

Word	Definition	Synonyms	© R.J. KHAN ROCKY
abound	exist in great quantities	overflow, teem, brim, swarm, proliferate	
amorphous	lacking definite form or shape	shapeless, formless, unstructured, vague, indefinite	
austere	simple and plain; without excess	severe, stark, ascetic, plain, unadorned	
belie	give false impression of	contradict, misrepresent, disguise, falsify, mask	
capricious	unpredictable and impulsive in behavior	fickle, whimsical, volatile, erratic, unpredictable	
cerebral	relating to intellect or brain	intellectual, cognitive, mental, brainy, intellectualized	
congenial	pleasant and friendly	amiable, affable, genial, sociable, friendly	
conspicuous	easily seen or noticeable	noticeable, prominent, obvious, visible, striking	
cursor	hasty and superficial; without attention to detail	superficial, perfunctory, quick, brief, passing	
daunting	intimidating or discouraging	overwhelming, formidable, challenging	
deify	worship or treat as a god	idolize, worship, exalt, venerate, adore	
didactic	intended to teach or instruct	educational, instructive, pedagogical, informative	
disseminate	spread widely	distribute, circulate, propagate, broadcast, promulgate	
feasible	possible to do or achieve	possible, viable, attainable, workable, achievable	
flout	openly disregard or disobey	defy, ignore, scorn, disregard, violate	
homogeneous	of the same kind or nature	uniform, consistent, identical, alike, similar	
humdrum	lacking excitement or variety	dull, boring, monotonous, tedious, mundane	
insipid	lacking flavor or interest	bland, dull, tasteless, uninteresting, vapid	
loquacious	talkative	chatty, garrulous, verbose, voluble, talky	
misanthropic	disliking or distrusting humankind	antisocial, reclusive, cynical, skeptical, pessimistic	
misnomer	incorrect or misleading name or term	misname, mislabel, misdesignate, misidentify, inaccuracy	
negligent	failing to take proper care	careless, irresponsible, heedless, inattentive, neglectful	
obsequious	overly obedient or attentive	servile, subservient, sycophantic, fawning, groveling	
placate	make someone less angry or hostile	appease, pacify, mollify, calm, soothe	
proclivity	natural inclination or tendency	tendency, inclination, propensity, leaning, predisposition	
puerile	childish or immature	immature, juvenile, childish, infantile, naive	
quixotic	exceedingly idealistic	impractical, romantic, visionary, utopian, dreamy	
spendthrift	person who spends money extravagantly	wasteful, prodigal, extravagant, lavish, profligate	
taciturn	reserved or uncommunicative in speech	silent, quiet, uncommunicative, reticent, introverted	
wary	cautious or suspicious	cautious, suspicious, vigilant, watchful, alert	

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adulterate	to make impure or lower in quality	dilute, contaminate, taint, pollute, degrade
advocate	to support or recommend	champion, endorse, promote, support, recommend
aggrandize	to make larger or more powerful	amplify, enhance, magnify, boost, inflate
alacrity	cheerful willingness or eagerness	enthusiasm, promptness, readiness, willingness, zeal
ambivalent	having mixed or conflicting feelings	uncertain, indecisive, equivocal, conflicted, unsure
ameliorate	to make better or improve	enhance, alleviate, enhance, uplift, upgrade
amenable	willing to follow advice or authority	compliant, cooperative, obedient, docile, submissive
anachronistic	belonging to a different time period	outdated, antiquated, outmoded, archaic, old-fashioned
audacious	bold or daring, often recklessly	daring, bold, fearless, adventurous, brazen
avaricious	having an extreme desire for wealth	greedy, covetous, acquisitive, rapacious, grasping
banal	lacking originality or freshness	trite, cliché, mundane, dull, unoriginal
benign	kind or gentle in nature	gentle, kind, compassionate, gracious, benevolent
brazen	bold and without shame	shameless, audacious, bold, impudent, brash
calumny	false and malicious statement	slander, defamation, libel, vilification, defamation
candid	truthful and straightforward	honest, frank, sincere, direct, open
castigate	to criticize or punish severely	chastise, rebuke, reprimand, censure, condemn
caustic	sarcastic or biting in tone	sarcastic, biting, cutting, acerbic, scathing
construe	to interpret or understand the meaning	interpret, understand, analyze, deduce, comprehend
contrite	feeling remorse or guilt	remorseful, repentant, penitent, regretful, sorry
convoluted	complex and difficult to understand	intricate, complicated, complex, elaborate, twisted
covet	to strongly desire something belonging to others	desire, crave, envy, want, yearn
craven	cowardly or lacking courage	cowardly, fearful, timid, spineless, pusillanimous
decorum	proper behavior or conduct	etiquette, manners, propriety, protocol, civility
deft	skillful or clever	skillful, adept, proficient, dexterous, nimble
demur	to object or raise concerns	object, protest, dissent, disagree, hesitate
derivative	lacking originality or creativity	unoriginal, imitative, plagiarized, copied, uninspired
desiccate	to remove moisture; to dry out completely	dry, dehydrate, parch, drain, wither
diatribe	a bitter verbal attack or criticism	rant, tirade, harangue, invective, denunciation
incredulous	unwilling or unable to believe something	skeptical, doubtful, disbelieving, doubtful, skeptical
ingenuous	innocent and unsuspecting	naive, innocent, trusting, guileless, artless

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abate	to reduce in intensity or amount	decrease, diminish, lessen, subside, decrease
abjure	to renounce or reject formally	renounce, reject, relinquish, forswear, disavow
anomalous	deviating from the normal or expected	abnormal, atypical, unusual, irregular, peculiar
antipathy	a strong dislike or aversion	aversion, hatred, loathing, disgust, animosity
arcane	mysterious or understood by few	mysterious, obscure, enigmatic, esoteric, cryptic
arduous	difficult or strenuous	challenging, demanding, laborious, tough, grueling
artless	without deceit or cunning; genuine	sincere, honest, genuine, naive, innocent
ascetic	practicing strict self-discipline and abstention	austere, abstinent, disciplined, self-denying, self-disciplined
assuage	to make less intense or severe	alleviate, ease, relieve, mitigate, soothe
betray	to be disloyal or reveal secrets	deceive, double-cross, backstab, sell out, be unfaithful
bucolic	relating to the pleasant aspects of country life	rustic, rural, pastoral, countryside, idyllic
burgeon	to grow or develop rapidly	flourish, thrive, expand, multiply, proliferate
cacophonous	harsh and unpleasant to the ears	discordant, dissonant, jarring, raucous, noisy
canonize	to officially declare someone a saint	deify, sanctify, venerate, honor, elevate
censure	to express strong disapproval or criticism	criticize, condemn, rebuke, reprimand, chastise
chicanery	deception or trickery	deceit, fraud, trickery, manipulation, duplicity
coalesce	to come together and form one mass or whole	unite, merge, combine, fuse, blend
cogent	clear, logical, and convincing	persuasive, compelling, convincing, logical, effective
compelling	evoking interest, attention, or admiration	persuasive, convincing, captivating, engaging, powerful
contend	to compete or struggle for something	compete, fight, argue, dispute, vie
copious	abundant in quantity or number	abundant, plentiful, ample, extensive, generous
cosmopolitan	familiar with and at ease in many different countries and cultures	worldly, sophisticated, international, multicultural, urbane
deference	respect and polite submission	respect, reverence, esteem, honor, submission
desultory	lacking a plan or purpose; random	aimless, random, haphazard, erratic, wandering
diffident	lacking self-confidence; shy	shy, timid, hesitant, reserved, insecure
dilatory	tending to delay or procrastinate	procrastinating, delaying, tardy, slow, sluggish
equivocate	to use ambiguous or unclear language	hedge, dodge, evade, prevaricate, be ambiguous
polarize	to divide or cause to divide into opposing groups	divide, split, separate, segregate, create division
prodigal	wastefully extravagant or reckless	wasteful, extravagant, spendthrift, lavish, prodigious
verbose	using more words than necessary	wordy, loquacious, talkative, garrulous, long-winded

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abstain	to refrain from doing something	refrain, avoid, forgo, withhold, abstain from
approbation	approval or praise	approval, commendation, endorsement, acclaim, admiration
cherish	to protect and care for lovingly	treasure, value, adore, appreciate, love
corroborate	to confirm or support with evidence	confirm, validate, support, substantiate, verify
disparate	fundamentally different or distinct	different, diverse, varied, distinct, dissimilar
emulate	to imitate or match with admiration	imitate, copy, mimic, mirror, follow
enervate	to weaken or drain of energy	weaken, exhaust, debilitate, sap, tire
ephemeral	lasting for a short time	transient, temporary, fleeting, short-lived, momentary
fervid	intensely enthusiastic or passionate	passionate, enthusiastic, ardent, zealous, fervent
garrulous	excessively talkative	talkative, chatty, loquacious, verbose, voluble
incendiary	tending to provoke or inflame	provocative, inflammatory, seditious, instigating, agitating
inimical	harmful or unfavorable	harmful, hostile, adverse, unfriendly, detrimental
intimate	to suggest indirectly or hint	suggest, imply, hint, insinuate, allude to
invigorate	to give energy or strength to	energize, rejuvenate, refresh, revitalize, stimulate
mitigate	to make less severe or intense	alleviate, reduce, lessen, relieve, diminish
obsolete	no longer in use or outdated	outdated, old-fashioned, antiquated, outmoded, archaic
opaque	not able to be seen through; unclear	unclear, obscure, hazy, foggy, cloudy
paradigmatic	serving as a typical example or model	typical, exemplar, representative, archetypal, standard
pedantic	overly concerned with details or rules	precise, meticulous, nitpicking, fussy, perfectionistic
placid	calm and peaceful	calm, peaceful, serene, tranquil, undisturbed
polemical	controversial or argumentative	controversial, argumentative, disputatious, contentious, combative
precipitate	to cause to happen suddenly or unexpectedly	cause, bring about, trigger, provoke, instigate
profundity	great depth of intellect, emotion, or meaning	depth, insight, wisdom, profoundness, complexity
prophetic	predicting or foreshadowing the future	predictive, foresighted, visionary, prescient, oracular
prudent	showing care and thought for the future	cautious, careful, sensible, wise, judicious
punctilious	showing great attention to detail or correct behavior	meticulous, conscientious, careful, diligent, scrupulous
recondite	difficult to understand; obscure	obscure, abstruse, esoteric, arcane, cryptic
scrupulous	diligent and precise in conduct	meticulous, conscientious, principled, careful, thorough
tranquil	calm, peaceful, and undisturbed	calm, peaceful, serene, placid, untroubled
vacillate	to hesitate or be indecisive	hesitate, waver, oscillate, fluctuate, dither

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aloof	distant or reserved in manner	distant, detached, reserved, remote, unapproachable
clangor	a loud, resonant sound	noise, clatter, din, racket, clamor
conventional	based on traditional or accepted practices	traditional, standard, customary, orthodox, regular
debunk	to expose the falseness or exaggeration of	expose, refute, discredit, disprove, invalidate
diminutive	small or miniature in size	small, tiny, petite, miniature, compact
discernible	able to be perceived or recognized	noticeable, distinguishable, detectable, visible, apparent
enigmatic	mysterious or puzzling	mysterious, cryptic, puzzling, obscure, inscrutable
estranged	separated or alienated from others	alienated, separated, disconnected, distant, divided
extravagant	excessive or over-the-top	excessive, lavish, wasteful, extravagant, prodigal
fanciful	imaginative or whimsical	imaginative, whimsical, creative, inventive, fantastical
frivolous	not serious or important; trivial	trivial, lighthearted, superficial, unimportant, trivial
heterogeneous	diverse or varied in nature	diverse, varied, mixed, assorted, different
imperious	arrogantly domineering or overbearing	domineering, bossy, dictatorial, autocratic, commanding
impertinent	rude or disrespectful	rude, disrespectful, insolent, impolite, inappropriate
invasive	spreading or encroaching upon	encroaching, intrusive, invasive, trespassing, infiltrating
irresolute	uncertain or hesitant	uncertain, indecisive, hesitant, wavering, undecided
laudable	deserving praise or admiration	praiseworthy, commendable, admirable, worthy, deserving
lax	lacking in strictness or discipline	lenient, relaxed, permissive, easygoing, negligent
marginalize	to treat as insignificant or unimportant	ignore, sideline, exclude, devalue, diminish
panache	flamboyant confidence or style	flair, style, confidence, flamboyance, elegance
plodding	slow and laborious	slow, laborious, tedious, monotonous, dull
prosaic	ordinary or lacking excitement	ordinary, mundane, dull, unremarkable, commonplace
remedial	intended to correct or improve	corrective, therapeutic, rehabilitative, restorative, healing
restive	restless or impatient	restless, agitated, impatient, uneasy, fidgety
sporadic	occurring irregularly or infrequently	infrequent, intermittent, occasional, irregular, random
stigmatize	to characterize as disgraceful or shameful	brand, label, disgrace, mark, condemn
undermine	to weaken or sabotage from below	weaken, sabotage, subvert, erode, destabilize
utterly	completely or totally	completely, totally, entirely, absolutely, wholly
weary	tired or exhausted	tired, fatigued, exhausted, worn out, drained
zealous	enthusiastic or passionate	enthusiastic, passionate, fervent, devoted, eager

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admonish	to warn or reprimand firmly	warn, reprimand, scold, chastise, caution
aesthetic	concerned with beauty or appreciation of beauty	artistic, beautiful, pleasing, attractive, visual
affectation	behavior that is artificial or designed to impress	pretense, pose, mannerism, artificiality, show
alleviate	to make less severe or alleviate	relieve, ease, lessen, mitigate, reduce
analogous	comparable or similar in certain respects	similar, comparable, like, akin, parallel
bolster	to support, strengthen, or reinforce	support, reinforce, strengthen, prop up, buttress
chauvinistic	showing excessive loyalty or bias towards a group	biased, prejudiced, partial, one-sided, jingoistic
connoisseur	an expert judge in matters of taste or appreciation	expert, specialist, authority, aficionado, critic
dissemble	to conceal or disguise one's true motives or feelings	disguise, hide, mask, feign, pretend
dogged	showing persistence or determination	determined, persistent, tenacious, resolute, unwavering
dupe	to deceive or trick someone	deceive, trick, fool, mislead, hoodwink
empirical	based on observation or experience	observed, practical, experiential, factual, real
engender	to cause or give rise to	cause, generate, produce, create, evoke
entitled	believing oneself to be deserving of privileges or rights	privileged, deserving, authorized, eligible, empowered
pertinacious	holding firmly to a belief or opinion	stubborn, tenacious, resolute, determined, persistent
presumptuous	excessively forward or confident	arrogant, bold, audacious, overconfident, forward
probity	honesty and integrity	integrity, honesty, uprightness, virtue, rectitude
proliferate	to increase rapidly in number or spread	multiply, propagate, reproduce, expand, spread
specious	misleading or deceptive in appearance	deceptive, misleading, false, spurious, fallacious
spurious	not genuine or authentic	fake, false, counterfeit, bogus, deceptive
subjective	based on personal opinions or feelings	personal, biased, individual, opinionated, partial
subvert	to undermine or destabilize	undermine, sabotage, destabilize, weaken, overthrow
timorous	showing fear or lack of confidence	fearful, afraid, timid, apprehensive, hesitant
tortuous	full of twists, turns, or bends	twisting, winding, meandering, convoluted, intricate
tractable	easily managed or controlled	manageable, compliant, obedient, docile, submissive
transient	lasting only for a short time	temporary, short-lived, fleeting, passing, ephemeral
ubiquitous	present or found everywhere	pervasive, widespread, omnipresent, ever-present, universal
underscore	to emphasize or highlight	emphasize, highlight, accentuate, stress, underline
venal	willing to do dishonest things for money	corrupt, dishonest, bribable, untrustworthy, mercenary
venerate	to regard with great respect or reverence	respect, honor, revere, worship, admire

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appease	to pacify or satisfy a demand	pacify, satisfy, calm, placate, mollify
arbitrary	based on personal choice or whim	random, subjective, discretionary, capricious, unpredictable
archaic	very old or outdated	ancient, outdated, old-fashioned, obsolete, antiquated
clamorous	noisy or loud	noisy, loud, vociferous, boisterous, raucous
dearth	a scarcity or lack of something	scarcity, shortage, lack, deficiency, insufficiency
explicable	capable of being explained	understandable, comprehensible, clear, intelligible, interpretable
hyperbole	exaggerated statements or claims not meant to be taken literally	exaggeration, overstatement, embellishment, magnification, amplification
immutable	unchanging or unchangeable	unchanging, unalterable, permanent, fixed, constant
indefatigable	persisting tirelessly	tireless, untiring, unwearied, unflagging, relentless
indolent	lazy or inactive	lazy, idle, slothful, sluggish, lethargic
insular	isolated or narrow-minded	isolated, narrow-minded, parochial, provincial, limited
intransigent	refusing to compromise or change	stubborn, uncompromising, inflexible, adamant, unyielding
intrepid	fearless or adventurous	fearless, brave, courageous, bold, daring
irreverent	showing a lack of respect or reverence	disrespectful, impious, sacrilegious, profane, contemptuous
loathe	to feel intense dislike or disgust for	detest, hate, despise, abhor, abominate
malign	to speak ill of or criticize	criticize, defame, slander, vilify, malign
malleable	capable of being shaped or influenced	adaptable, flexible, pliable, impressionable, responsive
neophyte	a person who is new or inexperienced in a subject	beginner, novice, newcomer, rookie, fledgling
plastic	capable of being molded or shaped	malleable, flexible, pliable, moldable, adaptable
platitude	a dull or overused remark or statement	cliché, truism, banality, commonplace, stereotype
prescient	having knowledge of events before they occur	prophetic, predictive, foresighted, visionary, anticipatory
pristine	in its original condition; unspoiled	untouched, unspoiled, pure, immaculate, flawless
reproach	to express disapproval or disappointment	criticize, admonish, scold, rebuke, reprimand
robust	strong and healthy	strong, healthy, vigorous, sturdy, resilient
salubrious	favorable to health or well-being	healthy, beneficial, wholesome, invigorating, refreshing
sanction	official permission or approval	permission, approval, authorization, consent, endorsement
sedulous	showing dedication and diligence	diligent, careful, attentive, assiduous, thorough
soporific	causing sleep or drowsiness	sleep-inducing, somnolent, hypnotic, calming, relaxing
stern	strict or severe in manner	strict, severe, harsh, austere, rigid
tendentious	showing a strong bias or prejudice	biased, partisan, prejudiced, slanted, one-sided

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accentuate	to emphasize or highlight	emphasize, highlight, stress, underline, underscore
conjectural	based on guesswork or speculation	speculative, hypothetical, theoretical, suppositional, presumed
convivial	friendly and enjoyable	friendly, sociable, jovial, amiable, cheerful
decadent	characterized by moral or cultural decline	immoral, corrupt, degenerate, dissolute, depraved
egregious	outstandingly bad or shocking	shocking, appalling, atrocious, flagrant, outrageous
evanescent	fleeting or vanishing quickly	fleeting, transitory, ephemeral, momentary, passing
flamboyant	showy or extravagant in appearance	showy, extravagant, flashy, ostentatious, theatrical
forestall	to prevent or hinder in advance	prevent, hinder, preempt, anticipate, avert
gainsay	to deny or contradict	deny, contradict, dispute, challenge, oppose
galvanize	to shock or excite into action	stimulate, excite, inspire, motivate, energize
indiscriminate	lacking in care or judgment	random, haphazard, arbitrary, careless, thoughtless
innocuous	harmless or inoffensive	harmless, inoffensive, benign, safe, gentle
momentary	lasting for a very short time	brief, fleeting, transitory, short-lived, temporary
mundane	ordinary or commonplace	ordinary, commonplace, routine, everyday, common
nettlesome	causing annoyance or irritation	annoying, irritating, bothersome, vexing, troublesome
nullify	to make ineffective or cancel out	cancel, invalidate, negate, annul, void
obviate	to prevent or make unnecessary	prevent, avoid, eliminate, avert, circumvent
omnipresent	present everywhere at the same time	ubiquitous, ever-present, pervasive, all-present, universal
oust	to remove or expel from a position or place	remove, expel, overthrow, depose, displace
palpable	able to be touched or felt	tangible, perceptible, noticeable, detectable, obvious
perfidy	deceitfulness or betrayal of trust	treachery, betrayal, deception, duplicity, disloyalty
profuse	abundant or plentiful	abundant, plentiful, copious, generous, lavish
pugnacious	eager to fight or argue	combative, aggressive, quarrelsome, belligerent, confrontational
sagacious	wise or shrewd	wise, shrewd, perceptive, insightful, astute
sanguine	optimistic or positive, especially in a difficult situation	optimistic, positive, hopeful, upbeat, confident
scant	barely sufficient or limited	limited, scarce, insufficient, meager, inadequate
skulduggery	dishonest or deceitful behavior	deception, trickery, deceit, fraud, dishonesty
trivial	of little importance or value	unimportant, insignificant, minor, petty, inconsequential
utilitarian	designed to be useful or practical rather than attractive	practical, functional, useful, efficient, pragmatic
vapid	offering nothing stimulating or challenging	dull, boring, insipid, lifeless, uninteresting



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boorish	rude or ill-mannered	rude, uncouth, ill-mannered, uncivil, crude
brook	to tolerate or endure	tolerate, endure, bear, stand, accept
circumspect	cautious and prudent	cautious, prudent, careful, wary, discreet
comity	mutual respect and cooperation	respect, cooperation, harmony, civility, goodwill
commensurate	in proportion or corresponding in degree	proportional, equivalent, corresponding, equal, adequate
cordial	warm and friendly	friendly, warm, affable, amiable, genial
deleterious	harmful or damaging	harmful, damaging, detrimental, injurious, destructive
dichotomy	a division or contrast between two things	division, contrast, separation, opposition, duality
edify	to instruct or enlighten	instruct, enlighten, educate, teach, inform
elicit	to draw out or evoke a response or reaction	evoke, extract, obtain, provoke, elicit
erudite	having or showing great knowledge or learning	knowledgeable, learned, scholarly, educated, well-read
fecund	fertile or productive	fertile, productive, fruitful, prolific, bountiful
feeble	weak or lacking strength	weak, frail, powerless, fragile, delicate
felicitous	well-suited or appropriate	appropriate, suitable, fitting, apt, fortunate
forbear	to refrain or abstain from something	refrain, abstain, resist, avoid, withhold
haphazard	lacking any obvious order or organization	random, arbitrary, chaotic, disorganized, unplanned
hodgepodge	a confused mixture or jumble	mixture, medley, mishmash, assortment, jumble
impede	to hinder or obstruct the progress of	hinder, obstruct, block, hamper, inhibit
impetuous	acting or done quickly and without thought	impulsive, rash, hasty, reckless, spontaneous
irascible	easily angered or prone to outbursts of anger	irritable, grumpy, short-tempered, testy, cantankerous
mercenary	motivated by money or material gain	greedy, avaricious, materialistic, money-oriented, selfish
meticulous	showing great attention to detail	careful, thorough, precise, diligent, scrupulous
mordant	sharply critical or sarcastic	sarcastic, biting, caustic, acerbic, sardonic
outstrip	to surpass or exceed in performance or achievement	surpass, exceed, outdo, excel, outperform
precarious	uncertain or unstable	uncertain, unstable, insecure, risky, perilous
quirky	peculiar or eccentric in an appealing way	peculiar, eccentric, odd, idiosyncratic, unconventional
repudiate	to reject or deny the validity or authority of	reject, deny, disown, renounce, refuse
tact	sensitivity and skill in dealing with others	diplomacy, discretion, politeness, sensitivity, consideration
trifling	unimportant or of little value	unimportant, trivial, insignificant, petty, negligible
turbulent	characterized by conflict or disorder	chaotic, disorderly, tumultuous, stormy, unstable

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acumen	keen insight or skill	insight, shrewdness, astuteness, expertise, discernment
antithesis	direct opposite or contrast	opposite, contrast, reverse, contradiction, contrary
ascribe	to attribute or assign to	attribute, assign, credit, impute, attribute
befuddled	confused or muddled	confused, muddled, bewildered, perplexed, disoriented
eschew	to deliberately avoid or abstain from	avoid, abstain, shun, reject, forgo
esoteric	understood or known by only a few	obscure, arcane, mysterious, cryptic, enigmatic
evasive	tending to avoid or escape	avoiding, evading, elusive, dodging, equivocal
exculpate	to clear from blame or guilt	absolve, acquit, vindicate, exonerate, clear
expedite	to make happen more quickly	accelerate, speed up, facilitate, hasten, quicken
fastidious	very attentive to detail or cleanliness	meticulous, precise, scrupulous, particular, exacting
feign	to pretend or fake	pretend, fake, simulate, act, fabricate
furtive	secretive or sly	secretive, sly, covert, clandestine, stealthy
hamper	to hinder or impede progress	hinder, impede, obstruct, inhibit, restrict
indispensable	absolutely necessary or essential	necessary, essential, vital, crucial, requisite
lament	to express grief or sorrow	grieve, mourn, wail, weep, lament
myopic	lacking long-term foresight or narrow-minded	shortsighted, narrow-minded, nearsighted, limited, blinkered
nonchalant	appearing calm and unconcerned	calm, casual, relaxed, indifferent, composed
partial	biased or showing favoritism	biased, favoring, prejudiced, unfair, one-sided
pensive	engaged in deep or serious thought	thoughtful, reflective, contemplative, meditative, introspective
portend	to be a sign or warning of	signify, indicate, foreshadow, presage, augur
provincial	limited in perspective or narrow-minded	narrow-minded, parochial, insular, local, regional
rudimentary	basic or undeveloped	basic, undeveloped, elementary, primitive, fundamental
salutary	beneficial or promoting health	beneficial, advantageous, healthy, wholesome, helpful
sever	to cut or separate forcefully	cut off, separate, detach, divide, disconnect
slight	small or insignificant in degree	small, minor, trivial, insignificant, negligible
somnolent	sleepy or drowsy	sleepy, drowsy, tired, drowsiness, sluggishness
stoic	showing no emotion or indifference to pleasure or pain	indifferent, unemotional, impassive, calm, composed
supersede	to replace or take the place of	replace, displace, supplant, override, succeed
tout	to promote or praise highly	promote, advertise, publicize, endorse, acclaim
wane	to decrease or decline in intensity or power	decrease, decline, diminish, weaken, fade

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abhor	to detest or loathe intensely	detest, loathe, hate, despise, abominate
boisterous	noisy, energetic, and rowdy	noisy, rowdy, lively, loud, rambunctious
chivalrous	courteous and honorable	courteous, gallant, honorable, gentlemanly, noble
churlish	rude and ill-mannered	rude, ill-mannered, impolite, surly, uncivil
clandestine	done secretly or in a concealed manner	secret, covert, hidden, surreptitious, undercover
complacent	self-satisfied and unconcerned	self-satisfied, content, smug, satisfied, indifferent
cumbersome	awkward or difficult to handle	awkward, unwieldy, bulky, heavy, cumbersome
debilitating	weakening or impairing strength or energy	weakening, exhausting, enfeebling, draining, debilitating
deliberate	done consciously and intentionally	intentional, calculated, purposeful, planned, premeditated
droll	amusing in an odd or whimsical way	amusing, funny, comical, whimsical, quirky
eccentric	unconventional or strange in behavior or appearance	unconventional, peculiar, odd, quirky, idiosyncratic
fractious	irritable and quarrelsome	irritable, quarrelsome, argumentative, contentious, unruly
limpid	clear and transparent	clear, transparent, lucid, crystal-clear, unclouded
mawkish	excessively sentimental or emotional	sentimental, emotional, sappy, maudlin, mushy
obeisance	a gesture of respect or submission	respect, homage, deference, reverence, submission
ostentatious	showy and intended to attract attention	showy, flashy, extravagant, flamboyant, pretentious
panacea	a solution or remedy for all problems	remedy, cure-all, elixir, magic bullet, universal remedy
perfunctory	done with minimal effort or thought	careless, hasty, cursory, superficial, indifferent
perilous	full of danger or risk	dangerous, risky, hazardous, precarious, unsafe
pervasive	spreading widely throughout an area or group	widespread, prevalent, ubiquitous, common, all-encompassing
preclude	to prevent or make impossible	prevent, hinder, impede, prohibit, rule out
predilection	a preference or liking for something	preference, liking, fondness, inclination, bias
rapacious	aggressively greedy or grasping	greedy, grasping, voracious, insatiable, avaricious
relish	to enjoy or take pleasure in something	enjoy, savor, appreciate, delight in, revel in
satirical	using sarcasm or irony to criticize or mock	sarcastic, ironic, sardonic, mocking, caustic
sham	something false or fake	fake, counterfeit, imitation, pretense, hoax
skirt	to avoid or go around the edge of something	avoid, go around, bypass, evade, circumvent
sluggish	slow-moving or lacking energy	slow, inactive, lethargic, inert, torpid
spartan	simple and austere in lifestyle or appearance	austere, simple, frugal, ascetic, minimalistic
truculent	eager to argue or fight	aggressive, belligerent, confrontational, combative, bellicose

Word	Definition	Synonyms
acrimonious	bitter or angry in tone	bitter, caustic, acerbic, rancorous, spiteful
belligerent	hostile and aggressive	hostile, aggressive, combative, bellicose, pugnacious
beneficent	kind and generous	kind, generous, benevolent, charitable, philanthropic
canny	shrewd and cautious	shrewd, cautious, astute, prudent, judicious
cavalier	showing a lack of concern	indifferent, unconcerned, dismissive, nonchalant, apathetic
distressed	upset or troubled	upset, troubled, distraught, worried, anxious
dwindling	decreasing or shrinking in number or size	decreasing, declining, shrinking, diminishing, waning
eclipse	to overshadow or surpass	overshadow, outshine, surpass, exceed, dominate
encyclopedic	comprehensive or extensive in knowledge	comprehensive, extensive, thorough, all-inclusive, broad
exacerbate	to make a problem or situation worse	worsen, aggravate, intensify, escalate, provoke
exasperated	irritated or annoyed	irritated, annoyed, frustrated, angered, vexed
fungible	interchangeable or replaceable	interchangeable, replaceable, commutable, convertible, transferable
hackneyed	overused and lacking originality	overused, clichéd, trite, stereotyped, banal
incongruous	not in harmony or consistent	inconsistent, incompatible, mismatched, discordant, contradictory
interchangeable	capable of being used in place of each other	replaceable, exchangeable, substitutable, switchable, convertible
laconic	using very few words	brief, concise, succinct, pithy, terse
lucrative	producing a great deal of profit	profitable, gainful, moneymaking, remunerative, rewarding
magisterial	authoritative or commanding	authoritative, commanding, impressive, dignified, grand
onerous	burdensome or difficult	burdensome, difficult, oppressive, arduous, demanding
opprobrium	harsh criticism or public disgrace	criticism, censure, condemnation, disapproval, shame
parsimonious	excessively frugal or stingy	frugal, stingy, thrifty, economical, tightfisted
peripheral	relating to the outer edges or less important aspects	outer, marginal, secondary, incidental, ancillary
provocative	stimulating or provoking strong reactions	stimulating, provoking, arousing, inciting, challenging
renounce	to give up or reject	give up, relinquish, abandon, reject, disown
tempestuous	characterized by strong and turbulent emotions	stormy, turbulent, volatile, tumultuous, passionate
tenable	capable of being defended or maintained	defensible, justifiable, reasonable, sustainable, viable
transgression	violation of a law or moral principle	violation, offense, wrongdoing, breach, infringement
urbane	sophisticated and refined in manner	sophisticated, refined, elegant, polished, cultured
verisimilitude	the appearance of being true or real	authenticity, credibility, plausibility, realism, resemblance
vitiate	to impair or spoil the quality or effectiveness of	impair, spoil, undermine, compromise, damage

Word	Defintion	Synonyms
affinity	a natural liking or connection	liking, attraction, kinship, fondness, rapport
altruistic	showing selfless concern for others	selfless, self-sacrificing, charitable, generous, philanthropic
baroque	elaborate and ornate in style	ornate, extravagant, elaborate, flamboyant, intricate
byzantine	complicated or intricate	complicated, intricate, convoluted, labyrinthine, complex
compromise	an agreement reached through concessions	agreement, settlement, understanding, concession, middle ground
conciliatory	intended to make peace or reconcile differences	peace-making, reconciling, appeasing, placating, pacifying
countenance	a person's facial expression	face, visage, expression, features, look
covert	hidden or secretive	hidden, secret, undercover, clandestine, concealed
credible	able to be believed or trusted	believable, trustworthy, reliable, plausible, convincing
diffuse	to spread out or scatter	spread, disperse, scatter, distribute, disseminate
documentary	presenting factual information or real events	factual, informative, non-fictional, realistic, authentic
exhaustive	thorough and comprehensive	thorough, comprehensive, complete, detailed, extensive
exhilarating	making one feel very happy or animated	thrilling, exciting, invigorating, electrifying, stimulating
extraneous	irrelevant or unnecessary	irrelevant, unnecessary, unrelated, superfluous, unessential
fervor	intense and passionate feeling or enthusiasm	passion, enthusiasm, zeal, ardor, fervency
futile	having no purpose or effect	pointless, useless, fruitless, vain, ineffective
illusory	based on illusion or deceptive	deceptive, unreal, misleading, false, delusive
invidious	likely to arouse resentment or envy	resentful, envious, jealous, unfair, discriminatory
lethargic	lacking energy or enthusiasm	sluggish, inactive, apathetic, listless, lazy
metaphorical	using figures of speech or symbolic representation	symbolic, figurative, symbolic, allegorical, representative
mimic	to imitate or copy closely	imitate, copy, emulate, simulate, reproduce
numinous	having a sense of the divine or spiritual	spiritual, divine, sacred, transcendent, mystical
obscure	not well-known or unclear	unknown, unfamiliar, ambiguous, vague, unclear
overt	done openly or publicly	open, visible, obvious, apparent, manifest
pellucid	clear and easy to understand	clear, transparent, lucid, plain, comprehensible
perpetuate	to make something continue indefinitely	continue, maintain, sustain, preserve, prolong
rational	based on reason or logic	logical, reasonable, sensible, coherent, sound
scathing	harshly critical or scornful	critical, scornful, derisive, biting, cutting
subtle	not obvious or easily noticeable	delicate, nuanced, understated, fine, faint
superficial	shallow or lacking depth	shallow, surface-level, cursory, trivial, external

Word	Definition	Synonyms
acquiesce	to accept or comply without resistance	comply, agree, consent, conform, yield
adroit	skillful or clever in using hands or mind	skillful, adept, dexterous, deft, proficient
amend	to make corrections or improvements	correct, revise, modify, alter, improve
animus	a strong feeling of dislike or enmity	hostility, animosity, resentment, antipathy, hatred
apologist	a person who defends or supports a particular cause or idea	defender, advocate, supporter, champion, spokesperson
astringent	having a sharp or biting quality	sharp, biting, acerbic, harsh, stringent
collaborate	to work together on a project or task	cooperate, work together, join forces, team up, unite
competent	having the necessary skills or ability	capable, skilled, proficient, qualified, capable
correlate	to have a mutual relationship or connection	relate, associate, connect, link, correspond
deride	to ridicule or mock someone or something	ridicule, mock, scorn, taunt, jeer
dictate	to give orders or command with authority	command, order, direct, prescribe, impose
discreet	careful and prudent in one's speech or actions	careful, cautious, tactful, circumspect, judicious
divorced	separated or disconnected from something	separated, disconnected, detached, disassociated, isolated
elitist	favoring or promoting the interests of a privileged or exclusive group	exclusive, privileged, snobbish, superior, aristocratic
exacting	demanding or requiring great attention, skill, or effort	demanding, rigorous, strict, precise, thorough
flumoxed	confused or perplexed	confused, perplexed, bewildered, puzzled, mystified
fruitful	producing good or positive results	productive, successful, beneficial, rewarding, advantageous
inborn	existing or present from birth	innate, inherent, natural, instinctive, congenital
polymath	a person with knowledge in many different fields	scholar, intellectual, expert, genius, learned person
reticent	reserved or inclined to be silent or uncommunicative	reserved, quiet, taciturn, shy, introverted
stringent	strict or severe in requirements or standards	strict, severe, rigorous, demanding, exacting
subservient	excessively obedient or submissive	obedient, submissive, compliant, docile, servile
surreptitious	done or acquired in a secretive or stealthy manner	secretive, stealthy, covert, clandestine, hidden
tantalizing	arousing desire or interest without providing satisfaction	tempting, enticing, alluring, seductive, captivating
tantamount	equivalent or essentially equal to something	equivalent, equal, comparable, parallel, synonymous
torpor	a state of physical or mental inactivity	lethargy, sluggishness, inertia, apathy, dullness
trenchant	sharp or incisive in expression or style	incisive, cutting, penetrating, acute, biting
umbrage	offense or annoyance	offense, annoyance, resentment, displeasure, indignation
versatile	capable of adapting or doing many different things	adaptable, flexible, multifaceted, all-around, resourceful
wayward	difficult to control or predict because of independent behavior	unpredictable, erratic, capricious, rebellious, willful

Word	Definition	Synonyms
alienate	to cause someone to feel isolated or estranged	estrangle, distance, isolate, separate, detach
apathy	lack of interest, enthusiasm, or concern	indifference, passivity, unconcern, disinterest, lethargy
apropos	relevant or appropriate to a particular situation	relevant, suitable, pertinent, fitting, applicable
apt	appropriate or suitable in the circumstances	appropriate, fitting, suitable, relevant, proper
cloak	to hide, conceal, or disguise	hide, conceal, mask, cover, camouflage
consensus	a general agreement or harmony among a group	agreement, harmony, accord, unity, concord
distort	to twist or misrepresent information or facts	twist, misrepresent, warp, falsify, manipulate
divergent	tending to be different or deviate from a common point	different, varying, deviating, diverging, separate
elated	extremely happy or joyful	happy, ecstatic, thrilled, delighted, overjoyed
enchant	to captivate or delight someone greatly	captivate, fascinate, charm, beguile, bewitch
entrenched	firmly established and difficult to change	established, fixed, rooted, ingrained, deep-seated
exotic	originating from a foreign or distant place	foreign, unfamiliar, unusual, strange, tropical
exploitative	taking advantage of others for personal gain	manipulative, unfair, abusive, oppressive, predatory
foreseeable	capable of being anticipated or predicted	predictable, expected, anticipated, foreseeable, likely
forsake	to abandon or give up completely	abandon, desert, leave, renounce, relinquish
gratify	to please or satisfy someone's desires or wishes	please, satisfy, indulge, fulfill, delight
heed	to pay attention to or take notice of something	pay attention, listen, attend, mind, consider
judicious	having or showing good judgment or sense	wise, prudent, sensible, thoughtful, careful
lucid	clear and easily understood	clear, coherent, intelligible, understandable, transparent
pertinent	relevant or applicable to a particular matter	relevant, applicable, related, connected, appropriate
propriety	conformity to accepted standards of behavior or morals	decency, decorum, correctness, appropriateness, etiquette
scintillating	sparkling or shining brightly	sparkling, shining, gleaming, radiant, brilliant
sensational	causing great interest, excitement, or controversy	exciting, thrilling, dramatic, astonishing, remarkable
sophisticated	knowledgeable, refined, or complex	knowledgeable, cultured, refined, polished, educated
strife	bitter conflict or struggle	conflict, struggle, disagreement, discord, contention
understated	presented or expressed in a subtle and restrained manner	subtle, subdued, modest, unassuming, restrained
unscrupulous	without moral principles or conscience	unethical, immoral, dishonest, deceitful, corrupt
veracity	conformity to facts or truth	truthfulness, honesty, accuracy, integrity, sincerity
virulent	extremely severe or harmful in its effects	poisonous, toxic, harmful, deadly, malignant
volatile	liable to change rapidly and unpredictably	unstable, unpredictable, changeable, variable, mercurial

Word	Definition	Synonyms
antedate	to precede in time or date	precede, predate, come before, foredate, preexist
banish	to exile or send away someone or something	exile, expel, deport, oust, remove
bridle	to restrain or control something, especially one's emotions	restrain, control, rein in, check, suppress
comply	to act in accordance with rules, requests, or commands	obey, follow, adhere to, conform, abide by
crestfallen	sad, disappointed, or discouraged	disappointed, disheartened, discouraged, downcast, dejected
curtail	to reduce or limit something, typically in scope or extent	reduce, decrease, cut back, diminish, limit
elucidate	to make something clear or explain in detail	explain, clarify, illuminate, expound, shed light on
evade	to avoid or escape from someone or something	avoid, elude, dodge, escape, dodge
feckless	lacking initiative or responsibility, careless	irresponsible, ineffective, incompetent, lazy, careless
fester	to become increasingly bitter, resentful, or infected	rot, decay, putrefy, suppurate, smolder
iconoclastic	characterized by attacking or rejecting established beliefs or institutions	rebellious, heretical, revolutionary, unorthodox, nonconformist
immure	to confine or imprison someone against their will	confine, imprison, incarcerate, lock up, enclose
improvise	to create or perform something spontaneously without preparation	invent, create, ad-lib, extemporize, wing it
inhibit	to restrain or prevent someone or something from doing something	restrain, hinder, impede, limit, restrict
inscrutable	impossible to understand or interpret	mysterious, enigmatic, incomprehensible, unfathomable, impenetrable
lionize	to treat someone as a celebrity or an object of great attention	idolize, admire, glorify, revere, venerate
monotonous	dull, repetitive, and lacking in variety or interest	boring, tedious, repetitive, humdrum, unvarying
peculiar	strange or unusual, distinctive to a particular individual or thing	strange, odd, bizarre, eccentric, unique
premeditate	to plan or consider something beforehand	plan, contemplate, consider, think ahead, prepare
profligate	recklessly extravagant or wasteful in the use of resources	wasteful, extravagant, prodigal, spendthrift, lavish
reconcile	to restore friendly relations between individuals or groups	settle, resolve, harmonize, mend, make peace
refine	to improve or perfect something by making small changes	improve, polish, perfect, hone, enhance
relinquish	to voluntarily give up or let go of something	give up, surrender, abandon, renounce, yield
ruminate	to think deeply about something, typically for a long time	contemplate, ponder, reflect, meditate, mull over
skittish	easily frightened or nervous; jumpy or unpredictable	nervous, jumpy, timid, easily scared, fidgety
superfluous	exceeding what is necessary or required	unnecessary, redundant, surplus, excess, extra
synoptic	providing a general overview or summary	summary, concise, condensed, brief, abridged
thorough	complete with regard to every detail; meticulous	complete, comprehensive, exhaustive, detailed, meticulous
visionary	characterized by thinking about or planning the future with imagination and wisdom	idealistic, imaginative, forward-thinking, innovative, inspired
vociferous	expressing feelings or opinions in a loud and forceful manner	loud, outspoken, clamorous, vehement, boisterous



Word	Definition	Synonyms
acclaim	enthusiastic approval or praise	praise, applause, commendation, adulation, recognition
ascertain	to find out or determine something with certainty	determine, discover, establish, verify, confirm
assertive	confident and forceful in expressing one's opinions or desires	confident, self-assured, decisive, self-confident, bold
bogus	not genuine or true; counterfeit	fake, false, fraudulent, spurious, phony
cataclysmic	relating to a sudden and violent event causing great upheaval or destruction	disastrous, devastating, catastrophic, ruinous, overwhelming
circumscribe	to restrict or limit something within certain boundaries	restrict, limit, confine, bound, restrain
complementary	combining in such a way as to enhance or emphasize the qualities of each other	matching, corresponding, harmonious, compatible, reciprocal
contentious	likely to cause disagreement or argument	controversial, disputable, contentious, debatable, divisive
disingenuous	not candid or sincere, pretending to be innocent or unaware	insincere, dishonest, deceitful, hypocritical, false
divulge	to make known or reveal information that was previously kept secret	disclose, reveal, expose, share, communicate
dogmatic	inclined to lay down principles as incontrovertibly true	opinionated, inflexible, rigid, doctrinaire, authoritarian
fallacious	based on a mistaken belief or faulty reasoning	false, incorrect, misleading, erroneous, deceptive
foolhardy	recklessly bold or rash, lacking in prudence or caution	reckless, impulsive, daring, audacious, imprudent
hinder	to create difficulties or obstacles, to obstruct or delay progress	impede, obstruct, hamper, delay, inhibit
impair	to weaken or damage something, to diminish in quality or effectiveness	weaken, damage, undermine, harm, compromise
impugn	to challenge the truth or validity of something, to criticize or attack verbally	challenge, question, dispute, criticize, attack
incessant	continuing without interruption or pause	constant, continuous, uninterrupted, never-ending, relentless
inclined	having a tendency or preference towards something	disposed, prone, likely, predisposed, leaning
inveterate	having a particular habit, activity, or interest that is long-established and unlikely to change	ingrained, chronic, habitual, persistent, deep-rooted
miserly	excessively stingy or frugal with money, reluctant to spend	stingy, frugal, tightfisted, penny-pinching, parsimonious
patent	easily recognizable, obvious, or evident	obvious, evident, clear, apparent, manifest
petulant	easily irritated or annoyed, especially in a childish or peevish manner	irritable, grumpy, sulky, testy, irritable
pithy	concise and forcefully expressive	concise, brief, succinct, terse, laconic
pliant	easily influenced or directed, flexible or adaptable	flexible, adaptable, pliable, malleable, yielding
sanctimonious	making a show of being morally superior to others, hypocritically virtuous	self-righteous, holier-than-thou, hypocritical, pious, moralizing
sound	solid, reliable, or valid, based on good judgment or reasoning	solid, reliable, valid, logical, reasonable
tarnish	to diminish or damage the quality or reputation of something	damage, stain, spoil, sully, blemish
tepid	lukewarm, showing little enthusiasm or conviction	lukewarm, unenthusiastic, indifferent, half-hearted, lackluster
upbraid	to scold, criticize, or reprimand someone severely	scold, berate, rebuke, reprimand, chastise
vexation	the state of being annoyed, frustrated, or worried	annoyance, irritation, frustration, worry, distress

Word	Definition	Synonyms
abet	to assist, support, or encourage in wrongdoing	assist, support, encourage, promote, aid
accessible	easy to approach, enter, or use	approachable, available, reachable, attainable, open
acquisitive	excessively interested in acquiring wealth or material things	greedy, materialistic, covetous, grasping, avaricious
amalgamate	to combine or unite to form a single entity	combine, merge, unite, blend, integrate
attenuate	to weaken or reduce in force, intensity, or value	weaken, reduce, diminish, decrease, lessen
augment	to make larger, increase, or enhance	increase, enlarge, expand, boost, strengthen
aversion	a strong dislike or disinclination	dislike, distaste, hatred, repulsion, antipathy
blithe	carefree and lighthearted	carefree, cheerful, happy, joyous, light-hearted
contempt	a feeling of disdain or scorn towards someone or something	disdain, scorn, disrespect, derision, contemptuousness
dawdle	to waste time or be slow, idle, or procrastinate	waste time, loiter, linger, procrastinate, delay
deflect	to cause something to change direction or deviate from its intended path	divert, deviate, avert, sidetrack, redirect
discount	to disregard or underestimate the significance or importance of something	disregard, underestimate, undervalue, ignore, overlook
dissident	a person who opposes official policy, especially in an authoritarian state	dissenter, protester, rebel, opposition, nonconformist
efficacious	effective or successful in producing the desired result	effective, successful, potent, powerful, productive
equitable	fair and impartial, just and reasonable	fair, just, impartial, unbiased, reasonable
erratic	unpredictable, inconsistent, or irregular in behavior or movement	unpredictable, inconsistent, irregular, unstable, volatile
industrious	hardworking, diligent, and actively engaged in work or activities	hardworking, diligent, productive, busy, assiduous
inform	to give knowledge or information to someone	educate, instruct, enlighten, notify, advise
irksome	annoying, irritating, or bothersome	annoying, irritating, bothersome, vexing, frustrating
manacle	a metal shackle or restraint, usually on a prisoner's wrists or ankles	shackle, handcuff, restraint, fetter, bond
modest	having a humble or moderate opinion of one's abilities or achievements	humble, unassuming, moderate, self-effacing, down-to-earth
noxious	harmful, poisonous, or detrimental to health or well-being	harmful, poisonous, toxic, injurious, dangerous
pernicious	having a harmful effect, especially in a gradual or subtle way	harmful, damaging, destructive, detrimental, deleterious
predicament	a difficult, unpleasant, or challenging situation	dilemma, problem, crisis, quandary, plight
proficient	skilled, competent, or highly knowledgeable in a particular area	skilled, competent, capable, adept, expert
prolix	excessively lengthy or wordy in speech or writing	verbose, wordy, long-winded, rambling, tedious
scorn	a feeling of contempt or disdain towards someone or something	contempt, disdain, disrespect, derision, mockery
subordinate	lower in rank or position, secondary or inferior in importance	lower, inferior, secondary, lesser, submissive
unseemly	not in accordance with accepted standards of behavior or propriety	improper, inappropriate, indecent, indecorous, unbecoming
veritable	used to emphasize the truth or accuracy of something	true, genuine, real, actual, authentic

Word	Definition	Synonyms
acolyte	a person assisting a leader or mentor	assistant, follower, disciple, attendant, apprentice
anoint	to smear or rub with oil or an oily substance as part of a religious or ceremonial ritual	consecrate, bless, sanctify, ordain, dedicate
base	low or inferior in quality or value	inferior, low-grade, substandard, poor, shoddy
coercion	the use of force or threats to make someone do something against their will	force, compulsion, constraint, pressure, intimidation
coin	to invent or create a new word or phrase	create, invent, devise, formulate, originate
cunning	showing or having skill in achieving one's ends by deceit or evasion	crafty, sly, deceitful, cunning, wily
discomfit	to make someone feel uneasy, embarrassed, or confused	embarrass, discomfort, unsettle, confuse, disconcert
dissent	to hold or express opinions that are different from those commonly or officially held	disagree, differ, object, protest, contradict
distill	to extract the essential meaning or most important aspects of something	extract, derive, condense, purify, refine
dubious	hesitating or doubting; not to be relied upon	doubtful, uncertain, unsure, questionable, skeptical
ebullient	cheerful and full of energy; enthusiastic	enthusiastic, exuberant, lively, buoyant, animated
facetious	treating serious issues with deliberately inappropriate humor; flippant	flippant, joking, humorous, playful, tongue-in-cheek
fallible	capable of making mistakes or being wrong	erring, imperfect, fallacious, uncertain, unreliable
florid	excessively intricate or elaborate; having a red or flushed complexion	ornate, elaborate, flowery, embellished, extravagant
gawky	awkward or clumsy in movement or manner	clumsy, ungainly, awkward, uncoordinated, bumbling
inveigle	to persuade someone to do something by means of deception or flattery	coax, cajole, wheedle, entice, charm
jettison	to discard or abandon something, usually in a desperate situation	discard, abandon, dispose of, relinquish, cast off
mendacity	the tendency to lie or be untruthful	dishonesty, deceitfulness, falsehood, untruthfulness, lying
munificent	very generous in giving; lavish	generous, bountiful, liberal, benevolent, philanthropic
naive	showing a lack of experience, wisdom, or judgment	innocent, inexperienced, unsophisticated, gullible, credulous
noble	having or showing fine personal qualities or high moral principles	honorable, virtuous, upright, dignified, ethical
parochial	having a narrow outlook or limited perspective	narrow-minded, insular, provincial, limited, myopic
pedestrian	lacking inspiration or excitement; dull	ordinary, dull, unremarkable, mundane, commonplace
prevaricate	to speak or act in an evasive or misleading way	evade, dodge, sidestep, equivocate, deceive
prime	of the best possible quality; first in importance or rank	excellent, superior, top-quality, leading, paramount
radical	advocating or representing extreme or progressive views	extreme, revolutionary, progressive, drastic, militant
recrudescent	reappearing or becoming active again after a period of inactivity	reappearing, resurgent, recurring, reactivated, renewed
temporal	relating to worldly or material affairs; secular rather than spiritual	worldly, secular, earthly, material, non-spiritual
transitory	not permanent; temporary or lasting for only a short time	temporary, fleeting, transient, brief, short-lived
viable	capable of working successfully; feasible	feasible, workable, practical, possible, achievable

Word	Definition	Synonyms
abreast	side by side and facing the same way	alongside, together, parallel, in line, synchronized
confound	to cause surprise or confusion in someone, especially by acting against their expectations	confuse, bewilder, baffle, perplex, puzzle
digression	a temporary departure from the main subject in speech or writing	deviation, tangent, aside, diversion, detour
discrepancy	a lack of compatibility or similarity between two or more facts	inconsistency, disparity, difference, variance, contradiction
duplicitous	deceitful or dishonest in behavior	deceitful, deceptive, dishonest, treacherous, two-faced
expedient	suitable or advantageous for a particular purpose	advantageous, beneficial, practical, useful, effective
fabricate	to invent or concoct (something), typically with deceitful intent	invent, concoct, manufacture, falsify, create
glum	looking or feeling dejected; gloomy	gloomy, depressed, somber, sullen, moody
harbinger	a person or thing that signals the approach of something or foreshadows what is to come	herald, precursor, omen, sign, indication
intrinsic	belonging naturally; essential	inherent, innate, inherent, essential, fundamental
largesse	generosity in giving gifts or money	generosity, liberality, benevolence, munificence, charity
libertine	a person who behaves without moral principles or a sense of responsibility	debauchee, hedonist, pleasure-seeker, profligate, rake
malfeasance	wrongdoing or misconduct, especially by a public official	misconduct, wrongdoing, misbehavior, impropriety, corruption
manifest	clear or obvious to the eye or mind	evident, obvious, apparent, clear, transparent
minute	extremely small or of little importance	tiny, small, minuscule, insignificant, negligible
modish	conforming to or following what is currently popular or fashionable	fashionable, trendy, stylish, chic, voguish
nascent	just coming into existence and beginning to display signs of future potential	emerging, developing, budding, incipient, initial
perennial	lasting or existing for a long or apparently infinite time	enduring, lasting, eternal, permanent, persistent
pious	devoutly religious or morally upright	religious, devout, godly, virtuous, holy
providential	occurring at a favorable time; opportune	fortunate, lucky, timely, advantageous, serendipitous
prowess	skill or expertise in a particular activity or field	skill, expertise, ability, talent, proficiency
schism	a split or division between strongly opposed sections or parties, caused by differences in opinion or b	division, split, rift, disagreement, disunion
slander	the action or crime of making a false spoken statement damaging to a person's reputation	defamation, libel, vilification, calumny, character assassination
stalwart	loyal, reliable, and hardworking	loyal, faithful, devoted, reliable, steadfast
supplicate	to ask or beg for something earnestly or humbly	beg, plead, implore, beseech, entreat
terse	sparing in the use of words; abrupt	concise, brief, succinct, laconic, pithy
tirade	a long, angry speech of criticism or accusation	diatribe, harangue, rant, outburst, verbal attack
universal	affecting or done by all people or things in the world or in a particular group	global, worldwide, general, common, widespread
vanquish	to defeat thoroughly	conquer, defeat, overcome, subdue, crush
woeful	full of sadness or misery	sorrowful, mournful, sad, wretched, miserable

Word	Definition	Synonyms
abject	extremely bad, unpleasant, or degrading	miserable, wretched, hopeless, pitiful, degraded
amicable	characterized by friendliness and absence of conflict	friendly, cordial, amiable, agreeable, harmonious
animosity	strong hostility or dislike	hostility, hatred, enmity, resentment, animus
aver	to state or assert to be the case	assert, declare, affirm, state, maintain
barrage	a concentrated outpouring of something, typically a large amount of criticism or questions	bombardment, deluge, torrent, onslaught, shower
cathartic	providing psychological relief through the expression of strong emotions	therapeutic, purgative, releasing, cleansing, liberating
decipher	to convert (a text written in code, or a coded or unclear message) into normal language	decode, interpret, decrypt, unravel, translate
delusion	a belief or impression that is firmly maintained despite being contradicted by reality	misconception, illusion, fantasy, hallucination, misbelief
dispense	to distribute or provide (a service, information, or goods) to a number of people	distribute, allocate, administer, provide, give out
eloquent	fluent or persuasive in speaking or writing	articulate, expressive, fluent, persuasive, well-spoken
enthral	to captivate or charm someone greatly	captivate, enchant, fascinate, mesmerize, bewitch
eradicate	to completely remove or destroy something	eliminate, exterminate, annihilate, abolish, eradicate
fledgling	a person or organization that is immature, inexperienced, or underdeveloped	novice, beginner, rookie, newcomer, apprentice
fortitude	courage in pain or adversity	bravery, courage, resilience, strength, endurance
fortuitous	happening by chance or accident	accidental, coincidental, unexpected, serendipitous, lucky
goad	to provoke or annoy someone so as to stimulate some action or reaction	provoke, incite, irritate, spur, egg on
imminent	about to happen; impending	impending, approaching, forthcoming, upcoming, near
incontrovertible	impossible to deny or dispute	indisputable, undeniable, irrefutable, unquestionable, incontestable
itinerant	traveling from place to place, especially on a circuit	wandering, nomadic, traveling, peripatetic, roaming
magnanimous	very generous or forgiving, especially toward a rival or someone less powerful than oneself	generous, forgiving, noble, benevolent, charitable
meritorious	deserving reward or praise	praiseworthy, commendable, admirable, laudable, creditable
mutiny	an open rebellion against the proper authorities, especially by soldiers or sailors against their officers	rebellion, uprising, revolt, insurrection, insurgency
paradoxical	seemingly absurd or self-contradictory, but in fact, expressing a possible truth	contradictory, inconsistent, ironic, puzzling, baffling
perseverance	steadfastness in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success	persistence, tenacity, determination, resolve, endurance
render	to cause to be or become; make	make, cause, create, produce, present
repertoire	a stock of plays, dances, or pieces that a performer or company is prepared to perform	collection, range, selection, catalog, inventory
resilient	able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions	strong, tough, flexible, durable, sturdy
resolute	admirably purposeful, determined, and unwavering	determined, steadfast, firm, resolved, unwavering
supple	flexible and graceful; bending and moving easily	flexible, pliable, limber, lithe, adaptable
valor	great courage in the face of danger, especially in battle	bravery, courage, heroism, gallantry, valorous

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arresting	attracting attention; striking	captivating, impressive, eye-catching, compelling, attention-grabbing
chastise	to reprimand or criticize severely	scold, admonish, rebuke, reprove, berate
cumbersome	awkward or difficult to handle or manage due to size, weight, or complexity	unwieldy, clumsy, burdensome, bulky, ponderous
economy	the careful and efficient use of resources, such as money, materials, or time	thrift, frugality, efficiency, saving, prudence
elementary	basic, fundamental, or simple	fundamental, basic, primary, rudimentary, essential
embellish	to decorate or enhance something by adding decorative details or exaggerating certain features	decorate, adorn, beautify, enhance, exaggerate
euphoric	intensely happy or joyful	ecstatic, elated, overjoyed, thrilled, exuberant
exonerate	to absolve someone from blame or responsibility for a wrongdoing or fault	acquit, clear, vindicate, exculpate, free
extrapolate	to estimate or conclude something based on known information or data	infer, deduce, derive, project, extend
falter	to hesitate or waver in action, belief, or purpose	hesitate, waver, vacillate, stumble, falter
fervent	passionate, intense, or enthusiastic	passionate, enthusiastic, ardent, zealous, fervid
foment	to instigate or foster discontent, unrest, or agitation, typically for political purposes	incite, provoke, stir up, promote, encourage
gaffe	a social or diplomatic mistake, often resulting in embarrassment	blunder, mistake, faux pas, slip, error
heterodox	deviating from or contradicting established beliefs, customs, or doctrines	unorthodox, unconventional, dissenting, heretical, nonconformist
histrionic	excessively theatrical or dramatic in behavior, speech, or expression	melodramatic, theatrical, exaggerated, dramatic, showy
implicit	implied or understood without being explicitly stated	implied, understood, inherent, suggested, tacit
inviolate	not violated, infringed, or broken; kept sacred or unbroken	sacred, untouched, inviolable, untainted, unharmed
liability	the state of being legally responsible for something; a person or thing that poses a risk or burden	responsibility, accountability, burden, drawback, disadvantage
obstinate	stubbornly refusing to change one's opinion, course of action, or behavior	stubborn, inflexible, unyielding, headstrong, intransigent
painstaking	characterized by diligent and careful effort	meticulous, thorough, careful, diligent, conscientious
phlegmatic	having a calm and unemotional temperament	calm, composed, unemotional, cool, impassive
prodigious	remarkably or impressively great in extent, size, or degree	enormous, immense, colossal, extraordinary, remarkable
propensity	a natural inclination or tendency to behave or think in a particular way	inclination, tendency, proclivity, predisposition, leaning
qualm	a feeling of doubt, unease, or moral hesitation	doubt, hesitation, unease, misgiving, reservation
renege	to go back on one's word or fail to fulfill a promise or commitment	break, breach, retract, backtrack, revoke
stinting	providing or allowing only a limited or inadequate amount of something	sparing, limited, meager, restricted, inadequate
temper	to moderate or adjust something, typically by adding a particular quality or counterbalancing factor	moderate, adjust, balance, modify, regulate
tentative	uncertain, hesitant, or provisional	uncertain, hesitant, provisional, cautious, experimental
unprecedented	never done or experienced before; without previous example	unprecedented, exceptional, novel, unheard of, groundbreaking
vivacious	lively, animated, and full of energy	lively, animated, spirited, vibrant, exuberant

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allusive	referring to or hinting at something indirectly or without explicitly mentioning it	suggestive, implied, indirect, veiled, implicit
astute	having or showing shrewdness, perceptiveness, or cleverness	shrewd, sharp, clever, intelligent, perceptive
commence	to begin or start	begin, start, initiate, launch, embark on
convalescent	a person who is recovering from illness or injury	recovering, recuperating, healing, getting better
curb	to restrain, control, or limit something	restrain, control, limit, check, suppress
decry	to publicly denounce or criticize something as bad, wrong, or harmful	denounce, condemn, criticize, censure, disparage
duress	threats, violence, or other forms of coercion used to force someone to do something against their will	coercion, compulsion, force, pressure, intimidation
evoke	to bring forth or elicit a response, emotion, or memory	elicit, provoke, bring out, summon, invoke
fawn	to show excessive flattery, affection, or obsequiousness towards someone in order to gain favor or advantage	flatter, grovel, brown-nose, praise, adulate
fret	to be constantly or visibly worried, anxious, or irritated	worry, be anxious, be concerned, be bothered, be upset
glib	fluent and voluble in a superficial or insincere way	slick, smooth-talking, superficial, insincere, fluent
headstrong	stubbornly determined to have one's own way; willful	stubborn, willful, obstinate, pigheaded, inflexible
intermittent	occurring at irregular intervals; not continuous or steady	sporadic, irregular, periodic, on-and-off, discontinuous
ire	intense anger or wrath	anger, rage, fury, wrath, indignation
languid	lacking energy, vitality, or enthusiasm; slow and relaxed	sluggish, listless, lethargic, relaxed, unhurried
lull	a period of calm, quiet, or inactivity; a temporary interval of reduced activity or intensity	calm, quiet, pause, respite, break
mettlesome	full of spirit, courage, or vigor	spirited, courageous, lively, brave, bold
mollify	to appease, pacify, or soothe someone's anger, anxiety, or distress	appease, pacify, soothe, calm, placate
neutralize	to counteract or negate the effect or influence of something	counteract, negate, nullify, cancel out, offset
nonplussed	bewildered, confused, or uncertain about how to react	perplexed, puzzled, baffled, confused, bemused
precipitous	done or acting with excessive haste or without careful consideration	hasty, rash, impulsive, impetuous, reckless
pretentious	attempting to impress by pretending to be more important, talented, or cultured than one actually is	affected, ostentatious, showy, self-important, pompous
profound	having deep meaning or significance; intellectually or emotionally deep	deep, meaningful, significant, insightful, thought-provoking
propagate	to spread, promote, or transmit something, especially beliefs, ideas, or information, widely	spread, promote, disseminate, circulate, propagate
recourse	a source of help, support, or solution in a difficult or desperate situation	option, alternative, solution, resource, remedy
refute	to prove or demonstrate that something is false, invalid, or untrue	disprove, debunk, contradict, invalidate, deny
regress	to return to a less developed or previous state; to go back to an earlier, less advanced condition	revert, go back, retreat, relapse, degenerate
repercussion	an unintended consequence or effect of an event or action	consequence, effect, result, impact, aftermath
replenish	to refill or resupply something, often to bring it back to a previous level or state	refill, restock, renew, restore, replenish
vigilant	watchful, alert, and attentive to potential dangers or problems	watchful, alert, attentive, observant, cautious

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assail	to attack violently, verbally or physically	attack, assault, criticize, condemn, berate
benevolent	well-meaning and kindly; desiring to do good	kind, compassionate, generous, charitable, altruistic
berate	to scold or criticize someone angrily	scold, reprimand, admonish, chastise, upbraid
buoyant	cheerful, optimistic, or able to float on water	cheerful, optimistic, positive, lively, resilient
buttress	to support, reinforce, or strengthen something	support, reinforce, fortify, bolster, prop up
condone	to accept, allow, or overlook behavior that is morally wrong or unacceptable	forgive, overlook, disregard, excuse, tolerate
contravene	to violate or go against a rule, law, or principle	violate, breach, infringe, disobey, defy
denounce	to publicly condemn or criticize someone or something	condemn, criticize, censure, decry, attack
despotic	exercising absolute power and control; tyrannical	tyrannical, autocratic, dictatorial, oppressive, domineering
deviate	to depart or stray from a course, standard, or norm	stray, diverge, veer, wander, depart
disinterested	unbiased, impartial, or not influenced by personal interest or gain	impartial, unbiased, neutral, objective, detached
escalate	to increase or intensify in extent, volume, or scope	increase, intensify, expand, grow, heighten
exorcise	to drive out or remove an evil spirit or influence	expel, banish, remove, eliminate, purge
finicky	excessively concerned about small details or being precise	fussy, particular, meticulous, choosy, nitpicky
foil	to prevent someone's plan or effort from succeeding	thwart, frustrate, counter, defeat, hinder
intertwined	closely connected or interwoven; twisted or woven together	interconnected, interlinked, intertwined, interwoven, interrelated
inundate	to overwhelm or flood with a large amount of things or people at the same time	overwhelm, flood, swamp, engulf, deluge
ironclad	extremely strong or secure; impossible to break or dispute	unbreakable, invulnerable, solid, secure, impregnable
jeopardize	to put something or someone at risk or in danger	endanger, risk, threaten, imperil, compromise
mercurial	characterized by rapid and unpredictable changes of mood or behavior	volatile, unpredictable, changeable, fickle, unstable
oblivious	unaware or unconscious of what is happening around oneself	unaware, ignorant, unconscious, inattentive, heedless
perpetrate	to carry out or commit (a harmful, illegal, or immoral action)	commit, carry out, perform, execute, enact
plaintive	expressing sadness or sorrow; mournful	mournful, sorrowful, sad, melancholy, wistful
poignant	evoking a keen sense of sadness, regret, or emotion	touching, moving, affecting, emotional, heartrending
quiescent	inactive, dormant, or temporarily without activity	inactive, dormant, still, quiet, inert
reiterate	to repeat or emphasize something for clarity or emphasis	repeat, restate, echo, emphasize, reaffirm
subside	to become less intense, severe, or active; to diminish or abate	lessen, decrease, decline, recede, abate
subsume	to include or incorporate something into a larger whole	include, incorporate, encompass, absorb, assimilate
surmount	to overcome a difficulty or obstacle; to conquer or prevail over	overcome, conquer, defeat, surpass, prevail over
tangential	diverging from a previous course or line; digressing from the main subject	digressive, irrelevant, off-topic, peripheral, incidental



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adept	Skilled or proficient in something	expert, skilled, proficient, capable, competent
adverse	Contrary or unfavorable	hostile, detrimental, unfavorable, opposing, contrary
appropriate	Suitable or fitting for a particular purpose	proper, fitting, apt, suitable, applicable
archetype	A perfect or typical example	prototype, model, standard, exemplar, ideal
articulate	Expressing oneself clearly and coherently	eloquent, fluent, expressive, lucid, well-spoken
auspicious	Indicating future success or good fortune	favorable, propitious, promising, lucky, fortunate
bereft	Completely lacking or deprived	deprived, devoid, lacking, empty, without
captious	Tending to find fault or criticize	fault-finding, critical, nitpicking, carping, complaining
conclusive	Serving to settle or decide	decisive, final, definitive, indisputable, convincing
conspire	To plan or act together	plot, scheme, collaborate, connive, cooperate
delineate	To describe or portray something in detail	describe, outline, depict, illustrate, present
disentangle	To free from complexity or confusion	untangle, unravel, clarify, simplify, extricate
exhort	To strongly encourage or urge	urge, encourage, persuade, incite, implore
frailty	Weakness or vulnerability	weakness, fragility, infirmity, debility, delicacy
grievance	A cause of complaint or resentment	complaint, resentment, objection, protest, dissatisfaction
harangue	A long, forceful, critical speech	rant, tirade, diatribe, lecture, sermon
ploy	A cunning or deceitful strategy	tactic, scheme, maneuver, stratagem, trick
poise	Graceful and controlled composure	composure, balance, equilibrium, stability, self-assurance
pomposity	Self-important or arrogant behavior	arrogance, self-importance, grandiosity, haughtiness, pretentiousness
proxy	A person authorized to act on behalf of another	representative, substitute, deputy, agent, stand-in
relent	To become less severe or strict	yield, soften, give in, acquiesce, capitulate
rhetoric	The art of effective communication	oratory, eloquence, persuasion, articulation, language
rigor	Strictness, thoroughness, or severity	strictness, severity, rigor, exactness, precision
sparse	Thinly scattered or distributed	scattered, scarce, limited, few, rare
steadfast	Firmly fixed or unwavering	unwavering, resolute, steadfast, determined, constant
suspect	Regarded with suspicion or distrust	suspicious, doubtful, questionable, dubious, skeptical
tedious	Boring, dull, or tiresome	boring, monotonous, repetitive, tiresome, dull
vitality	Liveliness, energy, or vigor	energy, liveliness, vigor, vitality, animation
whimsical	Playfully quaint or fanciful	playful, quirky, fanciful, capricious, unpredictable
yield	To give way or surrender	surrender, concede, give in, submit, relinquish

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apprehension	Anxiety or fear of future events	anxiety, worry, unease, concern, trepidation
ardent	Enthusiastic or passionate	passionate, fervent, zealous, devoted, eager
axiomatic	Self-evident or unquestionably true	self-evident, undeniable, indisputable, obvious, unquestionable
cease	To stop or come to an end	stop, halt, end, finish, terminate
conducive	Tending to promote or facilitate	favorable, beneficial, helpful, advantageous, supportive
corporeal	Relating to the physical body	physical, bodily, material, tangible, somatic
doctrinaire	Rigidly devoted to a particular doctrine or set of beliefs	dogmatic, inflexible, rigid, uncompromising, ideological
eclectic	Selecting or employing from various sources	diverse, varied, assorted, heterogeneous, mixed
equanimity	Calmness and composure	composure, poise, serenity, tranquility, calm
exorbitant	Excessive or unreasonably high	excessive, extravagant, outrageous, unreasonable, steep
fickle	Changing frequently or unpredictably	unpredictable, inconsistent, unstable, capricious, volatile
figurative	Symbolic or metaphorical	symbolic, metaphorical, representative, allegorical, emblematic
flustered	Agitated or confused	agitated, confused, discomposed, rattled, perturbed
gullible	Easily deceived or fooled	naive, credulous, trusting, unsuspecting, easily duped
idiosyncratic	Peculiar or unique to an individual	peculiar, unique, distinctive, individualistic, eccentric
incidental	Occurring as a minor consequence	minor, secondary, accidental, fortuitous, subsidiary
ingrained	Deeply rooted or firmly established	deep-rooted, entrenched, embedded, established, fixed
insolent	Rude or disrespectful	rude, impolite, disrespectful, impudent, arrogant
lampoon	To satirize or mock through humorous criticism	satirize, mock, ridicule, parody, spoof
lavish	Extravagantly generous or abundant	extravagant, abundant, profuse, generous, opulent
lugubrious	Mournful or gloomy	mournful, gloomy, melancholic, sorrowful, dismal
macabre	Disturbing or gruesome	disturbing, gruesome, morbid, eerie, sinister
morose	Sullen or ill-tempered	sullen, gloomy, grumpy, surly, melancholic
officious	Meddlesome or intrusive	meddlesome, intrusive, interfering, nosy, busybody
ramification	Consequence or outcome	consequence, result, effect, implication, outcome
serene	Calm and peaceful	calm, peaceful, tranquil, composed, untroubled
supplant	To replace or take the place of	replace, displace, supersede, oust, substitute
tacit	Understood or implied without being stated	implied, unspoken, understood, implicit, inferred
transcend	To go beyond the limits or boundaries	go beyond, surpass, exceed, outstrip, transcend
treatise	A formal and systematic written work	essay, paper, discourse, dissertation, monograph

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antagonize	To provoke hostility or opposition	provoke, irritate, annoy, enrage, incite
barren	Unproductive or lacking vegetation	unproductive, desolate, sterile, infertile, arid
bombastic	Pompous or inflated speech or writing	pompous, grandiloquent, pretentious, inflated, extravagant
cajole	To persuade by flattery or coaxing	persuade, coax, wheedle, sweet-talk, entice
chary	Cautious or wary	cautious, careful, hesitant, guarded, skeptical
curmudgeon	A bad-tempered or surly person	grouch, crank, grump, complainer, malcontent
dirge	A mournful song or poem	lament, elegy, requiem, funeral song, hymn
estimable	Worthy of respect or admiration	admirable, worthy, honorable, commendable, respectable
euphemism	Substituting a mild or indirect expression	polite term, substitute, indirect expression, genteelism, circumlocution
excoriate	To criticize or berate harshly	criticize, condemn, denounce, rebuke, reprimand
exigent	Urgent or requiring immediate action	urgent, pressing, critical, demanding, crucial
haughty	Arrogantly superior or disdainful	arrogant, proud, condescending, snobbish, superior
heady	Intoxicating or exhilarating	intoxicating, exhilarating, thrilling, exciting, stimulating
imperturbable	Calm and not easily disturbed	calm, composed, serene, unflappable, unruffled
implacable	Unyielding or unforgiving	unyielding, relentless, unrelenting, unforgiving, inexorable
lambaste	To criticize or reprimand harshly	criticize, berate, censure, denounce, chastise
miscreant	Wrongdoer or villain	wrongdoer, villain, criminal, offender, malefactor
peccadillo	A small or minor fault or sin	fault, sin, flaw, indiscretion, transgression
philistine	A person who is hostile to or indifferent towards culture	uncultured person, ignoramus, barbarian, boor, vulgarian
relegate	To assign to a lower position or category	assign, transfer, demote, downgrade, consign
repugnant	Offensive or distasteful	offensive, disgusting, abhorrent, revolting, repulsive
sentimental	Emotionally nostalgic or mawkishly emotional	nostalgic, emotional, romantic, mawkish, tender
squander	To waste or spend recklessly	waste, spend, lavish, dissipate, fritter away
swindle	To cheat or defraud	cheat, defraud, deceive, trick, scam
tangible	Perceptible by touch or capable of being touched	perceptible, touchable, palpable, physical, concrete
turpitude	Depravity or wickedness	depravity, wickedness, immorality, corruption, vice
unalloyed	Pure or without any mixture	pure, genuine, undiluted, complete, absolute
undercut	To undermine or diminish the effectiveness or importance of	undermine, diminish, weaken, subvert, sabotage
wheedle	To coax or persuade by flattery or sweet talk	coax, persuade, cajole, sweet-talk, charm
xenophobic	Having a fear or hatred of foreigners or strangers	racist, prejudiced, intolerant, discriminatory, anti-immigrant

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abeyance	Temporary suspension or inactivity	suspension, pause, dormancy, hiatus, inactivity
abstract	Existing in thought or as an idea	conceptual, theoretical, intangible, non-concrete, metaphysical
affront	An action or remark causing offense	insult, offense, indignity, slight, provocation
agitate	To disturb or provoke	disturb, provoke, stir up, unsettle, rouse
august	Respected and impressive	respected, revered, esteemed, majestic, dignified
burnish	To polish or make shiny	polish, shine, buff, gloss, brighten
coy	Shy or modest in a flirtatious manner	shy, modest, bashful, flirtatious, demure
deprecate	To disapprove or criticize	disapprove, criticize, denounce, condemn, belittle
disdain	To regard with contempt or scorn	contempt, scorn, despise, look down on, disrespect
disperse	To scatter or distribute widely	scatter, distribute, spread, disseminate, disburse
distend	To swell or expand from internal pressure	swell, expand, enlarge, bloat, inflate
endemic	Prevalent in a particular area or among a particular group	prevalent, common, native, indigenous, localized
enmity	Hostility or hatred	hostility, hatred, animosity, antagonism, resentment
gauche	Socially awkward or lacking grace	awkward, clumsy, tactless, inelegant, unrefined
hysterical	Uncontrollably emotional or frantic	emotional, frantic, frenzied, panicky, overwrought
impudent	Disrespectfully bold or arrogant	disrespectful, insolent, audacious, cheeky, brazen
inchoate	In an early stage of development	early, undeveloped, embryonic, rudimentary, nascent
penchant	A strong liking or inclination	liking, preference, fondness, inclination, propensity
quandary	A state of uncertainty or perplexity	uncertainty, dilemma, predicament, confusion, conundrum
quarantine	A period of isolation or restriction	isolation, restriction, seclusion, segregation, confinement
quash	To suppress or put an end to	suppress, end, abolish, nullify, invalidate
quibble	To argue or complain about trivial matters	argue, nitpick, dispute, bicker, wrangle
ravage	To cause severe damage or destruction	devastate, destroy, ruin, demolish, wreck
recant	To withdraw or renounce a belief or statement	withdraw, renounce, retract, disavow, abjure
redoubtable	Formidable or deserving of respect	formidable, respected, formidable, revered, esteemed
retiring	Shy or inclined to be reserved	shy, reserved, introverted, modest, bashful
shrill	High-pitched and piercing	high-pitched, piercing, screeching, sharp, strident
sophistry	Deceptive or misleading reasoning	deception, fallacy, misleading, specious, casuistry
substantiate	To provide evidence or support	support, prove, validate, confirm, verify
wily	Cunning or deceitful	cunning, deceitful, sly, crafty, guileful

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abscond	To leave hurriedly and secretly	flee, escape, run away, bolt, disappear
apogee	The highest point or culmination	pinnacle, climax, zenith, peak, culmination
aspersion	A damaging or derogatory remark	slur, insult, defamation, criticism, slander
bawdy	Humorously indecent or vulgar	indecent, risqué, naughty, suggestive, ribald
chagrin	Distress or embarrassment	embarrassment, humiliation, mortification, vexation, disappointment
collude	To conspire or cooperate secretly	conspire, scheme, plot, connive, collaborate
commiserate	To express sympathy or compassion	sympathize, empathize, console, comfort, pity
conflagration	A large destructive fire	fire, blaze, inferno, wildfire, holocaust
contretemps	An unexpected and unfortunate occurrence	mishap, misfortune, setback, blunder, accident
conviction	Strong belief or certainty	belief, certainty, confidence, faith, persuasion
croon	To sing or hum in a soft, soothing voice	sing, hum, murmur, serenade, lull
depose	To remove from a position of power	remove, dethrone, oust, overthrow, unseat
détente	A relaxation of strained relations	relaxation, easing, peace, reconciliation, cooperation
dowdy	Unfashionable or drab in appearance	unfashionable, frumpy, drab, shabby, plain
echelon	A level or rank in an organization or society	level, rank, position, tier, grade
ennui	A feeling of weariness or boredom	boredom, tedium, monotony, listlessness, apathy
expatiate	To speak or write at length	elaborate, dwell, enlarge, detail, elaborate
fraught	Filled with or accompanied by	filled, accompanied, charged, loaded, rife
fulcrum	A point of support or balance	support, pivot, anchor, center, balance point
imbroglio	A confusing or complicated situation	dilemma, predicament, muddle, entanglement, tangle
jocund	Cheerful or merry	cheerful, merry, joyful, lighthearted, jovial
languish	To become weak or feeble	weaken, decline, fade, wither, droop
nadir	The lowest point or extreme despair	lowest point, bottom, depth, rock bottom, low
nimble	Quick and light in movement	quick, agile, swift, deft, dexterous
ominous	Menacing or foreboding	menacing, threatening, foreboding, sinister, portentous
outlandish	Strange or bizarre	strange, bizarre, eccentric, peculiar, unconventional
propitious	Favorable or advantageous	favorable, advantageous, promising, opportune, lucky
prurient	Having an excessive interest in sexual matters	lascivious, lewd, lustful, salacious, erotic
sadistic	Deriving pleasure from inflicting pain or suffering	cruel, brutal, inhumane, ruthless, vicious
zenith	The highest point or peak	peak, summit, top, acme, pinnacle

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aberrant	Deviating from the normal or expected	deviant, abnormal, atypical, anomalous, divergent
abide	To accept or act in accordance with	tolerate, endure, comply, follow, uphold
bravado	A bold and showy display of courage	swagger, bluster, boldness, confidence, audacity
callow	Inexperienced or immature	immature, naive, inexperienced, youthful, green
capitulate	To surrender or give in to	surrender, yield, concede, give up, submit
cogitate	To think deeply or ponder	think, ponder, contemplate, consider, reflect
deportment	Behavior or conduct	behavior, conduct, demeanor, manner, carriage
extemporize	To improvise or speak without preparation	improvise, ad-lib, wing it, speak off the cuff, make up
factionous	Inclined to dissent or create discord	dissenting, discordant, divisive, conflicting, argumentative
fallow	Inactive or unused	inactive, dormant, idle, untended, unproductive
feint	A deceptive or pretended blow or movement	deceive, trick, pretend, fake, simulate
flagrant	Shockingly noticeable or evident	blatant, glaring, obvious, blatant, overt
gratuitous	Unnecessary or unwarranted	unnecessary, unwarranted, unjustified, uncalled-for, excessive
grovel	To act in a submissive or servile manner	humble oneself, kneel, bow, prostrate, kowtow
indecorous	Lacking proper decorum or good taste	inappropriate, improper, unseemly, indecent, undignified
intrigue	To fascinate or arouse curiosity	fascinate, captivate, interest, enthrall, engage
nominal	In name only or minimal	symbolic, titular, token, minimal, trifling
obdurate	Stubbornly refusing to change one's opinion or course of action	stubborn, inflexible, unyielding, obstinate, immovable
obstreperous	Noisy and difficult to control	unruly, disruptive, rowdy, loud, boisterous
odious	Hateful or repugnant	hateful, repugnant, detestable, abhorrent, disgusting
plucky	Brave or courageous	brave, courageous, daring, bold, fearless
precocious	Having advanced abilities or maturity at a young age	advanced, mature, gifted, talented, prodigious
remuneration	Payment or compensation for services rendered	payment, compensation, reward, salary, wages
slovenly	Messy or untidy in appearance or habits	messy, untidy, unkempt, disheveled, careless
soliloquy	A speech given by a character alone on stage	monologue, speech, dialogue, conversation, discourse
spurn	To reject or refuse disdainfully	reject, refuse, dismiss, decline, repudiate
stolid	Showing little or no emotion or animation	unemotional, impassive, indifferent, stoic, apathetic
temerity	Reckless boldness or audacity	audacity, boldness, recklessness, impudence, nerve
tenuous	Weak or insubstantial	weak, insubstantial, fragile, flimsy, delicate
verve	Enthusiasm or vivacity	enthusiasm, liveliness, energy, vigor, spirit

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abrogate	To abolish or annul	abolish, annul, revoke, nullify, invalidate
aghast	Struck with horror or shock	horrified, shocked, appalled, dismayed, astounded
apprise	To inform or notify	inform, notify, advise, update, acquaint
beguile	To deceive or charm	deceive, charm, seduce, entice, bewitch
boon	A timely and beneficial thing or favor	blessing, benefit, advantage, gift, favor
callous	Unfeeling or insensitive	unfeeling, insensitive, heartless, indifferent, cold
coddle	To pamper or treat with excessive indulgence	pamper, indulge, spoil, baby, cosset
crescendo	A gradual increase in volume or intensity	increase, buildup, escalation, surge, upsurge
extenuating	Partially excusing or justifying	excusing, justifying, mitigating, moderating, reducing
frenetic	Frantic or frenzied	frantic, frenzied, feverish, wild, agitated
fringe	The outer edge or periphery	edge, periphery, margin, border, boundary
hapless	Unfortunate or unlucky	unfortunate, unlucky, ill-fated, doomed, jinxed
immaculate	Perfectly clean or pure	clean, pure, spotless, pristine, flawless
obfuscate	To confuse or make unclear	confuse, obscure, muddle, bewilder, cloud
ossify	To harden or solidify	harden, solidify, petrify, fossilize, calcify
pastiche	An artistic work imitating the style of another	imitation, parody, spoof, mimicry, replica
perspicacious	Having keen mental perception or understanding	perceptive, insightful, sharp, discerning, wise
ponderous	Heavy or slow-moving	heavy, slow, cumbersome, sluggish, unwieldy
recluse	A person who lives in seclusion or isolation	hermit, loner, solitary, isolate, introvert
retaliate	To respond to an action with a similar action	respond, reciprocate, counter, revenge, avenge
rhapsody	An ecstatic expression of feeling or enthusiasm	ecstasy, euphoria, elation, delight, enthusiasm
serendipitous	Occurring by chance in a happy or beneficial way	fortuitous, accidental, fortunate, lucky, unexpected
shirk	To avoid or neglect one's responsibilities	avoid, neglect, evade, dodge, sidestep
sinecure	A position requiring little or no work	easy job, cushy job, no-work job, soft job, perk
sinuous	Having a winding or curving course or shape	winding, curving, twisting, meandering, tortuous
sordid	Morally vile or dirty	vile, dirty, sleazy, squalid, corrupt
stanch	To stop or staunch the flow of something	stop, stem, halt, check, control
surfeit	An excessive amount or overindulgence	excess, abundance, overabundance, glut, surplus
ulterior	Existing beyond what is immediately evident	hidden, undisclosed, secret, hidden, covert
voluble	Talkative or fluent in speech	talkative, chatty, loquacious, garrulous, verbose

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abstruse	Difficult to understand or comprehend	obscure, complex, cryptic, esoteric, enigmatic
auxiliary	Providing additional or supplementary help	supplementary, additional, secondary, backup, supporting
caricature	A humorous or exaggerated representation	parody, satire, spoof, mockery, lampoon
depravity	Moral corruption or wickedness	corruption, wickedness, immorality, vice, evil
dilettante	A person who dabbles in various fields or arts	amateur, enthusiast, hobbyist, dabbler, nonprofessional
effrontery	Audacious or insolent behavior	audacity, boldness, impudence, nerve, cheek
encroach	To intrude or trespass on someone's rights	intrude, trespass, invade, infringe, overstep
endow	To provide with a quality or gift	provide, furnish, equip, bless, bestow
entreat	To earnestly request or beg	request, beg, plead, implore, beseech
gregarious	Sociable or fond of company	sociable, outgoing, friendly, companionable, social
indictment	A formal accusation or charge of a serious crime	accusation, charge, allegation, prosecution, complaint
indignant	Feeling anger or resentment towards something	angry, resentful, furious, outraged, incensed
ineluctable	Unable to be avoided or resisted	unavoidable, inevitable, inescapable, certain, bound
inquisitive	Curious or eager for knowledge	curious, interested, probing, nosy, questioning
latitude	Freedom or flexibility in action or opinion	freedom, flexibility, leeway, liberty, room
levity	Lightness or lack of seriousness	lightness, frivolity, humor, playfulness, gaiety
malevolent	Having or showing a desire to harm or cause evil	malicious, spiteful, evil-minded, wicked, nasty
mediate	To intervene or bring about a resolution	intervene, arbitrate, negotiate, reconcile, settle
occlude	To block or obstruct	block, obstruct, impede, hinder, close
pacify	To calm or soothe	calm, soothe, appease, placate, mollify
paragon	A perfect or ideal example	model, exemplar, epitome, ideal, perfection
patronize	To support or treat with condescension	support, sponsor, favor, condescend, look down on
penurious	Extremely poor or lacking money	poor, destitute, impoverished, needy, impoverished
piquant	Stimulating or pleasantly sharp in taste or flavor	stimulating, spicy, tangy, flavorful, zesty
rampant	Unrestrained or widespread	unrestrained, widespread, uncontrolled, prevailing, epidemic
remote	Distant or far away	distant, far, far-off, secluded, isolated
reprobate	A morally unprincipled person	rogue, scoundrel, villain, miscreant, degenerate
turbid	Cloudy or murky	cloudy, murky, opaque, unclear, hazy
turgid	Swollen or excessively embellished in style	swollen, bloated, pompous, grandiloquent, bombastic
vacuous	Empty or lacking in substance or intelligence	empty, devoid, shallow, mindless, unintelligent