Vocabulary:

Abdicate - (verb) to cast off or relinquish

Aberration - (noun) a state or condition markedly different from the norm

Abject - (adj.) sunk to a low condition or in miserable circumstances

Abolish - (verb) do away with

Abridge - (verb) lessen, diminish, or curtail; reduce in scope while retaining essential elements

Abstemious - (adj.) sparing in consumption of especially food and drink; marked by temperance

Accent - (verb) put stress on; utter with an accent; to stress, single out as important

Accolade - (noun) a tangible symbol signifying approval or distinction

Acquiesce - (verb) to agree or express agreement; rest satisfied

Acrimonious - (adj.) caustic, biting or rancorous in language or expression

Acumen - (noun) shrewdness shown by keen insight

Affable - (adj.) friendly; outgoing disposition

Affirmation - (noun) a statement asserting the existence or the truth of something

Alacrity - (noun) liveliness and eagerness; youthful energy

Alleviate - (verb) provide physical relief, as from pain; make easier

Aloof - (adj.) remote in manner; distant

Amass - (verb) collect or gather; get or gather together

Ambiguous - (adj.) having or showing great knowledge or learning.

Word of the Day

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(adj.) Having or showing great knowledge or learning.

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Augment - (verb) enlarge or increase; grow or intensify

Avuncular - (adj.) like an uncle in kindness or indulgence; being or relating to an uncle

Bane - (noun) something causes misery or death
Belie - (verb) represent falsely; be in contradiction with
Belittle - (verb) lessen the authority, dignity, or reputation of; express a negative opinion of; cause to seem less serious;
Bellicose - (adj.) having or showing a ready disposition to fight
Belligerence - (noun) hostile or warlike attitude or nature; a natural disposition to be hostile
Benign - (adj.) pleasant and beneficial in nature or influence; kindness of disposition or manner; not dangerous to health
Bizarre - (adj.) conspicuously or grossly unconventional or unusual
Blatant - (adj.) noisy in a vulgar or offensive manner
Blunder - (noun) an embarrassing mistake; verb utter impulsively; make one’s way clumsily or blindly
Brevity - (noun) the attribute of being brief or fleeting; the use of brief expressions
Bucolic - (adj.) relating to shepherds or herdsmen or devoted to raising sheep or cattle; used of idealized country life
Bucolic - (noun) a short descriptive poem of rural or pastoral life
Bungle - (verb) spoil by behaving clumsily or foolishly; make a mess of, destroy or ruin
Bungle - (noun) an embarrassing mistake
Burgeon - (verb) grow and flourish

Cajole - (verb) to deceive or persuade with false pretenses
Callous - (verb) make insensitive or callous; deaden feelings or morals
Callous - (adj.) emotionally hardened
Candid - (adj.) openly straightforward and direct without reserve or secretiveness; informal or natural
Cantankerous - (adj.) having a difficult and contrary disposition; stubbornly obstructive and unwilling to cooperate
Capitulate - (verb) surrender under agreed conditions
Capricious - (adj.) determined by chance or impulse or whim rather than by necessity or reason; changeable
Censure - (noun) harsh criticism or disapproval; the state of being excommunicated
Censure - (verb) rebuke formally
Chagrin - (noun) strong feelings of embarrassment
Chagrin - (verb) cause to feel shame; hurt the pride of
Charlatan - (noun) a quack or one showing false pretenses
Chicanery - (noun) the use of tricks to deceive someone
Churlish - (adj.) having a bad disposition; surly; rude and boorish
Clairvoyant - (noun) someone who has the power of clairvoyance
Clairvoyant - (adj.) foreseeing the future
Clemency - (noun) leniency and compassion shown toward offenders of rule or law
Coalesce - (verb) fuse or cause to grow together; mix together different elements
Cohere - (verb) cause to form a united, orderly, and aesthetically consistent whole; come in close contact
Complacent - (adj.) contented to a fault with oneself or one's actions
Compress - (verb) squeeze or press together; make more compact by or as if by pressing
Compress - (noun) a folded cloth or pad applied so as to press upon a body part
Confide - (verb) reveal in private; tell confidentially; confer a trust upon
Confound - (verb) mistake one thing for another; be confusing or perplexing to
Congeal - (verb) to change from a liquid to solid state
Congenial - (adj.) used of plants; suitable to your needs or similar to your nature
Contaminant - (noun) a substance that violates the purity of an item
Converge - (verb) come together so as to form a single product; move or draw together at a certain location
Convivial - (adj.) occupied with or fond of the pleasures of good company
Copious - (adj.) large in number or quantity; affording an abundant supply
Corroborate - (verb) support with evidence or authority or make more certain or confirm; establish or strengthen as with new evidence or facts
Corrugated - (adj.) shaped into alternating parallel grooves and ridges
Corrupt - (verb) alter from the original
Cowardice - (noun) lacking in integrity
Credence - (noun) the attitude that something is believable and should be accepted as true
Cryptic - (adj.) having a puzzling terseness; of an obscure nature; having a secret or hidden meaning
Cupidity - (noun) greed and strong desire for wealth
Cursory - (adj.) hasty and without attention to detail; not thorough
Daunt - (verb) cause to lose courage
Dauntless - (adj.) invulnerable to fear or intimidation
Debilitate - (verb) make weak
Decorous - (adj.) dignified in conduct, manners or disposition
Delusion - (noun) deception by creating illusory ideas; a mistaken or unfounded opinion or idea
Deplete - (verb) use or exhaust resources
Derelict - (adj.) abandoned duty or neglected by owner or occupant
Deviate - (verb) to stray from the norm or standard
Dictum - (noun) an authoritative declaration; an opinion voiced by a judge on a point of law not directly bearing on the case in question and therefore not binding
Didactic - (adj.) designed or intended to teach; making moral observations
Discrepancy - (noun) a difference between conflicting facts or claims or opinions; an event that departs from expectations
Disdain - (noun) lack of respect accompanied by a feeling of intense dislike
Disdain - (verb) reject with contempt
Disentangle - (verb) smoothen and neaten; free from involvement
Disingenuous - (adj.) not straightforward or candid; giving a false appearance of frankness
Distend - (verb) swell from or as if from internal pressure; cause to expand as it by internal pressure
Docile - (adj.) easily handled or managed; ready and willing to be taught
Drawback - (noun) the quality of being a hindrance
Doubious - (adj.) not convinced; fraught with uncertainty or doubt; open to doubt or suspicion
Edict - (noun) a proclamation having the force of law
Efface - (verb) make inconspicuous; remove completely from recognition or memory
Effervescent - (adj.) marked by high spirits or excitement; bubbly and engaging
Eloquent - (adj.) marked for forceful or fluent expression; well-spoken
Enhance - (verb) increase; make better or more attractive
Enigmatic - (adj.) resembling an oracle in obscurity of thought; not clear or understandable
Entourage - (noun) the group following and attending to some important person
Ephemeral - (adj.) lasting a very short time
Ephemeral - (noun) anything short-lived
Epitome - (noun) a brief abstract in a book or journal; a standard or typical example
Equilibrium - (noun) a stable, balanced system
Equiuncate - (verb) be deliberately ambiguous or unclear in order to mislead or withhold information
Erudite - (adj.) well read or esteemed for knowledge
Eschew - (verb) to avoid or shun
Eulogy - (noun) praise; a speech full of praise at a funeral
Euphonicous - (adj.) having a pleasant sound; pleasing in sound; not harsh or strident
Evacuate - (verb) excrete or discharge from the body; empty completely;
Evanescent - (adj.) tending to vanish like vapor
Exacerbate - (verb) exasperate or irritate; make worse
Exclude - (verb) prevent from being included or considered or accepted; prevent from entering
Exculpate - (verb) to clear from fault or guilt
Expedite - (verb) process fast and efficiently; speed up the progress of; facilitate
Expendable - (adj.) able to be spent or done away with;
Extol - (verb) praise, glorify, or honor
Facilitate - (verb) make easier; increase the likelihood of a response; be of use
Fallow - (noun) cultivated land that is not seeded for one or more growing seasons
Fallow - (adj.) undeveloped but potentially useful; left unplowed and unseeded during a growing season
Famished - (adj.) extremely hungry
Fastidious - (adj.) giving careful attention to detail; hard to please; excessively concerned with cleanliness; having complicated nutritional requirements; especially growing only in special artificial cultures
Fathom - (noun) understanding or comprehension; also a unit of length equal to 6 cubic feet
Fathom - (verb) to penetrate to the meaning or nature of; comprehend; to determine the depth of; sound
Fertile - (adj.) capable of reproducing; marked by great fruitfulness; bearing in abundance especially offspring; intellectually productive
Fidelity - (noun) the quality of being faithful
Flourish - (verb) grow stronger; move or swing back and forth; gain in wealth
Foible - (noun) a behavioral attribute that is distinctive and peculiar to an individual
Foster - (verb) help develop, help grow
Fraudulent - (adj.) intended to deceive
Frugal - (adj.) avoiding waste; spendthrift
Fruitful - (adj.) productive or conducive to producing in abundance; productive of profit
Fruitless - (adj.) unproductive of success
**Furtive** - (adj.) marked by quiet and caution and secrecy; taking pains to avoid being observed; secret and sly or sordid

**Futile** - (adj.) producing no result or effect; unproductive of success

**Garner** - (verb) store grain; assemble or get together; acquire or deserve by one’s efforts or actions

**Garner** - (noun) a storehouse for threshed grain or animal feed

**Gaudy** - (adj.) marked by conspicuous display; tastelessly showy

**Generic** - (noun) any product that can be sold without a brand name

**Generic** - (adj.) applicable to an entire class or group

**Genre** - (noun) a class of art having a characteristic form or technique; a kind of literary or artistic work

**Germane** - (adj.) relevant or appropriate

**Glean** - (verb) gather, as of natural products; to pick over in search of relevant materials

**Glib** - (adj.) artfully persuasive in speech; having only superficial plausibility; marked by lack of intellectual depth

**Gluttony** - (noun) eating to excess; habitual eating to excess

**Grandiose** - (adj.) impressive because of unnecessary largeness or grandeur; used to show disapproval

**Gratuitous** - (adj.) without cause; unnecessary and unwarranted; costing nothing

**Gregarious** - (adj.) enjoying of other peoples’ company or discourse

**Grotto** - (noun) a small cave

**Guile** - (noun) the use of tricks to deceive someone; the quality of being deceitful

**Gullible** - (adj.) easily tricked because of being too trusting; naive and easily deceived or tricked

**Gusto** - (noun) vigorous and enthusiastic enjoyment

**Hackneyed** - (adj.) repeated too often; over familiar through overuse

**Harbinger** - (noun) an indication of the approach of something or someone

**Harbinger** - (verb) foreshadow or presage

**Haughty** - (adj.) blatantly and disdainfully proud

**Hefty** - (adj.) of considerable weight and size; large in amount or extent or degree; rugged and powerful

**Hiatus** - (noun) a missing piece; an interruption in time

**Hideous** - (adj.) so extremely ugly as to be terrifying; grossly offensive to decency or morality; causing horror

**Hilarity** - (noun) great merriment or enjoyment

**Hinder** - (verb) put at a disadvantage

**Hone** - (verb) make perfect or complete

**Humane** - (adj.) marked or motivated by concern with the alleviation of suffering

**Husbandry** - (noun) the practice of cultivating the land or raising stock

**Hybrid** - (noun) mixed offspring; produced by cross-breeding; mixture of words

**Hyperbole** - (noun) extravagant exaggeration

**Hypocritical** - (adj.) professing feelings or virtues one does not have

**Iconoclast** - (noun) someone who attacks cherished ideas or traditional institutions; a destroyer of
images used in religious worship

**Idiosyncratic** - (adj.) peculiar to the individual

**Imperial** - (adj.) belonging to or befitting a supreme ruler; befitting or belonging to an emperor or empress

**Impudent** - (adj.) marked by casual disrespect; improperly forward or bold

**Inchoate** - (adj.) only partly in existence; imperfectly formed

**Incite** - (verb) to provoke

**Inconspicuous** - (adj.) not prominent or readily noticeable

**Incorrigeable** - (adj.) impervious to correction by punishment

**Indignant** - (adj.) angered at something unjust or wrong

**Indolent** - (adj.) slow to heal or develop and usually painless; disinclined to work or exertion; lazy

**Ineffable** - (adj.) too sacred to be uttered; defying expression or description

**Innocuous** - (adj.) producing no injury; harmless

**Insolent** - (adj.) unrestrained by convention or propriety; marked by casual disrespect

**Intuition** - (noun) instinctive knowing

**Invocation** - (noun) the act of appealing for help; an incantation used in conjuring or summoning a devil; a prayer asking God's help as part of a religious service; calling up a spirit or devil

**Irascible** - (adj.) characterized by anger; quickly aroused to anger

**Ironic** - (adj.) characterized by often poignant difference or incongruity between what is expected and what actually is; humorously sarcastic or mocking

**Irrefutable** - (adj.) impossible to deny or disprove

**Jargon** - (noun) specialized technical terminology; a characteristic language of a particular group

**Jeopardize** - (verb) to expose to danger or risk

**Jettison** - (verb) throw as from an airplane; throw away

**Jocular** - (adj.) characterized by jokes and good humor

**Judicious** - (adj.) marked by the exercise of good judgment or common sense in practical matters

**Juxtapose** - (verb) place side by side

**Kindle** - (verb) cause to start burning; catch fire; call forth

**Kinetic** - (adj.) characterized by motion; relating to the motion of material bodies and the forces associated therewith; supplying motive force

**Kudos** - (noun) an expression of approval and commendation

**Lackadaisical** - (adj.) idle or indolent especially in a dreamy way; lacking spirit or liveliness

**Laconic** - (adj.) brief and to the point; without many words

**Languid** - (adj.) lacking spirit or liveliness

**Laud** - (verb) to give praise or highly approve

**Lax** - (adj.) emptying easily or excessively; lacking in rigor or strictness; not taut or rigid

**Leniency** - (noun) lightening a penalty or excusing from a chore by judges or parents or teachers; a disposition to yield to the wishes of someone; mercifulness as a consequence of being lenient or tolerant

**Levitate** - (verb) be suspended in the air, as if in defiance of gravity
Levity - (noun) a manner lacking seriousness; feeling an inappropriate lack of seriousness
Listless - (adj.) lacking zest or vivacity; marked by low spirits; showing no enthusiasm
Loquacious - (adj.) full of trivial conversation
Lucid - (adj.) having a clear mind; transparently clear; easily understandable; transmitting light; able to be seen through with clarity; capable of thinking and expressing yourself in a clear and consistent manner
Lugubrious - (adj.) excessively mournful
Magnanimous - (adj.) generous and understanding and tolerant; noble and generous in spirit
Maladroit - (adj.) clumsy; lacking dexterity or physical coordination
Malleable - (adj.) capable of being shaped or bended
Maxim - (noun) a general truth or proverbial statement
Mellifluous - (adj.) pleasing to the ear; flowing in nature
Mendacious - (adj.) lying or deceitful demeanor
Mendicant - (noun) a beggar
Mercurial - (adj.) liable to sudden unpredictable change
Mettle - (noun) the courage to carry on
Misanthrope - (noun) a person who hates or distrusts humankind
Miscreant - (noun) a person without moral scruples
Mitigate - (verb) make less severe or harsh; to lessen the seriousness or extent of
Mobile - (adj.) capable of changing quickly from one state or condition to another; moving or capable of moving
Mollify - (verb) make less rigid or softer; make more temperate, acceptable, or suitable by adding something else
Morbid - (adj.) suggesting an unhealthy mental state; caused by or altered by or manifesting disease or pathology; suggesting the horror of death and decay
Motley - (verb) make something more diverse and varied
Motley - (adj.) consisting of a haphazard assortment of different kinds
Mundane - (adj.) ordinary, often boring
Munificent - (adj.) very generous; giving
Myopic - (adj.) lacking foresight; narrow-minded
Myriad - (noun) a large indefinite number
Myriad - (adj.) too numerous to be counted

Nadir - (noun) an extreme state of adversity; the lowest point of anything
Narcissistic - (adj.) characteristic of those having an inflated idea of their own importance; often selfish
Nebluous - (adj.) lacking definition or definite content; lacking definite form or limits
Nefarious - (adj.) extremely wicked
Negligible - (adj.) so small as to be meaningless; insignificant; not worth considering
Nepotism - (noun) favoritism shown to relatives or close friends by those in power, usually for jobs
Nexus - (noun) a connected series or group; the means of connection between things linked in series
Nomad - (noun) noun an individual who roams about without purpose or residence
Nonchalant - (adj.) marked by blithe unconcern
Nostalgia - (noun) longing for something past; a longing, retrospective view
Nullify - (verb) make ineffective by counterbalancing the effect of; show to be invalid; declare
Obdurate - (adj.) showing unfeeling resistance to tender feelings; stubbornly persistent in wrongdoing

Oblivion - (noun) the state of being disregarded or forgotten; total forgetfulness

Obscure - (verb) make difficult to perceive by sight

Obscure - (adj.) not clearly understood or expressed

Obsequious - (adj.) attentive in an ingratiating or servile manner; attempting to win favor from influential people by flattery

Obtuse - (adj.) lacking sharpness or intellectual ability

Odyssey - (noun) a long wandering and eventful journey; a Greek epic poem (attributed to Homer) describing the journey of Odysseus after the fall of Troy

Onerous - (adj.) not easily borne; wearing

Onus - (noun) an onerous or difficult concern

Opacity - (noun) the degree to which something reduces the passage of light; more obscure

Opaque - (adj.) not clear; not transmitting or reflecting light or radiant energy; not clearly understood or expressed

Opulent - (adj.) rich and superior in quality

Oscillate - (verb) move or swing from side to side regularly; be undecided about something; waver between conflicting positions or courses of action

Ostentatious - (adj.) intended to attract notice and impress others; of a display that is tawdry or vulgar

Overt - (adj.) open and observable; not secret or hidden

Pacify - (verb) fight violence and try to establish peace; cause to be more favorably inclined; gain the good will of

Palpable - (adj.) capable of being perceived by the senses or the mind; especially capable of being handled or felt

Panacea - (noun) a cure-all; a remedy for all difficulties

Pander - (verb) arrange for sexual partners for others; yield (to); give satisfaction to

Parity - (noun) equality or equal status

Parsimony - (noun) extreme care in spending money; reluctance to spend money unnecessarily; extreme stinginess

Patent - (noun) a document granting an inventor sole rights to an invention; an official document granting a right or privilege

Patent - (verb) make open to sight or notice

Patent - (adj.) open; affording free passage

Paucity - (noun) an insufficient quantity or number

Pedantic - (adj.) marked by a narrow focus on or display of learning especially its trivial aspects

Pejorative - (adj.) derogatory or demeaning

Penchant - (noun) a strong liking or fondness

Penury - (noun) a state of extreme poverty or destitution

Perfidy - (noun) betrayal of a trust; an act of deliberate betrayal

Perfunctory - (adj.) hasty and without attention to detail; not thorough; as a formality only

Peripatetic - (adj.) often moving or wandering from place to place

Peripheral - (adj.) the outer area; related to the key issue but not of central importance

Petulant - (adj.) easily irritated or annoyed

Pilfer - (verb) make off with belongings of others; steal
Placate - (verb) to soothe or mollify
Placid - (adj.) free from disturbance; living without undue worry; taking life easy; not easily irritated
Precise - (adj.) sharply exact or accurate or delimited
Premeditated - (adj.) characterized by deliberate purpose and some degree of planning
Pretentious - (adj.) making claim to or creating an appearance of importance or distinction; intended to attract notice and impress others; of a display that is tawdry or vulgar
Prevalent - (adj.) widely accepted, favored or practiced
Probity - (noun) complete and confirmed integrity; having strong moral principles
Proclivity - (noun) a natural inclination
Prodigal - (noun) a recklessly extravagant consumer
Prodigal - (adj.) marked by rash extravagance; very generous
Prodigious - (adj.) so great in size or force or extent as to elicit awe; far beyond what is usual
Provoke - (verb) provide the needed stimulus for; evoke or provoke to appear or occur; call forth emotions or feelings
Proximity - (noun) the property of being close together
Prudence - (noun) discretion in practical affairs; knowing how to avoid embarrassment or distress
Puerile - (adj.) juvenile and immature
Pugnacious - (adj.) ready and able to resort to force or violence; tough and callous by virtue of experience
Pulverize - (verb) make into a powder by breaking up or cause to become dust; destroy completely
Quagmire - (noun) in a tough position; mired with difficulty
Queasy - (adj.) causing or fraught with or showing anxiety; feeling nausea; feeling about to vomit
Querulous - (adj.) habitually complaining
Quip - (noun) witty remark
Quip - (verb) make jokes
Quirk - (noun) a strange habit
Quirk - (verb) twist or curve abruptly
Quixotic - (adj.) foolishly impractical; often unpredictable
Rant - (verb) talk in a noisy, excited, or declamatory manner
Rant - (noun) pompous or pretentious talk or writing
Recalcitrant - (adj.) marked by stubborn resistance to authority; stubbornly resistant to authority or control
Recant - (verb) formally reject or disavow a formerly held belief, usually under pressure
Reciprocal - (adj.) shared or felt on both sides
Reclusive - (adj.) providing privacy or seclusion; withdrawn from society; seeking solitude
Remedy - (noun) a medicine or therapy that cures disease or relieve pain; act of correcting an error or a fault or an evil
Remedy - (verb) provide relief for; set straight or right
Replete - (noun) fill to satisfaction
Replete - (adj.) filled or permeated; filled to satisfaction with food or drink
Rescind - (verb) annul by recalling or rescinding
Reserve - (noun) the trait of being uncommunicative; not volunteering anything more than
necessary; something kept back or saved for future use or a special purpose;

**Resolute**  (adj.) firm in purpose or belief; characterized by firmness and determination

**Respite**  (noun) a pause from doing something; a pause for relaxation; the act of reprieving

**Rhetoric**  (noun) study of the technique and rules for using language effectively; using language effectively to please or persuade; loud and confused and empty talk; high-flown style; excessive use of verbal ornamentation

**Ruffle**  (verb) pleat or gather into a ruffle; disturb the smoothness of; erect or fluff up; trouble or vex

**Rupture**  (noun) the act of making a sudden noisy break; a personal or social separation

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**Saccharine**  (adj.) overly sweet

**Salubrious**  (adj.) favorable to health of mind or body; promoting health; healthful

**Sardonic**  (adj.) disdainfully or ironically humorous; scornful and mocking

**Scrutinize**  (verb) examine carefully for accuracy with the intent of verification; to look at critically or searchingly, or in minute detail

**Seditious**  (adj.) in opposition to a civil authority or government; arousing to action or rebellion

**Sedulous**  (adj.) marked by care and persistent effort

**Skepticism**  (noun) doubt about the truth of something; the disbelief in any claims of ultimate knowledge

**Somber**  (adj.) grave or even gloomy in character; lacking brightness or color; dull

**Sovereign**  (noun) a nation’s ruler or head of state usually by hereditary right

**Sovereign**  (adj.) greatest in status or authority or power; not controlled by outside forces

**Sparse**  (adj.) not dense; not thickly settled

**Specify**  (verb) decide upon or fix definitely; be specific about; determine the essential quality

**Spontaneous**  (adj.) happening or arising without apparent external cause; said or done without having been planned or written in advance

**Spurn**  (verb) reject with contempt

**Squander**  (verb) spend extravagantly; spend thoughtlessly; throw away or waste

**Stimulus**  (noun) any stimulating information or event; acts to arouse action

**Stringent**  (adj.) demanding strict attention to rules and procedures

**Stymie**  (noun) a thwarting and distressing situation

**Stymie**  (verb) hinder or prevent the progress or accomplishment of

**Subtle**  (adj.) faint and difficult to analyze; able to make fine distinctions

**Succinct**  (adj.) briefly giving the gist of something

**Summary**  (noun) a brief statement that presents the main points in a concise form

**Summon**  (verb) call in an official matter, such as to attend court; ask to come; gather or bring together

**Sumptuous**  (adj.) rich and superior in quality

**Sycophant**  (noun) a servile, self-seeking flatterer

**Symbiotic**  (adj.) used of organisms living together but not necessarily in a relation beneficial to each; cooperative relationship

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**Taciturn**  (adj.) disinclined to talk or speak

**Tangent**  (noun) often unrelated; a straight line or plane that touches a curve or curved surface at a point but does not intersect it at that point

**Tantamount**  (adj.) being essentially equal to something

**Tawdry**  (adj.) cheap and shoddy; tastelessly showy
Tenacious - (adj.) sticking together; good at remembering; stubbornly unyielding

Tenuous - (adj.) very thin in gauge or diameter; having thin consistency; having little substance or significance

Tranquil - (adj.) free from agitation or worry; calm

Transient - (noun) in Physics, a short-lived oscillation in a system caused by a sudden change of voltage or current or load; lasting a very short time

Truculence - (noun) obstreperous and defiant aggressiveness

Truncate - (verb) to shorten

Turbulence - (noun) unstable flow of a liquid or gas; a state of violent disturbance and disorder; instability

Ubiquitous - (adj.) omnipresent, existing everywhere at the same time

Urbane - (adj.) polite and refined

Usurp - (verb) to seize or hold in possession by force without right

Venality - (noun) prostitution of talents or offices or services for reward; associated with bribery

Venerable - (adj.) impressive by reason of age; profoundly honored

Venturesome - (adj.) disposed to venture or take risks

Verbose - (adj.) using or containing too many words

Vex - (verb) to bring trouble to, or annoy

Viable - (adj.) capable of life or normal growth and development; capable of being done with means at hand and circumstances as they are

Vibrancy - (noun) having the character of a loud deep sound; the quality of being resonant

Vilification - (noun) a rude expression intended to offend or hurt; slanderous defamation

Virulence - (noun) extreme hostility; extreme harmfulness

Wane - (verb) to decrease in size

Wanton - (noun) lewd or lascivious woman

Wanton - (verb) behave extremely cruelly and brutally

Wary - (adj.) marked by keen caution and watchful prudence; openly distrustful and unwilling to confide

Whet - (verb) make keen or more acute; sharpen by rubbing

Whittle - (verb) cut small bits or pare shavings from

Willful - (adj.) habitually disposed to disobedience and opposition; done by design

Wily - (adj.) marked by skill in deception

Wont - (noun) a pattern of behavior acquired through frequent repetition; an established custom
Zany - (noun) a buffoon in one of the old comedies
Zealot - (noun) a fervent and even militant proponent of something
Zenith - (noun) the point above the observer that is directly opposite the nadir on the imaginary sphere against which celestial bodies appear to be projected
Zephyr - (noun) (Greek mythology) the Greek god of the west wind; a slight refreshing wind
Zest - (verb) add herbs or spices to
Zest - (noun) vigorous and enthusiastic enjoyment

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