451. Vain-Without success

Sentence-The detective hated to tell the parents his efforts to save their daughter was in vain.

452. Abject-Cast down in spirit or hope

Sentence-After his wife died, he was an abject man.

453. Abstain-restrain oneself from doing or enjoying something

Sentence-Because of my health, I am going to abstain from the consumption of alcoholic beverages.

454. Beset-to surround or attack from all sides

Sentence-Whenever you feel that you’re beset by insurmountable problems, ask someone for help.

455. Bigot-a person who is obstinately or intolerantly devoted to his or her own opinions and prejudices

Sentence-The bigot was a lonely old man who thought everyone was inferior to him.

456. Catalyst-a person, thing, or event that quickly causes change or action

Sentence-The enzyme was the catalyst that triggered the chemical reaction.

457. Compliant-observing the requirements and rules

Sentence-The teacher was shocked when her normally rebellious class became compliant.

458. Deceive-to mislead or trick

Sentence-The married man tried to deceive the women at the bar by taking off his wedding band.

459. Deduce-to form a conclusion using logical reasoning

Sentence-By counting backwards, the clerk was able to deduce the correct change to give back to the customer.

460. Zealous-feeling or showing strong and energetic support for a person, cause, etc. Sentence-The zealous detective searched for the killer for over twenty years.

461. Edify=-to teach in a way that improves the mind or character

Sentence-The purpose of our local youth organization is to help edify the minds of our young community members.

462. Emerge-to come forward or appear

Sentence-The country that wins the war will emerge as the leader on the Asian continent.

463. Fabricate-to make up for the purpose of deception

Sentence-The journalist got fired when his editor learned of his plan to fabricate a story about the president.

464. Facet-a side or aspect of something

Sentence-The diamond was cut to have many facets, giving it a certain glimmer in natural sunlight.

465. Grapple-to wrestle or struggle

Sentence-A wrestler is taught to grapple his opponent to achieve victory.

466. Gratify-to satisfy or make content

Sentence-Hopefully the chocolate bar will gratify my desire for something sweet.

467. Heed-to mind someone’s advice or suggestion

Sentence-My sister is always in need of cash because she is unwilling to heed my financial advice

468. Hegemony-the predominant influence of one group over another

Sentence-The president of the company has hegemony over his employees.

469. Imagery-images of objects or people or words that convey these visuals in creative works

Sentence-All of the painter’s paintings contain pastoral imagery because of his rural upbringing.

470. Immaculate-without any blemish or imperfection

Sentence-The gardener works seven days a week to keep my lawn immaculate.

471. Jest-words that are spoken as humor

Sentence-When confronted by the teacher, the student said his words were in jest and not meant to be taken seriously.

472. Jocular-characterized by joking

Sentence-The jocular man is known for his funny punch lines.

473. Keen-strong or highly developed

Sentence-His keen sense of observation allowed him to notice that his keys were not where he had left them.

474. Kinetic-associated with motion

Sentence-Kinetic learners are students who learn better when they are allowed to be active.

475. Laconic-brief

Sentence-A person with few words is laconic.

476. Lament-to express sorrow or regret

Sentence-The least you could do is lament for hurting my mother's feelings!

477. Martial-associated with a military way of life

Sentence-Under martial law, the military takes the power of the local police and assumes control of an area.

478. Maxim-a phrase that is often used as a guiding rule

Sentence-Never choose your mates by their looks because the maxim about not being able to judge a book by its cover is true.

479. Naught-not anything

Sentence-Since there was no evidence to prove the suspect's guilt, all of the accusations were for naught.

480. Nullify-make of no use or value

Sentence-The neighborhood has made an attempt to nullify the real estate developer’s plans by protesting outside of city hall.

481. Oblivion-the condition of being unaware or uninformed

Sentence-The novel put me in such a state of oblivion I forgot to prepare dinner for my family.

482. Obscurity-the condition of being unknown

Sentence-If you do not promote your film, it will remain in obscurity and no one will ever see it.

483. Peculiar-unusual

Sentence-The medicine made me feel peculiar as though I was walking on needles.

484. Peril-grave and imminent danger

Sentence-Everyone knows drinking poison is an act that will put your life in peril.

485. Queue-a waiting list with in order

Sentence-The queue to get onto the bus was so long I wondered if I would be able to find a seat.

486. Quibble-to quarrel about minor matters

Sentence-It is normal for married couples to quibble over small things like who controls the television remote.

487. Redress-to make something right or the payment for a wrong

Sentence-The company hopes to redress the victim’s injury by paying out a million dollar settlement.

488. Regress-to fall back to a previous state

Sentence-As a modern civilization, we need to make progress towards equality for all and not regress into an age of endless civil rights violations.

489. Sallow-having an unnatural yellowish or pale skin color

Sentence-After a night of rough partying, Tricia woke up looking very sallow and drained.

490. Sought-desired

Sentence-Diamonds are highly sought after for their beauty and value.

491. Taxonomy-the methodology used to classify things or organisms

Sentence-Surprisingly, there is even taxonomy for categorizing sexual activities into classes.

492. Tyranny-excessively cruel use of power

Sentence- According to the president, the country will be free of tyranny once the unjust government is removed from power.

493. Umbrage-to take offense

Sentence-Taking umbrage to a blonde joke, Jenna stormed out of the room.

494. Utmost-greatest

Sentence-For a spy, secrecy is of the utmost importance.

495. Veto-to forbid something

Sentence-Because of the recent violence at the school, everyone expects the principal to veto the dance next week.

496. Voluble-characterized by ready or rapid speech

Sentence-The voluble politician was never at a loss for words.

497. Wrought-prepared in some manner

Sentence-The wrought metal will soon be used to construct the new bridge.

498. Xenophobia-a dread or dislike of anything or anyone foreign

Sentence-The boy’s xenophobia arose when he watched a black man kill his mother.

499. Volatile-easily aroused

Sentence-Law enforcement officers are taught how to survive in volatile environments.

500. Vicinity-nearby area

Sentence-There are many beggars in the vicinity of the homeless shelter.