

ABATE	subside; decrease; become less in amount or intensity
ABERRATION	deviation, not normal
ABHOR	fill with horror and loathing; horrify; hate
ABSTRUSE	obscure; profound; difficult to understand.
ACCOST	approach and speak to boldly or aggressively, as with demand or request
ACRIMONY	bitter animosity
ACUMEN	mental keenness; quickness of perception
ADAMANT	extremely hard; inflexible; stubbornly unyielding
ADEPT	expert at; very skilled; having or showing knowledge and skill and aptitude
ADROIT	skillful and adept under pressing conditions
AFFECTED	speaking or behaving in artificial way; emotionally stirred or moved; infected or attacked
ALACRITY	cheerful promptness or willingness; eagerness; speed or quickness
ALLOCATE	assign, portion
ALTRUISTIC	unselfishly generous; concerned for others
AMENABLE	responsive to advice or suggestion; responsible to higher authority; willing to comply with; agreeable
AMIALE	good-natured and likable; lovable; warmly friendly
AMICABLE	exhibiting friendliness or goodwill; not quarrelsome
ANTEDILUVIAN	antiquated; extremely old and ancient; belonging to very ancient times
ANTHOPOLOGY	social science that studies origins and social relationships of human beings
ANTIPATHY	strong feeling of aversion; dislike
APATHETIC	feeling or showing a lack of interest or concern; indifferent
APT	likely; exactly suitable; appropriate; quick to learn or understand
ARCANE	secret; mysterious; known only to the initiated
ASCENDANCY	superiority or decisive advantage; domination
ASCETIC	leading a life of self-discipline and self-denial; austere
ASPIRE	seek to attain; long for; strive toward an end
ASSAIL	assault; attack with or as if with violent blows
ASSIDUOUS	constant in application or attention; diligent; unceasing or persistent
ASSUAGE	ease or lessen pain; satisfy or appease
ATROPHY	wasting away; decrease in size; reduction in the functionality of an organ caused by disease
ATTENUATE	make slender, fine, or small; weaken; lessen density of
AUGUST	impressive; majestic; inspiring awe or admiration
AURA	air, feeling
AUSPICIOUS	attended by favorable circumstances; marked by success; prosperous
AUTOCRAT	dictator; ruler having unlimited power
AUTOMATION	mechanism that imitates actions of humans
AVARICE	greediness for wealth; insatiable desire of gain
BANAL	obvious and dull; commonplace; lacking originality
BARRAGE	artificial obstruction; heavy curtain of artillery fire; rapid, concentrated discharge of missiles
BELIE	contradict; give a false impression
BELLIGERENT	inclined or eager to fight; aggressive
BENEVOLENT	generous in providing aid to others; charitable
BEQUEATH	leave to someone by a will; hand down
BERATE	rebuke or scold angrily and at length
BIPARTISANSHIP	supported by two opposing parties

BLIGHTED	suffering from a disease; destroyed, ruined, or spoiled
BOG	marsh, swamp
BOLSTER	support or prop up with or as if with a long narrow pillow or cushion
BOMBASTIC	pompous; using inflated language; high-sounding but with little meaning
BOORISH	rude and clumsy in behavior; ungentlemanly; awkward in manners
BUOYANT	able to float; cheerful and optimistic
BURGEON	grow forth; send out buds; grow or develop rapidly
BUTTRESS	support physically; prop up; support something or someone by supplying evidence
BYZANTINE	convoluted, complex
CACOPHONOUS	discordant; inharmonious; sounding harshly; ill-sounding
CAJOLE	influence or urge by gentle urging or flattery
CALLOUS	emotionally hardened; unfeeling
CANTANKEROUS	ill humored; irritable; marked by ill-tempered contradiction or opposition; ugly; malicious
CAPRICIOUS	fickle; impulsive and unpredictable; apt to change opinions suddenly
CASTIGATE	criticize severely; punish; revise or make corrections to publication
CAUSTIC	capable of burning, corroding, dissolving, or eating away by chemical action
CENSORIOUS	critical; addicted to censure; severe in making remarks on others, or on their writings or manners; implying or expressing censure
CENSURE	expression of strong disapproval or harsh criticism; blame
CEREBRAL	relating to the brain or cerebrum; intellectual rather than emotional
CHAGRIN	anxiety caused by humiliation or injured pride; disappointment
CHARLATAN	quack; one who pretends to knowledge, skill, or importance
CHASTISE	punish, as by beating; criticize severely; rebuke
CHIDE	scold mildly so as to correct or improve; express disapproval
CHURLISH	difficult to work with; rude; unyielding; unmanageable
CIRCUITOUS	being or taking a roundabout, lengthy course; going round in a circuit; not direct
CIRCUMSCRIBE	limit narrowly; confine; draw a line around; encircle
CIRCUMVENT	surround; enclose or entrap outwit; beat through cleverness and wit
CLANDESTINE	secret; conducted with or marked by hidden aims or methods
COALESCE	combine; fuse; grow together; come together so as to form one whole; unite
COMPENDIOUS	succinct
COMPLACENCY	feeling of contented self-satisfaction, especially when unaware of upcoming trouble
COMPLIANT	yielding to request or desire; ready to accommodate; disposed or willing to comply;
CONCILIATE	compromising, apologizing
CONCUR	agree
CONFLAGRATION	large destructive fire; burning; large-scale military conflict
CONFLUENCE	act of two things flowing together; junction or meeting place where two things meet
CONGENIAL	compatible
CONSCIENTIOUS	diligent; responsible; reliable
CONSTERNATION	intense state of fear or dismay; astonishment combined with terror
CONTEMPT	state of being despised or dishonored; disgrace; disobedience to, or open disrespect of
CONTEMPTIBLE	worthy of contempt; deserving of scorn or disdain; mean
CONTENTIOUS	quarrelsome; disagreeable; marked by heated arguments or controversy
CONVIVIAL	festive; occupied with or fond of the pleasures of good company
COPIOUS	plentiful; containing plenty; affording ample supply
CORROBORATE	establish or strengthen as with new evidence or facts; support with evidence
COSMOPOLITAN	sophisticated; of worldwide scope
CREDULITY	readiness of belief; disposition to believe on slight evidence
CULPABLE	blameworthy

CURSORY	casual; brief or broad; not cautious, nor detailed
DAUNTLESS	bold; incapable of being discouraged; fearless
DEARTH	scarcity; shortage of food; famine from failure or loss of crops
DEBACLE	sudden downfall; complete disaster
DEBILITATE	make weak; enfeeble; impair the strength of
DEBUNK	expose as false, exaggerated, worthless; ridicule
DECIMATE	destroy or kill a large part of; select by lot and kill one in every ten of
DECORUM	propriety in manners and conduct; good taste in manners; conventions or requirements of polite behavior
DEFERENCE	willingness to carry out the wishes of others; great respect
DEGREDAATION	humiliation
DELETERIOUS	having harmful effect; injurious; having quality of destroying life; noxious; poisonous
DELINEATE	portray; depict; draw or trace outline of; sketch out
DEMONSTRATIVE	openly emotional
DEMURE	modest and reserved in manner or behavior
DEMYSTIFY	clarify; free from mystery or obscurity
DENIGRATE	blacken; defame; attack reputation of; degrade
DEPOSE	force to leave; remove from office
DEPRAVITY	extreme corruption or degradation; wickedness
DEPRECATE	express disapproval of; protest against; belittle
DEPRECIATION	devaluation; decrease in price or value
DERIDE	ridicule; make fun of; laugh at with contempt
DERIVATIVE	unoriginal; derived from another source
DEROGATORY	expressing low opinion; disparaging; belittling
DESECRATION	violate the sacredness of
DESPONDENT	in low spirits from loss of hope or courage
DESPOT	tyrant; harsh, authoritarian ruler; eastern Orthodox bishop
DESTITUTE	extremely poor; utterly lacking; devoid
DETERRENT	something that discourages; tending to deter
DEVOID	Completely lacking; barren or empty
DIDACTIC	excessively morally instructive
DIFFIDENT	shy
DIFFUSE	spread out widely; scatter freely; pour out and cause to spread freely
DIGRESS(ION)	stray from the subject at hand
DILATORY	tending to waste time
DIMINUTIVE	below the average size; very small; little
DIRE	urgent, dreadful
DISCERN	detect; perceive
DISCOMFITED	disappointed, defeated
DISCOUNT	give reduction in price on
DISHEARTENING	discouraging
DISILLUSIONMENT	disenchantment, disappointment
DISINGENUOUS	giving a false appearance of frankness; insincere
DISPARAGE	belittle; speak of in a slighting or disrespectful way; reduce in esteem or rank
DISPASSIONATE	calm; impartial; unaffected by strong emotion or prejudice
DISPEL	scatter; drive away; cause to vanish
DISPUTATIOUS	argumentative; fond of arguing; inclined to dispute
DISQUIET	make uneasy or anxious; trouble
DISSEMINATE	distribute; spread; scatter like seeds

DISTASTE	dislike, aversion
DIVERGENT	differing; tending to move apart in different directions
DIVISIVE	creating conflict
DIVULGE	reveal; make known to public
DOCTRINE	principles presented for belief, as by religious; principle of law; act of teaching; instruction
DORMANT	sleeping; not active but capable of becoming active
DUPE	easily deceived person; duplicate of photographic image
DUPLICITOUS	deliberately deceptive
EBULLIENT	showing excitement; overflowing with enthusiasm
ECLECTIC	composed of elements from a variety of sources
EFFACE	rub or wipe out; make indistinct as if by rubbing
EFFERVESCE	bubble, fizz
EGALITARIAN	belief in equality
ELATED	overjoyed; extremely happy and excited
ELICIT	draw out; bring forth or to light; generate or provoke as response or answer
ELUCIDATE	make clear or plain, especially by explanation; clarify
ELUDE	avoid cleverly; escape perception of
ELUSIVE	difficult to describe; difficult to detect or grasp by mind
EMBITTER	make worse
EMBROILED	throw into confusion; deeply involved especially in something complicated
EMPATHETIC	compassionate
EMPIRICAL	derived from experiment and observation rather than theory
ENCOMPASS	surround; form a circle or ring around; enclose; envelop
ENCROACHING	intrusive
ENCUMBRANCE	burden
ENIGMA	puzzle; difficult problem
ENUMERATE	list each one; mention one by one
EPHEMERAL	short-lived; enduring a very short time
EPIPHANY	sudden realization
EPITOME	representative or perfect example of a class or type; brief summary, as of a book or article
EQUANIMITY	calmness of temperament; steadiness of mind under stress.
EQUITABLE	marked by or having equity; just and impartial
EQUIVOCAL	open to two or more interpretations and often intended to mislead
ERUDITE	learned; scholarly, with emphasis on knowledge gained from books
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ESOTERIC	hard to understand; known only in a particular group
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ESTRANGE	alienate
EULOGY	expression of praise, often on the occasion of someone's death
EVOKE	bring out; arouse; call forth
EXACTING	making severe demands; rigorous; requiring great care, effort, or attention
EXCAVATE	unearth; dig out; make a hole in; hollow out
EXEMPLAR	representative example
EXHIBITIONIST	deliberately behaving a certain way to attract attention
EXHORT	urge on or encourage, especially by shouts
EXORBITANT	greatly exceeding bounds of reason or moderation; exceeding proper limits
EXPEDIMENT	suitable; appropriate to a purpose; serving to promote your interest
EXPOSE	set forth; set out to public view
EXTOL	praise highly; glorify; celebrate

EXTRICATE	free, as from difficulties or perplexities; cause to be emitted or evolved
FACILE	done or achieved with little effort or difficulty; ready or fluent
FACTION	a party of persons having a common end in view
FALLACIOUS	false; tending to mislead; deceptive
FALLACY	deceptive or false appearance; false notion; deception
FANATICISM	excessive zeal; extreme devotion to a belief or cause
FASTIDIOUS	difficult to please; having complicated requirements; excessively particular demanding about details
FATHOM	measure the depth; come to understand
FELICITIOUS	well-suited, happy
FINESSE	refinement and delicacy of performance; skillful, subtle handling
FLAGRANT	obvious and offensive, blatant, scandalous; flaming into notice
FLIPPANT	lacking proper seriousness; speaking freely; talkative; communicative
FLORID	reddish; elaborately or excessively ornamented
FLUMMOX	confuse
FOLLY	foolishness; lack of good sense, understanding, or foresight
FOOLHARDY	rash; marked by unthinking boldness
FORLORN	sad and lonely; wretched; abandoned or left behind
FORTITUDE	bravery; force; power to attack or to resist attack
FORTUITOUS	accidental; by chance; coming or occurring without any cause
FRAUDULENT	cheating; deceitful; planning or using fraud; given to practice of fraud
FRUGAL	sparing; economical; costing little; inexpensive
FUROR	great excitement; public disorder or uproar
FURTIVE	marked by quiet and caution and secrecy
FUTILE	useless; having no useful result; vain
GAIT	manner of walking or stepping; bearing or carriage while moving; walk; rate of moving
GALLANT	courtly; lively and spirited; having or displaying great dignity or nobility
GARGANTUAN	huge; of a tremendous size, volume, degree
GARISH	over-bright in color; tastelessly showy
GENIAL	friendly; cordial; having a pleasant or friendly disposition or manner
GERMINATE	cause to sprout or grow; come into existence
GLUTTON	person who eats too much food and drink
GRANDIOSE	impressive from inherent grandeur; large and impressive, in size, scope or extent
HACKNEYED	repeated too often; over familiar through overuse
HAMPER	put at disadvantage; prevent progress or free movement of
HARDY	in robust and good health; able to survive under unfavorable conditions
HASTEN	accelerate; quicken
HERESY	opinion contrary to popular belief; opinion contrary to accepted religion
HISTRIONIC	characteristic of acting or stage performance
HUBRIS	excessive pride or self-confidence
IDIOSYNCRASY	behavioral attribute that is distinctive and peculiar to an individual
IDYLIC	excellent and delightful in all respects
IGNOMINY	deep disgrace; shame or dishonor
ILLICIT	illegal; unlawful; not authorized or permitted
IMPASSE	road or passage having no exit; deadlock
IMPERIOUS	urgent or pressing; able to deal authoritatively; dictatorial
IMPETUOUS	marked by sudden and violent force; hasty; impulsive and passionate
IMPUDENCE	offensively bold behavior; trait of being rude
INANE	silly; senseless; unconsciously foolish; void

INCONGRUENT	quality of disagreeing; being unsuitable and inappropriate
INCREDULOUS	difficult to believe; incredible; skeptical
INCRIMINATE	accuse of a crime or other wrongful act; suggest that someone is guilty
INCUBATE	hatch; develop under favorable conditions
INDETERMINATE	uncertain; not clearly fixed; indefinite
INDICTMENT	formally accuse of a crime
INDIGENUOUS	native to a region
INDIGNANT	affected with indignation; wrathful; passionate; irate; feeling wrath by unworthy or unjust treatment
INDISCRIMINATE	choosing at random; not marked by fine distinctions
INDOLENT	lazy; slow to heal, grow, or develop; inactive
INDOMITABLE	unconquerable; incapable of being overcome
INDUCE	persuade; bring about; reason or establish by induction
INDULGENT	yielding; lenient; forbearing or tolerant
INEFFABLE	unutterable; cannot be expressed in speech
INEPTITUDE	incompetence
INERT	inactive; lacking power to move; unable to move or act
INGENUOUS	naive and trusting; young; unsophisticated
INHERENT	Firmly established by nature or habit
INHIBIT	restrain; prevent or forbid; hold back
INNATE	possessed at birth; inborn
INNOCUOUS	having no adverse effect; harmless
INNUENDO	hint; indirect implication, usually malicious
INSCRUTABLE	impenetrable; not readily understood; mysterious
INSIPID	lacking flavor or zest; not tasty; dull
INSOLENCE	scornful treatment; insulting speech or conduct
INSTIGATE	goad or urge forward; provoke; incite
INSULAR	of isolated people, especially having a narrow viewpoint
INTREPID	fearless; indicating or springing from courage
INUNDATE	overwhelm; cover with water, especially floodwaters
INVOKE	call upon; ask for; request earnestly
IRATE	feeling or showing extreme anger; enraged
IRONY	expression by deliberate contrast between apparent and intended meaning; witty language used to insult
IRREVERENT	disrespectful; showing lack of due respect; not revering god
JADED	fatigued dulled by surfeit; exhausted; worn out; wearied
JOCULAR	humorous, amusing or joking; sportive; not serious
JOVIAL	good-natured; marked by good cheer; cheerful and good-humored
JUDICIOUS	exhibiting good judgment or sound thinking; prudent
LACKADAISICAL	lacking purpose or zest; halfhearted; lacking spirit or liveliness
LACONIC	brief; effectively cut short; marked by use of few words
LAGGARD	slow; sluggish; wasting time
LANGUID	lacking energy or vitality; weak; sluggish; lacking spirit or liveliness
LATENT	present or potential but not evident or active; dormant; hidden
LAUD	give praise to; glorify; celebrate or honor
LISTLESS	lacking in spirit or energy to exert effort
LITHE	flexible; moving and bending with ease
LUCID	easily understood; clear; intelligible
LUCRATIVE	profitable; producing good profit

LULL	moment of calm; a period of calm weather; temporary quiet and rest
LURID	causing shock or horror; gruesome
LUXURIANT	abundant; rich and splendid; fertile
MAGNANIMOUS	generous; high-minded or great-souled; chivalrous
MALLEABLE	capable of being shaped by pounding; impressionable
MARRED	damaged or disfigured by injury or rough wear
MAUDLIN	tearfully sentimental; over-emotional; sickly-sentimental
MELANCHOLY	gloomy; feeling of thoughtful sadness; affected by depression
MERCENARY	interested in making money; profit oriented; hired for service in foreign army
MERCURIAL	capricious; liable to sudden unpredictable change; quick and changeable in temperament
MISERLY	indicative of lack of generosity; cautious with money
MITIGATE	make less severe or harsh; moderate
MODICUM	limited quantity; small or moderate amount; any small thing
MOROSE	ill humored; sullen; depressingly dark; gloomy; persistent
MOTLEY	multi-colored; mixed; having elements of great variety
MULTIFARIOUS	varied; greatly diversified; made up of many differing parts
NEBULOUS	lacking definite form or limits; hazy; cloudy
NEFARIOUS	very wicked; infamous by being extremely wicked
NEOPHYTE	recent convert to a belief; one newly initiated
NOTORIETY	known for some unfavorable act or quality; bad or ill fame
NOXIOUS	harmful to living things; injurious to health
NUANCE	subtle or slight degree of difference
OBDURATE	hardened in wrongdoing or wickedness; not giving in to persuasion
OBSTINATE	stubbornly adhering to an attitude or opinion; hard to control or treat
OFFICIOUS	marked by excessive eagerness in offering unwanted services or advice to others
ONEROUS	burdensome or oppressive; not easily borne; wearing
OPPORTUNIST	one who takes advantage of any chance to achieve an end, with no regard for principles or consequences
ORACLE	answer of god; communications, revelations, or messages delivered by god to the prophets
ORTHODOX	traditional; conservative in belief; adhering to established faith, especially in religion
OSTENSIBLE	put forth or held out as real, actual, or intended; proper or intended to be shown
OVERSIGHT	unintentional omission or mistake; watchful care or management; supervision
PACIFIST	one opposed to force; antimilitarist
PACIFY	ease anger or agitation of; make calm or quiet; end war or violence
PAINSTAKING	extremely careful and diligent work or effort; taking of pains
PALLIATE	lessen violence of disease; moderate intensity; gloss over with excuses
PARADIGM	one that serves as a pattern or model; system of assumptions, concepts, values, and practices that constitutes a way of viewing reality
PARCH	burn surface of; roast over fire, as dry grain; dry to extremity
PARODY	work or performance that imitates another work or performance with ridicule or irony; make fun of
PARTISAN	one-sided; prejudiced; committed to a party
PATRONIZE	act as a patron to; support or sponsor
PAUCITY	scarcity; smallness of number; fewness
PEDANT	one who is overly concerned with formal rules and trivial points of learning
PEEVISH	unpleasant
PENCHANT	strong inclination; definite liking
PENURIOUS	cheap, stingy

PEREMPTORY	offensively self-assured; dictatorial; not allowing contradiction or refusal
PERFUNCTORY	done routinely and with little interest or care; acting with indifference
PERIPHERAL	located in outer boundary; unimportant; auxiliary
PERQUISITE	any gain above stipulated salary; extra payment
PETULANT	easily irritated or annoyed; unreasonably irritable or ill-tempered
PHILANTHROPIST	person who loves mankind in general; very generous person or institution
PIETY	religious devotion and reverence to God; devout act, thought, or statement; godliness
PLACATE	appease or pacify; bring peace to
PLACID	peaceful; tranquil; calm or quiet
PLASTICITY	ability to be molded, formed, or modeled; quality or state of being plastic
PLAUSIBLE	likely but not certain to be or become true or real
PLETHORA	excess; overfullness in any respect; superabundance
PLIABLE	flexible; yielding; easily bent or shaped
POLEMICAL	aggressive in verbal attack; disputatious
PRATTLE	speak about unimportant matters rapidly and incessantly; talk artlessly and childishly
PRECARIOUS	uncertain; risky; dangerously lacking in security or stability
PRECIPITATE	rash; moving rapidly and heedlessly; speeding headlong; occurring suddenly
PRECLUDE	make impossible, as by action taken in advance;
PRECOCIOUS	advanced in development; appearing or developing early
PRESUMPTUOUS	overconfident; going beyond what is right or proper; excessively forward
PRETEXT	excuse; something serving to conceal plans; fictitious reason
PREVARICATOR	liar
PREVENT	prevent; eliminate
PROCURE	bring into possession; cause to accrue to, or to come into possession of; cause to come; bring
PRODIGIOUS	impressively great in size, force, or extent; enormous
PROFOUND	deep; not superficial; far-reaching
PROFUSE	in great quantity or abundance; bountiful; exceedingly liberal
PROHIBITING	forbidding
PROHIBITIVE	tending to discourage;
PROLIFERATE	grow rapidly;
PROLIFIC	producing offspring or fruit in great abundance; fertile
PRONOUNCEMENT	formal declaration
PROPAGATE	propagate; reproduce
PROPENSITY	natural inclination; tendency or preference; predilection
PROponent	one who argues in support of something; advocate; backer
PROSAIC	dull and unimaginative; matter-of-fact; factual
PROSPECTIVE	being within view or consideration, as a future event or contingency; relating to the future; expected
PROVIDENT	displaying foresight; providing carefully for future; preparing for emergencies
PROVINCIAL	relating to a province; limited in outlook; unsophisticated
PUNCTILLIOUS	meticulous, attentive to detail
PUNDIT	authority on a subject; learned person; expert
QUELL	extinguish; put down forcibly; suppress; pacify or quiet
QUIXOTIC	idealistic without regard to practicality
RAMPANT	unrestrained and violent; occurring without restraint
RAMSHACKLE	of very poor quality or condition; loose-jointed; ill-made; out of gear or repair
RANCOR	bitter, long-lasting resentment; deep-seated ill will; hatred
RAPPORT	emotional closeness; harmony; relationship of mutual trust or emotional affinity

RATIFY	approve formally; confirm; verify
RAUCOUS	harsh and rough-sounding; disturbing public peace; loud and rough
RAVENOUS	extremely hungry; voracious; eager for prey
RAZE	destroy completely; scrape or shave off
REAP	gain; harvest a crop from; get or derive; obtain as a result of effort
REBUTTAL	proving to be false or incorrect; response with contrary evidence
RECALCITRANT	obstinately stubborn; determined to resist authority
RECAN	retract a previous statement; sing over again; utter repeatedly in song
RECESSIVE	tending to go backward
RECLUSE	one who lives in solitude; withdrawn from the world; reclusive
RECTIFY	set right; correct by calculation or adjustment
REDOLENT	fragrant; odorous; suggestive of odor
REFUTATION	arguing that a claim is false
REGRESSIVE	tending to return or revert
RELEGATE	assign to obscure place, position, or condition; delegate; assign
RELINQUISH	give up something with reluctance; retire from; give up or abandon
RENOUNCE	abandon; disown; turn away from; give up
REPERTORY	place, such as a storehouse, where a stock of things is kept; storage; entire range of skills or aptitudes
REPREHENSIBLE	deserving blame; admonition; blameworthy
REPRIMAND	reprove severely, especially in a formal or official way; rebuke formally
REPROACH	express disapproval or disappointment; bring shame upon; disgrace
REPUDIATE	disown; refuse to acknowledge; reject validity or authority of
REPUGNANT	arousing disgust or aversion; offensive or repulsive; hateful
RESCIND	cancel; make void; repeal or annul
RETICENT	inclined to keep silent; reserved; uncommunicative.
REVERENT	respectful; worshipful; impressed with veneration or deep respect
RHETORICAL	relating to skill of using language effectively and persuasively; insincere in language
ROUSE	pull or haul strongly and all together, as upon a rope, without the assistance of mechanical appliances
SAGE	one celebrated for wisdom, experience, and judgment; various plants of the genus <i>Salvia</i>
SANCTIMONIOUS	excessively or hypocritically pious; possessing sanctity; sacred; holy; saintly; religious
SANCTION	give authorization or approval to something; penalize a state, especially for violating international law
SANCTITY	holiness
SANGUINE	cheerfully confident; optimistic; of healthy reddish color; ruddy
SATIATE	satisfy fully; overeat or eat immodestly; make a pig of oneself
SATIRE	form of literature in which irony and ridicule are used to attack human vice and folly
SATURATE	soak, fill, or load to capacity; cause to unite with the greatest possible amount of another substance
SCANTY	somewhat less than needed in amplitude or extent; insufficient
SCATHING	harshly critical
SCINTILLATING	lively, effervescent
SCOPE	range of one's perceptions, thoughts, or actions; extent; bound
SCRUPULOUS	exactly and carefully conducted; by extreme care and great effort; cautious
SCRUTINIZE	examine closely and critically
SELF RIGHTEOUS	smug, holier-than-thou
SELF-SERVING	selfish
SERENDIPITY	gift for finding valuable or desirable things by accident; accidental good fortune or luck

SERVILE	slavish; suitable to slave or servant; relating to servitude or forced labor
SHREWD	astute, smart
SHROUD	hide from view; wrap for burial; shut off from sight; shelter
SIMILE	comparison of one thing with another, in English generally using like or as
SLIGHT	almost no; very little; deliberate discourtesy
SLIPSHOD	untidy or slovenly; shabby; great carelessness; done poorly or too quickly
SOLACE	comfort or relieve in sorrow, misfortune, or distress
SOLICITOUS	worried or concerned; full of desire; expressing care or concern
SOMBER	gloomy; depressing or grave; dull or dark in color
SOPHISTRY	argument for exercise merely; plausible but misleading argument; art or process of reasoning; logic
SPARTAN	avoiding luxury and comfort; sternly disciplined
SPORADIC	occurring at irregular intervals; having no pattern or order in time
SPURIOUS	false; counterfeit; forged; illogical
SPURN	reject disdainfully or contemptuously; scorn
SQUANDER	spend wastefully; fail to take advantage of; lose a chance for
STAGNAT	not moving
STARK	bare; complete or extreme
STATIC	having no motion; being at rest; fixed; stationary
STAUNCH	strong and loyal
STEADFAST	firmly or constant loyal; fixed or unchanging
STOCK	certificate for shareholder of corporation; total amount of goods in a shop
STRIDENT	loud and harsh; insistent; high-pitched; rough-sounding
STUPEFY	make senseless or dizzy; be mystery or bewildering to
SUBSERVIENT	behaving like slave; subordinate in capacity or function
SUBSTANTIATE	establish by evidence; make firm or solid; support
SUBVERSIVE	tending to overthrow; in opposition to civil authority or government
SUCCULENT	full of juicy; full of richness; highly interesting or enjoyable; delectable
SUPERCILIOUS	arrogant; feeling or showing haughty disdain; overbearing
SUPERFLUOUS	being beyond what is required or sufficient
SUPPLANT	replace; usurp; displace and substitute for another
SURFEIT	eat until excessively full; be more than full; feed someone to excess
SUSCEPTIBLE	easily influenced; having little resistance, as to a disease; receptive to
SYCOPHANT	one who attempts to win favor by flattering influential people; bootlicker; yes man
TANGENTIAL	peripheral; only slightly connected; digressing
TEEM	be abuzz; be full of; move in large numbers
TEMPERAMENTAL	of or pertaining to temperament; excessively sensitive or irritable; moody; likely to perform unpredictably; undependable
TEMPORIZE	act evasively in order to gain time, avoid argument, or postpone a decision
TENACIOUS	sticking together; stubbornly unyielding; holding together firmly
TENUOUS	long and thin; slender; having little substance
TIRADE	extended scolding; long angry or violent speech
TOADY	person who flatters or defers to others for self-serving reasons; yes man
TORPOR	state of mental or physical inactivity or insensibility; sluggishness; dormancy
TOTALITARIAN	undemocratic, rigid political control
TOUT	advertize in strongly positive terms; praise excessively; show off
TRACTABLE	easily managed or controlled; governable; easily handled or worked; docile
TRANSIENT	momentary; temporary; staying for short time
TREATISE	systematic, usually extensive written discourse on a subject

TREPIDATION	state of alarm or dread; nervous apprehension; involuntary trembling or quivering
TRIBULATION	suffering
TRIFLING	trivial; of slight worth or importance; frivolous or idle
TRITE	repeated too often; over familiar through overuse; worn out by use
TRUCULENT	disposed to fight; belligerent; aggressively hostile
UBIQUITOUS	being or existing everywhere; omnipresent
UNABASHED	not embarrassed
UNCANNY	strange; mysterious; peculiarly unsettling, as if of supernatural origin or nature
UNCOUTH	lacking refinement or cultivation or taste
UNFATHOMABLE	difficult or impossible to understand; difficult or impossible to measure
UNGAINLY	awkward; lacking grace in movement or posture
UNRULY	difficult or impossible to discipline, control, or rule; not according to rule; irregularly
UNWITTING	not intended; not knowing; unaware; ignorant
URBANE	showing a high degree of refinement
USURP	seize and hold power or rights of another by force or without legal authority
VACUOUS	empty; showing lack of thought or intelligence; vacant
VANQUISH	conquer; overcome; come out better in a competition
VAPID	dull and unimaginative; lacking taste or flavor
VENAL	capable of being bribed; for sale, available for a price; corrupt
VENERABLE	deserving high respect; impressive by reason of age; profoundly honored
VERBOSE	wordy; using or containing a great and usually an excessive number of words
VIGILANT	attentive to discover and avoid danger, or to provide for safety; wakeful; watchful; circumspect; wary
VINDICATE	clear from blame; exonerate; maintain, uphold, or defend
VINDICTIVE	seek revenge or intended for revenge; showing malicious will
VIRTUOSO	highly skilled artist, as musician; one who is dazzlingly skilled in his field
VIRULENT	extremely poisonous; hostile; bitter
VISCOUS	sticky; gluey; having high resistance to flow
VOCATION	career; profession
VYING	striving
WANING	lessening
WAYWARD	selfish, stubborn
WRATH	forceful, often vindictive anger; fury; just punishment of an offense or crime
WRY	turned to one side; twisted; marked by humorous twist, often with a touch of irony
ZEALOT	fanatically committed person; person who shows excessive zeal