

group 1

1. **abound** - large numbers or amounts
2. **amorphous** - without a clearly defined shape or form
3. **austere** - strict in manner, having no comforts or luxuries
4. **belie** - fail to give true impression of something, contradict, fail to justify
5. **capricious** - sudden change of mood, unpredictable, fickle
6. **cerebral** - of the cerebrum of the brain, intellectual rather than physical
7. **congenial** - pleasant or agreeable because suited to one's taste
8. **conspicuous** - clearly visible, attracting notice or attention
9. **cursory** - hasty and therefore not thorough or detailed
10. **daunting** - difficult to deal with, discourage through fear
11. **deify** - worship or regard as a god
12. **didactic** - instructive, particularly so as to appear patronizing
13. **disseminate** - spread widely
14. **feasible** - possible to do easily or conveniently
15. **flout** - openly disregard, mock, scoff
16. **homogeneous** - of the same kind
17. **humdrum** - lacking excitement or variety; boringly monotonous
18. **insipid** - tasteless, lacking interest
19. **loquacious** - talkative
20. **misanthropic** - having or showing dislike of other people
21. **misnomer** - a wrong or inaccurate name or designation
22. **negligent** - failing to take proper care over something
23. **obsequious** - obedient to an excessive or servile degree
24. **placate** - make less angry
25. **proclivity** - a tendency to choose or do something regularly
26. **puerile** - childishly silly
27. **quixotic** - extremely idealistic, unrealistic, impractical
28. **spendthrift** - a person who spends money in an irresponsible way
29. **taciturn** - saying little
30. **wary** - feeling or showing caution about possible dangers

group 2

1. **adulterate** - render poorer in quality by adding another substance
2. **advocate** - publicly recommend or support
3. **aggrandize** - increase power, status, reputation of someone
4. **alacrity** - brisk and cheerful readiness
5. **ambivalent** - having mixed feelings or contradictory ideas
6. **ameliorate** - make something bad better
7. **amenable** - open to suggestions, easily persuaded, susceptible
8. **anachronistic** - belonging to a period other than that being portrayed conspicuously old-fashioned
9. **audacious** - willingness to take surprisingly bold risks, showing impudent lack of respect
10. **avaricious** - showing extreme greed for wealth or material gain
11. **banal** - lacking in originality as to be obvious and boring
12. **benign** - gentle and kind, not harmful to the environment
13. **brazen** - bold and without shame
14. **calumny** - false and slanderous statement about someone
15. **candid** - truthful and straightforward
16. **castigate** - reprimand severely
17. **caustic** - sarcastic in a bitter way, chemical
18. **construe** - interpret in a particular way
19. **contrite** - feeling or expressing remorse that one has done wrong
20. **convoluted** - extremely complex and difficult to follow and twisted
21. **covet** - yearn to possess something belonging to another
22. **craven** - lacking in courage, cowardly
23. **decorum** - behavior in keeping with good taste and propriety
24. **deft** - demonstrating skill and cleverness
25. **demur** - raise objections or show reluctance
26. **derivative** - imitative of the work of another
27. **desiccate** - cause to become completely dry
28. **diatribe** - a forceful and bitter verbal attack
29. **incredulous** - unwilling or unable to believe something
30. **ingenuous** - innocent, naive or unsuspecting

group 3

1. **abate** - become less intense or widespread, remove or reduce law
2. **abjure** - solemnly renounce (a belief, cause or claim)
3. **anomalous** - deviating from what is standard
4. **antipathy** - a deep-seated feeling of aversion
5. **arcane** - understood by few, mysterious or secret
6. **arduous** - involving or requiring strenuous effort, tiring
7. **artless** - without deception, effort or pretentiousness, natural
8. **ascetic** - severe self-discipline, austere
9. **assuage** - satisfy, make an unpleasant feeling less intense
10. **betray** - gravely disloyal, unintentionally reveal, be evidence of
11. **bucolic** - relating to the pleasant aspects of the countryside
12. **burgeon** - begin to grow or increase rapidly, flourish
13. **cacophonous** - involving or producing harsh sounds
14. **canonize** - treat of great significance, place in or regard as belonging to a canon of literacy or artistic works
15. censure - express severe disapproval, especially in formal statement
16. **chicanery** - use of deception or subterfuge
17. **coalesce** - come together to form one mass or whole
18. **cogent** - clear, logical and convincing
19. **compelling** - evoking interest in a powerful irresistible way
20. **contend** - struggle to surmount a difficulty, assert something as a position in an argument
21. **copious** - abundant in supply
22. **cosmopolitan** - mixture of cultures
23. **deference** - polite submission and respect
24. **desultory** - lacking plan, purpose or enthusiasm, occurring randomly
25. **diffluent** - modest or shy because of a lack of self-confidence
26. **dilatory** - slow to act, intended to cause delay
27. **equivocate** - use ambiguous language
28. **polarize** - divide or cause it divide into two sharply contrasting group
29. **prodigal** - spending money recklessly
30. **verbose** - using or expressed in more words than are needed

group 4

1. **abstain** - restrain oneself from doing
2. **approbation** - approval or praise
3. **cherish** - protect and care for lovingly
4. **corroborate** - confirm or give support to a statement, theory or finding
5. **disparate** - essentially different in kind, notable to be compared, containing elements very different from one another
6. **emulate** - match or surpass a person or achievement, typically by imitation
7. **enervate** - make someone feel drained of energy, lacking in energy
8. **ephemeral** - lasting for a very short time
9. **fervid** - intensely enthusiastic or passionate, especially to an excessive degree
10. **garrulous** - excessively talkative, especially on trivial matters
11. **incendiary** - tending to stir up conflict
12. **inimical** - tending to obstruct, unfriendly hostile
13. **intimate** - closely acquainted, familiar, detailed or thorough
14. **invigorate** - give strength or energy to
15. **mitigate** - make something bad less severe, serious or painful
16. **obsolete** - out of date
17. **opaque** - unclear, not transparent
18. **paradigmatic** - serving as a typical example of something, of or denoting
19. **pedantic** - excessively concerned with minor details, over-scrupulous
20. **placid** - not easily upset or excited, calm and peaceful
21. **polemical** - of or involving strongly critical writing or speech
22. **precipitate** - cause to happen suddenly, unexpectedly or premature
23. **profundity** - great depth of insight or knowledge
24. **prophetic** - accurately predicting what will happen in future
25. **prudent** - acting with or showing care and thought for future
26. **punctilious** - showing great attention to detail or correct behavior
27. **recondite** - little known, abstruse
28. **scrupulous** - careful, thorough, and extremely attentive to details
29. **tranquil** - free from disturbance, calm
30. **vacillate** - waver between different opinions or actions, be indecisive

group 5

1. **aloof** - not friendly, distant, detached
2. **clangor** - a continuously loud banging or ringing sound
3. **conventional** - following traditional forms and genres
4. **debunk** - expose the falseness or hollowness of an idea or belief
5. **diminutive** - extremely or unusually small
6. **discernible** - able to be discerned, perceptible, visible, noticeable
7. **enigmatic** - difficult to understand, mysterious
8. **estranged** - no longer close to someone, alienated
9. **extravagant** - excessive, elaborate
10. **fanciful** - over-imaginative, unrealistic, highly **ornamental**
11. **frivolous** - carefree, not having any serious purpose
12. **heterogeneous** - diverse in character or content
13. **imperious** - arrogant and domineering
14. **impertinent** - not showing proper respect, irrelevant
15. **invasive** - tending to spread very quickly or undesirably, harmfully
16. **irresolute** - showing or feeling hesitancy; uncertain
17. **laudable** - deserving praise and commendation
18. **lax** - not sufficiently strict or careful, negligible / of muscle(relaxed)
19. **marginalize** - treat a person, group as insignificant or peripheral
20. **panache** - flamboyant confidence of style or manner
21. **plodding** - slow moving and unexciting
22. **prosaic** - lacking originality, commonplace, unromantic
23. **remedial** - intended as cure/ provided or intended for children with learning difficulties/ provided or intended for children with learning difficulties
24. **restive** - unable to remain still, silent, or submissive, especially because of boredom
25. **sporadic** - infrequent, scattered or isolated, occasional
26. **stigmatize** - great disapproval
27. **undermine** - erode the base/ lessen the effectiveness
28. **utterly** - completely or without qualification, absolutely
29. **weary** - tired(extreme)
30. **zealous** - showing zeal, fervent, passionate, fervid, ardent

group 6

1. **admonish** - warn or reprimand someone firmly
2. **aesthetic** - concerned with beauty
3. **affectionation** - pretension, facade
4. **alleviate** - make suffering less severe
5. **analogous** - comparable in certain respects
6. **bolster** - support or strength
7. **chauvinistic** - displaying aggressive patriotism, displaying excessive support for their own cause, group or sex
8. **connoisseur** - an expert judge in matters of taste
9. **dissemble** - conceal or disguise one's true feelings or beliefs
10. **dogged** - showing tenacity and grim persistence
11. **dupe** - trick, a victim of deception
12. **empirical** - based on observation rather than theory
13. **engender** - cause or give rise to a feeling situation
14. **entitled** - give someone a legal right
15. **pertinacious** - holding firmly to an opinion or a cause of action
16. **presumptuous** - failing to observe limits of what is appropriate/ brazen
17. **probity** - having strong moral principles, honesty and decency
18. **proliferate** - increase rapidly in number, multiply
19. **specious** - superficially plausible but actually wrong
20. **spurious** - not being what it purports to be, false or fake
21. **subjective** - influenced by personal feelings, tastes, opinions
22. **subvert** - undermine the power and authority of system
23. **timorous** - lack of confidence, easily frightened
24. **tortuous** - full of twists and turns excessively complex
25. **tractable** - easy to control or influence, easy to deal with
26. **transient** - lasting for a short time
27. **ubiquitous** - present, appearing or found everywhere, omnipresent
28. **underscore** - emphasize
29. **venal** - bribery, corrupt
30. **venerate** - regard with great respect, reverence

group 7

1. **appease** - pacify or placate, assuage or satisfy
2. **arbitrary** - based on random choice/ unrestrained and autocratic in the use of authority
3. **archaic** - very old or old-fashioned
4. **clamorous** - making loud and confused noise/expressing or characterized by vehement protects or demands
5. **dearth** - a scarcity or lack of something
6. **explicable** - able to be accounted for or understood, explainable
7. **hyperbole** - exaggerated statements or claims not meant to be taken literally
8. **immutable** - unable to be changed
9. **indefatigable** - persisting tireless, tireless, untiring
10. **indolent** - lazy, idle/ (of medicine) no or little pain
11. **insular** - uninterested in cultures, ideas, or peoples outside one's own experience, lacking contact with other people
12. **intransigent** - unwilling to change one's views, uncompromising
13. **intrepid** - fearless, adventurous (often used for humorous effect)
14. **irreverent** - showing lack of respect for people or things that are generally taken seriously
15. **loathe** - intense dislike or disgust for
16. **malign** - evil in nature, speak about someone in a spitefully critical manner
17. **malleable** - easily influenced, pliable
18. **neophyte** - a person who is new to a subject, activity, or religion
19. **plastic** - easily shaped/artificial/offering scope for creativity
20. **platitudine** - used too often to be interesting or thoughtful
21. **prescient** - showing knowledge of events before they take place
22. **pristine** - spotless, clean and fresh, immaculate
23. **reproach** - expression of disapproval
24. **robust** - vigorous/ able to withstand adverse conditions/ forceful
25. **salubrious** - healthy, pleasant
26. **sanction** - official permission/ a threatened penalty for disobeying rule
27. **sedulous** - showing dedication and diligence
28. **soporific** - tediously boring or monotonous
29. **stern** - serious, strict and severe
30. **tendentious** - intending to promote a point of view (controversial one)

group 8

1. **accentuate** - make more noticeable or prominent
2. **conjectural** - based on or involving conjecture, speculative
3. **convivial** - friendly, lively and enjoyable
4. **decadent** - characterized by a state of moral or cultural decline, person who is luxuriously self-indulgent
5. **egregious** - outstandingly bad, shocking
6. **evanescent** - soon passing out of sight, memory or existence, quickly fading or disappearing
7. **flamboyant** - tending to attract attention because of confidence, stylishness/ bright, colorful and noticeable
8. **forestall** - prevent or obstruct by taking advanced action
9. **gainsay** - deny, contradict, speak against or oppose
10. **galvanize** - shock or excite someone into taking action
11. **indiscriminate** - done at random or without careful judgment
12. **innocuous** - not harmful or offensive
13. **momentary** - lasting very short time, brief
14. **mundane** - lacking interest or excitement, dull
15. **nettlesome** - causing annoyance or difficulty
16. **nullify** - make null and void, invalidate
17. **obviate** - remove, avoid or prevent
18. **omnipresent** - widespread, constantly encountered
19. **oust** - drive out or expel from a position or place
20. **palpable** - so intense as to seem, almost tangible/ plain to see or comprehend, able to be touched or felt
21. **perfidy** - state of being deceitful and untrustworthy
22. **profuse** - abundant
23. **pugnacious** - eager to argue, quarrel or fight
24. **sagacious** - wise or shrewd, intelligent
25. **sanguine** - optimistic, positive/blood-red
26. **scant** - insufficient or barely sufficient
27. **skulduggery** - dishonest behavior or activities/ trickery
28. **trivial** - of little value or importance
29. **utilitarian** - designed to be useful or practical rather
30. **vapid** - offering nothing that is stimulating or challenging/ bland

group 9

1. **boorish** - rough and bad-mannered, coarse
2. **brook** - tolerate
3. **circumspect** - wary, cautious
4. **comity** - an association of nations for their mutual benefit/ considerate behavior towards others
5. **commensurate** - corresponding in size or degree, in proportion
6. **cordial** - warm and friendly
7. **deleterious** - causing harm
8. **dichotomy** - a division or contrast between two things that are or are represented as being opposed or entirely different
9. **edify** - instruct or improve (someone) morally or intellectually
10. **elicit** - evoke or draw out (a reaction answer) from someone
11. **erudite** - having or showing great knowledge or learning
12. **fecund** - highly fertile
13. **feeble** - lacking physical strength/ lacking strength of character/ failing to convince or impress
14. **felicitous** - well chosen or suited to the circumstances/ pleasing
15. **forbear** - refrain from doing something
16. **haphazard** - lacking any obvious principle of organization
17. **hodgepodge** - a confused mixture
18. **impede** - hinder
19. **impetuous** - acting or done quickly and without thought or care
20. **irascible** - having or showing a tendency to be easily angered
21. **mercenary** - making money at the expense of ethics/ a professional soldier hired to serve in a foreign army
22. **meticulous** - very careful and precious
23. **mordant** - (humor) having or showing a sharp or critical quality, biting
24. **outstrip** - move faster and overtake/ exceed
25. **precarious** - not securely held or in position; dangerously likely to fall or collapse/ uncertain
26. **quirky** - having or characterized by peculiar or unexpected traits or aspects
27. **repudiate** - refuse to accept/ deny the truth or validity
28. **tact** - skill and sensitivity in dealing with others or with difficult issues
29. **trifling** - unimportant or trivial
30. **turbulent** - characterized by conflict, disorder/ not stable

group 10

1. **acumen** - the ability to make good judgments and take quick decisions
2. **antithesis** - contrast or opposition between two things
3. **ascribe** - regard text, quotation or work/ regard a quality as belonging to
4. **befuddled** - unable to think clearly
5. **eschew** - deliberately avoid using; abstain from
6. **esoteric** - likely to be understood by only a small number of people/ abstruse/ arcane/ obscure
7. **evasive** - tending to avoid commitment or self-revelation
8. **exculpate** - show or declare that someone is not guilty of wrongdoing
9. **expedite** - make (an action) happen sooner or be accomplished more quickly
10. **fastidious** - very attentive and concerned about accuracy and detail
11. **feign** - pretend to be affected by (a feeling, state or injury)
12. **furtive** - secretive/ suggestive of guilty nervousness
13. **hamper** - basket/ hinder
14. **indispensable** - absolutely necessary
15. **lament** - a passionate expression of grief or sorrow
16. **myopic** - short-sighted
17. **nonchalant** - calm and relaxed/ not displaying anxiety
18. **partial** - incomplete/ biased/ having a liking for
19. **pensive** - engaged in serious thought
20. **portend** - be a sign or warning that something calamitous is likely to happen
21. **provincial** - concerning a province of a country/religions regarded as narrow-minded
22. **rudimentary** - limited to basic principles/ relating to immature form
23. **salutary** - producing good efforts/ beneficial
24. **sever** - divide by cutting or slicing, suddenly and forcibly/ put to an end/ break off
25. **slight** - small in degree/ inconsiderate/ insult by treating without proper respect
26. **somnolent** - sleepy, drowsy
27. **stoic** - a person who can endure pain without complaining
28. **supersede** - take the place of other/ supplant
29. **tout** - attempt to sell/ attempt to persuade people of the merits of/ informer
30. **wane** - decrease in vigor or extent, become weaker

group 11

1. **abhor** - regard with disgust and hatred
2. **boisterous** - noisy, energetic and cheerful/(of weather) stormy
3. **chivalrous** - courteous and gallant especially towards women
4. **churlish** - rude in a mean-spirited and surly way
5. **clandestine** - kept secret or done secretly
6. **complacent** - showing smug or uncritical satisfaction with oneself or one's achievements/ self-satisfied
7. **cumbersome** - large or heavy and therefore difficult to carry or use/ unwieldy/ complicated, inefficient
8. **debilitating** - make someone weak and infirm/ hinder, delay
9. **deliberate** - done consciously and intentionally
10. **droll** - curious or unusual in a way that provokes dry amusement/ funny/ comic/ amusing
11. **eccentric** - (of a person) unconventional and slightly strange
12. **fractious** - irritable and quarrelsome/ difficult to control, unruly
13. **limpid** - completely clear and transparent/ accessible or melodious
14. **mawkish** - sentimental in an exaggerated or false way
15. **obeisance** - deferential respect, bow or curtsy
16. **ostentatious** - characterized by pretentious or showy display; designed to impress
17. **panacea** - a solution or remedy for all difficulties or diseases
18. **perfunctory** - carried out without real interest, feeling/ desultory
19. **perilous** - full of danger or risk
20. **pervasive** - (unwelcome influence) spreading widely throughout an area or a group of people
21. **preclude** - prevent from happening; make impossible
22. **predilection** - a preference or special liking for something/ bias in favor
23. **rapacious** - aggressively greedy or grasping
24. **relish** - great enjoyment/ pleasurable anticipation
25. **satirical** - containing or using satire/ mocking another's weakness
26. **sham** - a person who pretends to be someone or something they are not
27. **skirt** - be situated along or around the edge of/ avoid dealing with
28. **sluggish** - slow moving, lacking energy or alertness
29. **spartan** - austerity or lack of comfort or luxury/ harsh/ hard/ frugal
30. **truculent** - eager to argue; aggressively defiant

group 12

1. **acrimonious** - angry and bitter
2. **belligerent** - hostile and aggressive
3. **beneficent** - generous and doing good
4. **canny** - showing shrewdness and good judgment especially in money or business
5. **cavalier** - dashing man as a lady's escort/ showing lack of concern
6. **distressed** - suffering from extreme anxiety, sorrow or pain
7. **dwindling** - gradually diminishing in size, amount or strength
8. **eclipse** - deprive something of significance and power
9. **encyclopedia** - comprehensive in terms of information
10. **exacerbate** - make problems worse
11. **exasperated** - intensely irritated and frustrated
12. **fungible** - mutually interchangeable
13. **hackneyed** - having been overused; unoriginal and trite
14. **incongruous** - not in harmony or keeping with surroundings
15. **interchangeable** - apparently identical
16. **laconic** - using very few words
17. **lucrative** - providing a great deal or profit
18. **magisterial** - domineering, dictatorial
19. **onerous** - involving great deal of effort, trouble, and burdensome
20. **opprobrium** - harsh criticism or censure
21. **parsimonious** - very unwilling to spend money or use resources
22. **peripheral** - minor importance, marginal
23. **provocative** - causing anger or another strong reaction, especially deliberately/ annoying
24. **renounce** - formally declare one's abandonment
25. **tempestuous** - characterized by strong or conflicting emotion
26. **tenable** - defensible
27. **transgression** - act that goes against law
28. **urbane** - courteous and refined in manner
29. **verisimilitude** - the appearance of being true or real
30. **vitiating** - spoil or impair the quality or efficiency of something

group 13

1. **affinity** - a natural liking for something/ resemblance
2. **altruistic** - selfless
3. **baroque** - highly ornate and extravagant in style
4. **byzantine** - excessively complicated/ characterized by deviousness
5. **compromise** - agreement/ harm by accepting standards that are lower than is desirable/ cause to become vulnerable
6. **conciliatory** - intended or likely to placate or pacify
7. **countenance** - facial expression/ support or approval
8. **covert** - not openly acknowledged or displayed/ secretive, clandestine
9. **credible** - able to be believed, trustworthy
10. **diffuse** - spread out/ lacking clarity or conciseness, verbose
11. **documentary** - based on official documents or aspects, comprehensive
12. **exhaustive** - including all elements or aspects, comprehensive
13. **exhilarating** - thrilling, making one feel very happy, animated
14. **extraneous** - irrelevant or unrelated to the subject
15. **fervor** - intense and passionate feeling
16. **futile** - fruitless, pointless
17. **illusory** - based on illusion
18. **invidious** - unpleasant, illusory
19. **lethargic** - sluggish, lazy
20. **metaphorical** - figurative
21. **mimic** - imitate
22. **numinous** - having strong religious or spiritual quality
23. **obscure** - not discovered or known about/ abstruse
24. **overt** - done or shown openly
25. **pellucid** - clear, easily understood
26. **perpetuate** - make (something) continue indefinitely
27. **rational** - based on or in accordance with reason or logic
28. **scathing** - scornful/ harm
29. **subtle** - delicately complex/ making use of clever and indirect methods to achieve something
30. **superficial** - appearing to be true but not/ cursory/ not thorough

group 14

1. **acquiesce** - accept something reluctantly without protest
2. **adroit** - clever or skillful
3. **amend** - improve by minor change
4. **animus** - hostility or ill feeling/ motivation to do something
5. **apologist** - a person who offers an argument in defense of something controversial/ defender
6. **astringent** - sharp or severe in manner or style/ causing the contraction of **skin** cells and other body tissues
7. **collaborate** - work jointly on an activity or project/ corporate
8. **competent** - efficient and capable
9. **correlate** - correspond, connect
10. **deride** - ridicule
11. **dictate** - an order or principle that must be obeyed/ give orders
12. **discreet** - careful in order to keep something confidential/ intentionally unobtrusive
13. **divorced** - separate from something typically with an undesirable effect
14. **elitist** - demonstrating a superior attitude or behavior associated with an elite
15. **exacting** - demanding/ inflict (revenge) on someone
16. **flummoxed** - bewildered or perplexed
17. **fruitful** - fertile, productive
18. **inborn** - natural to a person, or animal
19. **polymath** - a person of wide knowledge or learning
20. **reticent** - reserved, not revealing one's feelings readily
21. **stringent** - strict, precise and exacting
22. **subservient** - prepared to obey others unquestioningly, subordinate
23. **surreptitious** - keep secret, especially because it would not be approved of
24. **tantalizing** - torment or teasing with the sight or promise of something unobtainable
25. **tantamount** - equivalent in seriousness to; virtually the same as
26. **torpor** - a state of physical or mental inactivity, lethargy
27. **trenchant** - vigorous or incisive in expression or style
28. **umbrage** - offense or annoyance
29. **versatile** - adoptable to many different functions or activities
30. **wayward** - difficult to control or predict because of willful or perverse behavior

group 15

1. **alienate** - make someone feel isolated or estranged
2. **apathy** - lack of interest, enthusiasm or concern
3. **apropos** - with reference to; concerning/very appropriate to a particular situation
4. **apt** - suitable in the circumstances/ having a tendency to do something/ quick to learn
5. **cloak** - something serving to hide or disguise something
6. **consensus** - a general agreement
7. **distort** - pull or twist out of shape/give an misleading or false account of or impression of
8. **divergent** - tending to be different or develop in different directions
9. **elated** - make someone ecstatically happy
10. **enchant** - fill someone with great delight/ put under a spell
11. **entrenched** - (of an attitude, habit or belief) firmly established and difficult or unlikely to change; ingrained
12. **exotic** - organizing in or characteristic of a distant foreign country/ attractive/ specially produced
13. **exploitative** - treating others unfairly in order to gain an advantage
14. **foreseeable** - able to foreseen or predicted
15. **forsake** - abandon, renounce
16. **gratify** - give someone pleasure or satisfaction
17. **heed** - pay attention to/ take notice of
18. **judicious** - having, showing or done with good judgment
19. **lucid** - expressed clearly; easy to understand
20. **pertinent** - relevant to a particular matter, apposite
21. **propriety** - conformity to conventionally accepted standards of behavior/ the condition of being right
22. **scintillation** - shining brightly/ brilliantly clever
23. **sensational** - causing great public interest and excitement
24. **sophisticated** - having, revealing or involving a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of fashion or culture
25. **strife** - angry or bitter disagreement over fundamental issues
26. **understated** - presented or expressed in a subtle and effective way
27. **unscrupulous** - having or showing no moral principles; not honest or fair
28. **veracity** - conformity to facts; accuracy/ habitual truthfulness
29. **virulent** - (of a disease or poison) extremely severe or harmful in its effects/ bitterly hostile
30. **violate** - (of a substance) easily evaporated at normal temperatures / liable to change rapidly and unpredictably, especially for the worse

group 16

1. **antedate** - precede in time/ come before in date
2. **banish** - send someone away from a country as an official punishment/ get rid of
3. **bridle** - used to control movement/ show one's anger
4. **comply** - act in accordance with a wish or command
5. **crestfallen** - sad and disappointed
6. **curtain** - piece of material/ a disastrous outcome
7. **elucidate** - make something clear/ explain
8. **evade** - escape or avoid something especially by guile or trickery
9. **feckless** - lacking initiative or strength of character, irresponsible
10. **fester** - (of wound) become septic, (of feeling) become worse,
11. **iconoclastic** - criticizing cherished beliefs or institutions
12. **immure** - enclose or confine against their will
13. **improvise** - create and perform spontaneously or without prep/ make from whatever is available
14. **inhibit** - prevent/ make someone self-conscious/ forbid to function
15. **inscrutable** - impossible to understand or interpret
16. **lionize** - give a lot of public attention and approval to someone
17. **monotonous** - dull, tedious, lacking in variety
18. **peculiar** - strange/ particular; special/ belonging exclusively to
19. **premeditate** - think out or plan beforehand
20. **profligate** - wasteful in the use of resources/ licentious, dissolute
21. **recondite** - restore/ settle/ show to be compatible/accept
22. **refine** - remove impurities/ make minor changes to improve
23. **relinquish** - voluntarily cease to keep or claim/ give up
24. **ruminate** - think deeply about something
25. **skittish** - (of animal) easily scared, (of person) unpredictable, playfully frivolous
26. **superfluous** - unnecessary, especially through being more than enough/ surplus, redundant
27. **synoptic** - of or forming general summary/ taking or involving a comprehensive mental views
28. **thorough** - complete with regard to every detail
29. **visionary** - thinking about or planning the future with imagination
30. **vociferous** - expressing by vehement opinions, loud and forceful/ outspoken

group 17

1. **acclaim** - praise enthusiastically and publicly
2. **ascertain** - find (something) out for certain, make sure of
3. **assertive** - having or showing a confident and forceful personality
4. **bogus** - not genuine or true
5. **cataclysmic** - large-scale and violent
6. **circumscribe** - restrict (something) within limits
7. **complementary** - combining in such a way as to enhance or emphasize the qualities of each other or another
8. **contentious** - controversial, quarrelsome
9. **disingenuous** - not candid or sincere/ typically pretending that one
10. **divulge** - make known (private or sensitive info)/ disclose/ reveal
11. **dogmatic** - inclined to lay down principles as underlying true/ highly opinionated
12. **fallacious** - based on a mistaken belief
13. **foolhardy** - recklessly bold or harsh
14. **hinder** - obstruct/ (body part) rear, hind
15. **impair** - weaken or damage
16. **impugn** - dispute the truth, call into question/ challenge
17. **incessant** - continuing without pause or interruption
18. **inclined** - sloping/ willing to do something/ make someone disposed to do something
19. **inveterate** - long-established and unlikely to change
20. **miserly** - of or characteristic by of a miser/(quantity) pitifully small/ inadequate
21. **patent** - government authority or license/ easily recognizable
22. **petulant** - bad-tempered/ peevish/ childishly sulky
23. **pithy** - (of plant) containing much pith, (of language or style) terse and vigorously expressive
24. **pithy** - (of plant) containing much pith, (of language or style) terse and vigorously expressive
25. **sanctimonious** - making a show of being morally superior to other people/ self-righteous
26. **sound** - not damaged/ good judgment/ competent/ an idea or impression conveyed by words
27. **tarnish** - make or become less valuable or respected
28. **tepid** - lukewarm/ showing little enthusiasm
29. **upbraid** - find fault with/ scold
30. **vexation** - the state of being annoyed, frustrated or worried

group 18

1. **abet** - encourage or assist someone to do something wrong
2. **accessible** - able to be reached or entered
3. **acquisitive** - excessively interested in acquiring money or materials
4. **amalgamate** - combine or unite to form one organization or structure
5. **attenuate** - reduce the force, effect or value of
6. **augment** - make something greater by adding to it, increase
7. **aversion** - a strong dislike or disinclination
8. **blithe** - showing a casual and cheerful indifference considered to be callous or improper
9. **contempt** - the feeling that a person or a thing is worthless or beneath consideration
10. **dawdle** - waste time, be slow
11. **deflect** - cause to change direction/ cause to deviate from intended
12. **discount** - regard as being unworthy of consideration
13. **dissident** - in opposition of official policy/ dissenting
14. **efficacious** - successful in producing a desired result, effective
15. **equitable** - fair and impartial
16. **erratic** - not even or regular in pattern or movement, unpredictable
17. **industrious** - diligent and hardworking
18. **inform** - give facts or information
19. **irksome** - irritation, annoying
20. **manacle** - shackles/ handcuffs
21. **modest** - not large, elaborate or expensive/ self-deprecating
22. **noxious** - harmful, poisonous or very unpleasant
23. **pernicious** - having a harmful effect especially in a gradual way
24. **predicament** - a difficult, unpleasant or embarrassing situation
25. **proficient** - competent or skilled in doing or using something
26. **prolix** - (of speech or writing) using or containing too many words; tediously lengthy
27. **scorn** - contempt/ refuse to do something because one is to proud
28. **subordinate** - of less or secondary importance
29. **unseemly** - not proper or appropriate
30. **veritable** - used for emphasis, often to qualify a metaphor

group 19

1. **acolyte** - an assistant or follower
2. **anoint** - rubbing with oil/ choose as successor to or leading candidate for a position
3. **base** - use as the foundation or starting point of something/ sordid, improper, low
4. **coercion** - the action or practice of persuading someone to do something by using force or threat
5. **coin** - invent, create/ money
6. **cunning** - skill in achieving one's ends by deceit
7. **discomfort** - make someone feel uneasy or embarrassed
8. **dissent** - disagreement
9. **distill** - purify / extract the essential meaning or most important aspects of
10. **dubious** - hesitating/ not to be relied upon, morally suspect
11. **ebullient** - cheerful and full of energy
12. **facetious** - treating serious issues with deliberately inappropriate humor; flippant
13. **fallible** - capable of making mistakes or being wrongs
14. **florid** - having red or flushed complexion/ excessively intricate or elaborate
15. **gawky** - nervously awkward and ungainly
16. **inveigle** - persuade someone to do something by means of deception or flattered
17. **jettison** - abandon or discard/ throw or drop
18. **mendacity** - untruthfulness
19. **munificent** - characterized by great generosity
20. **naive** - showing lack of experience, innocent
21. **noble** - belonging by rank/ high moral principles/superior quality
22. **parochial** - narrow-minded, limited outbreak or scope/ church
23. **pedestrian** - lacking excitement, dull/ walking rather than vehicle
24. **prevaricate** - speak or act in an evasive way
25. **prime** - of first importance/ most suitable/ hey-day
26. **radical** - far-reaching, thorough, revolutionary
27. **recrudescence** - the recurrence of an undesirable condition
28. **temporal** - secular, worldly, non-spiritual
29. **transitory** - not permanent
30. **viable** - capable of working successfully feasible

group 20

1. **abreast** - side by side and facing the same way
2. **confound** - cause surprise or confusion/ prove theory wrong/ defeat/ mixed up with something else
3. **digression** - a temporary departure from the main subject in speech or writing
4. **discrepancy** - an illogical or surprising lack of compatibility or inconsistency
5. **duplicitous** - deceitful, (law) containing more than one allegation
6. **expedient** - convenient and practical although possibly improper or immoral
7. **fabricate** - invent in order to deceive/ construct or manufacture especially from prepared component
8. **glum** - looking or feeling dejected, morose, gloomy
9. **harbinger** - a person or thing that announces or signals the approaches of another
10. **intrinsic** - belonging naturally, essential
11. **largess** - generosity in bestowing money or gifts
12. **libertine** - a person who freely indulges in sensual pleasures without moral principles
13. **malfeasance** - wrongdoing, especially by a public official
14. **manifest** - obvious/ demonstrate/ become apparent through the appearance of symptoms, (of ghost) appear
15. **minute** - insignificant/ (of investigation) taking the smaller points into consideration/ summarized record
16. **modish** - following what is currently popular and fashionable
17. **nascent** - just coming into existence and beginning to display signs of future potential
18. **perennial** - everlasting/ permanently engaged in a specified role or way of life
19. **pious** - devoutly religious/hypocrite/ (of a hope) sincere but not likely to be fulfilled
20. **providential** - occurring at a favorable time/ involving divine foresight or providence
21. **prowess** - expertise in a particular activity or field/ bravery in battle
22. **schism** - split between strongly opposed sections or parties
23. **slander** - defame, making false statements
24. **stalwart** - loyal, reliable and hardworking
25. **supplicate** - ask or beg something earnestly or humbly
26. **terse** - sparing in the use of words, abrupt
27. **tirade** - a long angry speech of criticism or accusation
28. **universal** - applicable to all cases/ ubiquitous
29. **vanquish** - defeat thoroughly, conquer
30. **woeful** - very bad/ causing sorrow or misery

group 21

1. **abject** - experienced or present to the maximum degree (of bad) extremely unpleasant and degrading
2. **amicable** - characterized by friendliness
3. **animosity** - strong hostility
4. **aver** - state or assert to the case, declare/ allege as fact in a support of a plea(LAW context)
5. **barrage** - overwhelming number of questions, criticisms etc
6. **cathartic** - providing psychological belief through the open expression of strong emotions
7. **decipher** - succeed in understanding interpreting or identifying
8. **delusion** - deception misleading / mental disorder
9. **dispense** - supply or release/ get rid of
10. **eloquent** - clearly expressing or indicating something
11. **enthral** - capture the fascinated attention of, charm, enchant
12. **eradicate** - destroy completely
13. **fledgling** - immature, inexperienced, underdeveloped, emerging
14. **fortitude** - courage in pain or adversity
15. **fortuitous** - happening by chance rather than intention
16. **goad** - provoke or annoy someone as the stimulate on action
17. **imminent** - about to happen
18. **incontrovertible** - not able to be denied or disputed
19. **itinerant** - traveling from place to place
20. **magnanimous** - generous or forgiving
21. **meritorious** - deserving reward or praise
22. **mutiny** - open rebellion against the proper authorities
23. **paradoxical** - seemingly absurd or self-contradicting
24. **perseverance** - persistence in doing something despite difficulty
25. **render** - provide/ make/ cause to become/ represent/ translate/ perform/ melt down/ cover
26. **repertoire** - collection/ stock of skills or types of behavior that a person habitually does
27. **resilient** - able to withstand or recover quickly from difficulty conditions
28. **resolute** - admirably purposeful, determined
29. **supple** - flexible/ easily manipulated
30. **valor** - great courage in the face of danger

group 22

1. **cumbersome** - unwieldy, unmanageable, complicated
2. **unprecedented** - never done or known before
3. **stinting** - supply ungenerous or inadequate amount of something
4. **extrapolate** - estimate or conclude something by extrapolating
5. **liability** - state of being responsible/ a person whose presence or behavior likely to put one at a disadvantage
6. **euphoric** - characterized by feeling intense excitement
7. **elementary** - most basic kind/ straightforward and uncomplicated
8. **heterodox** - not conforming with accepted or orthodox standards or beliefs
9. **fervent** - having or displaying a passionate intensity
10. **gaffe** - an unintentional act or remark causing embarrassment
11. **temper** - act as a neutralizing or counterbalancing force to something
12. **painstaking** - done with or employing great care and thoroughness
13. **economy** - careful management and available resources
14. **qualm** - uneasy feeling of doubt/ misgiving, doubt
15. **exonerate** - absolve from blame for wrongdoing/ release from duty
16. **implicit** - suggested though not directed expressed expressed/ always to be found in/ absolute
17. **phlegmatic** - unemotional and stolidly calm disposition/ self-controlled
18. **propensity** - natural tendency to behave in a particular way
19. **foment** - instigate or stir up
20. **embellish** - decorate/ make more interesting by adding extra details
21. **inviolate** - free or safe from injury or violation
22. **renege** - go back on a promise, undertaking, or contact
23. **arresting** - eye-catching /seize/ attract the attention/ stop or check
24. **obstinate** - very difficult to change or overcome
25. **vivacious** - attractively lively and animated
26. **histrionic** - dramatic behavior designed to attract attention
27. **prodigious** - remarkably great in extent size or degree
28. **tentative** - provisional/ not certain or fixed, hesitant
29. **falter** - lose strength or momentum/ move hesitantly
30. **chastise** - rebuke or reprimand severely, punish

group 23

1. **intermittent** - sporadic, not continuous or steady
2. **profound** - very great or intense/ showing great knowledge
3. **propagate** - reproduce / spread or promote
4. **allusive** - using or containing suggestion rather than explicit mention
5. **glib** - fluent but insincere and shallow
6. **curb** - restrain or check on something
7. **lull** - make someone feel deceptively secure or confident/ calm
8. **mettlesome** - full of spirit and courage, lively
9. **astute** - shrewd
10. **fawn** - give a servile display of exaggerated flattery or affection
11. **precipitous** - dangerously high or steep/ done suddenly or without careful consideration
12. **repercussion** - unintended consequence of an event or action
13. **regress** - return to a former or less developed state
14. **refute** - disprove, deny or contradict
15. **replenish** - fill something up again, restore
16. **evoke** - bring or recall/ elicit(response)/ invoke
17. **ire** - anger
18. **languid** - having or showing disinclination for physical effort/ weak from illness or fatigue
19. **mollify** - appease the anger or anxiety/ reduce the severity
20. **pretentious** - ostentatious, attempting to impress by affecting greater important or merit than is actually possessed
21. **duress** - threats, violence, constraint or other action used to coerce someone into doing something
22. **vigilant** - keeping careful watch for possible danger and difficulties
23. **headstrong** - energetically willful and determined
24. **convalescent** - recovering from illness or medical treatment
25. **nonplussed** - so surprised and confused that one is unsure how to act
26. **fret** - visibly anxious / gradually wear away by rubbing / flow in waves
27. **decry** - publicly denounce
28. **recourse** - source of help in difficult situation/ legal right to demand compensation
29. **commence** - begin
30. **neutralize** - counteract, offset, counterbalance

group 24

1. **exorcise** - completely remove from one's mind or memory(unpleasant)
2. **finicky** - fussy about their needs, greater attention to detail
3. **assail** - attack/ trouble/ criticize strongly
4. **contravene** - offend against the prohibition/ conflict with
5. **reiterate** - repeat, typically for emphasis or clarity
6. **poignant** - keen sense of sadness or regret
7. **inundate** - overwhelm with things or people to be dealt with flood
8. **oblivion** - unaware
9. **ironclad** - covered or protected with iron
10. **plaintive** - sounding sad and mournful
11. **surmount** - overcome difficulty/ stand on top of
12. **escalate** - increase rapidly, make more intense or serious
13. **denounce** - publicly declare to be wrong/ inform against
14. **foil** - prevent from succeeding/ frustrate the efforts
15. **deviate** - depart from an established course
16. **buoyant** - cheerful and optimistic/ (economy) engaged in successful trade on activity / floating
17. **benevolent** - well meaning and kindly
18. **intertwine** - connect or link closely/ twist or twine together
19. **berate** - scold or criticize angrily
20. **quiescent** - in a state or period of inactivity or dormancy
21. **mercurial** - subject to sudden or unpredictable changes of mood or mind
22. **despotic** - of or typical of a despot, tyrannical/ autocratic
23. **perpetrate** - carry out or commit(harmful, illegal or immoral action)
24. **subsume** - include or absorb in something else
25. **subside** - become less intense, violent or severe/go down to a lower or the normal level
26. **condone** - accept (behavior that is considered morally wrong)
27. **tangential** - relating to or along a tangent/ diverging from a previous course or line
28. **jeopardize** - threaten, endanger
29. **disinterested** - unbiased
30. **buttress** - support/ increase the strength of or justification for

group 25

1. **bereft** - deprived of or lacking (something)/ sad and lonely
2. **frailty** - weak and delicate/ weakness in character or morals
3. **disentangle** - free from something that they are entangled with
4. **pomposity** - the quality of being pompous; self-importance
5. **delineate** - describe or portray precisely/ indicate the exact
6. **conclusive** - (of evidence or argument) having or likely to have the effort of proving a case
7. **vitality** - the state of being strong and active; energy
8. **steadfast** - resolutely or dutifully firm and unwavering, loyal
9. **archetype** - a very typical example of a certain person or thing
10. **relent** - become less severe and intense
11. **grievance** - unfair treatment
12. **harangue** - a lengthy and aggressive speech
13. **auspicious** - conductive to success, favorable
14. **yield** - produce or provide/ surrender/ give way under force or pressure
15. **appropriate** - proper/ seize/ devote to a special purpose
16. **rhetoric** - the art of effective or persuasive speaking or writing
17. **conspire** - make secret plans jointly
18. **whimsical** - playfully fanciful/ acting in a capricious manner
19. **proxy** - the authority to represent someone else
20. **sparse** - thinly dispersed or scattered, in short supply
21. **adverse** - preventing success, harmful
22. **exhort** - strongly encourage or urge
23. **poise** - graceful, composure and dignity of manner
24. **adept** - very skilled at something
25. **tedious** - too long, slow or dull
26. **rigor** - a sudden feeling of cold with shivering accompanied by a rise in temperature
27. **articulate** - ability to speak fluently/ jointed segments
28. **suspect** - doubt the genuineness
29. **play** - cunning plan/ an activity done for amusement
30. **captious** - tending to find fault or raise petty objections

group 26

1. **lugubrious** - looking or sending sad and dismal
2. **transcend** - go beyond the range/ surpass
3. **flustered** - make (someone) agitated or confused
4. **incidental** - occurring by chance/ happening as a result/ less important
5. **axiomatic** - self-evident or unquestionable
6. **macabre** - disturbing because concerned with or causing a fear of death
7. **gullible** - easily persuaded to believe something, credulous
8. **ingrained** - firmly fixed or established/ difficult to change
9. **tacit** - understood or implied without being stated, implicit
10. **exorbitant** - unreasonably high (of price or amount)
11. **serene** - calm, peaceful and untroubled, tranquil
12. **treatise** - a written work dealing formally and systematically with a subject
13. **corporeal** - relating to a person's body especially as opposed to their spirit, (law) consisting of material objects
14. **figurative** - departing from a literal use of words, metaphorical
15. **morose** - sullen and ill-tempered
16. **fickle** - changing frequently especially as regard one's loyalties or affections/ capricious
17. **ramification** - a complex or unwelcome consequence of an action
18. **eclectic** - deriving ideas, style or taste from a broad and diverse range of sources
19. **apprehensive** - anxiety or fear that something bad will happen
20. **idiosyncratic** - peculiar or individual
21. **insolent** - showing a rude and arrogant lack of respect
22. **ardent** - very enthusiastic or passionate
23. **doctrinaire** - dogmatic, rigid seeking to impose a doctrine in all circumstances without regard to practical considerations
24. **officious** - intrusively enthusiastic in offering help or advice/ interfering
25. **cease** - come or bring to an end
26. **lavish** - very generous or extravagant/ rich
27. **conductive** - having the property of conducting something
28. **equanimity** - calmness and composure, especially in a difficult situation
29. **supplant** - supersede and replace
30. **lampoon** - publicly criticize someone by using ridicule, irony or sarcasm

group 27

1. **bombastic** - high-sounding but with little meaning, inflated
2. **lambaste** - criticize harshly
3. **undercut** - offer goods or services at a lower price than competitor
4. **euphemism** - polite term/ coy term
5. **turpitude** - depraved of wicked behavior or character
6. **peccadillo** - a relatively minor fault or sin
7. **antagonistic** - cause to become hostile
8. **barren** - unproductive/ infertile/ lifeless
9. **philistine** - hostile or indifferent to culture and arts
10. **relegate** - assign an inferior rank or position to
11. **dirge** - a lament for the dead, especially one forming part of a funeral rite
12. **imperturbable** - unable to be upset or excited, calm
13. **excoriate** - criticize severely / remove part of the surface of skin
14. **curmudgeon** - a bad-tempered person, especially an old one
15. **swindle** - use deception to deprive (someone) of money or possessions
16. **wheedle** - use flattery or coaxing in order to persuade someone to do something or give one something
17. **sentimental** - prompted by feeling of tenderness, sadness or nostalgia
18. **miscreant** - a person who has done something wrong or unlawful
19. **implacable** - unable to be appeased or placated
20. **haughty** - arrogantly superior and disdainful
21. **estimable** - worthy of great respect
22. **tangible** - perceptible by touch/ clear and definite
23. **chary** - wary, cautiously or suspiciously reluctant to do something
24. **repugnant** - unacceptable / in conflict or incompatible with
25. **xenophobic** - having or showing a dislike against people from other countries/ racist
26. **squander** - waste in a reckless manner
27. **cajole** - persuade to do something by flattery
28. **unalloyed** - pure/ complete and unreserved
29. **heady** - intoxicating / having a strong or exhilarating effect
30. **exigent** - pressing, demanding

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group 28

1. **quibble** - a slight criticism about a trivial matter; adverse comment; nitpicking
2. **gauche** - lacking ease or grace; unsophisticated and socially awkward; inelegant; ungainly
3. **wily** - skilled at gaining an advantage, especially deceitfully; clever; shrewd, crafty
4. **sophistry** - the use of fallacious arguments, especially with the intention of deceiving; specious arguments; fallacious argument; sophism; casuistry
5. **agitated** - feeling or appearing troubled or nervous; perturbed; flustered; unnerved; ruffled; rattled
6. **quarantined** - isolated
7. **coy** - (especially with reference to a woman) making a pretense of shyness or modesty that is intended to be alluring; reluctant to give details, especially about something regarded as sensitive; arch; simpering; demure; modest
8. **hysterical** - deriving from or affected by uncontrolled extreme emotion; overwrought; unrestrained; frenzied; (informal) extremely funny
9. **recant** - say that one no longer holds an opinion or belief, especially one considered heretical; disavow; forswear; change one's mind; retract
10. **quandary** - a state of perplexity or uncertainty over what to do in a difficult situation; a practical dilemma; impasse; stalemate
11. **afront** - an action or remark that causes outrage or offense; insult; offense; slight; snub; slur
12. **endemic** - (of a disease or social condition) found particularly in a specific area or group; (of a plant or animal) native and restricted to a certain place
13. **abstract** - consider (something) theoretically or separately from something else; extract or remove (something); used euphemistically to say that stolen something; (abstract oneself) withdraw
14. **burnish** - polish up; buff up; enhance or perfect (something such as a reputation or a skill)
15. **disperse** - break up; split up; dissipate; scatter; go into different direction
16. **enmity** - the state or feeling of being actively opposed or hostile to someone or something; animosity; antipathy; animus; feud; discord; acrimony
17. **retiring** - shy and fond of being on one's own; diffident, shrinking; self-effacing; unassuming
18. **ravage** - lay waste; devastate; leave in ruins; wreak havoc on; leave desolate; pillage
19. **inchoate** - beginning; rudimentary; confused or incoherent
20. **impudent** - not showing due respect for another person; impertinent; brazen; cheeky; presumptuous
21. **redoubtable** - (of a person) formidable, especially as an opponent; fearsome; awe-inspiring
22. **shrill** - high-pitched; piercing; screeching
23. **deprecate** - express disapproval of; frown on; object to
24. **disdain** - scorn; deride; regard with contempt; sneer at; spurn; rebuff
25. **quash** - reject or void, especially by legal procedure; cancel; rescind; suppress; put to an end; stamp out
26. **distend** - swell or cause to swell by pressure from inside; bulge; enlarge; puff out/up; blow up/out
27. **penchant** - liking; fondness; preference; inclination; bent; predilection; proclivity
28. **abeyance** ((PHRASES)*hold something in abeyance*) - a state of suspension; a state of dormancy; a state of latency; pending; deferred; put off; postponed
29. **august** - respected and impressive; distinguished; eminent; venerable; hallowed; illustrious; esteemed; exalted; of distinction; of repute; aristocratic; imposing
30. **substantiate** - prove; show to be true; give substance to; support; justify; vindicate; corroborate; endorse; give credence to; vouch for, attest to

group 29

1. **propitious** - giving or indicating a good chance of success; favorable
2. **ominous** - giving the impression that something bad or unpleasant is going to happen; threatening; inauspicious
3. **detente** - the easing of hostility or strained relations, especially between countries
4. **outlandish** - looking or sounding bizarre or unfamiliar
5. **abscond** - leave hurriedly and secretly, typically to avoid detection of or arrest for an unlawful action such as theft; run away; flee; make a break for it; disappear; sneak away
6. **imbroglio** - an extremely confused, complicated, or embarrassing situation
7. **languish** - weaken, deteriorate, waste away, be disregarded, experience hardship
8. **nimble** - quick and light in movement or action; agile; (of the mind) quick to comprehend
9. **prurient** - having or encouraging an excessive interest in sexual matters
10. **bawdy** - dealing with sexual matters in a comical way; humorously indecent
11. **croon** - hum or sing in a soft, low voice, especially in a sentimental manner
12. **aspersion** - an attack on the reputation or integrity of someone or something
13. **nadir** - the lowest point in the fortunes of a person or organization
14. **dowdy** - (of a person or their clothes) unfashionable and without style in appearance (typically used of a woman)
15. **sadistic** - deriving pleasure from inflicting pain, suffering, or humiliation on others
16. **echelon** - level, rank, position (MILITARY)
17. **depose** - remove from office suddenly and forcefully; (LAW) testify to or give (evidence) on oath, typically in a written statement
18. **apogee** - the highest point in the development of something; a climax or culmination
19. **ennui** - a feeling of listlessness and dissatisfaction arising from a lack of occupation or excitement
20. **collude** - cooperate in a secret or unlawful way in order to deceive or gain an advantage over others
21. **conviction** - declaration (or pronouncement) of guilt, sentence, judgement; a firmly held belief, the quality of showing that one is firmly convinced of what one believes or says
22. **conflagration** - an extensive fire which destroys a great deal of land or property
23. **chagrin** - distress or embarrassment at having failed or been humiliated
24. **contretemps** - a minor dispute or disagreement; an unexpected and unfortunate occurrence
25. **commiserate** - offer sympathy to, be moved by, condole with
26. **zenith** - the time at which something is most powerful or successful
27. **fulcrum** - the point on which a lever rests or is supported and on which it pivots; a thing that plays a central or essential role in an activity, event, or situation
28. **expatiate** - speak or write at length or in detail
29. **jocund** - cheerful and lighthearted
30. **fraught** - (fraught with) (of a situation or course of action) filled with or likely to result in (something undesirable); causing or affected by anxiety or stress

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1. **slovenly** - (appearance) messy and dirty; careless, excessively casual
2. **factious** - divided, schismatic, argumentative
3. **spurn** - reject with disdain or contempt
4. **callow** - (of a young person) inexperienced and immature
5. **flagrant** - (of something considered wrong or immoral) conspicuously or obviously offensive
6. **remuneration** - payment; earnings
7. **bravado** - a bold manner or a show of boldness intended to impress or intimidate
8. **obstreperous** - noisy and difficult to control
9. **temerity** - excessive confidence or boldness; audacity
10. **odious** - extremely unpleasant; repulsive
11. **deportment** - a person's behavior or manners
12. **precocious** - advanced, ahead, old beyond one's years
13. **abide** - continue; (abide by) - comply with
14. **verve** - vigor, buoyancy
15. **intrigue** - the secret planning of something illicit or detrimental
16. **aberrant** - deviant, transgressing
17. **fallow** - uncultivated, unplowed, inactive, dormant
18. **tenuous** - slight, very slender or fine, thin, shaky, insubstantial
19. **obdurate** - stubbornly refusing to change one's opinion or course of action
20. **gratuitous** - uncalled for, unwarranted, given or done free of charge
21. **indecorous** - improper, unseemly
22. **soliloquy** - interior monologue
23. **stolid** - impassive, calm, dull
24. **capitulate** - surrender, give in, yield, concede defeat
25. **extemporize** - improvise, ad lib
26. **cogitate** - think about, muse on
27. **nominal** - token, tiny
28. **plucky** - brave, intrepid
29. **grovel** - crawl, behave obsequiously
30. **feint** - bluff, ruse, expedient