



## Set 28

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| 1. <b>quibble</b>     | a slight criticism about a trivial matter; adverse comment; nitpicking   |
| 2. <b>gauche</b>      | lacking ease or grace; unsophisticated and socially awkward; inelegant; ungainly   |
| 3. <b>wily</b>        | skilled at gaining an advantage, especially deceitfully; clever; shrewd, crafty  |
| 4. <b>sophistry</b>   | the use of fallacious arguments, especially with the intention of deceiving; specious arguments; fallacious argument; sophism; casuistry   |
| 5. <b>agitated</b>    | feeling or appearing troubled or nervous; perturbed; flustered; unnerved; ruffled; rattled   |
| 6. <b>quarantined</b> | isolated   |
| 7. <b>coy</b>         | (especially with reference to a woman) making a pretense of shyness or modesty that is intended to be alluring; reluctant to give details, especially about something regarded as sensitive; arch; simpering; demure; modest |
| 8. <b>hysterical</b>  | deriving from or affected by uncontrolled extreme emotion; overwrought; unrestrained; frenzied; (informal) extremely funny   |
| 9. <b>recant</b>      | say that one no longer holds an opinion or belief, especially one considered heretical; disavow; forswear; change one's mind; retract  |
| 10. <b>quandary</b>   | a state of perplexity or uncertainty over what to do in a difficult situation; a practical dilemma; impasse; stalemate   |
| 11. <b>affront</b>    | an action or remark that causes outrage or offense; insult; offense; slight; snub; slur  |
| 12. <b>endemic</b>    | (of a disease or social condition) found particularly in a specific area or group; (of a plant or animal) native and restricted to a certain place   |



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| 13. <b>abstract</b>    | consider (something) theoretically or separately from something else; extract or remove (something); used euphemistically to say that stolen something; (abstract oneself) withdraw |
| 14. <b>burnish</b>     | polish up; buff up; enhance or perfect (something such as a reputation or a skill)  |
| 15. <b>disperse</b>    | break up; split up; dissipate; scatter; go into different direction   |
| 16. <b>enmity</b>      | the state or feeling of being actively opposed or hostile to someone or something; animosity; antipathy; animus; feud; discord; acrimony  |
| 17. <b>retiring</b>    | shy and fond of being on one's own; diffident, shrinking; self-effacing; unassuming   |
| 18. <b>ravage</b>      | lay waste; devastate; leave in ruins; wreak havoc on; leave desolate; pillage   |
| 19. <b>inchoate</b>    | beginning; rudimentary; confused or incoherent  |
| 20. <b>impudent</b>    | not showing due respect for another person; impertinent; brazen; cheeky; presumptuous   |
| 21. <b>redoubtable</b> | (of a person) formidable, especially as an opponent; fearsome; awe-inspiring  |
| 22. <b>shrill</b>      | high-pitched; piercing; screeching  |
| 23. <b>deprecate</b>   | express disapproval of; frown on; object to   |
| 24. <b>disdain</b>     | scorn; deride; regard with contempt; sneer at; spurn; rebuff  |
| 25. <b>quash</b>       | reject or void, especially by legal procedure; cancel; rescind; suppress; put to an end; stamp out  |
| 26. <b>distend</b>     |   |



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swell or cause to swell by pressure from inside; bulge; enlarge; puff out/up; blow up/out

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27. **penchant** liking; fondness; preference; inclination; bent; predilection; proclivity

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28. **abeyance** a state of suspension; a state of dormancy; a state of latency; pending; deferred; put off; postponed

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29. **august** respected and impressive; distinguished; eminent; venerable; hallowed; illustrious; esteemed; exalted; of distinction; of repute; aristocratic; imposing

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30. **substantiate** prove; show to be true; give substance to; support; justify; vindicate; corroborate; endorse; give credence to; vouch for, attest to

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