

### Kabir's Prep High Yield Final Vocab List

artifice	n. a deceptive maneuver
abandonment	n. desertion
abashed	adj. embarrassed
abatement	n. ending, reduction, or lessening
abducted	v. kidnapped
aberrant	adj. departing from the norm
abetment	n. encouragement
abhorred	v. despised
abridgment	n. shortened version
abrogated	v. repeal
absolutism	n. complete, unrestricted government power
abstemious	adj. moderate esp. in food and drink
abstruse	adj. difficult to understand
absurd	adj. ridiculous
accentuate	v. accented
acclaimed	v. praised highly
acclimated	v. become accustomed; adapt
accolades	n. awards and honors
accosting	v. approaching aggressively
acerbic	adj. sharp and sarcastic; <i>caustic</i>
acolyte	n. devoted fan
acquiesce	v. accept passively
acquittal	n. clearing of guilt
acrimonious	adj. hostile; resentful; <i>rancorous</i>
acuity	n. sharpness of thought
acumen	n. astuteness; ability to make good judgement
adamant	adj. stubborn; immovable
adept	adj. skillful; <i>adroit</i>
admonish	v. warn or reprimand firmly
adroit	adj. skillful; <i>dexterous</i>
adulation	n. over the top admiration
aesthete	n. someone with an eye for beauty / art
affable	adj. friendly; <i>genial</i>
affirmed	v. stated as fact

affluence	n. wealth
agile	adj. quick and supple; nimble
agnostic	n. someone who believes nothing can be known about the nature of God
alacrity	n. eagerness
aloof	adj. reserved and detached
amalgam	n. blend of different elements; <i>synthesis</i>
amass	v. gather
ambivalent	adj. having mixed feeling
ameliorate	v. improve
amiable	adj. friendly
amicable	adj. friendly
amorphous	adj. shapeless
amplitude	n. max height; the extent of a quality
anarchist	n. someone who believes in no-authority chaos
anguish	n. distress
animosity	n. strong hostility
annihilate	n. utterly destroy
antagonizing	v. causing to become hostile
antecedent	n. predecessor;
anthology	n. collection of written work
anthropomorphic	adj. giving human characteristics to a god, animal, or object.
antipodes	n. direct opposite
antiquated	adj. outdated
apathetic	adj. indifferent
aplomb	n. poise under pressure
apocryphal	adj. made-up, but thought to be true
apolitical	adj. uninterested in politics
appall	v. shock and outrage
appeased	v. pacified
appraisal	n. assessment
arbiter	n. settler of a dispute
arcane	adj. understood by a few
archaic	adj. very old
ardor	n. passion

arduous	adj. difficult; strenuous
arid	adj. dry; dull
aromatic	adj. distinctively fragrant
articulating	v. express fluently
ascended	v. go up, climb
assiduous	adj. very diligent
assuage	v. soothe
astronomical	adj. extremely large; relating to astronomy
atrocious	adj. brutal
atrophy	v. waste away
attenuate	v. reduce
atypical	adj. abnormal
audacious	adj. bold
augment	v. to increase
aural	adj. relating to hearing
auspicious	adj. favorable; has good omens
austere	adj. unadorned
austerity	n. great self-denial, esp. about spending
autocratic	adj. having absolute power; dictatorial; <i>despotic</i>
avuncular	adj. resembling an uncle in indulgence
baffled	adj. perplexed
banal	adj. cliché
bane	n. the source of harm or ruin
bantered	v. playfully teased
baroque	adj. relating to trends of 17th-18th century europe
barrage	v. bombard
barren	adj. unfruitful; infertile
barter	v. exchange goods
baseless	adj. without foundation in fact
bastion	n. stronghold; an institution or place defending a set of ideas
beacon	n. warning or guiding signal; something illuminating and inspiring
beauteous	adj. beautiful

befuddlement	n. being confused
begrudgingly	adv. Envyng or resenting someone else's pleasure
beguile	v. to trick (often with charm)
belabor	v. argue in excessive detail
belatedly	adv. Delayed
beleaguered	v. besieged
belie	v. contradict
belittled	v. disparage
bellwether	n. leading indicator of future events
bemoan	v. to moan; complain; <i>lament</i>
bemusing	adj. puzzling
beneficence	n. doing good
berated	v. scolded angrily
bereft	adj. deprived of
bewildered	adj. confused
bifurcations	n. division into two
bland	adj. uninteresting
blemished	v. disfigured; spoiled
blundering	v. make a stupid, careless mistake
bohemian	adj. a nonconformist; hipster
boisterous	adj. noisy and energetic
bolstered	v. strengthened
bombastic	adj. overly-wordy and pretentious
boon	n. blessing
boorishness	n. bad manners
bound	v. walk with leaping strides; leap
bountiful	adj. abundant
brazen	adj. bold and shameless
brevity	n. conciseness
brimming	v. fill till almost overflowing
brusque	adj. rude and blunt; <i>peremptory</i> ; <i>curt</i>
bucolic	adj. rustic; country
bureaucratic	adj. hierarchal and adhering strictly to rules
burgeon	v. grow rapidly; <i>flourish</i>
byzantine	adj. excessively complicated
cacophony	n. harsh, discordant mixture of noise

cajole	v. persuade using flattery
calamitous	adj. disastrous
callowness	n. childishness
candid	adj. truthful
canonical	adj. widely accepted; authorized
cantankerous	adj. difficult, crabby
capricious	adj. very impulsive; <i>fickle</i>
castigate	v. severely reprimand; <i>excoriate</i>
catharsis	adj. release of strong/repressed emotions
caustic	adj. critical; biting
cavalier	adj. haughtily indifferent;
caveats	n. warning; specific conditions
cavernous	adj. hollow and large
censored	v. cut out parts
cerebral	adj. intellectual rather than instinctive; related to the cerebrum of the brain
certitude	n. certainty
chagrin	n. humiliation and remorse
chided	v. scold
chimerical	adj. wildly fanciful
churlish	adj. rude; surly
circumscribe	v. to limit
circumspect	adj. wary and unwillingness to take risks
circumvent	v. to get around (something) in a clever and sometimes dishonest way
clairvoyant	n. psychic; fortune-teller
clamored	v. shout loudly
clandestine	adj. secretive; <i>furtive</i>
cloying	adj. sickeningly sweet or emotional
coalesce	v. merge
coalition	n. temporary alliance
cogent	adj. clear and convincing
coincided	v. occurred at the same time
collate	v. collect and organize
colloquial	adj. informal
commemorated	v. remembered and shown respect for

commiserate	v. sympathize;
commodity	n. sellable raw material
communal	adj. for common use
competed	v. strived to win and defeat others
competence	n. capability; proficiency
compilations	n. collection
complacent	adj. smug
complicity	n. involvement in a wrongful act
comply	v. act in accordance with respect
comprehensive	adj. complete
compunction	n. deep regret; <i>remorse</i> ; <i>contrition</i>
conceived	adj. devise mentally; get pregnant
concession	n. reduction; something conceded
conciliatory	adj. yielding; willing to concede
concise	adj. brief
concord	n. agreement
concourse	n. gathering; large open space
concur	v. agree
condone	v. accept and allow (immoral behaviour)
confiscated	v. taken away by authority
conflagration	n. huge fire
conflate	v. combine
confluence	n. a flowing together of several factors
confound	v. perplex or confuse
congenital	adj. present from birth
congregate	v. gather into a crowd
conniving	adj. scheming
conscription	n. draft for state service
consecrated	v. make sacred
conservative	adj. traditional
consigned	v. place somewhere unpleasant; delivered to be sold
conspicuous	adj. drawing attention by being unusual
consternation	n. anxiety or dismay at something unexpected

constitutional	adj. relating to an established set of principles; relating to someone's physical or mental condition
contemplate	v. look thoughtfully at
contentious	adj. quarrelsome; ready to fight
contiguous	adj. sharing common border
contingency	possible but uncertain future event
contrite	adj. regretful
contrivance	n. something created skillfully
contrive	v. create through skill and artifice
conundrum	n. a difficult problem; dilemma
convivial	adj. full of life; <i>jovial</i>
copious	adj. plentiful; <i>voluminous</i>
cordial	adj. friendly
corollary	n. a proposition from what's already been proved
correlated	v. corresponded; matched
corrosive	adj. caustic
cosmopolitan	adj. sophisticated
cosseted	v. pampered
covet	v. desire
credence	n. belief; faith
credulous	adj. gullible
critiques	n. detailed analysis
crystallize	v. take a definite form or shape
cull	v. select from a large quantity
culpability	n. guilt; blame
cumbersome	adj. large / heavy; unwieldy
cupidity	n. extreme greed for material wealth; <i>avarice</i>
cursor	v. hasty; lacking attention to detail
curt	adj. rude and blunt; <i>peremptory</i> ; <i>brusque</i>
curtailing	v. reducing in extent / quality; restrict
cynical	adj. skeptical; contemptuous of moral standards
dalliance	n. causal relationship; unserious action

daunting	adj. intimidating
debacle	n. complete disaster; <i>fasco</i>
debased	adj. reduced in quality
debated	v. argued formally
debilitated	v. made weak and infirm
debunked	v. expose the falseness
decadent	adj. self-indulgent
decipher	v. decode
decisive	adj. deciding
declaimed	v. declare, make a speech impassionedly
decorating	v. adorning; embellishing
decorous	adj. proper, tasteful
decried	v. publicly denounced
deduced	v. reasoned out
deferential	adj. respectful
defiant	adj. bold, uncooperative
deficit	n. amount by which something is too small; debt
defiling	v. spoiling
deft	adj. skillful
deleterious	adj. harmful to life
delineate	v. describe
deluded	v. deceived
demagogue	n. very influential political leader
demarcate	v. clearly set or mark the boundaries
demeaned	v. degraded; humiliated
demerits	n. action deserving censure
denigrated	v. criticized harshly
denounced	v. publicly declare to be wrong
denuded	v. stripped
denunciations	n. public condemnation
depleted	v. exhausted the supply of
deprecate	v. disapprove
derailed	v. cause to run off the track; get off purpose; delay success/development
derelict	adj. abandoned; neglected
deride	v. ridicule; <i>deprecate</i>



desiccated	adj. dried out
desolate	adj. bleak; empty
despair	n. loss of hope
despoiled	v. plunder
despondent	adj. downcast; disheartened
despotic	adj. exercising absolute power
deter	v. discourage or prevent someone
detritus	n. waste
deterrent	n. something discouraging
deviant	adj. abnormal
devise	v. planned with careful thought
devoid	adj. entirely lacking
dexterous	adj. skillful; <i>adroit</i>
diaphanous	adj. delicate and translucent
dichotomy	n. something divided in two
dictum	n. pronouncement
didactic	adj. serving to enlighten and inform
diffident	adj. shy because of insecurity
diffusion	n. spreading something more widely
digress	v. stray from the topic
dilapidated	adj. run-down and foul
dilatory	adj. usually tardy; inclined to waste time
dilettante	n. amateur; a dabbler
diligence	n. hard work
disclose	v. make known
disconcerted	adj. unsettled and confused
discredit	v. cast doubt on someone's reputation or the worth of an idea
disillusion	n. disenchant
disjointed	adj. disconnected
dismayed	adj. appalled
disparate	adj. entirely different; motley
disparity	n. inequality
dispassionate	adj. unemotional
dispel	v. drive away; scatter
disperse	v. distribute; scatter
disposition	n. temperament; arrangement

disrepute	n. disgrace
disseminated	v. dispersed
dissidents	n. opponent
dissuaded	v. persuaded someone against something
distension	n. swelling from internal pressure
distillation	n. purification of a liquid; extracting main points
distort	v. twist out of shape
distraught	adj. very upset
diverse	adj. showing variety
divisive	adj. creating dissension; <i>polarizing</i>
divulge	v. make known
docile	adj. obedient; submissive
doctor	v. to falsify
doleful	adj. sorrowful
dowager	n. widow with title, property from her late husband
drab	adj. gloomy and depressing
draconian	adj. overly harsh
drench	v. soak
droll	adj. dryly humorous; sarcastic; <i>wry</i>
dubious	adj. suspicious
duped	v. deceived
dwindled	v. decrease gradually
earnest	adj. sincere
eclectic	adj. composed of many different elements
edify	v. to instruct and enlighten
effacement	n. erasing something
efficacy	n. power to produce a result
effrontery	n. insolent behaviour
egregious	adj. outrageously bad
elated	adj. thrilled; delighted
elemental	adj. basic; related to powers of nature
elocution	n. distinct pronunciation
eloquence	n. fluent or persuasive speaking or writing

elucidate	v. clarify; explain
emaciated	adj. abnormally thin; gaunt
embargo	n. official ban
embellish	adj. make more attractive
embittered	adj. bitter, resentful
embodiment	n. tangible form of an idea, quality, feeling
emboldened	v. make braver
eminent	adj. distinguished
empathy	n. sympathy
emphatic	adj. expressing something forcibly
emulate	v. imitate
enamored	v. in love with
encompassed	v. surround
endemic	adj. indigenous; native
endowing	v. provide with permanent fund; equip
enervate	v. lack energy
enfranchised	adj. given the right to vote
enigma	n. a mystery
enthralled	adj. captivated
enumerate	v. count; list
ephemeral	adj. brief; <i>fleeting</i>
epigram	n. witty saying
epiphany	n. unexpected moment of sudden inspiration
epistle	n. a letter
epitome	n. perfect example of a quality
equanimity	n. composure under duress
equitable	adj. impartial and fair
ersatz	adj. artificial substitute
erudite	adj. scholarly
eschew	v. deliberately avoid something
esoteric	adj. understandable mostly by specialists; <i>arcane</i> ; <i>recondite</i>
espouses	v. support (a cause); marry
estrangle	v. alienate; drive away
ethereal	adj. very delicate and light
eulogize	v. extol; praise highly

euphonious	adj. pleasant-sounding
euphoric	adj. overjoyed
evanescent	adj. quickly fading
evocative	adj. calls forth a memory
exacerbate	v. make worse
exasperate	v. to irritate; vex
excavating	v. dig systematically to find something
excised	v. tax
excoriate	v. severely reprimand; <i>castigate</i>
exculpated	v. proved or declared innocent
execrable	adj. detestable
exemplifies	v. be a typical example of
exhort	v. spur on; encourage
exonerate	v. to free from blame
exorbitant	adj. unreasonably expensive
expedited	v. speed up
expounded	v. explained in detail
expunged	v. erased completely
extant	adj. existing
extemporize	v. to improvise
extirpate	v. root out and completely destroy
extrapolated	v. draw a conclusion from known facts
extrovert	n. outgoing person
exuberant	adj. super enthusiastic
exultant	adj. overjoyed
facetious	adj. cleverly amusing; not serious
facile	adj. simplistic; easy
fallacious	adj. erroneous
fallible	adj. capable of making mistakes
famished	adj. extremely hungry
farmstead	n. farm and its buildings
fastidious	adj. detail-oriented; <i>meticulous</i>
fathom	n. unit of length (6 ft); v. comprehend
fecundity	n. fertility
felicitous	adj. appropriate for the circumstances
fervent	adj. intense; passionate

fickle	adj. very impulsive; <i>capricious</i>
fidelity	n. loyalty
filial	adj. of a son or daughter
filibustered	v. obstructing progress in legislature, esp. by speaking at length
finagled	v. obtained deviously
finesse	n. refined skill
flabbergasted	v. astonish
flamboyant	adj. attracting attention due to over-the-topness
flippant	adj. disrespectfully careless
florid	adj. excessively ornamental; flowery
flotsam	n. wreckage of a ship
flout	v. openly disregard
flustered	adj. unsettled; made confused
foil	v. prevent from succeeding
foliated	adj. decorated with leaves
folly	n. foolishness
foolhardy	adj. recklessly bold
forbearance	n. great patience or tolerance
foreboding	n. A strong feeling of future misfortune
forgo	v. go without
formidable	adj. intimidating
forthright	adj. direct
fortuitous	adj. accidental, but lucky
foundered	v. sink below the surface; collapse
fractious	adj. irritable and quarrelsome
frailty	adj. weakness; fragility
fraudulent	adj. obtained by deception
frenetic	adj. frantic
frivolous	adj. silly
frugal	adj. thrifty; cheap
funerary	adj. relating to a funeral
furnish	v. provide something needed
furtiveness	n. stealthiness
futile	adj. ineffective
gaiety	n. cheerfulness

galvanize	v. to energize into action
garbled	v. reproduce jumbled
garrulous	adj. excessively talkative
gaudy	adj. extravagantly showy
geniality	n. friendliness
genteel	adj. refined, proper
glacial	adj. icy, cold; related to glaciers
glum	adj. gloomy
gluttonous	adj. excessively greedy
grandiose	adj. pretentiously impressive
grating	adj. harsh-sounding
gratuitous	adj. unjustified
gravity	n. seriousness
gregarious	adj. social; <i>affable</i>
grimy	adj. dirty
gritty	adj. showing courage; gravelly
hackneyed	adj. cliché; <i>trite</i> ; <i>platitudinous</i>
hapless	adj. luckless
harangued	v. ranted at
harbinger	n. an omen; precursor
hastening	v. hurrying
hasty	adj. rushed
havoc	n. widespread disorder; mayhem
hearsay	n. rumor
hectic	adj. frantic
hedonist	n. someone devoted to seeking pleasure
hegemony	n. dominance of one over many
herald	v. announce something's coming
heretic	n. an opponent of the established beliefs
heyday	n. the peak of popularity
hierarchy	n. system of ranking
histrionic	adj. overdramatic; theatrical
holistic	adj. comprehensive; seeing each part in context
homogeneous	adj. same throughout
humility	n. modesty

hybrid	n. mixture of two things
iconoclast	n. an attacker of traditional ideas and institutions
ideological	n. relating to a body of ideas
idiosyncrasy	n. a unique quirk; <i>eccentricity</i>
idyllic	adj. extremely ideal; peaceful
ignominious	adj. humiliating
illusory	adj. not real
imbued	v. permeated with a quality
immaterial	adj. irrelevant
impasse	n. deadlock; stalemate
impassioned	adj. passionate
impede	v. hinder; delay or prevent
impenitent	adj. unashamed
imperceptible	adj. unnoticeable
imperil	v. to endanger
imperious	n. arrogant; <i>supercilious</i> ; <i>haughty</i>
imperturbable	adj. composed esp. under stress; <i>unflappable</i>
impetus	n. stimulus; moving force
impiety	n. lack of reverence; sin
implacable	adj. merciless and unforgiving
implicate	v. incriminate
improvise	v. create / perform spontaneously
imprudent	adj. rash
impudence	n. insolence; impertinence
impugn	v. attack with words
impunity	n. freedom from punishment
inane	adj. ridiculous
incensed	n. something burned for its smell
incessant	adj. ceaseless
inclement	adj. severe; very cold or stormy
inclination	n. tendency
inconsolable	adj. beyond comfort; heart-broken
inconspicuous	adj. unnoticeable
incorrigible	adj. not able to be reformed; hopeless
incredulous	adj. unbelieving
inculcated	v. drill (an attitude)

indecorous	adj. improper
indefatigable	adj. tireless
indelible	adj. impossible to remove/erase/delete; memorable
indictment	n. formal charge of serious crime; sign that something is bad
indigenous	adj. native; endemic
indigent	adj. poor
indignant	adj. outraged over something unjust
indulgent	adj. overly lenient
ineffable	adj. difficult to express in words
inept	adj. clumsy; unskillful; <i>maladroit</i>
infelicity	n. inappropriate remark
infinitesimal	adj. extremely small; <i>miniscule</i>
infirmity	n. physical / mental weakness
ingenious	adj. creative and innovative
ingratiating	adj. fawning
inhospitable	adj. harsh to live in
inimical	adj. harmful
innate	adj. natural
innocuous	adj. harmless
inscrutable	adj. very hard to figure out
insidious	adj. deceptive and harmful
insipid	adj. lacking flavor or interest
insolent	adj. rude, disrespectful
instill	v. gradually impart new values
instinctive	adj. unconscious, automatic
insurrectionists	n. revolter
integral	adj. vital
intemperance	n. lack of moderation
interloper	n. intruder
interpretive	adj. explanatory; deduced by interpretation
interrogates	v. ask questions
intractable	adj. hard to control
intransigent	adj. unyielding; <i>adamant</i>
intrepid	adj. bold; <i>dauntless</i>
intricate	adj. very complicated



intrinsic	adj. essential
inured	adj. accustomed to something unpleasant
invigorates	v. energize; revitalize
irascible	adj. easily angered
irate	adj. furious
ire	n. strong anger
irksome	adj. irritating
ironic	adj. conveying the opposite of the literal meaning
irrefutable	adj. undeniable
irreproachable	adj. flawless
irresolute	adj. uncertain
irrevocable	adj. irreversible
itinerant	adj. traveling
jaded	adj. tired; lacking enthusiasm
jarring	adj. causing a shock; clashing
jaunty	adj. cheerful
jubilant	adj. overjoyed
juxtaposition	n. a side-by-side comparison
knack	n. aquired, natural skill
kudos	n. praise
laborious	adj. difficult
lackadaisical	adj. carelessly lazy
lackey	n. servant; manservant
laconic	adj. succinct; concise
lament	v. mourn; passionate expression of grief
lampoons	v. publicly criticize and ridicule
languid	adj. relaxed; sickly
lassitude	n. lack of energy
latent	adj. existing but undeveloped; dormant
latitude	n. freedom of action or thought.
laud	v. to praise highly; <i>extol</i>
lax	adj. not strict enough; relaxed
levity	n. light humor, esp. in serious times
liberal	adj. generous

licentious	adj. morally undisciplined, esp. in sexual conduct; <i>dissolute</i>
litany	adj. long familiar list
lithe	adj. thin, supple, agile
litigious	adj. concerned with lawsuits
loath	adj. reluctant
loquacious	adj. very talkative; <i>garrulous</i>
lucid	adj. clear; bright
lucrative	adj. profitable
lugubrious	adj. mournful; gloomy
lush	adj. growing luxuriantly
lustrous	adj. shining
magnanimous	adj. generous; forgiving
malcontent	adj. dissatisfied and complaining
malfeasance	n. wrongdoing
marginal	adj. unimportant; small; not included in the main part
marred	v. disfigured
maudlin	adj. excessively sentimental
maverick	adj. unorthodox; independent
maxim	n. saying
meander	v. follow a winding course
meddle	v. interfere
mellifluous	adj. full and sweet sounding
mellowed	adj. softened by age; sweet
mendacity	n. deliberate untruthfulness
mercurial	adj. given to rapid, unpredictable mood swings
meritorious	adj. deserving reward
merriment	n. gaiety; fun
mesmerized	adj. hypnotized; very fascinated
meteoric	adj. having a sudden, very rapid rise or fall
meticulous	adj. careful attention to detail; <i>painstaking</i>
metropolis	n. chief city
miffed	v. annoyed
mimesis	n. imitation

mirthful	adj. joyous
miscreants	n. criminals; wrongdoers
misnomer	n. an incorrect name
modicum	n. small quantity
morbidity	n. focus on death
moribund	adj. bound for demise
morose	adj. sullen; sulky
motifs	n. recurring subject
motley	adj. weirdly diverse
mundane	adj. ordinary
muster	v. assemble
myopic	adj. shortsighted; lacking foresight
myriad	n. many; a large number
nebulous	adj. in the form of a cloud; hazy
nefarious	adj. wicked; <i>vile</i>
nimble	adj. agile
nonplussed	adj. confused
notoriety	n. being famous for something bad
obsolete	adj. no longer relevant; <i>archaic</i>
obstreperous	adj. loud and unruly; defiant
obtuse	adj. annoyingly slow-witted
officious	adj. annoyingly meddlesome; assertive of more authority than they have
ominous	adj. threatening
omnipotent	adj. all-powerful
onerous	adj. burdensome; difficult
opaque	adj. not transparent; difficult to understand
opprobrium	n. harsh criticism
opulence	n. great luxury
ornate	adj. detailed
oscillation	n. movement back and forth
ostensible	adj. supposed
ostentatious	adj. showy and flamboyant
palliate	v. soothe without dealing with cause
panacea	n. remedy for all diseases
pantheon	n. a select group of notable

parochial	adj. close-minded
partisan	adj. strongly biased; <i>tendentious</i>
passivity	n. accepting what other do without response
pastoral	adj. Portraying ideal country life
pathos	n. a wuality which evokes pity or emotion
paucity	n. a shortage; <i>dearth</i>
pecuniary	adj. financial
pedantic	adj. showy about one's nerdiness
peevishness	n. irritability
penchant	n. a strong preference; <i>predilection</i>
penitence	n. remorse; showing remorse
penurious	adj. extremely poor
penury	n. extreme poverty
peremptory	adj. commanding; brusque
perfidy	n. treachery
perfunctory	adj. carried out with minimum effort or thought
peripatetic	adj. nomadic; travelling intermittently
periphery	n. the outer boundary edge
permeate	v. spread throughout
pernicious	adj. discreetly malicious
perpetuated	v. made to continue indefinitely
perquisites	n. perk
persevere	v. persist
perspicacious	adj. perceptive
pertained	v. be related to
peruse	v. read thoroughly; look over casually
pervade	v. permeate; spread through
pettiness	adj. of little importance
petulant	adj. childishly sulky
phlegmatic	adj. sluggish; lethargic
pilloried	v. attacked / ridiculed in public
pinnacle	n. peak
pithy	adj. concise and expressive
placate	v. calm; concede
placid	adj. not easily upset

plasticity	n. being moldable
platitudinous	adj. cliché; <i>trite</i> ; <i>hackneyed</i>
plaudits	n. praise
plethora	n. excess; large amount
poignant	adj. deeply touching
polarized	v. divide into separate groups
polemic	n. a strong verbal/written attack on someone/something
portend	v. foreshadow danger
posterity	n. future generations
posthumous	adj. happening after someone dies
precarious	adj. insecure; likely to collapse
precedent	n. earlier example
precipitate	v. to cause to happen
preclude	v. to make something impossible
precocious	adj. having developed talent early
precursor	n. forerunner
predicaments	n. difficult situation
predilection	n. a strong preference; <i>penchant</i>
preeminent	adj. surpassing all others
prerogatives	n. exclusive privilege
prescient	adj. predictive; prescient
presumptive	adj. speculative
prevail	v. prove more powerful
pristine	adj. immaculately clean
prodigious	adj. large in size/amount/extent
profligacy	n. reckless extravagance
profligate	adj. wasteful of time and money
profound	adj. insightful; intense
progenitor	n. the originator or major contributor to a style or trend
proliferate	v. grow rapidly; multiply quickly
prosaic	adj. ordinary; lacking poetic beauty
proscribe	v. forbid an activity
prospectus	n. advertising, printed document
protean	adj. continually changing
protracted	v. drawn out
provocative	adj. deliberately causing reaction

prudently	adv. Done with thought for the future
prurient	adj. very sexual; lustful
puerile	adj. immature; <i>callow</i>
pugnacious	adj. aggressive
punctilious	adj. <i>meticulous</i> ; attentive to detail
purveyor	n. seller
quandary	n. difficult situation; dilemma
quell	v. end by force
quiescent	adj. inactive
quirky	adj. eccentric
quixotic	adj. idealistic but impractical
raiment	n. clothing
rambunctious	adj. rowdy; boisterous
rancid	adj. stale
rancor	n. deep, bitter anger
rapacious	adj. aggressively greedy
rapturous	adj. ecstatic
ratify	v. formally consent to, make valid
ravenous	adj. extremely hungry
razing	v. completely destroying
rebut	v. criticize sharply; <i>rebut</i>
recalcitrant	adj. stubbornly uncooperative, esp. toward authority
recidivist	n. convicted criminal
reconcile	v. restore friendship/harmony
recondite	adj. understandable mostly by specialists; <i>arcane; esoteric</i>
reconnaissance	n. preliminary survey
rectified	v. put right
rectitude	n. righteousness
recuperated	v. recover from illness
redolent	adj. sweet-smelling, evocative
refractory	adj. resistant to authority; unruly
regal	adj. royal; dignified
regression	n. return to former state
rehash	v. put into new form
reminiscent	adj. reminding someone of something
remiss	adj. negligent

remonstrated	v. reproachful protest
remorseful	adj. regretful
remuneration	n. payment for work on a service
rendering	v. provide; cause to be
reneged	v. went back on a promise
repentance	n. remorse
repertory	n. performance of various plays
replete	adj. filled; well-supplied
reprieve	n. pardon a crime; amnesty
reprimanded	v. rebuked
reprobate	n. a depraved person
repudiate	v. refuse to accept
rescinded	v. revoked
resolute	adj. determined
respite	n. rest, break
resplendent	adj. beautiful, splendid, and dazzling
restitution	n. compensating someone for a loss, damage, or injury
reticent	adj. quiet; reserved
retraction	n. withdrawal
retrenched	v. reduce
revere	v. respect; almost worship
revocation	n. cancelling or annulment of something
revulsion	n. a strong feeling of repugnance or disgust
riveting	adj. completely engrossing
romanticize	adj. describe idealistically
rudimentary	adj. primitive
ruminate	v. to think deeply
rustic	adj. rural; plain
sacrosanct	adj. sacred; untouchable
sage	n. very wise person
salient	adj. very noticeable
salutary	adj. beneficial; tending to promote physical well-being
sanctimonious	adj. holier-than-thou; self-righteous
sanctuary	n. a safe place

sanguine	adj. cheerful; optimistic
sardonic	adj. sarcastically scornful
satirizing	v. mock; deride
saturating	v. absorbing
sauntered	v. stroll
scintillating	adj. sparkling; brilliant
scourge	n. a person or thing that causes great trouble or suffering.
scouring	v. scrub
scrupulousness	n. moral integrity
scrutiny	n. critical observation
scuttled	v. ran rapidly
secluded	adj. isolated
sedentary	adj. seated; mostly inactive
seditionous	adj. causing people to rebel
sedulous	adj. dedicated and dutiful
seminal	adj. highly influential in an original way
sequitur	n. conclusion
serendipitous	adj. fortunate but unexpected
serene	adj. peaceful
sermonized	v. give unwanted advice; deliver a sermon
shirk	v. avoid one's duties
shrewd	adj. clever and observing; <i>astute</i>
shroud	v. cover; n. cloth in which a dead person is wrapped
shrewd	adj. sharply perceptive
slipshod	n. careless
slovenly	adj. tidy
sluggishness	n. lack of energy
smarmy	adj. ingratiating; sycophantic
sneer	v. speak, smile contemptuously
snide	adj. contemptuous
solace	n. comfort
solemn	adj. formal and dignified
solicitous	adj. indulgent; overly caring



solipsism	n. view that the self is all that can be known to exist
solitude	n. being alone
somber	adj. gloomy
somnolent	adj. sleepy
sophistry	n. deliberately, subtly deceptive arguments
soporific	adj. sleep-inducing; boring
spate	n. a large amount; <i>myriad</i>
specious	adj. plausible but wrong
spellbinding	adj. fascinating
squalid	adj. run-down and foul
squelch	v. make soft sucking sound (like walking through mud)
staunch	adj. loyal; committed
steadfast	adj. loyal; constant
stigmatize	adj. brand or mark as inferior
stodgy	adj. dull
strenuous	adj. exhausting; difficult
stringent	adj. strict
stymie	v. prevent someone from accomplishing something; <i>thwart</i>
subjugated	v. brought under control;
subordinate	adj. junior
substantiate	v. provide evidence for
subsume	v. include
subtlety	n. fine-drawn distinction
subversion	n. secret attempt to overthrow
succinct	adj. concise
succumb	v. yield; give in
sundry	adj. of various kinds
superfluous	adj. unnecessary
supplanted	v. superseded
surfeit	n. excess
surmise	v. suppose to be true
surpassed	v. exceeded
surreptitious	adj. stealthy

syncretism	n. attempted fusion of different principles
systematic	adj. methodical
taciturn	adj. reserved; <i>laconic</i>
tactful	adj. considerate
tactless	adj. lacking consideration
tangential	adj. off topic; peripheral
taunted	v. provoked insultingly
tedious	adj. boring; monotonous
temperate	adj. moderate
tenacity	n. persistence
tenuous	adj. very weak
timid	adj. lacking courage
touted	v. attempt to sell by pestering
transgress	v. misbehave
traversed	v. travel across or through
treacle	n. unrestrained sentimentality
tremulous	adj. shaking
trenchant	adj. penetrating, sharply perceptive
tribulations	n. suffering
trivial	adj. of little importance
truncate	v. to cut short; abbreviate
tyrannical	adj. exercising power cruelly
ubiquitous	adj. being everywhere at once; <i>omnipresent</i> ; <i>pervasive</i>
uncanny	adj. eerie; unnatural
uncorroborated	adj. unsupported by other evidence
uncouth	adj. ill-mannered; <i>boorish</i>
unequivocal	adj. clear in meaning
unfettered	adj. unrestrained
unflappable	adj. composed esp. under stress; <i>imperturbable</i>
unkempt	adj. untidy
unnerved	adj. apprehensive; made uneasy
unrelenting	adj. inflexible; tireless
unscrupulous	adj. immoral; unprincipled
untenable	adj. indefensible
unwieldy	adj. cumbersome

urbane	adj. suave and refined
utilitarian	adj. useful
vacuous	adj. mindless; unintelligent
vagaries	n. unexpected, inexplicable change
vain	adj. conceited; futile
valor	n. bravery
vanguard	n. the leading position
vapid	adj. lacking flavor; boring
variegated	adj. exhibiting different colors
vaunted	v. boasted about
vehement	adj. strongly emotional; <i>emphatic</i>
venerable	adj. respected
venerating	v. revering
veracious	adj. truthful
veracity	n. accuracy
verisimilitude	n. authenticity
veritable	adj. real
vernacular	n. common language
vicarious	adj. experienced through another
vigilant	adj. watchful, alert
vindicate	v. justify something's worth
visceral	adj. instinctive and emotional
viscous	adj. thick, sticky consistency
vitriolic	adj. harsh and nasty; <i>scathing</i>
vituperative	adj. harshly critical; <i>scathing</i>
vivacious	adj. full of life; animated
vivid	adj. evoking powerful feelings
vociferously	adv. Vehemently; noisily
voracious	adj. insatiable
wary	adj. cautious
watershed	n. historic turning point
wearisome	adj. exhausting
whimsical	adj. spontaneously fanciful
whimsy	n. playful disposition
wily	adj. shrewd
winnows	v. separate (by fanning)
winsome	adj. attractive; pleasing due to childlike charm

wistful	adj. sadly thoughtful
wry	adj. dryly humorous; sarcastic; <i>droll</i>
yield	v. generate
zealot	n. someone who's super enthusiastic about a cause
zenith	n. highest point reached