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| 1. antiquated | adj. so extremely old as seeming to belong to an earlier period |
| 2. choleric | adj. characterized by anger |
| 3. diorama | n. a three-dimensional representation of a scene |
| 4. fecund | adj. capable of producing offspring or vegetation |
| 5. inebriation | n. a temporary state resulting from excessive consumption of alcohol |
| 6. marshal | n. a military officer of highest rank |
| 7. parity | n. functional equality |
| 8. profound | adj. situated at or extending to great depth |
| 9. servile | adj. submissive or fawning in attitude or behavior |
| 10. usurp | v. seize and take control without authority |
| 11. apathetic | adj. showing little or no emotion or animation |
| 12. chronicle | n. a record or narrative description of past events |
| 13. dirge | n. a song or hymn of mourning as a memorial to a dead person |
| 14. felicitous | adj. exhibiting an agreeably appropriate manner or style |
| 15. ineffable | adj. defying expression or description |
| 16. marsupial | n. a mammal the female of which has a pouch carrying the young |
| 17. parochial | adj. relating to or supported by or located in a parish |
| 18. profundity | n. the quality of being physically deep |
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| 19. skeptical | adj. marked by or given to doubt |
| 20. utilitarian | adj. having a useful function |
| 21. apathy | n. an absence of emotion or enthusiasm |
| 22. circuitous | adj. deviating from a straight course |
| 23. disapprobation | n. an expression of strong disapproval |
| 24. fervor | n. feelings of great warmth and intensity |
| 25. inept | adj. generally incompetent and ineffectual |
| 26. martinet | n. someone who demands exact conformity to rules and forms |
| 27. parody | n. a composition that imitates or misrepresents a style |
| 28. proletarian | adj. belonging to or characteristic of the working class |
| 29. skirmish | n. a minor short-term fight |
| 30. utopian | adj. pertaining to or resembling an ideally perfect state |
| 31. apocryphal | adj. being of questionable authenticity |
| 32. circumlocution | n. an indirect way of expressing something |
| 33. discern | v. perceive, recognize, or detect |
| 34. fickle | adj. liable to sudden unpredictable change |
| 35. inertia | n. the tendency of something to stay in rest or motion |
| 36. masochist | n. someone who obtains pleasure from receiving punishment |

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| 37. parry | v. impede the movement of |
| 38. prolific | adj. intellectually productive |
| 39. sluggard | n. an idle slothful person |
| 40. vacillate | v. be undecided about something |
| 41. appease | v. make peace with |
| 42. circumscribe | v. draw a geometric figure around another figure |
| 43. discord | n. lack of agreement or harmony |
| 44. finesse | n. subtly skillful handling of a situation |
| 45. inevitable | adj. incapable of being avoided or prevented |
| 46. matriarchy | n. social organization in which a female is the family head |
| 47. parsimonious | adj. excessively unwilling to spend |
| 48. proponent | n. a person who argues for a cause or puts forward an idea |
| 49. smelt | v. extract by heating, as a metal |
| 50. vacuous | adj. devoid of matter |
| 51. apprehensive | adj. in fear or dread of possible evil or harm |
| 52. circumspect | adj. careful to consider potential consequences and avoid risk |
| 53. fitful | adj. occurring in spells and often abruptly |
| 54. inexorable | adj. impossible to prevent, resist, or stop |

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55. **maverick** n. someone who exhibits independence in thought and action

56. **parsimony** n. extreme stinginess

57. **prosaic** adj. lacking wit or imagination

58. **smorgasbord** n. a collection containing a variety of sorts of things

59. **vagrant** n. a wanderer with no established residence or means of support

60. **arable** adj. capable of being farmed productively

61. **circumvent** v. surround so as to force to give up

62. **discrepancy** n. a difference between conflicting facts or claims or opinions

63. **flagrant** adj. conspicuously and outrageously bad or reprehensible

64. **inexpedient** adj. not suitable or advisable

65. **meager** adj. deficient in amount or quality or extent

66. **partisan** n. a fervent and even militant proponent of something

67. **proscribe** v. command against

68. **solace** n. comfort offered to one who is disappointed or miserable

69. **vapid** adj. lacking significance or liveliness or spirit or zest

70. **arbitrary** adj. based on or subject to individual discretion or preference

71. **clairvoyant** n. someone who can perceive things not present to the senses

72. **discriminate** adj. marked by the ability to see or make fine distinctions

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73. **flamboyant** **adj.** tending to attract attention; marked by ostentatious display

74. **infallible** **adj.** incapable of failure or error

75. **meander** **v.** move or cause to move in a winding or curving course

76. **pathos** **n.** a quality that arouses emotions, especially pity or sorrow

77. **prosody** **n.** the study of poetic meter and the art of versification

78. **solicit** **v.** request urgently or persistently

79. **variegated** **adj.** having an assortment of colors

80. **arcane** **adj.** requiring secret or mysterious knowledge

81. **clamor** **v.** utter or proclaim insistently and noisily

82. **discursive** **adj.** tending to cover a wide range of subjects

83. **flaunt** **v.** display proudly

84. **infamous** **adj.** known widely and usually unfavorably

85. **mellow** **adj.** having a full and pleasing flavor through proper aging

86. **patron** **n.** someone who supports or champions something

87. **prostration** **n.** the action of lying face downward

88. **somnambulist** **n.** someone who walks about in their sleep

89. **vehemence** **n.** intensity or forcefulness of expression

90. **archaic** **adj.** so extremely old as seeming to belong to an earlier period

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91. **clandestine** **adj.** conducted with or marked by hidden aims or methods

92. **disdain** **n.** lack of respect accompanied by a feeling of intense dislike

93. **flippant** **adj.** showing an inappropriate lack of seriousness

94. **infer** **v.** conclude by reasoning

95. **menagerie** **n.** a collection of live animals for study or display

96. **patronize** **v.** provide support for

97. **protagonist** **n.** the principal character in a work of fiction

98. **soothsayer** **n.** someone who makes predictions of the future

99. **vehement** **adj.** marked by extreme intensity of emotions or convictions

100. **archetype** **n.** something that serves as a model

101. **clemency** **n.** leniency and compassion shown toward offenders

102. **disinterested** **adj.** unaffected by concern for one's own welfare

103. **flout** **v.** treat with contemptuous disregard

104. **ingenue** **n.** an artless innocent young girl

105. **mendacious** **adj.** given to lying

106. **paucity** **n.** an insufficient quantity or number

107. **protean** **adj.** taking on different forms

108. **sophomoric** **adj.** displaying or suggesting a lack of maturity

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| 109. venal | adj. capable of being corrupted |
| 110. archives | n. collection of records especially about an institution |
| 111. disparage | v. express a negative opinion of |
| 112. flustered | adj. thrown into a state of agitated confusion |
| 113. ingrate | n. a person who shows no thankfulness or appreciation |
| 114. mercenary | n. a person hired to fight for another country than their own |
| 115. peccadillo | n. a petty misdeed |
| 116. soporific | adj. inducing sleep |
| 117. veneer | n. coating consisting of a thin layer of wood |
| 118. articulate | v. express or state clearly |
| 119. clientele | n. customers collectively |
| 120. disparity | n. inequality or difference in some respect |
| 121. fly-by-night | adj. (of businesses and businessmen) unscrupulous |
| 122. inimical | adj. tending to obstruct or cause harm |
| 123. mercurial | adj. liable to sudden unpredictable change |
| 124. pedant | n. a person who is preoccupied with rules and learning |
| 125. protocol | n. forms of ceremony and etiquette observed by officials |
| 126. sparse | adj. not dense or plentiful |

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| 127. venerate | v. regard with feelings of respect and reverence |
| 128. artifice | n. the use of deception or trickery |
| 129. coalesce | v. fuse or cause to come together |
| 130. dispassionate | adj. unaffected by strong emotion or prejudice |
| 131. forensic | adj. used in the investigation of facts or evidence in court |
| 132. innate | adj. present at birth but not necessarily hereditary |
| 133. merge | v. mix together different elements |
| 134. pedestrian | n. a person who travels by foot |
| 135. provincial | adj. associated with an administrative district of a nation |
| 136. specious | adj. plausible but false |
| 137. venial | adj. warranting only temporal punishment |
| 138. artisan | n. a skilled worker who practices some trade or handicraft |
| 139. coddle | v. cook in nearly boiling water |
| 140. disseminate | v. cause to become widely known |
| 141. fortitude | n. strength of mind that enables one to endure adversity |
| 142. innocuous | adj. not injurious to physical or mental health |
| 143. metaphorical | adj. expressing one thing in terms normally denoting another |
| 144. peerless | adj. eminent beyond or above comparison |

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| 145. prudent | adj. marked by sound judgment |
| 146. speckle | n. a small contrasting part of something |
| 147. veracity | n. unwillingness to tell lies |
| 148. ascetic | n. someone who practices self denial as a spiritual discipline |
| 149. coercion | n. using force to cause something to occur |
| 150. diurnal | adj. having a daily cycle or occurring every day |
| 151. fortuitous | adj. lucky; occurring by happy chance |
| 152. innovate | v. bring something new to an environment |
| 153. meticulous | adj. marked by precise accordance with details |
| 154. pejorative | adj. expressing disapproval |
| 155. puerile | adj. displaying or suggesting a lack of maturity |
| 156. sporadic | adj. recurring in scattered or unpredictable instances |
| 157. verbose | adj. using or containing too many words |
| 158. assiduous | adj. marked by care and persistent effort |
| 159. cogent | adj. powerfully persuasive |
| 160. divert | v. turn aside; turn away from |
| 161. fractious | adj. easily irritated or annoyed |
| 162. inscrutable | adj. difficult or impossible to understand |

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| 163. mettle | n. the courage to carry on |
| 164. pellucid | adj. transmitting light; able to be seen through with clarity |
| 165. punctilious | adj. marked by precise accordance with details |
| 166. spurious | adj. plausible but false |
| 167. verbosity | n. an expressive style that uses excessive or empty words |
| 168. assuage | v. provide physical relief, as from pain |
| 169. cogitate | v. consider carefully and deeply |
| 170. docile | adj. easily handled or managed |
| 171. fraudulent | adj. intended to deceive |
| 172. insentient | adj. lacking consciousness, responsiveness, or emotions |
| 173. milieu | n. the environmental condition |
| 174. pensive | adj. deeply or seriously thoughtful |
| 175. purloin | v. make off with belongings of others |
| 176. stagnant | adj. not growing or changing; without force or vitality |
| 177. vertigo | n. a reeling sensation; a feeling that you are about to fall |
| 178. astute | adj. marked by practical hardheaded intelligence |
| 179. collage | n. a paste-up of pieces to form an artistic image |
| 180. dogmatic | adj. pertaining to a code of beliefs accepted as authoritative |

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| 181. frivolous | adj. not serious in content, attitude, or behavior |
| 182. insipid | adj. lacking interest or significance or impact |
| 183. mire | n. a soft wet area of low-lying land that sinks underfoot |
| 184. penury | n. a state of extreme poverty or destitution |
| 185. pusillanimous | adj. lacking in courage, strength, and resolution |
| 186. staid | adj. characterized by dignity and propriety |
| 187. vestigial | adj. not fully developed in mature animals |
| 188. asylum | n. a shelter from danger or hardship |
| 189. collate | v. assemble in proper sequence |
| 190. dolt | n. a person who is not very bright |
| 191. frugal | adj. avoiding waste |
| 192. instigate | v. provoke or stir up |
| 193. misanthrope | n. someone who dislikes people in general |
| 194. perceptive | adj. of or relating to awareness via the senses |
| 195. pyromania | n. an uncontrollable desire to set fire to things |
| 196. stanza | n. a fixed number of lines of verse forming a unit of a poem |
| 197. vignette | n. a brief literary description |
| 198. atheist | n. someone who denies the existence of god |

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199. **colloquial** **adj.** characteristic of informal spoken language or conversation

200. **dotard** **n.** someone whose age has impaired his or her intellect

201. **furrow** **n.** a long shallow trench in the ground

202. **instigator** **n.** someone who deliberately foments trouble

203. **misnomer** **n.** an incorrect or unsuitable name

204. **percipient** **adj.** characterized by ease and quickness in perceiving

205. **quaff** **v.** swallow hurriedly or greedily or in one draught

206. **staunch** **adj.** firm and dependable especially in loyalty

207. **vilification** **n.** slanderous defamation

208. **atrophy** **n.** a decrease in size of an organ caused by disease or disuse

209. **collusion** **n.** secret agreement

210. **drawl** **n.** a slow speech pattern with prolonged vowels

211. **furtive** **adj.** secret and sly

212. **insurgent** **adj.** in opposition to a civil authority or government

213. **misogynist** **n.** a misanthrope who dislikes women in particular

214. **perdition** **n.** the place or state in which one suffers eternal punishment

215. **quagmire** **n.** a soft wet area of low-lying land that sinks underfoot

216. **stereotype** **n.** a conventional or formulaic conception or image

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| 217. vindicate | v. show to be right by providing justification or proof |
| 218. attenuate | v. become weaker, in strength, value, or magnitude |
| 219. commandeer | v. take arbitrarily or by force |
| 220. drivel | n. saliva spilling from the mouth |
| 221. futile | adj. producing no result or effect |
| 222. interminable | adj. tiresomely long; seemingly without end |
| 223. misrepresentation | n. a misleading falsehood |
| 224. peremptory | adj. putting an end to all debate or action |
| 225. quaint | adj. attractively old-fashioned |
| 226. stevedore | n. a laborer who loads and unloads vessels in a port |
| 227. virtuoso | n. someone who is dazzlingly skilled in any field |
| 228. augment | v. enlarge or increase |
| 229. complacent | adj. contented to a fault with oneself or one's actions |
| 230. droll | adj. comical in an odd or whimsical manner |
| 231. galleon | n. a large square-rigged sailing ship with three or more masts |
| 232. intermittent | adj. stopping and starting at irregular intervals |
| 233. mitigate | v. lessen or to try to lessen the seriousness or extent of |
| 234. perfidy | n. an act of deliberate betrayal |

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235. **quandary** n. state of uncertainty in a choice between unfavorable options

236. **stifle** v. impair the respiration of or obstruct the air passage of

237. **virulent** adj. extremely poisonous or injurious; producing venom

238. **auspicious** adj. indicating favorable circumstances and good luck

239. **compliant** adj. disposed to act in accordance with someone's wishes

240. **drone** v. make a monotonous low dull sound

241. **gambol** v. play or run boisterously

242. **intransigence** n. stubborn refusal to compromise or change

243. **modicum** n. a small or moderate or token amount

244. **perfunctory** adj. hasty and without attention to detail; not thorough

245. **quarantine** n. isolation to prevent the spread of infectious disease

246. **stoic** adj. seeming unaffected by pleasure or pain; impassive

247. **vital** adj. performing an essential function in the living body

248. **austere** adj. of a stern or strict bearing or demeanor

249. **concatenate** v. add by linking or joining so as to form a chain or series

250. **dubious** adj. fraught with uncertainty or doubt

251. **garble** v. distort or make false by mutilation or addition

252. **intransigent** adj. impervious to pleas, persuasion, requests, or reason

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| 253. | momentous | adj. of very great significance |
| 254. | peripatetic | adj. traveling especially on foot |
| 255. | quarry | n. animal hunted or caught for food |
| 256. | stoke | v. (of a fire) stir up or tend |
| 257. | vitriolic | adj. harsh, bitter, or malicious in tone |
| 258. | aversion | n. a feeling of intense dislike |
| 259. | concatenation | n. the act of linking together as in a series or chain |
| 260. | dupe | v. fool or hoax |
| 261. | garish | adj. tastelessly showy |
| 262. | intrepid | adj. invulnerable to fear or intimidation |
| 263. | monotonous | adj. sounded or spoken in a tone unvarying in pitch |
| 264. | peripheral | adj. on or near an edge or constituting an outer boundary |
| 265. | querulous | adj. habitually complaining |
| 266. | stolid | adj. having or revealing little emotion or sensibility |
| 267. | vivacity | n. high spirits and animation |
| 268. | balk | v. refuse to proceed or comply |
| 269. | conciliate | v. gain the good will of or cause to be more favorably inclined |
| 270. | dynamic | adj. characterized by action or forcefulness of personality |

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| 271. garner | v. assemble or get together |
| 272. inveterate | adj. habitual |
| 273. moratorium | n. suspension of an ongoing activity |
| 274. perjury | n. criminal offense of making false statements under oath |
| 275. quirk | n. a strange attitude or habit |
| 276. stratagem | n. an elaborate or deceitful scheme to deceive or evade |
| 277. vivify | v. give new life or energy to |
| 278. banal | adj. repeated too often; overfamiliar through overuse |
| 279. concise | adj. expressing much in few words |
| 280. ebullient | adj. joyously unrestrained |
| 281. garrulous | adj. full of trivial conversation |
| 282. invidious | adj. containing or implying a slight or showing prejudice |
| 283. moribund | adj. being on the point of death |
| 284. pernicious | adj. exceedingly harmful |
| 285. ramble | v. move about aimlessly or without any destination |
| 286. strident | adj. unpleasantly loud and harsh |
| 287. vociferous | adj. conspicuously and offensively loud |
| 288. banality | n. a trite or obvious remark |

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| 289. condescend | v. behave in a patronizing manner |
| 290. eccentric | adj. conspicuously or grossly unconventional or unusual |
| 291. gaunt | adj. very thin especially from disease or hunger or cold |
| 292. inviolable | adj. incapable of being transgressed or dishonored |
| 293. morose | adj. showing a brooding ill humor |
| 294. persnickety | adj. characterized by excessive attention to trivial details |
| 295. ramification | n. a consequence, especially one that causes complications |
| 296. stringent | adj. demanding strict attention to rules and procedures |
| 297. volatile | adj. liable to lead to sudden change or violence |
| 298. bane | n. something causing misery or death |
| 299. condone | v. excuse, overlook, or make allowances for |
| 300. eclectic | adj. selecting what seems best of various styles or ideas |
| 301. genre | n. a kind of literary or artistic work |
| 302. irascible | adj. quickly aroused to anger |
| 303. mundane | adj. found in the ordinary course of events |
| 304. perpetuate | v. cause to continue or prevail |
| 305. rancor | n. a feeling of deep and bitter anger and ill-will |
| 306. strut | v. walk in a proud, confident way |

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| 307. voluble | adj. marked by a ready flow of speech |
| 308. bard | n. a lyric poet |
| 309. edifice | n. a structure that has a roof and walls |
| 310. germane | adj. relevant and appropriate |
| 311. ire | n. anger; irritability |
| 312. munificent | adj. very generous |
| 313. perpetuity | n. the property of being seemingly ceaseless |
| 314. rant | v. talk at length in a noisy, excited, or angry manner |
| 315. stupefy | v. make someone dazed or foolish |
| 316. voluminous | adj. large in capacity or bulk |
| 317. bastion | n. projecting part of a rampart or other fortification |
| 318. conflagration | n. a very intense and uncontrolled fire |
| 319. efface | v. remove by or as if by rubbing or erasing |
| 320. germinal | adj. containing seeds of later development |
| 321. irksome | adj. tedious or irritating |
| 322. mutinous | adj. characterized by a rebellion against authority |
| 323. personable | adj. pleasant in manner and appearance |
| 324. ratify | v. approve and express assent, responsibility, or obligation |

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| 325. subpoena | n. a writ issued to compel the attendance of a witness |
| 326. voracious | adj. devouring or craving food in great quantities |
| 327. befuddle | v. be confusing or perplexing to |
| 328. confound | v. be confusing or perplexing to |
| 329. effigy | n. a representation of a person |
| 330. gibber | v. speak (about unimportant matters) rapidly and incessantly |
| 331. ironic | adj. displaying incongruity between what is expected and what is |
| 332. myriad | n. a large indefinite number |
| 333. perspicacious | adj. mentally acute or penetratingly discerning |
| 334. raucous | adj. unpleasantly loud and harsh |
| 335. substantiate | v. establish or strengthen as with new evidence or facts |
| 336. waive | v. do without or cease to hold or adhere to |
| 337. begudge | v. be envious of or feel annoyance toward |
| 338. congeal | v. solidify, thicken, or come together |
| 339. effusive | adj. uttered with unrestrained enthusiasm |
| 340. glacial | adj. relating to or derived from a slowly moving mass of ice |
| 341. irrational | adj. not consistent with or using reason |
| 342. navigable | adj. able to be sailed on or through safely |

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| 343. perspicacity | n. the ability to assess situations or circumstances shrewdly |
| 344. raze | v. tear down so as to make flat with the ground |
| 345. subterfuge | n. something intended to misrepresent the nature of an activity |
| 346. wane | n. a gradual decline (in size or strength or power or number) |
| 347. beguile | v. attract; cause to be enamored |
| 348. congenital | adj. present at birth but not necessarily hereditary |
| 349. egalitarianism | n. the doctrine of the equality of mankind |
| 350. goad | v. stab or urge on as if with a pointed stick |
| 351. irreproachable | adj. free of guilt; not subject to blame |
| 352. nebulous | adj. lacking definite form or limits |
| 353. pertinent | adj. being of striking appropriateness |
| 354. rebuttal | n. the speech act of refuting by offering a contrary argument |
| 355. subtle | adj. difficult to detect or grasp by the mind or analyze |
| 356. wary | adj. marked by keen caution and watchful prudence |
| 357. belabor | v. beat soundly |
| 358. connoisseur | n. an expert able to appreciate a field |
| 359. egregious | adj. conspicuously and outrageously bad or reprehensible |
| 360. irrevocable | adj. incapable of being retracted |

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| 361. nefarious | adj. extremely wicked |
| 362. peruse | v. examine or consider with attention and in detail |
| 363. recant | v. formally reject or disavow a formerly held belief |
| 364. subversive | adj. in opposition to an established system or government |
| 365. wax | n. substance solid at normal temperature and insoluble in water |
| 366. beleaguer | v. annoy persistently |
| 367. consecrate | v. give entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause |
| 368. egress | n. the act or means of going out |
| 369. gratis | adj. costing nothing |
| 370. itinerant | adj. traveling from place to place to work |
| 371. negate | v. make ineffective by counterbalancing the effect of |
| 372. pervasive | adj. spreading or spread throughout |
| 373. recapitulate | v. summarize briefly |
| 374. succinct | adj. briefly giving the gist of something |
| 375. waylay | v. wait in hiding to attack |
| 376. belie | v. be in contradiction with |
| 377. consensus | n. agreement in the judgment reached by a group as a whole |
| 378. eloquent | adj. expressing yourself readily, clearly, effectively |

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| 379. gratuitous | adj. unnecessary and unwarranted |
| 380. jaded | adj. exhausted |
| 381. negligence | n. failure to act with the prudence of a reasonable person |
| 382. petrify | v. change into stone |
| 383. receptacle | n. a container that is used to put or keep things in |
| 384. suffragist | n. an advocate of the extension of voting rights |
| 385. weight | n. the vertical force exerted by a mass as a result of gravity |
| 386. belittle | v. cause to seem lesser or inferior |
| 387. conspicuous | adj. obvious to the eye or mind |
| 388. elucidate | v. make clear and comprehensible |
| 389. gravity | n. the force of attraction between all masses in the universe |
| 390. jargon | n. technical terminology characteristic of a particular subject |
| 391. neologism | n. a newly invented word or phrase |
| 392. petulant | adj. easily irritated or annoyed |
| 393. recluse | n. one who lives in solitude |
| 394. supercilious | adj. having or showing arrogant superiority |
| 395. whelp | n. young of any of various canines such as a dog or wolf |
| 396. bellicose | adj. having or showing a ready disposition to fight |

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| 397. consummate | adj. having or revealing supreme mastery or skill |
| 398. elusive | adj. skillful at evading capture |
| 399. gregarious | adj. temperamentally seeking and enjoying the company of others |
| 400. jaundiced | adj. affected by yellowing of the skin |
| 401. nettle | n. plant having stinging hairs that cause skin irritation |
| 402. phenomenon | n. any state or process known through the senses |
| 403. recuperate | v. restore to good health or strength |
| 404. superlative | adj. highest in quality |
| 405. whet | v. sharpen by rubbing |
| 406. belligerent | adj. characteristic of an enemy or one eager to fight |
| 407. contemporary | adj. occurring in the same period of time |
| 408. emaciated | adj. very thin especially from disease or hunger or cold |
| 409. gritty | adj. composed of or covered with small particles |
| 410. jaunt | n. a journey taken for pleasure |
| 411. niggardly | adj. petty or reluctant in giving or spending |
| 412. philanthropy | n. the act of donating money or time to promote human welfare |
| 413. red tape | n. needlessly time-consuming procedure |
| 414. surly | adj. unfriendly and inclined toward anger or irritation |

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415. **whimsical** **adj.** determined by chance or impulse rather than by necessity

416. **bemoan** **v.** regret strongly

417. **contrite** **adj.** feeling or expressing pain or sorrow

418. **emancipate** **v.** free from slavery or servitude

419. **guffaw** **n.** a burst of loud and hearty laughter

420. **jeopardize** **v.** pose a threat to; present a danger to

421. **nomadic** **adj.** migratory

422. **philistine** **n.** a person who is uninterested in intellectual pursuits

423. **redolent** **adj.** having a strong pleasant odor

424. **surreptitious** **adj.** marked by quiet and caution and secrecy

425. **willful** **adj.** done by design

426. **benevolent** **adj.** showing or motivated by sympathy and understanding

427. **contrition** **n.** sorrow for sin arising from fear of damnation

428. **embezzle** **v.** appropriate fraudulently to one's own use

429. **guile** **n.** shrewdness as demonstrated by being skilled in deception

430. **jingoistic** **adj.** fanatically patriotic

431. **nonchalance** **n.** the trait of remaining calm and seeming not to care

432. **phlegmatic** **adj.** showing little emotion

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| 433. redress | v. make reparations or amends for |
| 434. surreptitiously | adv. in a secretive manner |
| 435. wily | adj. marked by skill in deception |
| 436. benign | adj. kind in disposition or manner |
| 437. contumacious | adj. willfully obstinate; stubbornly disobedient |
| 438. embroil | v. force into some kind of situation or course of action |
| 439. guileless | adj. innocent and free of deceit |
| 440. jocular | adj. characterized by jokes and good humor |
| 441. nondescript | adj. lacking distinct or individual characteristics |
| 442. pillage | v. steal goods; take as spoils |
| 443. redundant | adj. more than is needed, desired, or required |
| 444. susceptible | adj. yielding readily to or capable of |
| 445. wispy | adj. thin and weak |
| 446. contusion | n. an injury in which the skin is not broken |
| 447. emerge | v. come out into view, as from concealment |
| 448. gullibility | n. tendency to believe too readily and to be easily deceived |
| 449. jollity | n. feeling jovial and full of good humor |
| 450. nonentity | n. a person of no influence |

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451. **pinnacle** n. a slender upright spire at the top of a buttress or a tower

452. **referendum** n. a legislative act referred for approval to a popular vote

453. **suspect** v. regard as untrustworthy

454. **wistful** adj. showing pensive sadness

455. **bequeath** v. leave or give, especially by will after one's death

456. **conundrum** n. a difficult problem

457. **emulate** v. strive to equal or match, especially by imitating

458. **gullible** adj. naive and easily deceived or tricked

459. **jubilant** adj. full of high-spirited delight

460. **nostalgia** n. a longing for something past

461. **pious** adj. having or showing or expressing reverence for a deity

462. **refute** v. overthrow by argument, evidence, or proof

463. **sybarite** n. a person addicted to luxury and pleasures of the senses

464. **zany** adj. ludicrous or foolish

465. **berate** v. censure severely or angrily

466. **conventional** adj. following accepted customs and proprieties

467. **endorse** v. approve of

468. **gustatory** adj. of or relating to the sense of taste

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469. **judicious** **adj.** marked by the exercise of common sense in practical matters

470. **notoriety** **n.** the state of being known for some unfavorable act or quality

471. **pivotal** **adj.** being of crucial importance

472. **regale** **v.** occupy in an agreeable, entertaining or pleasant fashion

473. **sycophant** **n.** a person who tries to please someone to gain an advantage

474. **zeal** **n.** a feeling of strong eagerness

475. **beret** **n.** a soft cap with no brim or bill

476. **corpulent** **adj.** excessively large

477. **endurance** **n.** a state of surviving; remaining alive

478. **hackneyed** **adj.** repeated too often; overfamiliar through overuse

479. **jurisprudence** **n.** the branch of philosophy concerned with the law

480. **novel** **n.** an extended fictional work in prose

481. **placate** **v.** cause to be more favorably inclined

482. **relegate** **v.** assign to a lower position

483. **taciturn** **adj.** habitually reserved and uncommunicative

484. **zealot** **n.** a fervent and even militant proponent of something

485. **bestial** **adj.** resembling an animal, especially by being vicious or cruel

486. **corrugated** **adj.** shaped into alternating parallel grooves and ridges

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487. **enduring** **adj.** unceasing

488. **hallowed** **adj.** worthy of religious veneration

489. **juxtapose** **v.** place side by side

490. **novice** **n.** someone new to a field or activity

491. **placebo** **n.** an innocuous or inert medication

492. **remorse** **n.** a feeling of deep regret, usually for some misdeed

493. **tactile** **adj.** of or relating to or proceeding from the sense of touch

494. **zenith** **n.** the highest point of something
