



FLASH CARDS 801...

A

Word	Meaning
Abate	Subside or moderate
Abdicate	To give up a position, right or power
Aberrant	Abnormal or deviant
Abeyance	Suspended action
Abject	Miserable, pitiful
Abjure	To reject, abandon formally
Abscission	The art of cutting
Abscond	Depart secretly and hide
Abstemious	Sparing in eating and drinking
Abstinence	The giving up of certain pleasures
Abysmal	Very bad
Accretion	Growth or increase
Accrue	To accumulate, grow by additions
Adamant	Uncompromising, unyielding
Adjunct	Something added, attached or joined
Admonish	Warn, reprove
Adulterate	Make impure by adding tainted substances
Aesthetic	Artistic, capable of appreciating the beauty
Affected	Phony, pretentious
Affinity	Fondness, liking, similarity
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
Alloy	A combination of two or more metals
Alleviate	Relieve
Allure	The power to entice by charm
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
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
Anodyne	Something that calms or soothes pain

Anomalous	Abnormal, irregular
Antecedent	Something that comes before
Antediluvian	Prehistoric
Antipathy	Aversion, dislike
Apathy	indifference
Apex	The highest point
Apogee	The highest point
Apothegm	A terse, witty saying
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
Archaeology	Study of material evidence of past human life
Ardor	Great emotion or passion
Arduous	Hard, strenuous
Argot	A specialized vocab used by a group
Arrest	To stop, seize
Artifact	Items made by human craft
Artless	Without guilt, open and honest
Ascetic	Practicing self-denial, austere
Asperity	Severity, harshness, irritability
Aspersions	Slander, false rumor
Assiduous	Diligent , hard working
Assuage	Ease pain, satisfy hunger, soothe anger
Astringent	Harsh, severe
Asylum	Place of shelter or refuge
Atavism	Return of a trait after a period of absence
Attenuate	Reduce
Audacious	Daring, bold
Austere	Forbiddingly stern, severely simple and unornamented
Avarice	Greed
Aver	Assert confidently, state formally as true
Avocation	Secondary occupation
Avuncular	Like an uncle, benevolent and tolerant
Axiomatic	Taken for granted

B

Word	Meaning
Bacchanalian	Pertaining to riotous or drunken festivity or revelry
Banal	Trite, lacking originality, commonplace, hackneyed
Banter	Playful conversation
Bard	Poet
Bawdy	Obscene
Beatify	To sanctify, to bless, to ascribe a virtue to
Bedizen	To dress in a vulgar, showy manner
Behemoth	Huge and powerful

Belie	Contradict, give a false impression
Beneficent	Kindly, doing good
Bifurcate	To divide into two parts
Blandishment	Flattery
Blaze	Unconcerned, bored because of frequent indulgence
Bolster	Support, reinforce
Bombastic	Pompous, using inflated language
Boorish	Rude, insensitive
Bovine	Cow-like
Brazen	Bold, shameless
Broach	To mention for the first time
Bucolic	Characteristic of countryside, rustic, pastoral
Burgeon	Grow forth, set out buds
Burnish	Make shiny by rubbing, polish
Buttress	Support, prop up

C

Word	Meaning
Cacophonous	Unpleasant or harsh-sounding
Cadge	To beg, sponge
Callous	insensitive
Calumny	False and malicious accusation
Canard	False, deliberately misleading story
Canon	An established set of principles
Cant	Insincere talk, language of particular group
Cantankerous	Irritable, ill-humored
Capricious	Unpredictable, fickle
Captious	Faultfinding, intended to entrap as in an argument
Cardinal	Of foremost importance
Carnal	Related to physical appetites
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
Categorical	Absolute, without exception
Caucus	Smaller group within an organization
Causal	Involving a cause
Caustic	Burning, sarcastically biting
Celestial	Concerned with sky or heaven, sublime
Centrifugal	Moving away from a center
Centripetal	Moving towards a center
Champion	To defend or support
Chasten	To correct by punishment or reproof, to restrain or subdue
Chicanery	Trickery, deception
Chivalry	Bravery and gallantry towards women
Churlish	Rude, boorish
Circuitous	roundabout
Clamor	Noisy outcry
Clairvoyant	One who can predict the future, psychic

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
Cognizant	Informed, aware
Collage	An assemblage of diverse elements
Cogent	Convincing
Commensurate	Corresponding in degree or proportion
Compendium	Brief, comprehensive summary
Complacent	Self-satisfied
Complaisant	Trying to please, overly polite, obliging
Complement	Something that makes up a whole
Compliant	Yielding, conforming to requirements
Compunction	Uneasiness caused by guilt
Concave	Curving inward
Conciliatory	Soothing, reconciling
Concoct	To invent
Concomitant	Existing concurrently
Condone	Overlook, approve, give tacit approval
Confound	To be unable to think clearly, confusing, perplexing, to baffle
Congenial	Friendly, suited to, similar in habits
Conjugal	Pertaining to marriage agreement
Connoisseur	A lover of art
Conscript	A person compulsorily enrolled for military services
Consecrate	To declare sacred
Contend	To assert
Contention	Claim, thesis
Contentious	Quarrelsome
Continence	Self-control
Contrite	Penitent
Contumacious	Disobedient, rebellious
Conundrum	Riddle, difficult problem
Convention	Practice widely accepted
Converge	Tend to meet, come together
Convex	Curved outward
Convivial	Sociable
Convolutd	Coiled around, involved, intricate
Copious	Abundant, plentiful
Coquette	Woman who flirts
Cornucopia	State of abundance
Cosmology	Study of universe
Covert	Hidden, secret
Covetous	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

D

Word	Meaning
Daunt	Intimidate, frighten
Dearth	Scarcity
Debauchery	Corruption
Decorum	Propriety, orderliness and good taste in manners
Defame	To malign, harm someone's reputation
Default	Failure to act
Deference	Courteous regard for another's wishes
Defunct	No longer existing
Delineate	Portray, depict, sketch
Demographic	Related to population balance
Demotic	Pertaining to people
Demur	To express doubt, question or oppose
Denigrate	Blacken
Denizen	Regular visitor
Denouement	Outcome
Deride	Ridicule, make fun of
Derivative	Unoriginal, obtained from another source
Desiccate	Dry up
Desuetude	State of disuse
Desultory	Aimless, haphazard, digressing at random
Deterrent	Something that discourages, hindrance
Detraction	Act of taking away
Diaphanous	Transparent, vague, insubstantial
Diatribes	Bitter scolding, invective
Dichotomy	Split, branching into two parts
Diffidence	Shyness
Diffuse	Wordy, rambling, spread out
Digression	Wandering away from the subject
Dirge	Lament with music
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
Discrete	Separate, unconnected, consisting of distinct parts
Discretion	Quality of showing self-restraint in speech or actions
Disingenuous	Lacking genuine candor, insincere
Disinterested	Unprejudiced
Disjointed	Lacking coherence, separated at the joints
Dismiss	Reject, eliminate from consideration
Disparage	Belittle
Disparate	Unrelated, basically different
Dissemble	Disguise, pretend
Disseminate	Distribute, spread, scatter (like seeds)
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
Diverge	Vary, go in different directions, spread out
Divest	Strip, deprive
Divulge	To make a secret known
doctrinaire	Dogmatic, unyielding
Document	Provide written evidence
Doggerel	Poor verse
Dogmatic	Opinionated, arbitrary, doctrinal
Dormant	Sleeping, lethargic
Dross	Waste, worthless matter
Dupe	Someone easily fooled

E

Word	Meaning
Ebullient	Showing excitement and enthusiasm
Eclectic	Selective, collect from disparate sources
effervescence	State of high spirits or liveliness
effete	Depleted of vitality, over-refined, decadent
Efficacy	Power to produce desired effect
Effrontery	Impudence, shameless boldness
egoism	Self-centeredness
egotistical	Excessively self-centered, conceited
Elegy	Poem or song expressing lamentation
Elicit	Draw out by discussion
elixir	A substance believed to have power to cure ills
elysian	Delightful, blissful
emaciated	Thin and wasted
Embellish	Adorn, ornament, enhance, as a story
emollient	Soothing, mollifying
Empirical	Based on experience
Emulate	Imitate, rival
encomium	A formal expression of praise
Endemic	Prevailing among a specific group or area
Enervate	Weaken
Engender	Cause, produce
Enhance	Increase, improve
entomology	Scientific study of insects
enunciate	To pronounce clearly
Ephemeral	Short-lived, fleeting
epistemology	Philosophy branch that examines the nature of knowledge
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
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
evinced	To show plainly, be an indication of
evocative	Tending to call to mind or produce a reaction
Exacerbate	Worsen, embitter
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
exorcise	To expel evil spirits, free from bad influence
expatiate	To speak or write at length
expatriate	To send into exile
expiate	To atone for
Explicate	To explain, clarify, interpret
expository	explanatory
extant	In existence, not lost
extemporaneous	unrehearsed
extirpate	To root up, to destroy
extraneous	Not essential
Extrapolation	Projection, conjecture
extrinsic	Not inherent or essential

F

Word	Meaning
Facetious	Joking often inappropriately
Facilitate	Make easier
factotum	A person who does all sorts of work
Fallacious	Help bring about, make less difficult
fallow	Uncultivated
Fatuous	Brainless, foolish, yet smug, inane
Fauna	Animals of a period or region
Fawning	Trying to please by behaving obsequiously, flattering
Felicitous	Apt, suitably expressed, well chosen
feral	Existing in wild or untamed state
Fervor	Glowing ardor, intensity of feeling
fetid	Having a bad smell
fetter	To bind, confine
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
Flag	Droop, grow feeble

Fledgling	Inexperienced
flora	Plants of a region or era
florid	Ruddy, reddish, flowery
flourish	An embellishment or ornamentation
Flout	Reject, mock, show contempt for
flux	Flowing or continuously moving
Foment	Stir up, instigate
forbearance	Patience
Forestall	Prevent by taking action in advance
formidable	Menacing, threatening
forswear	Renounce, repudiate
founder	To sink, fail, collapse
fracas	A loud quarrel, brawl
fractious	Quarrelsome, unruly, rebellious
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
fusion	Union, synthesis
Futile	Useless, hopeless, ineffectual

G

Word	Meaning
Gainsay	Deny, take exception to
Gambol	To frolic, leap playfully
Garrulous	Talkative, wordy, loquacious
Gauche	Coarse and uncouth, clumsy
Geniality	Cheerfulness, kindness, sociability
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
gregarious	Sociable
Grouse	To complain
Guileless	Without deceit
Guise	Outward appearance, false appearance
Gullible	Easily deceived
Gustatory	Affecting sense of taste

H

Word	Meaning
Halcyon	Calm and peaceful, happy, prosperous
Hallowed	Holy, sacred
Harangue	Long, passionate and vehement speech
Harrowing	Extremely distressing, terrifying

Herbivores	Animal feeding on plants
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
Homeostasis	Automatic maintenance by an organism in balance with itself
Homily	Sermon, tedious moralizing lecture
Homogenous	Of the same kind
Hyperbole	Exaggeration, overstatement

Word	Meaning
Iconoclastic	Attacking cherished traditions
Idolatry	Worship of idols, excessive admiration
igneous	Produced by fire, volcanic
imbroglia	Complicated situation, an entanglement
Immutable	Unchangeable
Impair	Injure, hurt
Impassive	Without feeling, stoical, imperturbable
impecunious	Poor, having no money
Impede	Hinder, block
Impermeable	Impervious, not permitting passage through
Imperturbable	Calm, placid
Impervious	Impenetrable, incapable of being damaged or distressed
impinge	To strike, encroach
Implacable	Incapable of being pacified
implausible	Unlikely, unbelievable
Implicit	Understood but not stated
Implode	Burst inward
imprecation	Curse, damnation
impute	To attribute the fault to, Relate to a particular cause or source
Inadvertently	Carelessly, by oversight, unintentionally
incarnate	Having bodily form
Inchoate	Elementary, rudimentary, recently begun
Incongruity	Lack of harmony, absurdity
Inconsequential	Insignificant, unimportant
Incorporate	Combine, unite
incursion	Sudden invasion
Indeterminate	Indefinite, uncertain
Indigence	Poverty
Indolent	Lazy, idle
ineluctable	Not to be avoided or escaped, inevitable
Inert	Inactive, lacking power to move
Ingenuous	Naïve and trusting, young, unsophisticated
Inherent	Firmly established by nature or habit
Innocuous	Harmless
Insensible	Unconscious, unresponsive
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
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
Intractable	Stubborn, unyielding
Intransigence	Refusal of any compromise, stubbornness
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
Irascible	Irritable, easily angered
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
Jibe	To be in agreement
Jocose	Fond of joking, jocular
Juggernaut	Huge force destroying everything in its path
Junta	Group of people united in political intrigue
Juxtapose	Place side by side

K

Word	Meaning
Kudos	Fame, glory, honor

L

Word	Meaning
Labile	Likely to change
Laconic	Brief and to the point
Lambaste	To trash verbally or physically
Lascivious	Lustful
Lassitude	Weariness, languor
Latent	Dormant, potential but undeveloped, hidden
Laud	Praise
Lethargic	Drowsy, dull
Levee	Stone embankment to prevent flooding
Levity	A lack of seriousness or earnestness

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 of learned persons
Litigation	Legal proceedings
Log	Record of activities
Loquacious	Talkative
Lucid	Clear, intelligible, easily understood
Lucre	Money or profits
Luminous	Shining

M

Word	Meaning
Machiavellian	Crafty, double-dealing
Machinations	Plots or schemes
Maelstrom	Whirlpool, turmoil
Magnanimity	Generosity, nobility
Malign	To speak evil of
Malingering	One who feigns illness to escape duty
Malleable	Impressionable, capable of being turned into thin sheets
Maverick	Rebel, nonconformist
Megalomania	Delusion of power or importance
Menagerie	A variety of animals kept together
Mendacious	Lying, habitually dishonest
Mendicant	Beggar
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
Militate	To work against
Minatory	Threatening, menacing
Minuscule	Very small
Minutiae	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
Morose	Sullen, melancholy, ill-humored
Motley	Many colored, made up of many parts
multifarious	Diverse
Mundane	everyday, worldly as opposed to spiritual

N

Word	Meaning
necromancy	Black magic
Negate	Cancel out, nullify, deny
Neologism	New word or expression
Neophyte	Beginner, novice
Nexus	A means of connection, a center
nonplussed	Bewildered
Nostalgia	Sentimental longing for the past time
Nostrum	Medicine or remedy of doubtful effectiveness
Nugatory	Invalid, trifling

O

Word	Meaning
Obdurate	Stubborn
obsequious	Slavishly attentive, sycophantic, servile
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. be a few leaders
Onerous	Burdensome
onomatopoeia	Formation of words that imitate the sounds of actions they refer to
opprobrium	Infamy, vilification
ornithologist	One who studies birds
Oscillate	Vibrate
ostentatious	Showy, pretentious, trying to attract attention
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
pallid	Lacking color or liveliness
panegyric	Elaborate praise, formal hymn of praise
Paragon	Model of perfection
Partisan	One-sided, prejudiced, committed to a party
pathological	Pertaining to disease
patois	Jargon, a regional dialect

Paucity	Scarcity
Pedantic	Showing off learning, bookish
Pellucid	Transparent, easily understood
Penchant	Strong inclination, liking
Penury	Severe poverty, stinginess
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
perturb	To disturb greatly, make uneasy or anxious
Pervasive	Spread throughout
petulant	Rude, peevish
Phlegmatic	Calm, not easily disturbed
phoenix	Anything that is restored after suffering great destruction
Physiognomy	Facial features
Piety	Devoutness, reverence for God
Piquant	Pleasantly pungent, attractive
pique	Fleeting feeling or hurt pride
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
Query	Question
Quibble	Minor objection, complaint
quiescent	At rest, dormant, temporarily inactive
Quorum	No. of members necessary to conduct meeting

R

Word	Meaning
raconteur	Witty. Skillful storyteller
Rail	To scold with bitter or abusive language
Raiment	Clothing
ramification	Implication, consequence
Rarefied	Made less dense
Rationale	Fundamental reason
Rebu	Puzzle in which pictures or symbols represent words
recalcitrant	Obstinately stubborn
Recant	Disclaim, disavow, openly confess error
Recluse	Hermit, loner
recondite	Abstruse, profound, secret
redoubtable	Formidable, arousing fear
refractory	Stubborn, unmanageable
Refulgent	Brightly shining, resplendent
Refute	Disprove
Regale	To entertain
Relegate	Banish to an inferior position, assign
remonstrate	To object or protest
Renege	To go back on one's word
reparation	Amends, compensation

Repine	Fret, complain
Reprise	Repetition especially of music
Reproach	Express disapproval or disappointment, to find fault with, blame
reprobate	Person hardened in sin, devoid of decency
repudiate	Disown, disavow
Rescind	Cancel
resolution	Determination
Resolve	Determination, firmness of purpose
Reticent	Reserved, inclined to silence, uncommunicative
Reverent	Respectful, worshipful
Riposte	Retaliatory action or retort
Rococo	Excessively ornate
Rubric	Protocol, title or heading
Rue	Regret
Ruse	Trick, crafty man, cunning

S

Word	Meaning
Sage	Person celebrated for wisdom, wise
Salacious	Lustful, lascivious
Salubrious	Healthful
Salutary	Expecting an improvement favourable to health
Sanction	Approve, ratify
Sardonic	Cynical, scornfully mocking
Sartorial	Pertaining to tailors
Satiate	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
Secrete	Produce and release
Sedition	Behavior prompting rebellion
Sedulous	Diligent, assiduous
Seismic	Relating to earthquakes
Sensual	Relating to senses
Sensuous	Relating to the senses
Sentient	Aware, conscious and able to perceive
Servile	Submissive, obedient
Sextant	Navigation tool that determines latitude and longitude
Shard	Fragment generally of pottery
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
Sinuous	Intricate, complex
Skeptic	Doubter, person who suspends judgement
Sobriety	Seriousness
Sodden	Thoroughly soaked, saturated

Solicitous	Worried, concerned
soliloquy	Literary or dramatic speech by one character not addresses to others
Solvent	Able to meet financial obligations
Somatic	Corporeal, relating to body
Soporific	Sleep-causing, marked by sleepiness
Sordid	Filthy, contemptible and corrupt
Specious	Seemingly reasonable but incorrect
Spectrum	Colored band when beam of light passes through a prism
spendthrift	Person who spends money recklessly
Sporadic	Occurring irregularly
Squalor	Filthy, wretched condition
Staccato	Marked by abrupt clear-cut sounds
Stanch	To stop or check the flow of
stentorian	Extremely loud
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
Strut	Pompous walk, supporting bar, display to impress others
Stultify	To impair or reduce to uselessness
Stupefy	To dull the senses of, stun, astonish
Stygian	Dark and gloomy, hellish
Subpoena	Writ summoning a witness to appear
Subside	Settle down, descend, grow quiet
Substantiate	Establish by evidence, verify, support
substantive	Essential
subsume	To include, incorporate
subversive	Intended to undermine or overthrow
Succor	Relief, help in time of distress or want
Suffrage	The right to vote
Sundry	Various
Supersede	Cause to be set aside, replace, make obsolete
Supine	Lying in the back, marked by lethargy
Supplant	To replace, substitute
suppliant	Beseeching
suppliant	One who asks humbly and earnestly
Supposition	Hypothesis, surmise
Syllogism	A form of deductive reasoning
Sylvan	Related to woods or forest

T

Word	Meaning
Tacit	Understood, not put into words
Talisman	Charm to bring good luck and avert misfortune
Tangential	Peripheral, only slightly connected, digressing
Tautology	Unnecessary repetition

Taxonomy	Science of classification
Tenet	Belief, doctrine
Tenuous	Thin, rare, slim, weak
Terrestrial	Earthly, commonplace
Theocracy	Govt. by priests representing a God
Thespian	An actor or actress
Timbre	Voice tone color
Tirade	Extended scolding, harangue, denunciation
Toady	Flatterer, yes-man
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
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
Trepidation	Fear and anxiety
Truculence	Ferocity, aggressiveness
Tryst	Agreement between lovers to meet, rendezvous
Tumid	Swollen, distended
Turbid	Muddy, opaque, in a state of great confusion
Turgid	Swollen, pompous
Tutelary	Serving as a guardian or protector or patron

U

Word	Meaning
Uncanny	Mysterious, strange
undulating	Moving in waves
unfeigned	Not false, genuine
untenable	Indefensible
untoward	Troublesome, not favorable
Usury	A practice of lending money at exorbitant rates

V

Word	Meaning
Vacillate	Waver, fluctuate
Vacuous	Empty, void, lacking intelligence
valedictory	Pertaining to a farewell
Vapid	Tasteless, dull
variegated	Varied, marked with different colors
Vaunt	To boast, brag
Venal	Mercenary, corruptible
vendetta	Prolonged feud marked by bitter hostility

Venerate	Revere
veracious	Truthful
Verbose	Wordy
Vertigo	Dizziness
Vexation	Irritation, annoyance
Viable	Practical, workable
vindictive	Vengeful, unforgiving
Virtuoso	Someone with master skills
Visage	Appearance, aspect
Viscous	Sticky, gluey
Vitiate	To impair the quality of, corrupt morally
vituperative	Abusive, scolding
vivisection	Dissection, surgery
Vogue	Prevailing fashion or practice
Volatile	Explosive, changeable
Vortex	Whirlpool, center of turbulence

W

Word	Meaning
warranted	Justified, authorized
Wary	Very cautious
Welter	Turmoil, bewildering jumble
whimsical	Capricious, moody, fanciful
Wistful	Vaguely longing, sadly thoughtful

X

Word	Meaning
xenophobia	Fear of foreigners

Y

Word	Meaning
Yearling	A young animal past its first year but not yet two
Yield	Amount produced, investment, profit
Yokel	Rustic, country bumpkin

Z

Word	Meaning
Zealot	Fanatic, a person who shows excessive enthusiasm