

Vocabulary List

| WORD | MEANING |
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| Abate | subside , or moderate |
| Aberrant | abnormal, or deviant |
| Abeyance | suspended action |
| Abscond | depart secretly and hide |
| Abstemious | sparing in eating and drinking; temperate |
| Admonish | warn; reprove |
| Adulterate | make impure by adding inferior or tainted substances |
| Aesthetic | artistic; dealing with or capable of appreciating the beautiful |
| Aggregate | gather; accumulate |
| Alacrity | cheerful promptness; eagerness |
| Alleviate | relieve |
| Amalgamate | combine; unite in one body |
| Ambiguous | unclear or doubtful in meaning |
| Ambivalence | the state of having contradictory or conflicting emotional attitudes |
| Ameliorate | improve |
| Anachronism | something or someone misplaced in time |
| Analogous | comparable |
| Anarchy | absence of governing body; state of disorder |
| Anomalous | abnormal; irregular |
| Antipathy | aversion; dislike |
| Apathy | lack of caring; indifference |
| Appease | pacify or soothe; relieve |
| Apprise | inform |
| Approbation | approval |
| Appropriate v. | acquire; take possession of for one's own use |
| Arduous | hard; strenuous |
| Artless | without guile; open and honest |
| Ascetic | practicing self-denial; austere |
| Assiduous | diligent |
| Assuage v. | ease or lessen (pain); satisfy (hunger); soothe (anger) |
| Attenuate | make thinner |
| Audacious | daring; bold |
| Austere | forbiddingly stern; severely simple and unornamented |
| Autonomous | self-governing; independent |
| Aver | assert confidently or declare; as used in law, state formally as a fact |
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| Banal | hackneyed; commonplace; trite; lacking originality |
| Belie | contradict; give a false impression |

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| Beneficent | kindly; doing good |
| Bolster | support; reinforce |
| Bombastic | pompous; using inflated language |
| Boorish | rude; insensitive |
| Burgeon | grow forth; send out buds |
| Burnish | make shiny by rubbing; polish |
| Buttress v. | support; prop up |
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| Capricious | unpredictable; fickle |
| Castigation | punishment; severe criticism |
| Catalyst | agent that increases the pace of a chemical action |
| Caustic | burning; sarcastically biting |
| Chicanery | trickery; deception |
| Coagulate | thicken; congeal; clot |
| Coda | concluding section of a musical or literary composition; summarizes or concludes |
| Cogent | convincing |
| Commensurate adj. | corresponding in extent, degree, etc.; proportionate |
| Compendium | brief, comprehensive summary |
| Complaisant | trying to please; overly polite; obliging |
| Compliant | yielding; conforming to requirements |
| Conciliatory | reconciling; soothing |
| Condone | overlook; forgive; give tacit approval; excuse |
| Confound | confuse; puzzle |
| Connoisseur | person competent to act as a judge of art; a lover of art |
| Contention | claim; thesis |
| Contentious | quarrelsome |
| Contrite | penitent |
| Conundrum | riddle; difficult problem |
| Converge | approach; tend to meet; come together |
| Convolved | coiled around; involved; intricate |
| Craven | cowardly |
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| Daunt | intimidate; frighten |
| Decorum | propriety; orderliness and good taste in manners |
| Default | failure to act |
| Deference | courteous regard for another's wishes |
| Delineate | portray; depict; sketch |
| Denigrate | blacken |
| Deride | ridicule; make fun of |
| Derivative | unoriginal; obtained from another source |
| Desiccate | dry up |
| Desultory | aimless; haphazard; digressing at random |
| Deterrent | Something that discourages; hindrance |
| Diatribes n. | bitter scolding; invective |
| Dichotomy | split; branching into two parts (especially contradictory ones) |
| Diffidence | Shyness |
| Diffuse adj. | wordy, rambling, spread out (like a gas) |

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| Digression | Wandering away from the subject |
| Dirge | Lament with music |
| Disabuse | correct a false impression; undeceive |
| Discerning | mentally quick and observant; having insight |
| Discordant | not harmonious; conflicting |
| Discredit | defame; destroy confidence in; disbelieve |
| Discrepancy | lack of consistency; difference |
| Discrete adj. | separate; unconnected; consisting of distinct parts |
| Disingenuous | lacking genuine candor; insincere |
| Disinterested | unprejudiced |
| Disjointed | lacking coherence; separated at the joints |
| Dismiss | eliminate from consideration; reject |
| Disparage | belittle |
| Disparate adj. | basically different; unrelated |
| Dissemble v. | disguise; pretend |
| Disseminate | distribute; spread; scatter (like seeds) |
| Dissolution | disintegration; looseness in morals |
| Dissonance | discord; opposite of harmony |
| Distend | expand; swell out |
| Distill | purify; refine; concentrate |
| Diverge | vary; go in different directions from the same point |
| Divest | strip; deprive |
| Document | provide written evidence |
| Dogmatic | opinionated; arbitrary; doctrinal |
| Dormant | sleeping; lethargic; latent |
| Dupe | someone easily fooled |
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| Ebullient | showing excitement; overflowing with enthusiasm |
| Eclectic | selective; composed of elements drawn from disparate sources |
| Efficacy | power to produce desired effect |
| Effrontery | impudence; shameless boldness; sheer nerve; presumptuousness |
| Elegy | poem or song expressing lamentation |
| Elicit | draw out by discussion |
| Embellish | adorn; ornament; enhance, as a story |
| Empirical | based on experience |
| Emulate | imitate; rival |
| Endemic | prevailing among a specific group of people or in a specific area or country |
| Enervate | weaken |
| Engender | cause; produce |
| Enhance | increase; improve |
| Ephemeral | short-lived; fleeting |
| Equanimity | calmness of temperament; composure |
| Equivocate | lie; mislead; attempt to conceal the truth |
| Erudite | learned; scholarly |
| Esoteric | hard to understand; known only to the chosen few |

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| Eulogy | expression of praise, often on the occasion of someone's death |
| Euphemism | mild expression in place of an unpleasant one |
| Exacerbate | worsen; embitter |
| Exculpate | clear from blame |
| Exigency | urgent situation; pressing needs or demands; state of requiring immediate attention |
| Extrapolation | projection; conjecture |
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| Facetious | joking (often inappropriately); humorous |
| Facilitate | help bring about; make less difficult |
| Fallacious | false; misleading |
| Fatuous | brainless; inane; foolish, yet smug |
| Fawning | trying to please by behaving obsequiously, flattering, or cringing |
| Felicitous | apt; suitably expressed; well chosen |
| Fervor | glowing ardor; intensity of feeling |
| Flag | droop; grow feeble |
| Fledgling | inexperienced |
| Flout | reject; mock; show contempt for |
| Foment | stir up; instigate |
| Forestall | prevent by taking action in advance |
| Frugality | thrift; economy |
| Futile | useless; hopeless; ineffectual |
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| Gainsay | deny |
| Garrulous | loquacious; talkative; wordy |
| Goad | urge on |
| Gouge | overcharge |
| Grandiloquent | pompous; bombastic; using high-sounding language |
| Gregarious | sociable |
| Guileless | without deceit |
| Gullible | easily deceived |
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| Harangue | long, passionate, and vehement speech |
| Homogeneous | of the same kind |
| Hyperbole | exaggeration; overstatement |
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| Iconoclastic | attacking cherished traditions |
| Idolatry | worship of idols; excessive admiration |
| Immutable | unchangeable |
| Impair | injure; hurt |
| Impassive | without feeling; imperturbable; stoical |
| Impede | hinder; block |
| Impermeable | impervious; not permitting passage through its substance |
| Imperturbable | calm; placid |
| Impervious | impenetrable; incapable of being damaged or distressed |
| Implacable | incapable of being pacified |

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| Implicit | understood but not stated |
| Implode | burst inward |
| Inadvertently | unintentionally; by oversight; carelessly |
| Inchoate adj. | recently begun; rudimentary; elementary |
| Incongruity | lack of harmony; absurdity |
| Inconsequential | insignificant; unimportant |
| Incorporate | introduce something into a larger whole; combine; unite |
| Indeterminate | uncertain; not clearly fixed; indefinite |
| Indigence | poverty |
| Indolent | Lazy |
| Inert | inactive; lacking power to move |
| Ingenuous | naive and trusting; young; unsophisticated |
| Inherent | firmly established by nature or habit |
| Innocuous | Harmless |
| Insensible | unconscious; unresponsive |
| Insinuate | hint; imply; creep in |
| Inspid | lacking in flavor; dull |
| Insularity | narrow-mindedness; isolation |
| Intractable | unruly; stubborn; unyielding |
| Intransigence n. | refusal of any compromise; stubbornness |
| Inundate | overwhelm; flood; submerge |
| Inured adj. | accustomed; hardened |
| Invective n. | abuse |
| Irascible | irritable; easily angered |
| Irresolute | uncertain how to act; weak |
| Itinerary | plan of a trip |
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| Laconic | brief and to the point |
| Lassitude | languor; weariness |
| Latent | potential but undeveloped; dormant; hidden |
| Laud v. | praise |
| Lethargic | drowsy; dull |
| Levee | stone embankment to prevent flooding |
| Levity | lack of seriousness or steadiness; frivolity |
| Log | record of a voyage or flight; record of day-to-day activities |
| Loquacious | talkative |
| Lucid | easily understood; clear; intelligible |
| Luminous | shining; issuing light |
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| Magnanimity | Generosity |
| Malingerer | one who feigns illness to escape duty |
| Malleable | capable of being shaped by pounding; impressionable |
| Maverick | rebel; nonconformist |
| Mendacious | lying; habitually dishonest |
| Metamorphosis | change of form |
| Meticulous | excessively careful; painstaking; scrupulous |
| Misanthrope | one who hates mankind |
| Mitigate | appease; moderate |

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| Mollify | soothe |
| Morose | ill-humored; sullen; melancholy |
| Mundane | worldly as opposed to spiritual; everyday |
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| Negate | cancel out; nullify; deny |
| Neophyte | recent convert; beginner |
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| Obdurate adj. | stubborn |
| Obsequious | lavishly attentive; servile; sycophantic |
| Obviate | make unnecessary; get rid of |
| Occlude | shut; close |
| Officious | meddlesome; excessively pushy in offering one's services |
| Onerous | burdensome |
| Opprobrium | infamy; vilification |
| Oscillate | vibrate; waver |
| Ostentatious | showy; pretentious; trying to attract attention |
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| Paragon | model of perfection |
| Partisan | one-sided; prejudiced; committed to a party |
| Pathological | pertaining to disease |
| Paucity | Scarcity |
| Pedantic | showing off learning; bookish |
| Penchant | strong inclination; liking |
| Penury | severe poverty; stinginess |
| Perennial | something long-lasting |
| Perfidious | treacherous; disloyal |
| Perfunctory | superficial; not thorough; lacking interest, care, or enthusiasm |
| Permeable | penetrable; porous; allowing liquids or gas to pass through |
| Pervasive | spread throughout |
| Phlegmatic | calm; not easily disturbed |
| Piety | devoutness; reverence for God |
| Placate | pacify; conciliate |
| Plasticity | ability to be molded |
| Platitude n. | trite remark; commonplace statement |
| Plethora | excess; overabundance |
| Plummet | fall sharply |
| Porous | full of pores; like a sieve |
| Pragmatic | practical (as opposed to idealistic); concerned with the practical worth or impact of something |
| Preamble | introductory statement |
| Precarious | uncertain; risky |
| Precipitate adj. | rash, premature, hasty, sudden |
| Precursor | forerunner |
| Presumptuous | arrogant; taking liberties |
| Prevaricate | lie |
| Pristine | characteristic of earlier times; primitive; unspoiled |
| Probity | uprightness; incorruptibility |

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| Problematic | doubtful; unsettled; questionable; perplexing |
| Prodigal | wasteful; reckless with money |
| Profound | deep; not superficial; complete |
| Prohibitive | tending to prevent the purchase or use of something; inclined to prevent or forbid |
| Proliferate | grow rapidly; spread; multiply |
| Propensity | natural inclination |
| Propitiate | appease |
| Propriety | fitness; correct conduct |
| Proscribe | ostracize; banish; outlaw |
| Pungent | stinging; sharp in taste or smell; caustic |
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| Qualified | limited; restricted |
| Quibble | minor objection or complaint |
| Quiescent | at rest; dormant; temporarily inactive |
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| Rarefied | made less dense (of a gas) |
| Recalcitrant | obstinately stubborn; determined to resist authority; unruly |
| Recant | disclaim or disavow; retract a previous statement; openly confess error |
| Recluse | hermit; loner |
| Recondite | abstruse; profound; secret |
| Refractory | stubborn; unmanageable |
| Refute | disprove |
| Relegate | banish to an inferior position; delegate; assign |
| Reproach | express disapproval or disappointment |
| Reprobate | person hardened in sin; devoid of a sense of decency |
| Repudiate | disown; disavow |
| Rescind | cancel |
| Resolution | Determination |
| Resolve | determination; firmness of purpose |
| Reticent | reserved; uncommunicative; inclined to silence |
| Reverent | respectful; worshipful |
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| Sage | person celebrated for wisdom |
| Salubrious | healthful |
| Sanction | approve; ratify |
| Satiate | satisfy fully |
| Saturate | soak thoroughly |
| Savor | enjoy; have a distinctive flavor, smell, or quality |
| Secrete | hide away or cache; produce and release a substance into an organism |
| Shard | fragment, generally of pottery |
| Skeptic | doubter; person who suspends judgment until having examined evidence supporting a point of view |
| Solicitous | worried; concerned |
| Soporific | sleep-causing; marked by sleepiness |
| Specious | seemingly reasonable but incorrect; misleading (often |

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| Spectrum | colored band produced when a beam of light passes through a prism |
| Sporadic | occurring irregularly |
| Stigma | token of disgrace; brand |
| Stint v. | be thrifty; set limits |
| Stipulate | make express conditions; specify |
| Stolid | dull; impassive |
| Striated | marked with parallel bands; grooved |
| Strut | pompous walk |
| Strut | supporting bar |
| Subpoena | writ summoning a witness to appear |
| Subside | settle down; descend; grow quiet |
| Substantiate | establish by evidence; verify; support |
| Supersede | cause to be set aside; replace; make obsolete |
| Supposition | hypothesis; surmise |
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| Tacit | understood; not put into words |
| Tangential | peripheral; only slightly connected; digressing |
| Tenuous | thin; rare; slim |
| Tirade | extended scolding; denunciation; harangue |
| Torpor | lethargy; sluggishness; dormancy |
| Tortuous | winding; full of curves |
| Tractable | docile; easily managed |
| Transgression | violation of a law; sin |
| Truculence | aggressiveness; ferocity |
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| Vacillate | waver; fluctuate |
| Venerate | revere |
| Veracious | truthful |
| Verbose | wordy |
| Viable | practical or workable |
| Viscous | sticky, gluey |
| Vituperative adj | abusive; scolding |
| Volatile | changeable; explosive; evaporation rapidly |
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| Warranted | justified; authorized |
| Wary | very cautious |
| Welter | turmoil; bewildering jumble |
| Whimsical | capricious; fanciful |
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| Zealot | fanatic; person who shows excessive zeal |