

# Definitions of Words

## 25. Feelings & Emotions

**Anhedonia** (an-heh-DOH-nee-uh): Inability to feel pleasure; profound emotional numbness, deep lack.

**Compunction** (kuhm-PUNK-shuhn): Deep feeling of guilt or very strong moral scruple.

**Despondency** (deh-SPON-duhn-see): Deep state of low spirits, stemming from lost hope.

**Disconsolate** (diss-KON-suh-lit): Extremely deeply sad, unable to be comforted or consoled.

**Ebullience** (ee-BUL-ee-uhns): Brimming full with enthusiastic or excited vibrant feelings.

**Ennui** (ahn-WEE): Deep feeling of persistent weariness; profound state of prolonged boredom.

**Eudaimonic** (yoo-day-MON-ik): Relating to a truly fulfilling, deeply meaningful enriching life.

**Ineffable** (in-EF-uh-bul): Utterly beyond words; profoundly indescribably deep felt emotion.

**Jocundity** (joh-KUN-di-tee): Vibrant cheerfulness; deeply lively spirited in joyous mood.

**Lachrymose** (LAK-rih-mohs): Profoundly tearful, emotionally inclined to weep quite easily.

**Lugubrious** (luh-GOO-bree-uhs): Deeply mournful; gloomily, profoundly sad with sorrow.

**Melancholia** (mel-an-KOH-lee-uh): Deep persistent sadness, profound long-term depression state.

**Mercurial** (mer-KYUR-ee-uhl): Quick, unpredictably changeable in mood; whimsically erratic nature.

**Piquant** (PEE-kwahnt): Strongly stimulating, captivating to taste or very keen sharp mind.

**Querulent** (KWER-yuh-lent): Habitually complaining; consistently whining, often aggrieved nature.

**Rapturous** (RAP-chur-uhs): Filled with intense, overwhelming ecstatic pleasure or heartfelt joy.

**Sententious** (sen-TEN-shuhs): Often moralizing, preaching in an overly self-righteous pompous manner.

**Valetudinarian** (va-let-yoo-di-NAIR-ee-an): Excessively, obsessively concerned about health; portraying weak or frail demeanor.

**Wistful** (WIST-ful): Deeply filled with intense yearning; melancholy desire.

**Zoilist** (ZOY-list): Excessively critical, fault-finding and persistently nitpicking individual.