Kaplan's Word Groups

Abbreviated Communication

abridge compendium cursory curtail syllabus synopsis terse

Act Quickly

abrupt apace headlong impetuous precipitate

Assist

abet advocate ancillary bolster corroborate countenance espouse mainstay munificent proponent stalwart sustenance

Bad Mood

bilious dudgeon irascible pettish petulant pique querulous umbrage waspish

Beginner/Amateur

dilettante fledgling neophyte novitiate proselyte tyro

Beginning/Young

burgeoning callow engender inchoate incipient nascent

Biting (as in wit or temperament)

acerbic acidulous acrimonious asperity caustic mordacious mordant trenchant

Bold

audacious courageous dauntless intrepid

Boring

banal
fatuous
hackneyed
insipid
mundane
pedestrian
platitude
prosaic
quotidian
trite

Carousal

bacchanalian debauchery depraved dissipated iniquity libertine libidinous licentious reprobate ribald salacious sordid turpitude

Changing Quickly

capricious mercurial volatile

Copy

counterpart
emulate
facsimile
factitious
paradigm
precursor
quintessence
simulate
vicarious

Criticize/Criticism

aspersion
belittle
berate
calumny
castigate
decry
defame/defamation

denounce deride/derisive diatribe disparage excoriate gainsay harangue impugn inveigh lambaste objurgate obloquy opprobrium pillory rebuke remonstrate reprehend reprove

Death/Mourning

revile

tirade

vituperate

bereave
cadaver
defunct
demise
dolorous
elegy
knell
lament
macabre
moribund
obsequies
sepulchral
wraith

Denying of Self

abnegate abstain ascetic spartan stoic temperate

Dictatorial

authoritarian despotic dogmatic hegemonic/ hegemony imperious peremptory tyrannical

Difficult to Understand

abstruse ambiguous arcane bemusing cryptic enigmatic esoteric inscrutable obscure opaque paradoxical perplexing recondite turbid

Disgusting/Offensive

defile fetid invidious noisome odious putrid rebarbative malodorous

Easy to Understand

articulate cogent eloquent evident limpid lucid pellucid

Eccentric/Dissimilar

aberrant
anachronism
anomalous
discrete
eclectic
esoteric
iconoclast

Embarrass

abash chagrin compunction contrition diffidence expiate foible gaucherie rue

Equal

equitable equity tantamount

Falsehood

apocryphal canard chicanery dissemble duplicity equivocate erroneous ersatz fallacious feigned guile mendacious/ mendacity perfidy prevaricate specious spurious

Family

conjugal consanguine distaff endogamous filial fratricide progenitor scion

Favoring/Not Impartial

ardent/ardor doctrinaire fervid partisan tendentious zealot

Forgive/Make **Amends**

absolve acquit ameliorate exculpate exonerate expiate palliate redress vindicate

Funny

chortle droll facetious flippant gibe jocular levity ludicrous raillery riposte

Gaps/Openings

abatement aperture fissure hiatus interregnum interstice lull orifice rent respite rift

Generous/Kind

altruistic beneficent clement largess magnanimous munificent philanthropic unstinting

Greedy

avaricious covetous mercenary miserly

penurious rapacious venal

Hard-Hearted

asperity baleful dour fell malevolent mordant sardonic scathing truculent vitriolic vituperation

Hesitate

dither oscillate teeter vacillate waver

Hostile

antithetic churlish curmudgeon irascible malevolent misanthropic truculent vindictive

quiescent slothful torpid

Luck

adventitious amulet auspicious fortuitous kismet portentous propitiate propitious providential serendipity talisman

Harmful

baleful baneful deleterious inimical iniurious insidious minatory perfidious pernicious

Harsh-Sounding

cacophony din dissonant raucous strident

Hatred

abhorrence anathema antagonism antipathy detestation enmity loathing malice odium rancor

Healthy

beneficial salubrious salutary

Innocent/ Inexperienced

credulous gullible ingenuous naive novitiate tyro

Insincere

disingenuous dissemble fulsome ostensible unctuous

Investigate

appraise ascertain assay descry peruse

Lazy/Sluggish

indolent inert lackadaisical languid lassitude lethargic phlegmatic

Nag

admonish belabor cavil enjoin exhort harangue hector martinet remonstrate reproof

Nasty

fetid noisome noxious

Not a Straight Line

askance awry careen carom circuitous circumvent gyrate labyrinth meander oblique serrated sidle sinuous undulating vortex

Predict

Overblown/Wordy

bombastic circumlocution garrulous grandiloquent loquacious periphrastic prolix rhetoric turgid verbose

Pacify/Satisfy

ameliorate appease assuage defer mitigate mollify placate propitiate satiate slake soothe

Pleasant-Sounding

euphonious harmonious melodious sonorous

Poor

destitute impecunious indigent

Praise

acclaim accolade aggrandize encomium eulogize extol fawn laud/laudatory venerate/ veneration

augur

auspice fey harbinger portentous presage prescient prognosticate

Prevent/Obstruct

discomfit encumber fetter forfend hinder impede inhibit occlude thwart

Smart/Learned

astute canny erudite perspicacious

Sorrow

disconsolate doleful dolor elegiac forlorn lament lugubrious melancholy morose plaintive threnody

Stubborn

implacable inexorable intractable intransigent obdurate obstinate recalcitrant refractory renitent untoward vexing

Terse

compendious curt laconic pithy succinct taciturn

Time/Order/Duration

anachronism antecede antedate anterior archaic diurnal eon ephemeral epoch fortnight millennium penultimate synchronous temporal

Timid/Timidity

craven diffident pusillanimous recreant timorous trepidation

Truth

candor/candid fealty frankness indisputable indubitable legitimate probity sincere veracious verity

Unusual

aberration anomalv iconoclast idiosyncrasy

Wandering

ambulatory discursive expatiate forage itinerant meander peregrination peripatetic sojourn

Weaken

adulterate enervate exacerbate inhibit obviate stultify undermine vitiate

Wisdom

adage aphorism apothegm axiom bromide dictum epigram platitude sententious truism

Withdrawal/Retreat

abevance abjure abnegation abortive abrogate decamp demur recant recidivism remission renege rescind retrograde