy

**F**

Fabrication	a deliberately false or improbable account
Façade	the face or front of a building or a showy misrepresentation intended to conceal something unpleasant
Facile	superficial; not deep
Factitious	not produced by natural forces
Fallacy	a misconception resulting from incorrect reasoning
Falter	hesitate; weaken in purpose or action; walk or move unsteadily with weakness
Farce	broad comedy; mockery; humorous play full of silly things happening
Fastidious	giving careful attention to detail; hard to please; excessively concerned with cleanliness
Fathom	comprehend
Fatuous	devoid of intelligence
Fawn	try to gain favour by cringing or flattering
Feign	pretend
Felicity	pleasing and appropriate manner or style; contentment; joy
Feral	not domestic; wild
Fervent	characterised by intense emotion; extremely hot
Fetid	having a foul smell
Fickle	changeable (in affections or friendship); faithless
Fidelity	the quality of being faithful
Finesse	delicate skill
Flabbergasted	as if struck dumb with astonishment and surprise

Flag	become less intense; lessen	dimmed
Flagrant	conspicuously and outrageously bad or reprehensible	obnoxious
Fledgling	any new participant in some activity; young and inexperienced	novice
Flout	treat with contemptuous disregard	disrespectful
Fluke	a stroke of luck	luck
Flustered	thrown into a state of agitated confusion	flustered
Forage	the act of searching for food and provisions	searching
Formidable	inspiring fear or extremely impressive in strength or excellence	impressive
Fortuitous	occurring by chance (positive) rather than intentional	unintentional
Fractious	likely to be troublesome or easily irritated or annoyed	irritable
Fructify	make productive or fruitful	productive
Frugality	prudence in avoiding waste	thrifty
Frustrate	hinder or prevent (the efforts, plans or desires of)	disappoint
Furtive	secretive; sly; done with caution and stealth	stealthy
<b>G</b>		
Gainsay	to deny, dispute or contradict; to speak or act against	dispute
Gait	a person's manner of walking	pace
Galvanize	to stimulate (someone) into taking action	stimulate
Gambol	gay or light-hearted recreational activity for diversion or amusement	play
Gamut	entire range	range
Gape	open the mouth wide; stare wonderingly with the mouth open	open-mouthed
Garbled	not orderly or coherent; lacking continuity	confused
Gargantuan	of great mass; huge and bulky	monstrous
Garish	overbright in colour; unpleasantly bright; gaudy	gaudy
Garrulous	full of trivial conversation; talkative	talkative
Gauche	clumsy (in social behaviour); coarse and uncouth	awkward
Gaunt	lean and angular; thin and bony; emaciated	thin
Germane	relevant and appropriate	pertinent
Gesticulate	motion; gesture	gesture
Ghastly	shockingly repellent; inspiring horror	horrible
Gibe	mock; make jeering remarks	mock
Giddy	dizzy; causing dizziness	dizzy
Gingerly	very carefully	carefully
Gist	essence; main point; substance	point
Gloat	express evil satisfaction; look at or think about with evil satisfaction	boast
Gluttonous	given to excess in consumption of especially food or drink	greedy
Grandiloquence	high-flown style; excessive use of verbal ornamentation	ostentatious
Gregarious	instinctively or temperamentally seeking and enjoying the company of others	sociable
Grouse	complain	grumble
Grovel	show submission or fear	submit
Gullible	easily tricked because of being too trusting	naive

**H**

Hackneyed	repeated too often; overfamiliar through overuse
Hail	frozen rain
Hale	healthy
Hallowed	blessed; consecrated
Harangue	a loud bombastic declamation expressed with strong emotion
Harbinger	something that precedes and indicates the approach of something or someone
Harrowing	agonising; distressing; traumatic
Haughty	proud and arrogant
Headstrong	willful; stubborn; unyielding
Heckle	verbally harass, as with gibes

Heed	pay attention to
Herald	messenger; sign of something to come; announce; proclaim
Heterodox	characterised by departure from accepted beliefs or standards
Hiatus	an interruption in the intensity or amount of something
Hone	to sharpen; make perfect or complete
Hoodwink	conceal one's true motives by pretending to have good intentions so as to gain an end
Hubris	overbearing pride or presumption
Husband	use cautiously and frugally

**I**

Iconoclast	someone who attacks cherished ideas or traditional institutions
Idiosyncrasy	a characteristic, habit, mannerism or the like that is peculiar to an individual
Ignominy	a state of dishonour
Illicit	illegal
Illusory	illusive; deceptive; not real
Imminent	close in time; about to occur
Immutable	unchanging
Impair	make worse or less effective or imperfect
Impassioned	filled with passion; fervent
Impassive	having or revealing little emotion or sensibility; not easily aroused or excited
Impeccable	faultless; perfect
Impecunious	not having enough money to pay for necessities
Impede	block or obstruct
Impending	nearing; approaching; about to happen
Impenitent	not penitent or remorseful
Imperious	having or showing arrogant superiority to and disdain of those one views as unworthy
Impertinence	the trait of being rude and inappropriate; inclined to take liberties
Impervious	not admitting of passage or capable of being affected
Impetuous	characterised by undue haste and lack of thought or deliberation
Impetus	incentive; stimulus; momentum
Impiety	without respect for God or religious values

Implacable	incapable of being consoled/calmed	H
Implausible	highly imaginative but unlikely	h
Implicate	incriminate; involve incriminatingly; show to be involved (in a crime)	i
Implicit	understood but not stated; implied	implied
Implore	ask or beg earnestly; beseech	bewail
Imponderable	difficult or impossible to evaluate with precision	unanswerable
Impoverish	make poor	impoverish
Impuissance	powerlessness revealed by an inability to act	impotence
Impunity	exemption from punishment or loss	privilege
Inadvertent	happening by chance or unexpectedly or unintentionally	unintentional
Inane	silly; senseless	absurd
Incapacitate	permanently injure or in any way made unable to perform an action	handicapped
Incarcerate	imprison	incarcerate
Incessant	uninterrupted; unceasing	incessant
Incinerate	reduced to ashes	burn
Incontrovertible	impossible to deny or disprove	unquestionable
Incorrigible	impossible to correct or reform	irreformable
Incumbent	currently holding an office or a position of authority	occupant
Indiscreet	lacking good judgement; thoughtless	foolish
Indolent	disinclined to work or exertion; lazy	lethargic
Inebriate	become drunk or drink excessively	drunk
Inexorable	not to be moved by persuasion; unyielding	irresistible
Infallible	incapable of failure or error	error-prone
Infringe	advance beyond the usual limit	transgress
Ingenious	showing inventiveness and skill	ingenious
Ingenuous	inability to mask your feelings, lacking in sophistication or worldliness	naive
Inherent	in the nature of something though not readily apparent	natural
Inimical	not friendly	hostile
Innocuous	not injurious to physical or mental health; incapable of causing harm	harmless
Inordinate	beyond normal limits	abnormal
Insidious	working or spreading in a hidden and usually injurious way	subversive
Insipid	lacking interest or significance or impact; without flavour or taste	flat
Insular	narrowly restricted in outlook or scope; suggestive of the isolated life of an island	isolated
Intangible	incapable of being perceived by the senses, especially the sense of touch	intangible
Interment	the ritual placing of a corpse in a grave	burial
Interminable	tiresomely long; seemingly without end	endless
Intractable	difficult to manage or mould or change	unyielding
Intransigent	impervious to pleas, persuasion, requests or reason	stubborn
Intrepid	without fear or cannot be intimidated	courageous
Intuition	a keen and quick insight; the ability to perceive the truth in something	intuition
Inundate	fill or cover completely or beyond normal capacity	flood
Inured	made tough and immune by habitual exposure	habituated

Invective	abusive or venomous language used to express blame or bitter deep-seated ill will
Irascible	quickly aroused to anger
Irrepressible	impossible to control or suppress
Irresolute	uncertain how to act or proceed
Itinerary	a proposed route of travel
<b>J</b>	
Jabber	chatter rapidly or unintelligibly
Jargon	a characteristic language of a particular group
Jeer	showing your contempt by derision
Jeopardise	pose a threat to; present a danger to
Jest	activity characterised by good humour
Jibe	an insulting remark to someone
Jocose/Jocular	given to (having a tendency of) joking
Jubilant	joyful and proud, especially because of triumph or success
Juxtapose	place side by side
<b>K</b>	
Kernel	central or vital part; core
Kindle	call forth (emotions, feelings and responses) or cause to start burning
Kinship	a close connection marked by community of interests or similarity in nature or character
Kleptomaniac	someone with an irrational urge to steal in the absence of an economic motive
Knack	special talent
Knave	a deceitful and unreliable scoundrel
Knell	tolling of a bell, especially to indicate a funeral, disaster and so on
Knoll	little round hill; hillock
Knotty	intricate; difficult; tangled
Kudos	an expression of approval and commendation
<b>L</b>	
Labyrinth	complex system of paths or tunnels in which it is easy to get lost
Lachrymose	showing sorrow
Lackadaisical	idle or indolent, especially in a dreamy way; lacking spirit or liveliness
Lacklustre	lacking lustre (shine, gloss); dull
Laconic	brief and to the point
Laggard	someone who lags behind
Lament	grieve; express sorrow
Languid	lacking spirit or liveliness
Languish	lose vigour, health or flesh, as through grief; become feeble
Largess	liberality in bestowing gifts; extremely liberal and generous of spirit
Lassitude	weariness; listlessness
Laud	praise, glorify or honour

Lax	careless; negligent; not paying enough attention	intrusted
Lethargic	deficient in alertness or activity	oldfaded
Levity	a manner lacking seriousness	slighthearted
Libertine	a dissolute person; usually a man who is morally unrestrained	subversive
Limpid	crystal clear	pure
Linger	be slow in leaving; delay going	procrastinate
Linguistic	consisting of or related to language	wordy
Lionise	treat (a person) as a celebrity	model
Lissome	moving and bending with ease	flexible
Listless	lacking in spirit or energy; languid	listless
Livid	extremely angry	peacock
Loath	reluctant; unwilling; disinclined	reluctant
Loathe	find repugnant	hate
Loquacious	full of trivial conversation	prattling
Loutish	ill-mannered and coarse and contemptible in behaviour or appearance	rude
Lucid	transparently clear; easily understandable, transmitting light; able to be seen through with clarity	transparent
Lucrative	producing a sizeable profit	profitable
Lugubrious	excessively mournful	melancholy
Luminous	softly bright or radiant	radiant
Lurid	glaringly vivid and graphic; marked by sensationalism	shocking

**M**

Magnanimity	liberality in bestowing gifts; extremely liberal and generous of spirit	generous
Maim	mutilate; injure lastingly; disable	wound
Maladroit	not skillful	clumsy
Malady	illness	disease
Malapropism	the unintentional misuse of a word by confusion with one that sounds similar	confusion
Malediction	the act of calling down a curse that invokes evil (and usually serves as an insult)	curse
Malevolent	having or exerting a malignant influence	malicious
Malfeasance	wrongful conduct by a public official	negligence
Malingering	to pretend illness, especially in order to shirk one's duty, avoid work and so on	deliberately
Malleable	adaptable; tractable; yielding	pliable
Malodorous	having an unpleasant smell	rank
Manifest	evident; visible; obvious	visible
Manipulate	control or play upon (people, forces, etc.) artfully; maneuver	influence
Mar	spoil the appearance of	ruin
Martyr	one who suffers for the sake of principle	saint
Masquerade	wear a mask or disguise; pretend	disguise
Masticate	chew (food); to bite and grind with the teeth	gnaw
Maul	handle roughly; batter; injure by beating	abuse
Maverick	someone who exhibits great independence in thought and action	independent

Maxim	proverb; truth pithily stated	advice
Mayhem	violent disorder	chaos
Meagre	scanty; inadequate	meager
Meander	wind or turn in its course; follow a winding or turning course; move aimlessly and idly	meander
Meddlesome	intrusive; interfering	meddling
Medley	mixture	medley
Meek	submissive; patient and long-suffering	meek
Melancholy	gloomy; morose	melancholy
Melee	a noisy riotous fight	melee
Mellifluous	sounds that are pleasing to the ear	mellifluous
Menace	something that is a source of danger	menace
Mendacity	the tendency to be untruthful	mendacity
Mendicant	a pauper who lives by begging	mendicant
Mesmerise	hypnotise	mesmerise
Metamorphosis	change of form	metamorphosis
Meticulous	marked by extreme care in treatment of details	meticulous
Mettle	the courage to carry on	mettle
Misanthrope	someone who dislikes people in general	misanthrope
Misconstrue	interpret in the wrong way	misconstrue
Misdemeanor	misbehaviour; misdeed; a crime less serious than a felony	misdemeanor
Misnomer	an incorrect or unsuitable name	misnomer
Misogynist	a misanthrope who dislikes women in particular	misogynist
Mitigate	make less severe or harsh	mitigate
Mollify	make less rigid or softer; make more temperate, acceptable or suitable	mollify
Mollycoddle	treat with excessive indulgence	mollycoddle
Morose	showing a brooding ill humour	morose
Mundane	not ideal or heavenly; found in the ordinary course of events	mundane
Munificent	very generous	munificent
Myopic	unable to see distant objects clearly; lacking foresight or scope	myopic
<b>N</b>		
Naive	marked by or showing unaffected simplicity and lack of guile or worldly experience	naive
Nascent	being born or beginning	nascent
Natty	marked by up-to-dateness in dress and manners	natty
Nausea	feeling of sickness and desire to vomit	nausea
Nebulous	lacking definition or definite content	nebulous
Necromancy	conjuring up the dead, especially for prophesying	necromancy
Nefarious	extremely wicked	nefarious
Nemesis	something that brings an end to something; causing misery or death	nemesis
Neophyte	any new participant in some activity	neophyte
Nepotism	favouritism (to a relative)	nepotism
Nettle	cause annoyance in; disturb	nettle

Nimble	quick in movement; agile; quick in understanding	nimbleM
Noisome	foul smelling; causing or able to cause nausea	noisyM
Nonchalant	marked by complete lack of concern	nonchalantM
Nonplussed	filled with bewilderment	nonplussedM
Nostalgia	longing for the past	nostalgiaM
Notoriety	disrepute; ill fame	notorietyM
Notoriety	the state of being known for some unfavourable act or quality	notorietyM
Novice	someone new to a field or activity	noviceM
Noxious	injurious to physical or mental health	noxiousM
Nuance	a subtle difference in meaning or opinion or attitude	nuanceM
Nugatory	of no real value	nugatoryM
Numismatics	the collection and study of money (and coins in particular)	numismaticsM
<b>O</b>		
Obdurate	stubborn; resistant	obdurateM
Obedience	the act of obeying; dutiful or submissive behaviour	obedienceM
Obese	excessively fat	obeseM
Obfuscate	make obscure or unclear	obfuscateM
Objurgating	to reproach or denounce vehemently; upbraid harshly; berate sharply	objurgatingM
Obliterate	destroy completely; wipe out	obliterateM
Oblivious	inattentive or unmindful; unaware; wholly absorbed	obliviousM
Obnoxious	causes disapproval or harm to something	obnoxiousM
Obscure	dark; vague; unclear; not well known	obscureM
Obsequious	attentive in an ingratiating or servile manner	obsequiousM
Obsolete	outmoded; no longer used	obsoleteM
Obstinate	persist stubbornly	obstinateM
Obstreperous	boisterously and noisily aggressive or defiant	obstreperousM
Obtuse	slow to learn or understand; lacking intellect	obtuseM
Obviate	prevent the occurrence of; prevent from happening	obviateM
Oclude	block passage through	occludeM
Odious	sincerely hated and despised	odiousM
Olfactory	concerning the sense of smell	olfactoryM
Ominous	threatening; of an evil omen	ominousM
Omnipotent	having unlimited power	omnipotentM
Omnipresent	universally present; ubiquitous	omnipresentM
Onerous	burdensome, tiring, heavy load that makes one weary	onerousM
Onus	an onerous or difficult concern	onusM
Opprobrium	a state of extreme dishonour and disgrace	opprobriumM
Opulence	wealth as exhibited by sumptuous living	opulenceM
Ordain	order by virtue of superior authority; decree	ordainM
Ordeal	severe trial or affliction; difficult experience	ordealM
Orthodox	traditional; (of someone) conservative in belief; adhering to an established doctrine	orthodoxM

Ossified	set in a rigidly conventional pattern of behaviour, habits or beliefs	ossified
Ostentatious	intended to attract notice and impress others	ostentatious
Ostracise	avoid speaking to or dealing with; expel	ostracise
Overbearing	having or showing arrogant superiority to and disdain of those one views as unworthy	overbearing
Overt	open and observable; not secret or hidden	overt
<b>P</b>		
Pacify	soothe; make calm or quiet; subdue	pacify
Paean	a formal expression of praise	paean
Painstaking	taking pains; showing hard work; taking great care	painstaking
Palatable	agreeable; pleasing to the taste	palatable
Palate	roof of the mouth	palate
Palette	board on which painter mixes pigments	palette
Palindrome	a word or phrase that reads the same backward as forward	palindrome
Pallid	pale; wan	pallid
Palpable	easily perceptible; obvious	palpable
Paltry	meagre	paltry
Pan	criticise harshly	pan
Panacea	hypothetical remedy for all ills or diseases	panacea
Panache	flair; flamboyance	panache
Pandemic	widespread; affecting the majority of people	pandemic
Pandemonium	wild noisy disorder	pandemonium
Panegyric	a formal expression of praise	panegyric
Paradox	a statement that contradicts itself	paradox
Paragon	a perfect embodiment of a concept	paragon
Paramount	foremost in importance; supreme	paramount
Paraphernalia	equipment; odds and ends used in a particular activity	paraphernalia
Paraphrase	restatement of text in one's own words	paraphrase
Parched	extremely dry; very thirsty	parched
Pare	cut away the outer covering or skin of (with a knife); trim	pare
Parochial	narrowly restricted in outlook or scope	parochial
Parry	dodge; circumvent	parry
Parsimonious	excessively unwilling to spend	parsimonious
Partisan	one sided; prejudiced	partisan
Passive	inactive	passive
Patent	obvious; easily seen; open for the public to read	patent
Pathogenic	able to cause disease	pathogenic
Pathos	tender sorrow; pity	pathos
Patronise	be a regular customer or client of	patronise
Paucity	scarcity; dearth	paucity
Pauper	very poor person	pauper
Peccadillo	slight offense or fault	peccadillo

Pecuniary	pertaining to money	Indiscretions
Pedagogue	someone who educates young people	Qualities
Pedant	a person who pays more attention to formal rules and book learning than they merit	Reckless
Pedestrian	lacking wit or imagination	Selfish
Pejorative	having a disparaging, derogatory or belittling effect or force	Sophomoric
Pellucid	transparently clear; easily understandable	Stale
Penitent	feeling or expressing remorse for misdeeds	Stark
Penurious	excessively unwilling to spend	Stolid
Peremptory	not allowing contradiction or refusal	Stoic
Perennial	recurring again and again	Studious
Perfidy	an act of deliberate betrayal	Suckers
Perfunctory	hasty and without attention to detail; as a formality only	Superficial
Pernicious	working or spreading in a hidden and usually injurious way	Supine
Peroration	the concluding section of an oration	Swindlers
Perspicacious	having keen mental perception and understanding; acutely insightful and wise	Thorough
Peruse	examine or consider with attention and in detail	Uncharitable
Pervasive	spreading or spread throughout	Unscrupulous
Philanthropy	donations to charity	Unseen
Phlegmatic	showing little emotion	Unseen
Pillage	the act of stealing valuable things from a place	Unseen
Pillory	to expose to public derision, ridicule or abuse	Unseen
Pine	have a desire for something or someone	Unseen
Pique	to arouse an emotion or provoke to action	Unseen
Pith	the choicest or most essential or most vital part of some idea or experience	Unseen
Pithy	concise and full of meaning	Unseen
Pittance	an inadequate payment	Unseen
Placate	to appease or pacify, especially by concessions or conciliatory gestures	Unseen
Plagiarise	take without referencing from someone else's writing or speech	Unseen
Plebiscite	a vote by the electorate determining public opinion on a question of national importance	Unseen
Plethora	extreme or excess	Unseen
Pluck	courage or resolution in the face of difficulties	Unseen
Plumb	examine thoroughly and in great depth; exactly	Unseen
Plummet	drop sharply	Unseen
Polemic	a controversial argument, as one against some opinion, doctrine and so on	Unseen
Potion	a medicinal or magical or poisonous beverage	Unseen
Pragmatic	concerned with practical matters	Unseen
Prattle	idle or foolish and irrelevant talk	Unseen
Precursor	something that precedes and indicates the approach of something or someone	Unseen
Predilection	a predisposition in favour of something	Unseen
Preen	to be exultant or proud	Unseen
Preponderant	having superior power and influence	Unseen

Prescience	the power to foresee the future
Presumptuous	unwarrantedly or impertinently bold
Prevaricate	be deliberately ambiguous or unclear in order to mislead or withhold information
Pristine	immaculately clean and unused
Privation	a state of extreme poverty
Probity	having strong moral principles
Proclivity	a natural inclination
Prodigal	wastefully or recklessly extravagant
Prodigious	so great in size or force or extent as to elicit awe
Profligate	shameless; dissolute; extravagant
Profound	showing intellectual penetration or emotional depth; pervasive or intense; thorough
Profuse	produced or growing in extreme abundance
Proletariat	a social class comprising those who do manual labour or work for wages
Proliferate	cause to grow or increase rapidly
Prolific	productive
Prolix	tediously prolonged or tending to speak or write at great length
Promulgate	put a law into effect by formal declaration; promote an idea or cause
Propound	put forward, as of an idea
Propriety	correct or appropriate behaviour
Prosaic	lacking wit or imagination
Proscribe	command against; prohibit
Proselytise	convert to another faith or religion
Prudence	discretion in practical affairs
Puerile	displaying or suggesting a lack of maturity
Pugilist	someone who fights with his fists for sport
Punctilious	marked by precise accordance with details
Pungent	strong and sharp
Pusillanimous	lacking in courage and manly strength
Putrefy	become putrid; decay with an offensive smell

**Q**

Quack	medically unqualified
Quaff	to swallow hurriedly or greedily
Quagmire	a soft wet area of low-lying land that sinks underfoot
Qualms	a sudden feeling of apprehensive uneasiness
Quandary	state of uncertainty or perplexity, especially as requiring a choice between equally unfavourable options
Quarantine	isolation to prevent the spread of infectious disease
Quarry	animal hunted or caught for food
Quash	put down by force or intimidation
Queasy	causing or fraught with or showing anxiety
Quench	suppress or crush completely; satisfy one's thirst

Querulous	habitually complaining
Quibble	argue over petty things
Quiddity	the quality that makes a thing what it is
Quiescent	being at rest; quiet; still; inactive or motionless
Quirk	a strange attitude or habit
Quisling	a person who betrays his or her own country by aiding an invading enemy
Quiver	a shaky motion
Quixotic	not sensible about practical matters; idealistic and unrealistic
Quorum	a gathering of the minimal number of members of an organisation to conduct business
Quotidian	found in the ordinary course of events; usual or customary
<b>R</b>	
Rabble	large and disorderly assembly of people; mob; noisy crowd
Rabid	marked by excessive enthusiasm for and intense devotion to a cause or idea
Racketeer	a person who has dishonest and fraudulent dealings
Raconteur	a person skilled in telling anecdotes
Raffish	marked by a carefree unconventionality or disreputableness
Raffle	lottery
Rail	criticise severely
Rake	immoral or dissolute person
Rally	come or bring together; call up or summon
Ramification	one of the results following from an action or decision
Rampant	growing or spreading uncontrollably; growing in profusion
Ramshackle	in deplorable condition
Rancid	smelling of fermentation or staleness
Rancorous	showing deep-seated resentment
Rank	offensive in odour or flavour
Rankle	irritate; fester; annoy
Ransack	search thoroughly; pillage
Rant	speak violently or excitedly; rave
Rapacious	devouring or craving food in great quantities
Rapport	close relationship; emotional closeness; harmony
Rapt	engrossed; absorbed; enchanted
Rapture	great joy and delight; ecstasy
Rarefy	make more subtle or refined; become thin
Rave	an extravagantly enthusiastic review
Recalcitrant	marked by stubborn resistance to authority
Recant	to reject or disavow a formerly held belief or opinion
Recondite	difficult to penetrate; incomprehensible to one of ordinary understanding or knowledge
Recuperate	get over an illness or shock
Redoubtable	worthy of respect or honour
Referendum	a legislative act is referred for final approval to a popular vote by the electorate

Relegate	assign to a lower position; reduce in rank	<i>bələ'geɪt</i>
Remiss	failing in what duty requires	<i>rɪ'mɪs</i>
Remonstrate	censure severely or angrily	<i>rɪ'mɔnstrəte</i>
Renascence	a second or new birth	<i>rə'næsəns</i>
Rendezvous	a meeting planned at a certain time and place	<i>rəndəz'veʊs</i>
Renege	fail to fulfill a promise or obligation	<i>rə'nɛɡ</i>
Repertoire	the entire range of skills or aptitudes or devices used in a particular field or occupation	<i>rɪ'pɔːrtoʊr</i>
Reprehensible	bringing or deserving severe rebuke or censure	<i>rɪ'prehensəbəl</i>
Reprisal	a retaliatory action against an enemy in wartime	<i>rɪ'prɪsəl</i>
Repudiate	eject as untrue, unfounded or unjust	<i>rɪ'pjuːdeɪt</i>
Requiem	a song or hymn of mourning composed or performed as a memorial to a dead person	<i>rɪ'kwiːm</i>
Rescind	cancel officially	<i>rɪ'skɪnd</i>
Resilience	an occurrence of rebounding or springing back	<i>rɪ'sɪlɪəns</i>
Restive	being in a tense state	<i>rɪ'sɪv</i>
Reticence	hesitation; shyness	<i>rɪ'tɪsəns</i>
Reverent	feeling or showing profound respect or veneration	<i>rɪ'verənt</i>
Rhetoric	study of the technique and rules for using language effectively	<i>rɪ'tɔːrɪk</i>
Ribald	someone who uses vulgar and offensive language	<i>rɪ'bɔːld</i>
Risqué	suggestive of sexual impropriety	<i>rɪ'skeɪ</i>
Robust	sturdy and strong in form, constitution or construction	<i>rə'bus</i>
Rupture	burst	<i>rə'pʃər</i>
<b>S</b>		
Sacerdotal	associated with the priesthood or priests	<i>sə'kərdətl</i>
Sacrilege	blasphemous behaviour	<i>sə'krɪdʒ</i>
Sacrosanct	must be kept sacred	<i>sə'krəsənkt</i>
Sagacious	acutely insightful and wise	<i>sə'gəsiəs</i>
Salubrious	promoting health; healthful	<i>sə'lʊbrɪəs</i>
Salutary	synonym of salubrious	<i>sə'lʊtəri</i>
Salvage	rescue (goods or property) from loss	<i>sə'lævɪdʒ</i>
Sanctimonious	excessively or hypocritically pious	<i>sə'kəntəməniəs</i>
Sanction	the act of final authorisation; restrictions or limitations	<i>sə'kəntʃ</i>
Sanguinary	marked by eagerness to resort to violence and bloodshed	<i>sə'ŋwɪnəri</i>
Sanguine	a blood red colour; confidently optimistic and cheerful	<i>sə'ŋwɪn</i>
Sap	deplete	<i>sə'p</i>
Sapid	full of flavour	<i>sə'pɪd</i>
Sardonic	disdainfully or ironically humorous; scornful and mocking	<i>sə'dɔːnɪk</i>
Satiate	fill to satisfaction	<i>sə'teɪt</i>
Satire	witty language used to convey insults or scorn	<i>sə'tɪr</i>
Saturnine	sluggish in temperament; gloomy; taciturn	<i>sə'tɜːnɪn</i>
Saunter	a leisurely walk	<i>sə'tnər</i>
Savour	enjoy; have a distinctive flavour, smell or quality	<i>sə'ver</i>

Scale	climb up; ascend	climb up; ascend
Scanty	meagre	meagre
Scapegoat	someone who is punished for the errors of others	someone who is punished for the errors of others
Schism	division of a group into opposing factions	division of a group into opposing factions
Scintillate	sparkle; flash; be animated; be full of life	sparkle; flash; be animated; be full of life
Scion	a descendent or heir	a descendent or heir
Scoff	laugh (at); mock; ridicule	laugh (at); mock; ridicule
Scorch	a discolouration caused by heat, sear, burn	a discolouration caused by heat, sear, burn
Scowl	frown angrily	frown angrily
Scrupulous	arising from a sense of right and wrong; principled	arising from a sense of right and wrong; principled
Scrutinise	examine closely and critically	examine closely and critically
Scurrilous	grossly or obscenely abusive	grossly or obscenely abusive
Seasoned	experienced	experienced
Secede	withdraw from an organisation or communion	withdraw from an organisation or communion
Seclusion	isolation; solitude	isolation; solitude
Sedate	cause to be calm or quiet as by administering a sedative to	cause to be calm or quiet as by administering a sedative to
Sedentary	requiring sitting or little activity	requiring sitting or little activity
Sedition	incitement of discontent or rebellion against a government	incitement of discontent or rebellion against a government
Sedulous	marked by care and persistent effort	marked by care and persistent effort
Seedy	rundown; decrepit; disreputable	rundown; decrepit; disreputable
Seminal	very important; containing seeds of later development	very important; containing seeds of later development
Senescent	growing old	growing old
Sententious	given to excessive moralising	given to excessive moralising
Sepulcher	a chamber that is used as a grave	a chamber that is used as a grave
Serendipity	good luck in making unexpected and fortunate discoveries	good luck in making unexpected and fortunate discoveries
Servitude	state of subjection to an owner or master or forced labour imposed as punishment	state of subjection to an owner or master or forced labour imposed as punishment
Sever	cut off from a whole	cut off from a whole
Shard	a broken piece of a brittle artefact	a broken piece of a brittle artefact
Silhouette	a drawing of the outline of an object	a drawing of the outline of an object
Simper	to smile in a silly, self-conscious way	to smile in a silly, self-conscious way
Simulate	create a representation or model of	create a representation or model of
Sinewy	consisting of tendons or resembling a tendon; possessing physical strength and weight;	consisting of tendons or resembling a tendon; possessing physical strength and weight;
Sinister	rugged and powerful	rugged and powerful
Skirmish	threatening or foreshadowing evil or tragic developments	threatening or foreshadowing evil or tragic developments
Sloth	a minor short-term fight	a minor short-term fight
Solicitous	a disinclination to work or exert yourself	a disinclination to work or exert yourself
Somatic	anxious or concerned; eager	anxious or concerned; eager
Sophistry	affecting or characteristic of the body as opposed to the mind or spirit	affecting or characteristic of the body as opposed to the mind or spirit
Sophomore	a false or deceptive argument	a false or deceptive argument
Soporific	a second year undergraduate	a second year undergraduate
Sordid	sleep inducing	sleep inducing
	meanly selfish; dirty; filthy	meanly selfish; dirty; filthy

Specious	plausible but false	plausibl
Spendthrift	someone who spends money prodigally	spendth
Sporadic	recurring in scattered and irregular or unpredictable intervals	sporadi
Spurious	intended to deceive; fake	spuriou
Squander	spend extravagantly; waste	squande
Static	showing little if any change; angry criticism	statiqu
Steep	let sit in a liquid to extract a flavour or to cleanse	steepT
Stentorian	very loud or powerful in sound	stentori
Stickler	someone who insists on something	stickler
Stoic	someone who is seemingly indifferent to emotions	stoicT
Stolid	having or revealing little emotion or sensibility; not easily aroused or excited	stolidT
Strut	a proud stiff pompous gait	strutT
Stultify	deprive of strength or efficiency; make useless or worthless	stultifi
Stupefy	make senseless or dizzy by or as if by a blow	stupifyT
Stymie	hinder or prevent the progress	stymieT
Sublime	lofty or grand	sublimeT
Succinct	expressed in few words; concise	succinctT
Succulent	full of juice	succulent
Suffuse	cause to spread or flush or flood through	suffuseT
Sully	to soil, stain or tarnish	sullyT
Supercilious	expressive of contempt	supercil
Superfluous	more than is needed, desired or required	superflu
Supplant	take the place or move into the position of	supplant
Supplicate	ask humbly (for something)	supplicat
Surreptitious	conducted with or marked by hidden aims or methods	surreptit
Swelter	suffer from intense heat	swelterT
Sycophant	a person who tries to please someone in order to gain a personal advantage	sycophant

**T**

Tacit	implied by or inferred from actions or statements	tacitT
Taciturn	habitually reserved and uncommunicative	taciturnT
Tawdry	cheap and shoddy	tawdryT
Tedium	dullness owing to length or slowness	tediumT
Teetotaller	one who abstains from drinking	teetotall
Temerity	fearless daring	temerit
Tempestuous	characterised by violent emotions or behaviour	tempestu
Tenacity	persistent determination	tenaciou
Tendentious	having or showing a definite tendency, bias or purpose	tendent
Tenet	a religious doctrine that is proclaimed as true without proof	tenetT
Tenuous	lacking substance or significance; thin or slender in form	tenuousT
Tepid	moderately warm; feeling or showing little interest or enthusiasm	tepidT
Terse	brief and to the point	terfulT

Tether	tie with a tether	to bind or confine
Thrall	the state of being under the control of another person	subjection
Throes	violent pangs of suffering	pangs of anguish
Thwart	hinder or prevent	obstruct or baffle
Timorous	timid by nature or revealing timidity	timorous
Tirade	a speech of violent denunciation	rancor
Titan	a person of exceptional importance and reputation	giant
Toady	a person who tries to please someone in order to gain a personal advantage	mincing
Topography	precise detailed study of the surface features of a region	topography
Torpid	slow and apathetic	listless
Torpor	inactivity resulting from lethargy and lack of vigour or energy	listlessness
Torque	a twisting force	torsion
Tortuous	not straightforward	twisting
Tousled	in disarray; extremely disorderly	dishevelled
Tractable	easily managed or controlled	compliant
Traduce	speak unfavourably about	maliciously
Transgression	the action of going beyond or overstepping some boundary or limit	transgression
Transient	one who stays for only a short time	transient
Translucent	allowing light to pass through diffusely	semipermeable
Transmute	change in outward structure or looks	metamorphose
Travesty	any grotesque or debased likeness or imitation	mockery
Trenchant	incisive or keen; vigorous; clear-cut	sharp
Truculent	defiantly aggressive	aggressive
Truism	an obvious truth	axiom
Truncate	make shorter as if by cutting off	abridge
Tryst	a secret rendezvous; a date	liaison
Tumefy	expand abnormally	swell
Turbid	cloudy; murky	murky
Turpitude	a corrupt or depraved or degenerate act or practice	abomination
Tutelage	teaching pupils individually	mentoring
Tyro	someone new to a field or activity	novice
<b>U</b>		
Ubiquitous	being present everywhere at once	omnipresent
Ulterior	being beyond what is seen or avowed; intentionally kept concealed	latent
Umbrage	a feeling of anger caused by being offended	irritation
Unabashed	not embarrassed	bold
Unconsciousable	lacking a conscience	unconscientious
Unctuous	characterised by excessive piousness or moralistic fervour	hypocritical
Undermine	to attack by indirect, secret or underhand means	subvert
Underscore	give extra weight to	underline
Undulate	move in a wavy pattern or with a rising and falling motion	wave

Unfathomable	impossible to understand	stunimisiv
Unfeigned	not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed	zueingiv
Unflaging	unceasing	zgitiv
Unfledged	young and inexperienced	zjv
Unfrock	to deprive (a monk, priest, minister, etc.) of ecclesiastical rank, authority and function	zv
Ungainly	lacking grace in movement or posture	zohuziv
Unimpeachable	free of guilt; not subject to blame	zhebziv
Unkempt	not properly maintained or cared for	zv
Unprecedented	having no precedent	zudigiv
Unremitting	not slackening or abating; incessant	zizngiv
Unsavoury	morally offensive	ziliv
Unseemly	not in keeping with accepted standards of what is right or proper in polite society	zifiv
Unstinting	very generous	zeshiv
Unsullied	free from blemishes	zurziv
Untenable	incapable of being defended or justified	znoziv
Untoward	contrary to your interests or welfare	zofiv
Unwieldy	difficult to use or handle or manage because of size or weight or shape	zvitngativ
Unwitting	not aware or knowing	zvndiv
Upbraid	express criticism towards	zndiv
Upshot	the final issue, the conclusion or the result	zhdiv
Urbane	sophisticated; polished; refined in manner	zusalmiv
Usurp	seize and take control without authority and possibly with force	zndiv
Usury	the act of lending money at an exorbitant rate of interest	zldziv
Utilitarian	having a useful function	z
Utopia	an imaginary place considered to be perfect or ideal	z
<b>V</b>		
Vacillate	be undecided about something	ziv
Vacuous	devoid of matter	wolliv
Vagary	an unpredictable or erratic action, occurrence, course or instance	zidziv
Vainglorious	feeling self-important	zndiv
Valediction	the act of saying farewell	zveziv
Vanguard	the leading position in any movement or field	zavdiv
Vantage	the quality of having a superior or more favourable position	zvziv
Vapid	lacking significance, liveliness, spirit or taste	zidziv
Variegated	having a variety of colours	zadiv
Venal	capable of being corrupted	zoleniv
Vendetta	any prolonged and bitter feud or rivalry	zndiv
Venerate	regard with feelings of respect and reverence	zehiv
Veracity	conformity to truth or fact; accuracy	zviv
Verbatim	using exactly the same words	womiv
Verbose	using or containing too many words	znoziv

Verisimilitude	the appearance of truth; the quality of seeming to be true	veri simili tude
Vertiginous	having or causing a whirling sensation, liable to falling	ver ti gino us
Vestige	an indication that something has been present; trace of something that is disappearing	ves tie
Vex	to irritate; annoy; provoke	vek
Viable	capable of being done	vye abl e
Vicarious	suffered or done by one person as a substitute for another	vi kwo rius
Vicissitude	a change or variation occurring in the course of something	vi kis i tude
Vie	compete for something	vye
Vigilant	carefully observant or attentive	vig i lant
Vignette	a brief literary description	vign ett
Vilify	spread negative information about	vil ify
Virtuoso	having or revealing supreme mastery or skill	vi tru so
Virulent	infectious; having the ability to cause disease	vi ru lent
Viscuous	thick	vis cu ous
Vitreous	relating to or resembling or derived from or containing glass	vi tra us
Vitriol	abusive or venomous language	vi tri ol
Vituperative	marked by harshly abusive criticism	vi tu per ative
Vociferous	conspicuously and offensively loud	vo si fer ous
Volition	the act of making a choice	vo li tion
Voluble	marked by a ready flow of speech	vo lu ble
Voluminous	large in number or quantity	vo lum inous
Voracious	devouring or craving food in great quantities	vo racious
Vulnerable	exposed to the possibility of being wounded or hurt	vu nerable
<b>W</b>		
Waft	be driven or carried along, as by the air	waft
Wag	move from side to side	wag
Waive	forego; dispense with	waive
Wallow	an indolent or clumsy rolling about; delight greatly in	wall o w
Wanderlust	very strong or irresistible impulse to travel	wan der lust
Wane	a gradual decline (in size, strength, power or number)	wane
Wastrel	someone who dissipates resources self-indulgently	wast rel
Waver	the act of moving back and forth	wave
Welter	be immersed in; a confused multitude of things	wel ter
Wheedle	influence or urge by gentle urging, caressing or flattering	wee dle
Whet	make keen or more acute; stimulate	whet
Whimsical	determined by chance or impulse or whim rather than by necessity or reason	wi ms ical
Whittle	cut small bits or pare shavings from	whit tle
Wilful	done by design; intentional	wil ful
Wily	marked by skill in deception	wily
Winnow	blow away or off with a current of air	win now
Winsome	charming in a childlike or naive way	wins om e

**4.6** *W* is for Me

Wizened	lean and wrinkled by shrinkage as from age or illness
Wont	an established custom
Wraith	a visible spirit
Wreck	a serious accident; smash or break forcefully
Writ	a legal document issued by a court or judicial officer
Wry	humorously sarcastic or mocking

Your ability to understand the meaning of sentences will also be tested as you will need to identify the option that conveys the correct meaning, using the least number of words.

**X**

Xenophobia	a fear of foreigners or strangers
Xenophytic	an attraction to foreign peoples, cultures or customs
Xerothermic	characterised by heat and dryness
Xylophone	a musical instrument

**Y**

Yearn	have a desire for something
Yeoman	farmer who owns and works his land
Yield	bear, produce or provide
Yoke	a connection, usually between cows on a farm
Yokel	simple-minded country person; bumpkin
Yore	time long past

**Z**

Zany	ludicrous; foolish
Zealot	a fervent and even militant proponent of something
Zenith	highest point; apex
Zephyr	a slight wind
Zest	great enjoyment or excitement; gusto
Zoology	study of animals