



FLASH CARDS 1380...

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Word	Meaning
Abase	Humiliate, cause to shame
Abash	Cause to be embarrassed, cause to feel self-conscious
Abate	Subside or moderate
Abdicate	To give up a position, right or power
Aberrant	Abnormal or deviant
Abet	Assist usually in doing something wrong
Abeyance	Suspended action
Abhor	Detest, hate
Abide	Dwell, put up with, tolerate
Abject	Miserable, pitiful
Abjure	To reject, abandon formally
Abortive	Unsuccessful, fruitless
Abound	Be abundant or plentiful, exist in large quantities
Abrogate	Abolish, revoke formally
Abscission	The art of cutting
Abscond	Depart secretly and hide
Abstemious	Sparing in eating and drinking
Abstinence	The giving up of certain pleasures
Abstruse	Obscure, profound, difficult to understand
Absurd	Wildly unreasonable, illogical
Abysmal	Very bad
Access	The right to enter
accommodate	Adjust or bring into harmony, adapt
Accomplice	Partner in crime
Accost	Approach and speak first to a person
Accretion	Growth or increase
Accrue	To accumulate, grow by additions
acknowledge	Recognize, admit
Acme	Highest point of something, pinnacle
Acquiesce	Assent, agree passively, comply without protest
acrimonious	Bitter in words or manner, stingy
Acute	Sharp, quickly perceptive, brief and severe, extremely pressing
Adamant	Uncompromising, unyielding
Adherent	Conform to or follow rules exactly, stick to firmly
Adjunct	Something added, attached or joined
Admonish	Warn, reprove
Adroit	Clever or skillful
Adulterate	Make impure by adding tainted substances
Advent	The arrival of a notable person or thing
Adversary	Someone who offers opposition
Adverse	Negative, harmful, unpleasant

Advocate	To publicly support a particular policy or way of doing things
Aegis	Under the influence or protection of a specific individual or party
Aesthetic	Artistic, capable of appreciating the beauty
Affected	Phony, pretentious INTENDED TO DECEIVE
Affinity	Fondness, liking, similarity
Afflict	Cause pain or trouble to, affect adversely
Affluent	Having an abundant supply of money or possessions
Aggrandize	To make greater
Aggregate	Gather, accumulate
Alacrity	Cheerful promptness, eagerness
Alchemy	Medieval chemical philosophy based on changing metal into gold
Allay	To lessen, ease, soothe
Alleged	Questionable, doubtful ACCUSED
Alloy	A combination of two or more metals
Alleviate	Relieve
Allure	The power to entice by charm
Aloof	Remote in manner, not friendly
Altruistic	Showing unselfish concern for welfare of others
Amalgamate	Combine in one
Ambiguous	Unclear or doubtful in meaning
Ambivalence	State of conflicting emotional attitudes
Ambrosia	Something delicious
Ameliorate	Improve
Amenable	Agreeable, cooperative, suited
Amenity	Something that increases comfort
Amicable	Characterized by friendship and goodwill
Amnesty	Formal act of liberating someone, grant an official pardon to
Amorous	Showing, feeling or relating to sexual desire
Amulet	Ornament worn as a charm against evil spirits
Anachronism	Something misplaced in time
Analgesic	Medication to eliminate pain
Analogous	Comparable
Anarchy	Absence of governing body, state of disorder
Anathema	Someone who is cursed or shunned, something that one strongly dislikes
Annals	Record of historical events
Anodyne	Something that calms or soothes pain
Anomalous	Abnormal, irregular
Antecedent	Something that comes before
Antediluvian	Prehistoric
anthropologist	Someone who studies the development of humans
Antipathy	Aversion, dislike
Antiquated	Old-fashioned or outdated
Antithesis	Total opposite of
Apathy	Indifference
Apex	The highest point
Apogee	The highest point
Apostate	An individual who has rejected his faith or religious conventions
Apothegm	A terse, witty saying
Appalled	Struck with horror, greatly dismayed
Appease	Pacify, soothe, relieve
Appellation	Name

Apposite	Strikingly appropriate and relevant
Apprise	Inform
Approbation	Approval
Appropriate	Acquire, take possession of for one's own use
Apropos	Relevant
Arabesque	Ornate design featuring intertwined curves
Arbiter	One appointed to settle down a dispute
Arbitrary	Chosen or done at random
Archaic	Very old
Archaeology	Study of material evidence of past human life
Ardent	Very enthusiastic or passionate
Ardor	Great emotion or passion
Arduous	Hard, strenuous
Argot	A specialized vocab used by a group
Array	A display or arrangement
Arrest	To stop, seize
Artifact	Items made by human craft
Artifice	A move made to advantage or trick someone
Artless	Without guilt, open and honest
Ascend	To travel in an upward direction
Ascertain	Be careful or certain to do things
Ascetic	Practicing self-denial, austere
Asinine	Extremely stupid or foolish
Asperity	Severity, harshness, irritability
Aspersions	Slander, false rumor
Aspirant	Having ambitions to achieve something
Aspire	To seek to attain or accomplish a particular goal
Asset	A useful or valuable thing
Assiduous	Diligent , hard working
Assuage	Ease pain, satisfy hunger, soothe anger
Astringent	Harsh, severe
Astute	Marked by practical hardheaded intelligence
Asylum	Place of shelter or refuge
Atavism	Return of a trait after a period of absence
Atrophy	To weaken in ability or function
Attenuate	Reduce
Attest	Authenticate, affirm to be true
Atypical	Somewhat odd, strange or abnormal
Audacious	Daring, bold
Augment	enlarge or increase
Austere	Forbiddingly stern, severely simple and unornamented
Avarice	Greed
Aver	Assert confidently, state formally as true
Aversion	Act of turning yourself away
Avid	Enthusiastic, passionate
Avocation	Secondary occupation
Avuncular	Like an uncle, benevolent and tolerant
Axiomatic	Taken for granted

B

Word	Meaning
Babble	Chatter idly or foolishly
Badger	To bother persistently, annoy
Baffle	To bewilder or confuse, hinder or prevent
Bacchanalian	Pertaining to riotous or drunken festivity or revelry
Balk	Hesitate or be unwilling to accept an idea or undertaking
Banal	Trite, lacking originality, commonplace, hackneyed
Bane	Something causing misery or death
Banter	Playful conversation
Bard	Poet
Bask	Be exposed to warmth and light, revel in and make the most of
Bawdy	Obscene
Beatify	To sanctify, to bless, to ascribe a virtue to
Bedizen	To dress in a vulgar, showy manner
Bedlam	A condition of chaos
Begrudge	Envy the possession or enjoyment of
Behemoth	Huge and powerful
Belie	Contradict, give a false impression
Belittle	Dismiss as unimportant
Belligerent	Hostile and aggressive
Beneficent	Kindly, doing good
Benevolent	Willing to help do good
Bereft	Sorrowful through loss or deprivation
Besiege	To approach with excessive no. of requests or questions
Besmirch	Charge falsely or with malicious intent
Bias	A partiality that prevents objective consideration of an issue
Bigot	A prejudiced person who is intolerant of any opinions differing from his own
Bifurcate	To divide into two parts
Bizarre	Highly unusual
Blandishment	Flattery
Blatant	Completely obvious, especially in an offensive manner
Blaze	Unconcerned, bored because of frequent indulgence
Bliss	Great joy
Blunt	Very direct in one's words usually in a negative manner
Bogus	Not real, fraudulent
Bolster	Support, reinforce
Bombastic	Pompous, using inflated language
Bona fide	Not counterfeit or copied, real or done honestly
Boorish	Rude, insensitive
Bovine	Cow-like
Brash	Offensively bold
Brawl	A fight with large no. of people involved
Brazen	Bold, shameless
Bristle	Rise up as in fear, react in an offended or angry manner
Broach	To mention for the first time
Bucolic	Characteristic of countryside, rustic, pastoral
Bulwark	An object that acts as a shield

Burgeon	Grow forth, set out buds
Burnish	Make shiny by rubbing, polish
Buttress	Support, prop up

C

Word	Meaning
Cache	A hidden storage space
Cacophonous	Unpleasant or harsh-sounding
Cadge	To beg, sponge
Cajole	Persuade someone to do something, convince with gentle pleadings
Callous	Insensitive
Callow	Immature, lacking in life experience
Calumny	False and malicious accusation
Canard	False, deliberately misleading story
Candid	Truthful and straightforward
Candor	The quality of being open and honest
Canon	An established set of principles
Cant	Insincere talk, language of particular group
Cantankerous	Irritable, ill-humored
Capitulate	To give in or surrender under certain terms
Capricious	Unpredictable, fickle
Captious	Faultfinding, intended to entrap as in an argument
Cardinal	Of foremost importance
Carnage	The killing of large number of people
Carnal	Related to physical appetites
Carping	Having the tendency to criticize
Cartography	Science of map-making
Caste	Social stratification
Castigation	Punishment, severe criticism
Cataclysm	A violent upheaval that causes great destruction and change
Catalyst	Agent that increases pace of a chemical action
catastrophic	Extremely harmful
Categorical	Absolute, without exception
Caucus	Smaller group within an organization
Causal	Involving a cause
Caustic	Burning, sarcastically biting
Celerity	A rate that is rapid
Celestial	Concerned with sky or heaven, sublime
Centrifugal	Moving away from a center
Centripetal	Moving towards a center
Cessation	The fact of being brought to an end
Chagrin	A feeling of being frustrated or annoyed because of failure or disappointment
Champion	To defend or support
Charisma	A personal attractiveness that enables you to influence others
Charlatan	A person falsely claiming to have a special knowledge or skill
Chasten	To correct by punishment or reproof, to restrain or subdue
Chicanery	Trickery, deception
Chimerical	Produced by a wildly fanciful imagination
Chivalry	Bravery and gallantry towards women

Churlish	Rude, boorish
Circuitous	Roundabout
Clamor	Noisy outcry
Clairvoyant	One who can predict the future, psychic
Clandestine	Conducted by hidden aims or methods
Cliché	A word or phrase used excessively
Clique	A small, exclusive group
Cloister	To confine, seclude
Coagulate	Thicken, clot, congeal
Coalesce	To cause to become one
Coda	Concluding section, concludes or summarizes
Codify	To systemize
Coerce	To cause to do through pressure or necessity
Cogent	Very clear and easy to the mind to accept and believe
Cognizant	Informed, aware
Collage	An assemblage of diverse elements
Cogent	Convincing
Comely	Very pleasing to the eye
Commensurate	Corresponding in degree or proportion
commodious	Spacious and convenient
Compassion	A deep awareness and sympathy for another's sufferings
Compatible	Able to exist and perform in harmonious and agreeable combination
Compendium	Brief, comprehensive summary
compensate	To make up for a misdeed
Complacent	Self-satisfied
Complaisant	Trying to please, overly polite, obliging
Complement	Something that makes up a whole
Compliant	Yielding, conforming to requirements
Complicity	Guilt as an accomplice in a crime or offense
comprehensive	Including or dealing with all aspects of something
Compunction	Uneasiness caused by guilt
Concave	Curving inward
Conciliatory	Soothing, reconciling
Concoct	To invent
Concomitant	Existing concurrently
Concur	Happen simultaneously, be in agreement
Condolence	An expression of sympathy with another's grief
Condone	Overlook, approve, give tacit approval
Conducive	Tending to bring about
Confidant	A person with whom you can share your secrets
conflagration	An extensive fire that destroys a great deal of land and property
Confound	To be unable to think clearly, confusing, perplexing, to baffle
Confront	Come face to face with
Congenial	Friendly, suited to, similar in habits
Conjecture	Reasoning that involves conclusions from incomplete evidence
Conjugal	Pertaining to marriage agreement
Connoisseur	A lover of art
Connubial	Relating to marriage
Conscript	A person compulsorily enrolled for military services
Consecrate	To declare sacred
consternation	A feeling of worry, shock or fear

Construe	Make sense of
consummate	Extremely skilled
contemptuous	Showing or feeling deep hatred for someone or something
Contend	To assert
Contention	Claim, thesis
Contentious	Quarrelsome
Contenance	Self-control
Contrite	Penitent <i>remorseful</i>
Contumacious	Disobedient, rebellious
Conundrum	Riddle, difficult problem
Convention	Practice widely accepted
Converge	Tend to meet, come together
Convex	Curved outward
Convivial	Sociable
Convoluted	Coiled around, involved, intricate
Cope	How well one deals with difficult situation
Copious	Abundant, plentiful
Coquette	Woman who flirts
Corpulent	Having a large bulky body
Cornucopia	State of abundance
Corroborate	To strengthen with evidence
Coterie	An exclusive circle of people with a common purpose
countenance	A person's facial expression
Coup	A sudden and decisive change of government by force
Cosmology	Study of universe
Covert	Hidden, secret
Covetous, covet	Desiring something owned by other
Cozen	To mislead by trick or fraud, to deceive
Craven	Cowardly
Credence	Acceptance of something as true
Credo	Statement of belief of principle, creed
Cryptic	Having a mysterious meaning
Culminate	Reach a climax or point of highest development
Culpable	Deserving blame as being wrong or evil
cumbersome	Difficult to handle or use because of size or weight, not elegant or graceful
Cumulative	Force by successive additions
Cupidity	Extreme greed for material wealth
Cursory	Hasty and without attention to detail
Curtail	To limit something
Cynic	Someone who is critical of the motive of others

D

Word	Meaning
Daunt	Intimidate, frighten
Dearth	Scarcity
Debacle	Chatter idly or foolishly
Debauchery	Corruption
Debilitate	Make someone very weak and infirm
Debris	The remains of something that has been destroyed or broken up
Decade	A period of 10 years

Decadence	The state of being degenerate in mental or moral aspects
Decapitate	Cut the head of
Declaim	Speak against in an impassioned manner, recite in elocution
Decorum	Propriety, orderliness and good taste in manners
Decrepit	Worn out or ruined because of age or neglect
Deem	Keep in mind or convey as a view
Defame	To malign, harm someone's reputation
Default	Failure to act
Deference	Courteous regard for another's wishes
Defunct	No longer existing
Degrade	Reduce the worth
Deleterious	Harmful to living things
Delineate	Portray, depict, sketch
Delude	Make someone believe something that is not true
Deluge	A severe flood, a large no. of things occurring in the same instance
Delve	To search thoroughly and carefully for information, turn up
Demeanor	Behavioral attributes
Demographic	Related to population balance
Demotic	Pertaining to people
Demur	To express doubt, question or oppose
Denigrate	Blacken
Denizen	Regular visitor
Denote	To point out something
Denouement	Outcome
Deplorable	Completely unacceptable
Deploy	Place troops or weapons in battle formation
Deprecate	Express strong disapproval of
Deride	Ridicule, make fun of
Derivative	Unoriginal, obtained from another source
Derogatory	Conveying a poor opinion of something
Desiccate	Dry up
Desist	To stop doing something
Desuetude	State of disuse
Desultory	Aimless, haphazard, digressing at random
Deterrent	Something that discourages, hindrance
Detriment	An event that inflicts damage to an individual or thing
Detraction	Act of taking away
Devout	Very religious or strongly committed to belief or cause
Dexterity	The ability to do task both quickly and skillfully
Diaphanous	Transparent, vague, insubstantial
Diatribes	Bitter scolding, invective
Dichotomy	Split, branching into two parts
Diffidence	Shyness
Diffuse	Wordy, rambling, spread out
Dilettante	A person whose interest in an area is not very serious
Digression	Wandering away from the subject
Diminutive	Very small
Dirge	Lament with music
Discern	To be able to see
Disabuse	Correct a false impression
Discerning	Mentally quick and observant, having insight

Discomfit	To make uneasy, disconcert
Discordant	Conflicting, not harmonious
Discredit	Defame, disbelieve
Discrepancy	Lack of consistency, difference
Discreet	Not attracting attention
Discrete	Separate, unconnected, consisting of distinct parts
Discretion	Quality of showing self-restraint in speech or actions
Disdain	Lack of respect accompanied by a feeling of intense dislike
Disgruntled	In a state of sulky dissatisfaction
Disheveled	In disarray, extremely disorderly
Disingenuous	Lacking genuine candor, insincere
Disinterested	Unprejudiced
Disjointed	Lacking coherence, separated at the joints
Dismantle	Take off or remove
Dismiss	Reject, eliminate from consideration
Disparage	Belittle
Disparate	Unrelated, basically different
Dispersed	To spread out equally
Dissemble	Disguise, pretend
Disseminate	Distribute, spread, scatter(like seeds)
Dissent	Hold or express opinions that are at variance with those commonly held
Dissident	Person who disagrees about beliefs
Dissolution	Disintegration, looseness in morals
Dissonance	Discord, opposite of harmony
Distend	Expand, swell out
Distill	Purify, refine and concentrate
Distract	Inattentive, preoccupied
Distraught	Deeply agitated especially from emotion
Diverge	Vary, go in different directions, spread out
Divest	Strip, deprive
Divulge	To make a secret known
Docile	Easily handled or managed
Doctrinaire	Dogmatic, unyielding
Document	Provide written evidence
Doddering	Mentally or physically infirm with age
Doggerel	Poor verse
Dogmatic	Opinionated, arbitrary, doctrinal
Doleful	Filled with sadness or grief
Dormant	Sleeping, lethargic
Dregs	The least wanted part
Dross	Waste, worthless matter
Drudgery	Hard monotonous routine work
Dubious	Not convinced
Dulcet	Pleasing to the ear
Dupe	Someone easily fooled
Duplicity	Dishonest behavior intended to trick someone
Duress	Compulsory force or threat

E

Word	Meaning
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Ebullient	Showing excitement and enthusiasm
Eclectic	Selective, collect from disparate sources
Edifice	A structure that has a roof and walls
effervescence	State of high spirits or liveliness
Effete	Depleted of vitality, over-refined, decadent
Efficacy	Power to produce desired effect
Effigy	A representation of a person
Effrontery	Impudence, shameless boldness
Egoism	Self-centeredness
Egotistical	Excessively self-centered, conceited
Egregious	Conspicuously and outrageously bad or reprehensible
Elapse	Pass by, move
Elegy	Poem or song expressing lamentation
Elicit	Draw out by discussion
Elixir	A substance believed to have power to cure ills
Elucidate	Make free from confusion or ambiguity
Elusive	Difficult to describe
Elysian	Delightful, blissful
Emaciated	Thin and wasted
Embellish	Adorn, ornament, enhance, as a story
Eminent	Standing out from others
Emissary	Someone sent on a mission to represent interests of someone else
Emit	Give off
Emollient	Soothing, mollifying
Empirical	Based on experience
Emulate	Imitate, rival
Encomium	A formal expression of praise
encumbrance	Any obstruction that is burdensome
Endemic	Prevailing among a specific group or area
Enervate	Weaken
Engender	Cause, produce
Engrossed	Marked by complete attention
Enhance	Increase, improve
Enigma	Something that baffles understanding and cannot be explained
Ennui	The feeling of being bored by something tedious
Entourage	Group following and attending to some important person
Entreaty	Earnest or urgent request
entomology	Scientific study of insects
Enunciate	To pronounce clearly
Ephemeral	Short-lived, fleeting
epistemology	Philosophy branch that examines the nature of knowledge
Epithet	A defamatory or abusive word or phrase
Epitome	A standard or typical example
Equable	Steady, serene, unvarying
Equanimity	Calmness of temperament, composure
Equivocate	Lie, mislead, attempt to conceal the truth
Errant	Mistaken, straying from the proper course
Erudite	Learned, scholarly
Eschew	Avoid and stay away from deliberately
Esoteric	Hard to understand, known to only chosen few
Essay	To make an attempt, subject to a test

Estimable	Admirable, possible to estimate
ethnocentric	Based on the belief that one's group is superior
Etiology	Causes or origins
Etymology	Origin and history of a word
Eugenics	Study of factors that affect the hereditary qualities of human race and ways to improve those qualities
Eulogy	Expression of praise
Euphemism	Mild expression instead unpleasant
Euphoria	Feeling of extreme happiness
Euthanasia	Mercy killing
Evanescence	Tending to vanish like vapor
Evince	To show plainly, be an indication of
Evocative	Tending to call to mind or produce a reaction
Exacerbate	Worsen, embitter
Excoriate	Express strong disapproval of
excruciating	Extremely painful
Exact	To force the payment of, demand and obtain by authority
Exculpate	Clear from blame
Execrable	Detestable, abhorrent
Exhort	To urge by strong appeals
Exigency	Urgent situation requiring immediate attention
Existential	Related to existence
Exonerate	Pronounce not guilty of criminal charges
Exorcise	To expel evil spirits, free from bad influence
Expatiate	To speak or write at length
Expatriate	To send into exile
Expedient	A means to an end
Expedite	Process fast and efficient
Expiate	To atone for
Explicate	To explain, clarify, interpret
Expository	explanatory
Expunge	Remove by erasing or crossing out
Expurgate	Edit by omitting or modifying parts
Extant	In existence, not lost
extemporaneous	Unrehearsed
Extirpate	To root up, to destroy
Extol	Praise, glorify or honor
Extraneous	Not essential
Extrapolation	Projection, conjecture
Extrinsic	Not inherent or essential
Exult	To express great joy
Exultation	Utterance of sounds expressing great joy

F

Word	Meaning
fabricate	Make up something
facade	Front of a building
facet	A distinct feature or element in a problem
Facetious	Joking often inappropriately
facile	Expressing yourself readily

factitious	Not produced by natural forces
fallacious	Based on an incorrect or misleading notion of information, intended to deceive
falter	Speak haltingly
factotum	A person who does all sorts of work
Fallacious	Help bring about, make less difficult
fallow	Uncultivated
Fastidious	Giving careful attention to detail
Fatal	Of decisive importance
Fatuous	Brainless, foolish, yet smug, inane
fawning	Attempting to win favor by flattery
Fauna	Animals of a period or region
Fawning	Trying to please by behaving obsequiously, flattering
feasible	Capable of being done with means at hand and circumstances as they are
Feint	Any distracting or deceptive maneuver
Felicitous	Apt, suitably expressed, well chosen
felon	Someone who has committed a crime
Feral	Existing in wild or untamed state
ferment	Agitation and excitement among a group of people
Fervor	Glowing ardor, intensity of feeling
Fetid	Having a bad smell
fetter	To bind, confine
fiasco	A sudden and violent collapse
Fiat	Arbitrary order, authorization
fidelity	Loyalty, exact correspondence
filibuster	Use of obstructive tactics in legislature to block passage of a law
finesse	Refined in performance, to handle with deceptive or evasive strategy
fissure	Crevice
flabbergasted	As if dumbstruck with astonishment and surprise
Flag	Droop, grow feeble
flagrant	Conspicuously and outrageously bad or reprehensible
flamboyant	Tending to attract attention because of their exuberance
Flay	Strip the skin off
Fledgling	Inexperienced
Flora	Plants of a region or era
florid	Ruddy, reddish, flowery
Flout	Treat with contemptuous disregard
flourish	An embellishment or ornamentation
Flout	Reject, mock, show contempt for
Flux	Flowing or continuously moving
Foist	Insert without warrant
Foment	Stir up, instigate
forbearance	Patience
Forestall	Prevent by taking action in advance
formidable	Menacing, threatening
forthright	Characterized by directness in manner or speech
fortuitous	Occurring by happy chance
forswear	Renounce, repudiate
founder	To sink, fail, collapse
fracas	A loud quarrel, brawl
fractious	Quarrelsome, unruly, rebellious

Frail	Wanting in moral strength
fraught	Filled with, marked by distress
Fray	A noisy battle, skirmish
frenetic	Excessively agitated
frenzy	State of violent mental agitation
Fret	Be constantly or visibly anxious
fresco	A painting done on plaster
frieze	Ornamental band on a wall
froward	Stubbornly contrary, obstinately disobedient, difficult to deal with
Frugality	Thrift, economical
fulminate	To attack loudly, denounce
fulsome	So excessive as to be disgusting
furtive	Marked by quiet and caution and secrecy
fusion	Union, synthesis
Futile	Useless, hopeless, ineffectual

G

Word	Meaning
Gainsay	Deny, take exception to
galvanize	Shock or excite someone into taking action
Gambol	To frolic, leap playfully
gamut	A complete extent or range
Garbled	Confused and distorted, unclear
Garrulous	Talkative, wordy, loquacious
Gauche	Coarse and uncouth, clumsy
gaudy	Tastelessly showy
gaunt	Very thin especially from disease or hunger
Geniality	Cheerfulness, kindness, sociability
genocide	Systematic killing of a racial or cultural group
Genre	A kind of literary or artistic work
germane	Relevant and apt
gesticulate	Show through movement
Glean	Gather as of natural products
Gerrymander	To divide an area into voting districts to favor one political party
Glib	Fluent in an insincere way, offhand
Goad	Urge on
Gossamer	Sheer, light and delicate, like cobwebs
Gouge	Overcharge
Grandiloquent	Pompous, bombastic, using high sounding language
gratuity	An award given without claim
gregarious	Sociable
grimace	A facial expression that usually indicates strong dislike or pain
grotesque	Distorted and unnatural in shape or size
Grouse	To complain
Guileless	Without deceit
Guise	Outward appearance, false appearance
Gullible	Easily deceived
Gustatory	Affecting sense of taste
Gusto	Vigorous and enthusiastic

H

Word	Meaning
Halcyon	Calm and peaceful, happy, prosperous
Hallowed	Holy, sacred
hapless	Unfortunate
Harangue	Long, passionate and vehement speech
Harass	Subject to aggressive intimidation
Harrowing	Extremely distressing, terrifying
harbinger	One that initiates a major change
Haven	A location that offers security
Havoc	Widespread destruction
heinous	Hatefully or shockingly evil
Herbivores	Animal feeding on plants
Heresy	Deviation from a dominant practice
Hermetic	Tightly sealed, magical
Heterodox	Not widely accepted
Hieroglyphics	Writing or symbols difficult to decipher
Hirsute	Covered with hair
Histrionic	Relating to exaggerated emotional behavior calculated for effect
Hoard	To collect
Hoax	A humorous or malicious deception
Homeostasis	Automatic maintenance by an organism in balance with itself
Homily	Sermon, tedious moralizing lecture
Hostile	Unfriendly
Homogenous	Of the same kind
humility	Having a modest view of one's importance
Hyperbole	Exaggeration, overstatement

I

Word	Meaning
Iconoclastic	Attacking cherished traditions
Idolatry	Worship of idols, excessive admiration
idyllic	Extremely happy, peaceful or picturesque
igneous	Produced by fire, volcanic
ignominious	Causing public disgrace or shame
imbibe	Drink
imbroglia	Complicated situation, an entanglement
imminent	About to happen
Immutable	Unchangeable
Impair	Injure, hurt
Impassive	Without feeling, stoical, imperturbable
impeccable	Faultless
impecunious	Poor, having no money
Impede	Hinder, block
imperative	Crucial
imperceptible	So slight, gradual as not to be perceived
Impermeable	Impervious, not permitting passage through
Imperturbable	Calm, placid

Impervious	Impenetrable, incapable of being damaged or distressed
impetuous	Characterized by undue haste and lack of thought
impious	Showing lack of respect for God or religion
impinge	To strike, encroach
Implacable	Incapable of being pacified
implausible	Unlikely, unbelievable
Implicit	Understood but not stated
Implode	Burst inward
implore	Beg someone earnestly or desperately to do something
importune	Harass persistently to do something
imprecation	Curse, damnation
impresario	A person who organizes concerts, plays or operas
impromptu	Done without being planned or rehearsed
imprudent	Rash, not showing care for the action's consequence
impugn	Dispute the truth of
impunity	Exemption from punishment or freedom from injurious consequences of an action
impute	To attribute the fault to, Relate to a particular cause or source
Inadvertently	Carelessly, by oversight, unintentionally
inane	Lacking sense or meaning
inanimate	Not alive
incapacitated	Deprived of strength or power
incarnate	Having bodily form
Inchoate	Elementary, rudimentary, recently begun
incipient	Beginning to happen or develop
incisive	Intelligently analytical and clear thinking
inclement	Unpleasantly cold or wet
incoherent	Unclear
Incongruity	Lack of harmony, absurdity
Inconsequential	Insignificant, unimportant
incontrovertible	Not able to be denied or disputed
Incorporate	Combine, unite
incredulous	Unable to believe something
incumbent	Morally binding
indeterminate	Not exactly known or defined
indict	Formally accuse of a crime
incursion	Sudden invasion
Indeterminate	Indefinite, uncertain
indifference	Lack of interest, sympathy or concern
indigenous	Native
Indigence, indigent	Poverty, poor, needy
indoctrinate	Teach to accept a set of beliefs uncritically
Indolent	Lazy, idle
inebriated	Drunk
ineffectual	Not producing desired effect
ineluctable	Not to be avoided or escaped, inevitable
Inert	Inactive, lacking power to move
inevitable	Certain to happen, unavoidable
inexorable	Impossible to stop
infallible	Incapable of being mistakes or being wrong
infamous	Well known for some bad quality or deed

infraction	A violation of a law
Ingenuous	Naïve and trusting, young, unsophisticated
ingratiate	Bring oneself into favor with someone by flattery or pleasing
Inherent	Firmly established by nature or habit
inhibition	A feeling that makes one self-conscious and unable to act in relaxed way
iniquity	Immoral
innate	Inborn, natural
Innocuous	Harmless
inordinate	Unusually large, excessive
Insensible	Unconscious, unresponsive
insatiable	Impossible to satisfy
insensible	Unconscious
insidious	Proceeding in gradual subtle way but with harmful effects
Insinuate	Creep in, hint, imply
Insipid	Lacking in flavor, dull
insouciant	Indifferent, lacking care
Insularity	Narrow-mindedness, insolation
insuperable	Unconquerable, insurmountable
intangible	Not material
interdict	To forbid, prohibit
interject	To insert between other elements
interloper	Someone who intrudes on privacy of other
interminable	Endless
internecine	Deadly to both sides
interpolate	To insert, change by adding new words or materials
interregnum	Interval between reigns, gap in continuity
intimate	Marked by close acquaintance
intimidate	Frighten someone in order to make them do what one wants
Intractable	Stubborn, unyielding
Intransigence	Refusal of any compromise, stubbornness
intrepid	Fearless, adventurous
intrinsic	Essential
introspective	Contemplating one's own thoughts and feelings
Inundate	Overwhelm, flood, submerge
Inured	Hardened, accustomed
Invective	Abuse
Inveigh	To disapprove, protest vehemently
Inveigle	To win over by flattering or coaxing
inveterate	Confirmed, long standing
invidious	Likely to provoke ill will
inviolable	Never to be broken or dishonored
Irascible	Irritable, easily angered
irate	Characterized by great anger
Irresolute	Uncertain how to act, weak
itinerant	Wandering from place to place, unsettled
Itinerary	Plan of a trip

J

Word	Meaning
Jaundiced	Affected by envy, yellowness in skin

Jaunty	Expressing a lively, cheerful and self-confident manner
jeopardize	To put at risk
jettison	To eliminate something
Jibe	To be in agreement
Jocose	Fond of joking, jocular
Jostle	To compete or struggle with something
jubilant	Filled with joy
Juggernaut	Huge force destroying everything in its path
Junta	Group of people united in political intrigue
jurisdiction	Valid power to take decisions
Juxtapose	Place side by side

K

Word	Meaning
Kudos	Fame, glory, honor

L

Word	Meaning
Labile	Likely to change
labyrinth	A maze
laceration	A deep cut in skin or flesh
Laconic	Brief and to the point
Lambaste	To trash verbally or physically
lampoon	Publicly criticize by using ridicule, irony or sarcasm
largesse	Generosity in bestowing money or gifts upon others
Lascivious	Lustful
Lassitude	Weariness, languor
Latent	Dormant, potential but undeveloped, hidden
Laud	Praise
Lax	Not sufficiently strict, severe or careful
legerdemain	Skillful use of one's hands when performing conjuring tricks
Lesion	Amounting to large indefinite number
Lethargic	Drowsy, dull
Levee	Stone embankment to prevent flooding
Levity	A lack of seriousness or earnestness
Libel	A written defamation
Liberal	Tolerant, broad-minded
Libertine	One without moral restraint
Libido	Sexual desire
Lilliputian	Extremely small
Limn	To draw, describe
Limpid	Clear, transparent
Linguistic	Pertaining to language
Litany	Lengthy recitation, repetitive chant
Literati	Scholarly or learned persons
Lithe	Thin, supple and graceful
Litigation	Legal proceedings
Livid	Furiously angry
Loath	Reluctant, unwilling

Loathe	Feel intense dislike or disgust for
Log	Record of activities
longevity	Duration of time for which something persists
Loquacious	Talkative
Lucid	Clear, intelligible, easily understood
lucrative	Producing great profits
Lucre	Money or profits
lugubrious	Looking gloomy or sad
Luminous	Shining
Lurid	Unpleasantly bright in color
Lush	Of vegetation growing luxuriantly

M

Word	Meaning
machismo	Strong or aggressive masculine pride
Machiavellian	Crafty, double-dealing
Machinations	Plots or schemes
Maelstrom	Whirlpool, turmoil
Magnanimity	Generosity, nobility
Maim	Wound or injure so that part of the body is permanently damaged
malady	A disease or ailment
malevolent	Having or showing a wish to do evil to others
Malign	To speak evil of
malignant	Evil in nature or effect
Malingering	One who feigns illness to escape duty
malingeringer	A shirker
malnutrition	Lack of proper nutrition
mammoth	So excessively large or extensive as to suggest a giant
Malleable	Impressionable, capable of being turned into thin sheets
mandate	An official order to do something
manifest	Clear or obvious to the eye
manifold	Many and various
martinet	A strict disciplinarian
masticate	Chew
materialism	A tendency to consider physical comforts above spiritual values
maudlin	Self pityingly or tearfully sentimental
Maverick	Rebel, nonconformist
Megalomania	Delusion of power or importance
Menagerie	A variety of animals kept together
Mendacious	Lying, habitually dishonest
Mendicant	Beggar
menial	Not requiring much skill and lacking prestige
mentor	An experienced and trusted advisor
mercenary	Primarily concerned with making money at expense of ethics
Meretricious	Gaudy, specious, falsely attractive
Mesmerize	To hypnotize
metamorphosis	Change of form
metaphysics	Philosophy investigating ultimate nature of reality
meteorological	Related to weather
Meticulous	Excessively careful, painstaking, scrupulous

Mettle	Courage, endurance
mettlesome	Full of courage and fortitude
Microcosm	A small system analogous to a large one
Mien	A person's appearance or manner as an indicator of their mood
Milieu	A person's social environment
Militate	To work against
Minatory	Threatening, menacing
Minuscule	Very small
Minutia	Petty details
misanthrope	One who hates mankind
Miscellany	Mixture of writing on various subjects
Miscreant	Villain, criminal
Misogynist	One who hates women
Mitigate	Appease, moderate
Mnemonic	Related to memory, assisting memory
Modicum	Limited quantity
Mollify	Soothe
Monolithic	Solid and uniform, constituting a single whole
moribund	At the point of death
Morose	Sullen, melancholy, ill-humored
Motley	Many colored, made up of many parts
multifarious	Diverse
Mundane	everyday, worldly as opposed to spiritual
munificent	Characterized by great generosity
Murky	Dark and gloomy
Myriad	A large number

N

Word	Meaning
Nadir	The most unsuccessful point in a situation
Naïve	Showing lack of experience, wisdom or judgement
nascent	Just coming to existence and showing potential for future
nebulous	Hazy
necromancy	Black magic
nefarious	Wicked or criminal
Negate	Cancel out, nullify, deny
Neologism	New word or expression
Neophyte	Beginner, novice
nepotism	Favoring relatives by those in power
Nettle	A herbaceous plant
neurotic	Having caused by neurosis
Nexus	A means of connection, a center
nirvana	An ideal or idyllic state
noisome	Having an extremely offensive smell
nomadic	Wandering, wanderer
Nominal	small
nondescript	Dull and uninteresting, lacking distinct characteristics
nonentity	A person who is not important
nonplussed	Bewildered
Nostalgia	Sentimental longing for the past time

Nostrum	Medicine or remedy of doubtful effectiveness
nuance	A subtle variation
Nugatory	Invalid, trifling
Nullify	Cancel out
nurture	Helping someone grow up

O

Word	Meaning
Obdurate	Stubborn
obliterate	To destroy, wipe out
obloquy	Shame from public disapproval
obscure	Not clearly understood or expressed
obsequious	Slavishly attentive, sycophantic, servile
obsess	Be preoccupied with something
obsolescence	Become outdated
Obsequy	Funeral ceremony
Obviate	Make unnecessary, get rid of
Occlude	Shut, close
Occult	Relating to practices connected with supernatural phenomenon
Odyssey	A long adventurous voyage, a quest
Officious	Meddlesome, excessively pushy in one's affairs
Olfactory	Concerning senses of smell
Oligarchy	A govt. by a few leaders
ominous	Suggesting that something bad is going to happen in the future
omnipotent	Unlimited power or influence
Onerous	Burdensome
onomatopoeia	Formation of words that imitate the sounds of actions they refer to
opprobrium	Infamy, vilification
opulence	Great wealth or luxuriousness
ornithologist	One who studies birds
Oscillate	Vibrate
ostensible	Stated or appearing to be true but not necessarily so
ostentatious	Showy, pretentious, trying to attract attention
ostracize	Avoid speaking with
Oust	To banish or kick out
Overt	Open and not secret
overweening	Arrogant, presumptuous

P

Word	Meaning
Paean	Song of joy or triumphant, a fervent expression of joy
paleontology	Study of past geological eras through fossil remains
Pall	A cloth spread over a coffin, hearse or tomb
palliate	To get rid or alleviate
Pallid	Lacking color or liveliness
pandemonium	Wild and noisy disorder or confusion, uproar
panegyric	Elaborate praise, formal hymn of praise
Paragon	Model of perfection
Partisan	One-sided, prejudiced, committed to a party

paroxysm	A sudden attack or outbursts of a particular emotion or activity
parsimonious	Very unwilling to spend money or use resources
partisan	A strong supporter of a party, person or cause
Passé	No longer fashionable, out of date
pathetic	Arousing pity, especially through vulnerability or sadness
pathological	Pertaining to disease
Patois	Jargon, a regional dialect
Paucity	Scarcity
pecuniary	Relating to or consisting of money
pedagogue	A teacher especially a strict or pedantic one
pedagogy	Method and practice of teaching
Pedantic	Showing off learning, bookish
Pellucid	Transparent, easily understood
penance	Punishment inflicted on oneself as an outward expression of repentance for wrongdoing
Penchant	Strong inclination, liking
penitent	Feeling or showing sorrow and regret for having done wrong
pensive	Engaged in, involving or reflecting deep, serious thought
Penury	Severe poverty, stinginess
Perceive	To view or become aware of
peregrination	Wandering from place to place
peremptory	Imperative, leaving no choice
Perennial	Something long lasting
Perfidious	Disloyal, treacherous
perfunctory	Superficial, lacking care, interest or enthusiasm
perigee	Point in orbit of earth closest to sun
Permeable	Penetrable, porous
permeate	Spread throughout
pernicious	Having a harmful effect, especially in a gradual or subtle way
perpetrate	Carry out or commit an immoral action
perpetuate	Make something continue indefinitely
persevere	Continue in a course of action even with little or no inclination of success
perspicacious	Having a ready insight into and understanding of things
pertinent	Relevant or applicable to a particular matter
perturb	To disturb greatly, make uneasy or anxious
peruse	To read or examine carefully, to look over casually
Pervasive	Spread throughout
perverse	Spreading widely throughout an area or group or people
pestilence	A fatal epidemic disease especially bubonic plague
phenomenon	A fact that is observed to exist
petulant	Rude, peevish
Phlegmatic	Calm, not easily disturbed
phobia	An extreme or irrational fear of or aversion to something
phoenix	Anything that is restored after suffering great destruction
Physiognomy	Facial features
Piety	Devoutness, reverence for God
pinnacle	The most successful point, the culmination
Piquant	Pleasantly pungent, attractive
Pique	Fleeting feeling or hurt pride
pittance	A very small or inadequate amount of money
Placate	Pacify, conciliate

Placid	Calm
plaintive	Melancholy, mournful
Plasticity	Ability to be molded
Platitude	Trite remark, commonplace statement
platonic	Spiritual, theoretical
Plethora	Excess, overabundance
Plumb	To examine deeply, determine the depth
Plummet	Fall sharply
plutocracy	Society ruled by the rich
Porous	Full of pores, like a sieve
poseur	Person who behaves affectedly to impress others
pragmatic	Practical, concerned with impact of something
Prate	To talk idly, chatter
Prattle	Meaningless, foolish talk
preamble	Introductory statement
precarious	Uncertain, risky
precept	Principle, law
precipitate	Rash, premature, hasty, sudden, to cause to happen, without deliberation
precursor	Forerunner
preempt	To supersede, apt for oneself
prehensile	Capable of grasping
premonition	Forewarning, presentiment
presage	To foretell, indicate in advance
presumptuous	Arrogant, taking liberties
preternatural	Supernatural
prevaricate	Lie
primordial	Original, existing from the beginning
Pristine	Primitive, unspoiled, characteristic of earlier times
Probity	Uprightness, incorruptibility
Problematic	Doubtful, unsettled, perplexing, questionable
Prodigal	Wasteful, reckless with money
Profound	Deep, complete
prohibitive	Tend to prevent the use of something, inclined to forbid
proliferate	Grow rapidly, multiply
propensity	Natural inclination
propitiate	Appease
Propriety	Fitness, correct conduct
Proscribe	Banish, outlaw, ostracize
provident	Providing for future need, frugal
puissant	Powerful
punctilious	Careful in observing rules for behavior
Pungent	Stinging, sharp in taste or smell
pusillanimous	Cowardly
Purport	To profess, suppose, claim

Q

Word	Meaning
quagmire	Marsh, difficult situation
Quail	To cower, lose heart
Qualified	Limited, restricted

Qualm	Sudden feeling of nausea
quandary	State of uncertainty in a choice between unfavorable options
quarry	A person who is the aim of an attack
Quell	Suppress or crush completely
Query	Question
Quibble	Minor objection, complaint
quiescent	At rest, dormant, temporarily inactive
Quip	A witty saying
Quorum	No. of members necessary to conduct meeting

R

Word	Meaning
Rabid	Having excessive enthusiasm for something or someone
raconteur	Witty. Skillful storyteller
Rail	To scold with bitter or abusive language
Raiment	Clothing
ramification	Implication, consequence
rampant	Unrestrained and violent
Rarefied	Made less dense
Rash	Acting without thinking
Rationale	Fundamental reason
rationalize	Employ logic or reason
Raucous	Making disturbingly harsh and loud noise
Raze	To demolish completely
Realm	A kingdom
Rebu	Puzzle in which pictures or symbols represent words
rebuke	To criticize sharply
recalcitrant	Obstinately stubborn
Recant	Disclaim, disavow, openly confess error
Recluse	Hermit, loner
recoil	To rebound
recondite	Abstruse, profound, secret
redolent	Filled with scent or odor
redoubtable	Formidable, arousing fear
redress	To make something right
refractory	Stubborn, unmanageable
Refulgent	Brightly shining, resplendent
Refute	Disprove
Regale	To entertain
Relegate	Banish to an inferior position, assign
remiss	Lacking care or attention to duty
remote	Situated in a scheduled or distant place
remonstrate	To object or protest
remuneration	Compensation for goods or services
Renege	To go back on one's word
repent	To feel sorrow for what is done
reparation	Amends, compensation
repertoire	Entire range of skills or aptitude
Replenish	To refill
replete	Having much or plenty of something

Repine	Fret, complain
repose	A state of rest
reprehensible	Highly unacceptable action
Reprise	Repetition especially of music
repress	To prevent from coming forth
reprimand	An act of disapproval
Reproach	Express disapproval or disappointment, to find fault with, blame
reprobate	Person hardened in sin, devoid of decency
repudiate	Disown, disavow, to reject
repugnant	Repulsive or offensive
repulse	To repel or drive back
repute	Be generally regarded as
requisite	Something mandatory
Rescind	Cancel
resolution	Determination
Resolve	Determination, firmness of purpose
resourceful	Able to overcome difficulties
respite	Brief interval of rest
restrictive	To be limited
Reticent	Reserved, inclined to silence, uncommunicative
retort	Answer back
retrospect	A review of past occurrences
revere	Feel deep respect or admiration for
Reverent	Respectful, worshipful
revert	To turn back
revile	To attack with abusive language
rhetoric	Persuasive or impressive language often insincere
Rife	In a great quantity
Rift	A crack, split or break in something
Riposte	Retaliatory action or retort
roster	A list of some items
Rococo	Excessively ornate
Rubric	Protocol, title or heading
rudimentary	Basic, minimal
Rue	Regret
ruminate	To think deeply about something
Ruse	Trick, crafty man, cunning
rustic	Having a simple style

S

Word	Meaning
sabbatical	Extended period of leave
Sage	Person celebrated for wisdom, wise
salient	Most prominent
Salacious	Lustful, lascivious
Salubrious	Healthful
Salutary	Expecting an improvement favorable to health
Salvation	A thing that rescues someone from a dangerous situation
Sanctimonious	Pretending to be better than others on a moral leave
Sanction	Approve, ratify

Sanctuary	A place to be safe or to escape from life
Sanguine	Optimistic, hopeful or confident about the future
Sardonic	Cynical, scornfully mocking
Sartorial	Pertaining to tailors
Satiate, satiety	Satisfy fully
Saturate	Soak thoroughly
Saturnine	Gloomy
Satyr	A creature half-man and half-beast with horns and legs of a goat
Savor	Enjoy, have a distinct quality
Schematic	Relating to or in the form of a diagram or outline
schism	A split or separation within a group
scion	A descendent of a notable family
scoff	To sneer or laugh with scorn
scrutinize	Examine closely
scurrilous	Something said or done to ruin a person's reputation
scurry	Rushing hastily in an undignified way
Secrete	Produce and release
sedate	Soothe or calm
Sedentary	Staying or living in one's place
Sedition	Behavior prompting rebellion
Sedulous	Diligent, assiduous
Seismic	Relating to earthquakes
senile	characteristic of or caused by old age
Sensual	Relating to senses
Sensuous	Relating to the senses
Sentient	Aware, conscious and able to perceive
serenity	Untroubled, calm and peaceful
Servile	Submissive, obedient
Sextant	Navigation tool that determines latitude and longitude
Shard	Fragment generally of pottery
shibboleth	A behavior or word that indicated one's origin
Sidereal	Relating to stars
Simian	Relating to apes
Simile	Comparison of one thing to another using 'like' or 'as'
Sinecure	Well-paying job that requires no or little work
Singular	Unique, odd, extraordinary
sinister	Wicked or evil characteristics
Sinuous	Intricate, complex
Site	a location
Skeptic	Doubter, person who suspends judgement
skirmish	A brief argument
slovenly	Habitually dirty and unkempt, dirty appearance
Sobriety	Seriousness
Sodden	Thoroughly soaked, saturated
sojourn	Reside temporarily
solace	Comfort in grief or disappointment
Solicitous	Worried, concerned
soliloquy	Literary or dramatic speech by one character not addresses to others
somber	Grim or miserable
sophistry	A reason or argument that sounds correct but is actually false
Solvent	Able to meet financial obligations

Somatic	Corporeal, relating to body
Soporific	Sleep-causing, marked by sleepiness
Sordid	Filthy, contemptible and corrupt
spate	A series of, a sudden forceful flow
spear	To impale or pierce an object
Specious	Seemingly reasonable but incorrect
Spectrum	Colored band when beam of light passes through a prism
spontaneous	Natural without planning or thought
spendthrift	Person who spends money recklessly
Sporadic	Occurring irregularly
spurious	Not real or genuine
Squalor	Filthy, wretched condition
squeamish	Easily disgusted
Staccato	Marked by abrupt clear-cut sounds
stagnant	Not moving
Stanch	To stop or check the flow of
staunch	Very loyal and committed in attitude
steep	Having a sharp inclination
stentorian	Extremely loud
stereotype	An unfair impression prevalent about a person or race
Stigma	Token of disgrace, brand
Stint	Be thrifty, set limits
Stipulate	Specify, make express conditions
Stolid	dull, impassive
stratified	Arranged in layers
Striated	Marked with parallel bands, grooved
Stricture	Something that restrains, negative criticism
Strident	Loud, harsh, unpleasantly noisy
strife	Struggle or conflict
Strut	Pompous walk, supporting bar, display to impress others
stunt	A difficult, brave or clever act
Stultify	To impair or reduce to uselessness
Stupefy	To dull the senses of, stun, astonish
stupor	A condition in which it is difficult to think
stymie	To stand as an obstacle, a thwarting and distressing situation
Stygian	Dark and gloomy, hellish
subjugate	Bring under control by conquest
Subpoena	Writ summoning a witness to appear
subservient	Abjectly submissive
Subside	Settle down, descend, grow quiet
Substantiate	Establish by evidence, verify, support
substantive	Essential
subsume	To include, incorporate
subterfuge	Trickery or deceit used to achieve one's goal
subterranean	Beneath the ground
subversive	Intended to undermine or overthrow
succinct	Expressed in clear but brief manner
Succor	Relief, help in time of distress or want
succulent	Tender, juicy and tasty
Succumb	To give up or give in
Suffrage	The right to vote

sullen	Bad tempered and gloomy
sultry	Hot and humid weather
sumptuous	Splendid, of the best quality
Sundry	Various
superficial	On the surface
superfluous	Unnecessary, more than needed
Supersede	Cause to be set aside, replace, make obsolete
Supine	Lying in the back, marked by lethargy
Supplant	To replace, substitute
suppliant	Beseeching
supplicant	One who asks humbly and earnestly
Supposition	Hypothesis, surmise
surfeit	An overabundant supply
surge	A sudden increase
surmise	To guess that something is true without having evidence to confirm it
surreptitious	Kept secret and marked by quiet and caution
susceptible	Vulnerable to an influence
symptomatic	Showing symptoms
Syllogism	A form of deductive reasoning
Sylvan	Related to woods or forest

T

Word	Meaning
Taboo	Considered inapt because of societal beliefs or emotional dislikes
Tacit	Understood, not put into words
Taint	To contaminate or pollute something
Talisman	Charm to bring good luck and avert misfortune
Tangential	Peripheral, only slightly connected, digressing
Tangible	Capable of being touched
tantalizing	Not directly related to something
tantamount	Equivalent in seriousness to, virtually the same as
Taut	Stressed to the point of being nervous
Tautology	Unnecessary repetition
Taxonomy	Science of classification
technology	Using scientific ideas for practical purposes
Temerity	Excessive confidence or boldness, audacity
Tenable	Capable to be protected or maintained
tenacious	Not readily letting go or giving up
Tenet	Belief, doctrine
Tenuous	Thin, rare, slim, weak and likely to change
terminate	To end
Terminus	End or final point of something
Terse	A very short statement or remark
Terrestrial	Earthly, commonplace
Theocracy	Govt. by priests representing a God
Therapy	Remedy to mend a condition
Thespian	An actor or actress
Throng	A large cluster of individuals
Thwart	To hinder or stop something from happening
Timbre	Voice tone color

Timorous	Showing or suffering from nervousness or lack of confidence, frightened
Tinge	A trace amount
Tirade	Extended scolding, harangue, denunciation
Toady	Flatterer, yes-man
tolerate	To put up with, allow the existence of
Tome	Book, usually large and academic
Torpor	Lethargy, sluggishness, dormancy
Torque	A turning or twisting force
Tortuous	Winding, full of curves
Tout	To promote or praise energetically
Tractable	Docile, easily managed
tradition	A custom or practice
Tranquil	Relaxed, peaceful
Transgression	Violation of a law, sin
Transient	Temporary, fleeting
Translucent	Partially transparent
Travail	Work especially arduous work
Travesty	Parody, caricature, exaggerated imitation
Treatise	Article treating a subject systematically and thoroughly
Tremulous	Frugal, timid, trembling
trenchant	Sharp, characterized by full force and vigor
trend	A general direction in which something is developing
Trepidation	Fear and anxiety
trivial	Of little significance or value
Truculence, truculent	Ferocity, aggressiveness
truncated	To reduce the length of item by clipping it
Tryst	Agreement between lovers to meet, rendezvous
Tumid	Swollen, distended
Turbid	Muddy, opaque, in a state of great confusion
turbulent	Characterized by conflict, disorder or confusion, not stable or calm
Turgid	Swollen, pompous
turpitude	A corrupt, depraved or wicked behavior
Tutelary	Serving as a guardian or protector or patron

U

Word	Meaning
Ubiquitous	Present everywhere
Ultimate	The best achievable, utmost or extreme
Umbrage	To find something offensive
unconscionable	Not right or reasonable
Uncanny	Mysterious, strange
Unctuous	Not expressing true feelings, excessive flattery
Undulating	Moving in waves
Unfeigned	Not false, genuine
Universal	Applicable to all cases
Unkempt	Not clean or tidy
Unmitigated	In its entirety, complete, not diminished in intensity
Untenable	Indefensible
Untoward	Troublesome, not favorable
Unsavory	Unpleasant to smell or taste

Unwieldy	Hard to relocate because of its size
urbane	Marked by sophistication, refinement and courteousness
Usurp	To take over, to seize or use without authority
Usury	A practice of lending money at exorbitant rates
Utopia	An imagined state of things with everything perfect

V

Word	Meaning
Vacillate	Waver, fluctuate
Vacuous	Empty, void, lacking intelligence
valedictory	Pertaining to a firewall
Valor	Courage when facing danger
Vapid	Tasteless, dull
variegated	Varied, marked with different colors
Vaunt	To boast, brag
vehemently	In a fierce manner
Venal	Mercenary, corruptible
Vendetta	Prolonged feud marked by bitter hostility
Veneer	Coating consisting of a thin layer of wood
venerable	Profoundly honored
Venerate	Revere
Venial	Warranting only temporal punishment
Venom	Toxin secreted by animals
veracious	Truthful
Verbose	Wordy
Vertigo	Dizziness, a reeling sensation, a feeling that you are about to fall
vestige	The last small part of something that existed before
Vexation, vexatious	Irritation, annoyance
Viable	Practical, workable
Vigil, vigilant	A purposeful surveillance to guard or observe
Vilify	Spread negative information about
Vindicate	Show to be right by providing justification or proof
vindictive	Vengeful, unforgiving
Virile	Characterized by energy or vigor
Virtuoso	Someone with master skills
Virulent	Extremely poisonous or injurious, producing venom
Visage	Appearance, aspect
Viscous	Sticky, gluey
Vitiate	To impair the quality of, corrupt morally, make imperfect
vitriolic	Harsh or corrosive in tone
Vituperative, vituperation	Abusive, scolding
vivacious	Vigorous and animated
vivisection	Dissection, surgery
Vogue	Prevailing fashion or practice
Volition	Faculty or power of using one's will
Volatile	Explosive, changeable
voluminous	Large in capacity
voracious	Devouring or craving food in large quantities
Vortex	Whirlpool, center of turbulence
vulnerable	Capable of getting hurt

W

Word	Meaning
Wan	Deficient in color suggesting physical or emotional distress
Wane	Gradual decline
warranted	Justified, authorized
Wary	Very cautious
Welter	Turmoil, bewildering jumble
Wheedle	Influence or urge by gentle urging, caressing or flattering
Whet	Sharpen by rubbing
whimsical	Capricious, moody, fanciful
Wince	Draw back as with fear or pain
Wistful	Vaguely longing, sadly thoughtful
Wrest	Forcibly pull from a person's grasp

X

Word	Meaning
xenophobia	Fear of foreigners

Y

Word	Meaning
Yearling	A young animal past its first year but not yet two
Yen	A yearning for something or to do something
Yield	Amount produced, investment, profit
Yokel	Rustic, country bumpkin

Z

Word	Meaning
Zealot	Fanatic, a person who shows excessive enthusiasm
zealous	Marked by active interest and enthusiasm
Zenith	Time at which something is most powerful or successful