



Set 28

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1. **quibble**: a slight criticism about a trivial matter; adverse comment; nitpicking
2. **gauche**: lacking ease or grace; unsophisticated and socially awkward; inelegant; ungainly
3. **wily**: skilled at gaining an advantage, especially deceitfully; clever; shrewd, crafty
4. **sophistry**: the use of fallacious arguments, especially with the intention of deceiving; specious arguments; fallacious argument; sophism; casuistry
5. **agitated**: feeling or appearing troubled or nervous; perturbed; flustered; unnerved; ruffled; rattled
6. **quarantined**: isolated
7. **coy**: (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. **hysterical**: deriving from or affected by uncontrolled extreme emotion; overwrought; unrestrained; frenzied; (informal) extremely funny
9. **recant**: say that one no longer holds an opinion or belief, especially one considered heretical; disavow; forswear; change one's mind; retract
10. **quandary**: a state of perplexity or uncertainty over what to do in a difficult situation; a practical dilemma; impasse; stalemate
11. **affront**: an action or remark that causes outrage or offense; insult; offense; slight; snub; slur
12. **endemic**: (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
13. **abstract**: consider (something) theoretically or separately from something else; extract or remove (something); used euphemistically to say that stolen something; (abstract oneself) withdraw
14. **burnish**: polish up; buff up; enhance or perfect (something such as a reputation or a skill)
15. **disperse**: break up; split up; dissipate; scatter; go into different direction
16. **enmity**: the state or feeling of being actively opposed or hostile to someone or something; animosity; antipathy; animus; feud; discord; acrimony
17. **retiring**: shy and fond of being on one's own; diffident, shrinking; self-effacing; unassuming
18. **ravage**: lay waste; devastate; leave in ruins; wreak havoc on; leave desolate; pillage
19. **inchoate**: beginning; rudimentary; confused or incoherent
20. **impudent**: not showing due respect for another person; impertinent; brazen; cheeky; presumptuous
21. **redoubtable**: (of a person) formidable, especially as an opponent; fearsome; awe-inspiring



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- 22. **shrill**: high-pitched; piercing; screeching
- 23. **deprecate**: express disapproval of; frown on; object to
- 24. **disdain**: scorn; deride; regard with contempt; sneer at; spurn; rebuff
- 25. **quash**: reject or void, especially by legal procedure; cancel; rescind; suppress; put to an end; stamp out
- 26. **distend**: swell or cause to swell by pressure from inside; bulge; enlarge; puff out/up; blow up/out
- 27. **penchant**: liking; fondness; preference; inclination; bent; predilection; proclivity
- 28. **abeyance**: a state of suspension; a state of dormancy; a state of latency; pending; deferred; put off; postponed
- 29. **august**: respected and impressive; distinguished; eminent; venerable; hallowed; illustrious; esteemed; exalted; of distinction; of repute; aristocratic; imposing
- 30. **substantiate**: prove; show to be true; give substance to; support; justify; vindicate; corroborate; endorse; give credence to; vouch for, attest to