

1. **Abhor**, hate
2. **Bigot**, narrow-minded, prejudiced person
3. **Counterfeit**, fake; false
4. **Enfranchise**, give voting rights
5. **Hamper**, hinder; obstruct
6. **Kindle**, to start a fire
7. **Noxious**, harmful; poisonous; lethal
8. **Placid**, calm; peaceful
9. **Remuneration**, payment for work done
10. **Talisman**, lucky charm
11. **Abrasive**, rough; coarse; harsh
12. **Bilk**, cheat; defraud
13. **Covert**, hidden; undercover
14. **Engender**, cause
15. **Hangar**, storage area (like garage) for a plane
16. **Knotty**, complex; difficult to solve
17. **Nuance**, something subtle; a fine shade of meaning
18. **Plagiarism**, taking credit for someone else's writing or ideas
19. **Renown**, fame
20. **Tangent**, going off the main subject
21. **Abasement**, humiliation; degradation
22. **Billowing**, swelling; fluttering; waving
23. **Cower**, recoil in fear or servility; shrink away from
24. **Enhance**, improve; make better or clearer
25. **Harangue**, noisy, attacking speech
26. **Labyrinth**, a maze
27. **Nullify**, to counter; make unimportant
28. **Plaintiff**, petitioner (in court of law)
29. **Replete**, full
30. **Tangible**, can be touched
31. **Abrogate**, cancel; deny; repeal
32. **Blasphemy**, speech which offends religious sentiments
33. **Credible**, believable
34. **Enigma**, puzzle; mystery
35. **Harbingers**, indicators; bringers of warnings
36. **Labyrinthine**, complicated; highly convoluted
37. **Nuzzle**, cuddle; snuggle
38. **Plaudit**, statement giving strong praise
39. **Reprehensible**, shameful; very bad
40. **Tardy**, slow; late; overdue; delayed
41. **Absolution**, forgiveness; pardon; release
42. **Blatant**, obvious
43. **Creditable**, praiseworthy
44. **Ensconce**, establish firmly in a position
45. **Hasten**, hurry; accelerate; rush
46. **Laceration**, a cut
47. **Obdurate**, stubborn
48. **Plausible**, can be believed; reasonable
49. **Reprieve**, a respite; postponement of a sentence
50. **Tawdry**, of little value; gaudy
51. **Abstain**, desist; go without; withdraw
52. **Blighted**, damaged; destroyed; ruined
53. **Credulous**, gullible; ready to believe anything
54. **Enshroud**, cover
55. **Haughtiness**, arrogance; pride
56. **Lachrymose**, tearful; sad
57. **Obfuscate**, deliberately make something difficult to understand
58. **Plethora**, an excess
59. **Repudiate**, shun; eschew
60. **Tedium**, boredom
61. **Abstemious**, self denying; refraining from indulging
62. **Blithe**, free-spirited; carefree
63. **Crepuscular**, active at dawn and dusk
64. **Enunciation**, clear pronunciation; accent; articulation
65. **Headstrong**, stubborn; willful
66. **Lackluster**, dull; monotonous; bland
67. **Objective**, unbiased; not subjective
68. **Pliable**, flexible; not stubborn
69. **Rescind**, retract; repeal
70. **Temper**, to moderate; soften
71. **Abstruse**, difficult to understand; obscure

72. **Blunderbuss**, 1. ancient weapon (type of gun); 2. a clumsy person
73. **Cringe**, recoil; flinch; shy away
74. **Envenom**, to cause bitterness and bad feeling
75. **Hedonism**, self indulgence; pleasure-seeking
76. **Laconic**, using few words; brief; to the point
77. **Oblique**, indirect; slanting
78. **Plumage**, feathers of a bird
79. **Resignation**, acceptance of fate
80. **Tenacious**, stubborn; resolute; holding firm to a purpose
81. **Accolade**, tribute; honor; praise
82. **Bolster**, support; prop up
83. **Cryptic**, puzzling; enigmatic
84. **Ephemeral**, short-lived
85. **Hedonist**, a pleasure seeker
86. **Lamentation**, expression of regret or sorrow
87. **Obliterate**, destroy; demolish; eradicate
88. **Plummet**, fall suddenly and steeply
89. **Resolution**, determination
90. **Tentative**, not certain
91. **Acquiesce**, to agree to; give in to
92. **Bombast**, arrogant, pompous language
93. **Curtail**, cut short
94. **Epicure**, someone who appreciates good food and drink
95. **Heed**, listen to
96. **Lampoon**, ridicule; spoof
97. **Oblivious**, totally unaware
98. **Podium**, raised platform
99. **Resonant**, echoing
100. **Tenuous**, flimsy; not solid
101. **Acrid**, sharp; pungent (used of smells and tastes)
102. **Boorish**, ill-mannered
103. **Cynical**, believing that people act only out of selfish motives
104. **Epistle**, a letter (form of communication)
105. **Heresy**, against orthodox opinion
106. **Lance**, spear; spike; javelin
107. **Obscure**, difficult to understand; partially hidden
108. **Poignant**, deeply moving; strongly affecting the emotions
109. **Respite**, a break; intermission
110. **Terse**, concise; to the point
111. **Acrophobia**, fear of heights
112. **Bourgeois**, middle class
113. **Debility**, weakness; incapacity
114. **Epistolary**, concerned with letters; through correspondence
115. **Hiatus**, interruption; pause
116. **Languid**, tired; slow
117. **Obscured**, hidden; covered; buried
118. **Poised**, calm; collected; self-possessed
119. **Resplendent**, shining; glowing
120. **Therapeutic**, medicinal; curative
121. **Acuity**, sharpness (mental or visual)
122. **Braggart**, someone who boasts
123. **Debunking**, exposing false claims or myths
124. **Epitomized**, typified; characterized; personified
125. **Hidebound**, rigid in opinions
126. **Languish**, decay; fade away; get weaker
127. **Obsequious**, servile; submissive
128. **Polemical**, causing debate or argument
129. **Restorative**, a tonic
130. **Thwart**, prevent; frustrate
131. **Adamant**, forceful; inflexible
132. **Brawny**, muscular
133. **Decathlon**, an athletic competition with ten events
134. **Equivocate**, speak ambiguously; avoid telling the truth
135. **Hieroglyphics**, 1. picture writing; 2. writing which is difficult to read or enigmatic

136. **Larceny**, theft; robbery; stealing
137. **Obsession**, a dominating concern
138. **Ponderous**, weighty; slow and heavy
139. **Retention**, preservation; withholding
140. **Timorous**, cowardly; fearful
141. **Adroit**, skilful / skillful
142. **Brevity**, being brief
143. **Decorum**, dignified, correct behavior [decorous (a)]
144. **Err**, make a mistake
145. **Hinder**, obstruct
146. **Largess**, generosity
147. **Obsolete**, no longer valid
148. **Pontificate**, speak pompously or dogmatically
149. **Reticent**, restrained; holding something back; uncommunicative
150. **Tirade**, stream of verbal abuse
151. **Adulation**, strong admiration; worship
152. **Bristle**, to show irritation
153. **Decoy**, lure; trap; trick
154. **Erratic**, wandering; irregular
155. **Histrionic**, theatrical; exaggerated
156. **Laud**, praise
157. **Obstreperous**, noisy and boisterous
158. **Portend**, foretell
159. **Retraction**, withdrawal; cancellation of a statement
160. **Titter**, giggle quietly
161. **Adversity**, hardship
162. **Broach**, start to discuss; approach
163. **Deference**, respect
164. **Esoteric**, obscure and difficult to understand
165. **Hoary**, old
166. **Lavish**, on a grand scale; wasteful
167. **Obtuse**, mentally dull
168. **Portent**, a warning sign; omen
169. **Revere**, worship
170. **Tome**, large book
171. **Advocate**, support
172. **Brusque**, blunt; abrupt
173. **Defoliate**, cause leaves to fall off
174. **Espouse**, promote; take up; support
175. **Hone**, sharpen; increase; whet
176. **Lax**, careless; not strict
177. **Obviate**, avoid; make unnecessary
178. **Poseur**, someone who puts on an act
179. **Riddled**, full of (usually full of holes)
180. **Torpid**, inactive; lazy; stagnant
181. **Aesthetic**, concerning art or beauty
182. **Bulwark**, fortification; barricade; wall
183. **Defunct**, no longer in existence
184. **Etymology**, the study of word origins
185. **Hyperbole**, grossly exaggerated speech
186. **Legend**, 1. key to map; 2. myth or story
187. **Odious**, hateful
188. **Posterity**, future generations
189. **Rife**, common
190. **Torpor**, dormancy; sluggishness; inactivity
191. **Affable**, friendly; social; easygoing
192. **Bureaucracy**, officialdom
193. **Degradation**, deprivation; poverty; debasement
194. **Eulogy**, praise
195. **Hypochondriac**, a person obsessed with health; having imaginary illnesses
196. **Legion**, in large numbers

197. **Officious**, domineering; intrusive; meddlesome
198. **Posthumous**, after death
199. **Rigor**, thoroughness
200. **Totter**, walk unsteadily
201. **Alacrity**, eagerness; enthusiasm; quickness
202. **Burgeon**, grow; flourish; put forth new shoots
203. **Deleterious**, harmful
204. **Euphemism**, a polite phrase to cover something unpleasant
205. **Hypocritical**, insincere
206. **Lethargic**, tired; without energy
207. **Ogle**, stare at; observe in an obvious manner
208. **Postulate**, hypothesize; propose
209. **Robust**, strong; healthy; tough
210. **Tractable**, obedient; dutiful; polite
211. **Alchemy**, medieval chemistry; attempt to change base metal into gold
212. **Burnish**, polish
213. **Deliberate**, to think over deeply
214. **Euphony**, pleasant sounds
215. **Iconoclast**, person who opposes orthodoxy
216. **Levity**, flippancy; joking about serious matters
217. **Olfactory**, concerned with the sense of smell
218. **Potable**, suitable for drinking
219. **Rotund**, round
220. **Tranquil**, peaceful
221. **Alibi**, an excuse that shows someone was not at a crime scene
222. **Buttress**, strengthen; support
223. **Delineation**, demarcation; explanation; definition; outlining
224. **Evacuate**, vacate; empty; abandon
225. **Idiosyncrasy**, a personal peculiarity; something unique to an individual
226. **Libertarian**, someone who opposes tyranny
227. **Ominous**, threatening
228. **Potent**, powerful; compelling; strong
229. **Ruminate**, think over something; ponder
230. **Transcribe**, copy
231. **Allay**, to lessen
232. **Byline**, the line that tells you who wrote an article
233. **Demur**, hesitate; refuse
234. **Exacerbate**, make worse
235. **Ignominious**, shameful
236. **Liniment**, soothing lotion
237. **Omnipotent**, all-powerful
238. **Pragmatic**, practical
239. **Ruse**, trick; stratagem
240. **Transgress**, go astray; disobey; commit a sin
241. **Alleviate**, make less severe
242. **Cacophony**, discordant loud noises
243. **Denounce**, condemn; speak out against
244. **Exasperated**, frustrated; annoyed
245. **Ignominy**, shame [ignominious (a) = shameful]
246. **Lithe**, flexible; supple
247. **Omniscient**, all-knowing
248. **Pragmatist**, practical person; one who is concerned with usefulness
249. **Saccharin**, falsely sweet
250. **Transient**, short-lived; ephemeral
251. **Aloof**, distant; detached; cold
252. **Cajole**, coax
253. **Deplete**, use up; lessen
254. **Exceptionable**, very bad (something which we should object to)
255. **Illuminate**, to light up or make clear
256. **Livid**, very angry

257. **Onerous**, burdensome; hard to undertake
258. **Preamble**, introductory material
259. **Sacrosanct**, very holy; inviolable
260. **Traverse**, to move across
261. **Altruism**, putting others first; being self-sacrificing
262. **Caldron**, huge cooking pot
263. **Deplore**, regret
264. **Exculpate**, free someone from blame; pardon; acquit
265. **Illusory**, deceptive; false; misleading
266. **Lobbyist**, person who tries to persuade someone to support a particular cause
267. **Onus**, burden
268. **Precarious**, unstable; risky
269. **Sagacious**, wise
270. **Trepidation**, fear
271. **Amass**, accumulate
272. **Callow**, immature
273. **Depravity**, moral corruption
274. **Execrable**, very, very bad
275. **Immoderate**, excessive; extreme
276. **Lofty**, snooty; arrogant; haughty
277. **Opaque**, does not let light through
278. **Precedent**, a previous occurrence used as a guide
279. **Sage**, a wise person
280. **Trinket**, something of little value; knick-knack
281. **Ambiguity**, uncertainty; vagueness
282. **Candid**, frank; honest
283. **Deprecate**, criticize; denounce
284. **Exegesis**, scholarly explanation or interpretation
285. **Immutable**, unchanging; permanent
286. **Longevity**, long life
287. **Opulent**, wealthy; rich; magnificent
288. **Precept**, guiding principle
289. **Salacious**, lecherous; erotic
290. **Trite**, unoriginal; dull
291. **Ambiguous**, unclear in meaning; can be interpreted in different ways
292. **Candor**, frankness; openness
293. **Deride**, ridicule; make fun of; mock
294. **Exemplary**, outstandingly good; setting a fine example
295. **Impartial**, unbiased; neutral
296. **Loquacious**, talkative
297. **Ordain**, 1. destine; 2. confer holy orders on a priest
298. **Precinct**, district of a city
299. **Sallow**, yellowish
300. **Trivial**, unimportant
301. **Ambivalence**, lack of clarity; wavering; being undecided
302. **Cantankerous**, bad-tempered; quarrelsome
303. **Derogatory**, uncomplimentary
304. **Exemplify**, to serve as a good example
305. **Impecunious**, having no money
306. **Lucid**, clear
307. **Ornate**, highly decorated
308. **Precipice**, steep slope
309. **Salubrious**, health-giving
310. **Truant**, shirker; someone absent without permission
311. **Ambulatory**, able to walk around (used of hospital patients)
312. **Capacious**, spacious
313. **Desecrate**, to damage or pollute a holy place
314. **Exhaustive**, complete and thorough
315. **Impious**, wicked; profane
316. **Ludicrous**, ridiculous; silly
317. **Orthodox**, conventional
318. **Precipitous**, done in a hurry
319. **Salutary**, something which teaches you a lesson; beneficial

320. **Truncate**, cut short
321. **Ameliorate**, make better
322. **Capitulate**, surrender; give in to
323. **Desecration**, spoiling something holy
324. **Exonerates**, acquits; absolves; removes blame
325. **Impoverished**, destitute; poor
326. **Lukewarm**, 1. unenthusiastic; 2. neither hot nor cold
327. **Ossify**, 1. turn to bone; 2. become fixed and rigid
328. **Preclude**, prevent or make impossible
329. **Sanctimonious**, hypocritically holy
330. **Tumult**, uproar; noise
331. **Amelioration**, improvement
332. **Carping**, constant criticism
333. **Desist**, stop; discontinue; cease
334. **Exorcism**, getting free/rid of; eliminating (especially demons)
335. **Impromptu**, unrehearsed; spontaneous
336. **Lummox**, clumsy person
337. **Ostentatious**, showy
338. **Precocious**, developing early
339. **Sanction**, give approval to
340. **Turpitude**, depravity
341. **Amiable**, friendly
342. **Cartographer**, person who makes maps
343. **Despondent**, having no hope; miserable
344. **Expatriate**, refugee; emigrant; someone living away from his own country
345. **Inadvertent**, not intentional
346. **Luscious**, juicy; moist; succulent
347. **Oust**, push out of a position
348. **Predecessor**, one who came before
349. **Sanguinary**, bloodthirsty; bloody
350. **Tyro**, novice; beginner
351. **Amity**, friendship
352. **Castigate**, scold strongly
353. **Destitution**, hardship; poverty; misery
354. **Expedient**, convenient; practical
355. **Incantation**, chant; invocation; prayer
356. **Lynch**, assassinate; kill; illegal hanging
357. **Overt**, obvious; not hidden
358. **Predicament**, dilemma; difficult situation
359. **Sanguine**, optimistic; cheerful
360. **Ubiquitous**, found everywhere; omnipresent
361. **Amorphous**, lacking in shape
362. **Catharsis**, purging of pent-up emotions
363. **Deter**, put off; prevent
364. **Expedite**, make faster
365. **Incarceration**, putting in prison
366. **Machinations**, plots and plans
367. **Overwrought**, worked up; in an emotional state
368. **Preeminent**, famous; outstanding
369. **Sardonic**, mocking
370. **Unalloyed**, undiluted; total
371. **Analgesic**, medicine to combat pain
372. **Caucus**, type of private political meeting
373. **Deteriorate**, worsen; decline
374. **Exposition**, clear explanation
375. **Incessant**, without stopping
376. **Maelstrom**, whirlpool; storm in the ocean
377. **Palatable**, good to eat; agreeable
378. **Prerogative**, right or privilege
379. **Savant**, person with knowledge
380. **Unctuous**, oily; using excessive flattery
381. **Analogous**, comparable
382. **Caustic**, burning

383. **Detrimental**, harmful
384. **Extol**, praise
385. **Incipient**, just beginning
386. **Magnanimous**, generous; big-hearted
387. **Palisade**, fence made of posts
388. **Prescient**, having fore-knowledge
389. **Scale**, to climb
390. **Undermined**, damaged; attacked
391. **Anarchy**, chaos; lack of government
392. **Cavalcade**, procession of vehicles
393. **Devoured**, greedily eaten/consumed
394. **Extradite**, deport from one country back to the home country
395. **Inclination**, tendency; a leaning toward
396. **Magnate**, powerful businessman
397. **Palliative**, a remedy that improves but doesn't cure
398. **Presentiment**, a feeling that something might happen
399. **Scapegoat**, person on whom blame is placed for faults of others
400. **Underscore**, emphasize
401. **Anecdote**, a brief amusing story
402. **Celerity**, speed
403. **Dexterous**, skilful with hands
404. **Extraneous**, irrelevant
405. **Incoherent**, not clear
406. **Maladroit**, clumsy; unskillful
407. **Pallid**, pale
408. **Presumptuous**, assuming too much; arrogant
409. **Scrupulous**, careful; diligent; painstaking
410. **Unequivocal**, clear; obvious
411. **Animosity**, hatred; antagonism
412. **Censorious**, disapproving; critical
413. **Dichotomy**, a division into two parts
414. **Extrapolate**, extend; predict on the basis of known data
415. **Incongruous**, not fitting in; out of place
416. **Malady**, illness
417. **Palpable**, easily felt; easily perceived
418. **Pretentious**, pompous; self-important
419. **Scrutinize**, examine carefully
420. **Unfetter**, set free
421. **Annex (n)**, a building which is an addition to an existing building
422. **Censure**, blame
423. **Didactic**, intended to teach; instructive
424. **Extrinsic**, irrelevant; on the outside
425. **Inconsequential**, unimportant; insignificant; negligible
426. **Malediction**, a curse
427. **Panacea**, remedy for all ills
428. **Prevaricate**, speak misleadingly and evasively
429. **Scuttle**, sink
430. **Unfrock**, to remove a priest from his position
431. **Annex (v)**, take possession of; seize; capture
432. **Cerebral**, intellectual
433. **Diffident**, lacking confidence
434. **Fallacious**, false
435. **Inconspicuous**, not easily seen; subtle; not noticeable
436. **Malefactor**, a wrong-doer
437. **Paradigm**, 1. example; 2. model; 3. way of looking at things
438. **Pristine**, unspoiled
439. **Seminary**, an institution in which priests are trained
440. **Unprecedented**, never having happened before

441. **Anomaly**, something which does not fit in a pattern; irregularity
442. **Certitude**, certainty
443. **Digress**, wander off the subject
444. **Falter**, hesitate; waver
445. **Indelible**, cannot be wiped out
446. **Malingering**, deliberately avoid work; shirk
447. **Paradox**, apparently contradictory statement
448. **Proclivity**, tendency towards
449. **Sensuous**, appealing to the senses
450. **Unscathed**, unharmed; intact; without a scratch
451. **Antagonism**, hostility; strong opposition
452. **Charlatan**, trickster who claims knowledge he doesn't have
453. **Dike**, dam; embankment
454. **Fanatical**, obsessive; fixated
455. **Indifferent**, 1. neutral; 2. not outstanding
456. **Malingeringer**, person who deliberately tries to avoid work
457. **Paragon**, a perfect example
458. **Procrastinate**, delay; put off
459. **Sentinel**, guard; sentry
460. **Unwitting**, not deliberate; unconscious
461. **Antagonistic**, opposed; hostile; aggressive
462. **Chary**, wary of; cautious about; reluctant to give
463. **Dilatory**, slow; falling behind with one's work
464. **Fanaticism**, passion; excessive devotion
465. **Indigenous**, native to a particular area
466. **Malleable**, flexible; can be shaped
467. **Paramount**, of supreme importance
468. **Prodigal**, wasteful; extravagant
469. **Sequester**, isolate
470. **Upbraid**, scold; tell off; reprimand
471. **Antediluvian**, outdated; prehistoric; very old-fashioned
472. **Chastises**, punishes
473. **Dilemma**, puzzling situation
474. **Fastidious**, overly particular; finicky
475. **Indolence**, laziness
476. **Mallet**, 1. wooden hammer; 2. stick used for polo
477. **Parasite**, 1. scrounger; 2. animal which takes digested food from another
478. **Prodigious**, very large
479. **Serendipity**, fortunate coincidence; unsought discovery
480. **Uproarious**, hilarious; hysterical; very funny
481. **Anthology**, a book which is a collection of poems or stories
482. **Chicanery**, trickery
483. **Dilettante**, person who dabbles in a subject without serious study
484. **Fatuous**, silly; foolish
485. **Inductee**, novice; beginner
486. **Manipulatable**, influencable; controllable
487. **Parched**, dried up
488. **Profane**, unholy
489. **Serene**, calm; peaceful
490. **Upshot**, outcome
491. **Anthropocentrism**, putting man at the center of one's philosophy
492. **Chimerical**, changeable; unstable
493. **Diligent**, hard-working
494. **Feasible**, possible and practicable
495. **Indulgent**, pampering; satisfying desires
496. **Marred**, damaged; spoiled
497. **Pariah**, an outcast from society
498. **Profanity**, swearing; cursing



499. **Serrated**, jagged; saw-like
500. **Urbane**, sophisticated; suave
501. **Antiquated**, outdated; old fashioned
502. **Choleric**, easily angered
503. **Diorama**, model of a scene
504. **Fecund**, fertile
505. **Inebriation**, drunkenness; intoxication
506. **Marshal**, to gather together
507. **Parity**, equality
508. **Profound**, having deep meaning
509. **Servile**, overly submissive; groveling
510. **Usurp**, take someone's position (usually by force)
511. **Apathetic**, indifferent; uninterested; lethargic
512. **Chronicler**, person who records historical information
513. **Dirge**, mournful song
514. **Felicitous**, apt
515. **Ineffable**, cannot be expressed in words
516. **Marsupial**, pouched mammal (like a kangaroo)
517. **Parochial**, narrow-minded; concerned only with local matters
518. **Profundity**, depth
519. **Skeptical**, doubting; not gullible
520. **Utilitarian**, useful
521. **Apathy**, lack of interest or emotion
522. **Circuitous**, indirect
523. **Disapprobation**, disapproval
524. **Fervor**, passion; enthusiasm
525. **Inept**, incompetent; unskilled; useless
526. **Martinet**, person who believes in strict discipline
527. **Parody**, a mockery; imitation for ridicule; spoof
528. **Proletarian**, member of the working class
529. **Skirmish**, minor battle
530. **Utopian**, a believer in an ideal world
531. **Apocryphal**, of doubtful origin
532. **Circumlocution**, using too many words; long-windedness
533. **Discern**, to distinguish one thing from another
534. **Fickle**, unpredictable; whimsical; easily swayed
535. **Inertia**, inactivity; lethargy
536. **Masochist**, person who intentionally inflicts pain on himself
537. **Parry**, ward off; avoid
538. **Prolific**, producing a lot
539. **Sluggard**, slow-moving; lethargic person
540. **Vacillate**, waver; hesitate
541. **Appease**, pacify; soothe; calm down; make peace with
542. **Circumscribe**, limit
543. **Discord**, disagreement
544. **Finesse**, skill
545. **Inevitable**, cannot be avoided
546. **Matriarchy**, society governed by women
547. **Parsimonious**, economical; frugal; thrifty
548. **Proponents**, promoters; supporters
549. **Smelt**, refine an ore
550. **Vacuous**, empty; silly; meaningless
551. **Apprehensive**, worried; fearful
552. **Circumspect**, cautious; considering all sides
553. **Discordancy**, cacophony; harshness; jarring
554. **Fitful**, not continuous; stopping and starting
555. **Inexorable**, relentless
556. **Maverick**, a loner
557. **Parsimony**, stinginess; frugality; cost-cutting

558. **Prosaic**, dull; boring; ordinary  
 559. **Smorgasbord**, a Swedish buffet of cold dishes  
 560. **Vagrant**, person wandering without a home  
 561. **Arable**, can be cultivated  
 562. **Circumvent**, avoid  
 563. **Discrepancy**, something which does not match up; inconsistency  
 564. **Flagrant**, clearly wrong  
 565. **Inexpedient**, not advisable  
 566. **Meager**, in short supply  
 567. **Partisan**, biased; one-sided; committed to one group  
 568. **Proscribe**, forbid  
 569. **Solace**, comfort for grief  
 570. **Vapid**, dull; uninspiring  
 571. **Arbitrary**, random; for no definite reason  
 572. **Clairvoyant**, psychic; mystic  
 573. **Discriminate**, to make a clear distinction; see the difference  
 574. **Flamboyant**, showy; ornate  
 575. **Infallible**, perfect; flawless; cannot make mistakes  
 576. **Meander**, wander from side to side  
 577. **Pathos**, evoking sadness or pity  
 578. **Prosody**, study of versification  
 579. **Solicit**, to ask for; seek  
 580. **Variegated**, multicolored; speckled  
 581. **Arcane**, obscure; known only to a few people  
 582. **Clamor**, shout; scream  
 583. **Discursiveness**, long windedness; indirectness  
 584. **Flaunt**, show off; display in a showy manner  
 585. **Infamous**, famous for something bad  
 586. **Mellow**, soft; melodious; ripe  
 587. **Patron**, one who give support (usually financial)

588. **Prostration**, 1. lying face down; 2. be overcome with extreme weakness  
 589. **Somnambulist**, sleepwalker  
 590. **Vehemence**, violence; fervor; forcefulness  
 591. **Archaic**, ancient; outdated; old fashioned  
 592. **Clandestine**, secret; covert; stealthy  
 593. **Disdain**, contempt; strong dislike  
 594. **Flippant**, making jokes about serious matters  
 595. **Infer**, deduce; conclude  
 596. **Menagerie**, collection of animals  
 597. **Patronize**, condescend to; behave in an arrogant manner towards  
 598. **Protagonist**, main character in film, book, play etc.  
 599. **Soothsayer**, fortuneteller  
 600. **Vehement**, forceful  
 601. **Archetype**, classic example of  
 602. **Clemency**, mercy  
 603. **Disinterested**, unbiased  
 604. **Flout**, defy; reject  
 605. **Ingénue**, naïve, unsophisticated person  
 606. **Mendacious**, given to lying  
 607. **Paucity**, shortage  
 608. **Protean**, changeable  
 609. **Sophomoric**, juvenile; immature  
 610. **Venal**, corrupt; can be bribed  
 611. **Archives**, collections of old records; place of storage of old documents  
 612. **Cliché**, overused expression; something unoriginal  
 613. **Disparage**, criticize; belittle  
 614. **Flustered**, worked-up; not calm  
 615. **Ingrate**, ungrateful person  
 616. **Mercenary**, concerned only with money  
 617. **Peccadillo**, minor weakness; trivial offence

618. **Protégé**, person under protection of, or guided by another
619. **Soporific**, inducing sleep
620. **Veneer**, surface coating
621. **Articulate**, clear; lucid; eloquent
622. **Clientele**, customers
623. **Disparity**, an inequality
624. **Fly-by-night**, unreliable; disreputable
625. **Inimical**, hostile
626. **Mercurial**, volatile; changeable
627. **Pedant**, person who insists on strict adherence to rules or narrow learning
628. **Protocol**, procedure; code of behavior
629. **Sparse**, spare; bare; meager
630. **Venerate**, revere; worship
631. **Artifice**, deception; trickery
632. **Coalesce**, come together; merge
633. **Dispassionate**, neutral; objective
634. **Forensic**, concerned with argument or debate (esp. for legal evidence)
635. **Innate**, inherited; inborn
636. **Merge**, come together
637. **Pedestrian**, common; mundane; banal
638. **Provincial**, unsophisticated; narrow-minded
639. **Specious**, false
640. **Venial**, minor; unimportant
641. **Artisan**, craftsman
642. **Coddle**, pamper; fuss over; indulge
643. **Disseminating**, circulating; broadcasting; spreading (information)
644. **Fortitude**, bravery
645. **Innocuous**, harmless; inoffensive
646. **Metaphorically**, symbolically; figuratively
647. **Peerless**, without equal
648. **Prudent**, cautious; wise
649. **Speckled**, spotted; freckled; dotted
650. **Veracity**, truthfulness
651. **Ascetic**, without luxuries; severely simple
652. **Coercion**, force
653. **Diurnal**, active in daytime
654. **Fortuitous**, happening by chance
655. **Innovate**, create; introduce something new
656. **Meticulous**, very careful; painstaking
657. **Pejorative**, derogatory
658. **Puerile**, childish
659. **Sporadic**, not continuous; intermittent
660. **Verbose**, talkative; long-winded; rambling
661. **Assiduous**, thorough; diligent
662. **Cogent**, lucid; well argued
663. **Divert**, 1. entertain; 2. distract; 3. cause a detour
664. **Fractious**, irritable; difficult to control
665. **Inscrutable**, mysterious; impenetrable
666. **Mettle**, courage; bravery; valor
667. **Pellucid**, transparently clear
668. **Punctilious**, paying attention to small details
669. **Spurious**, false
670. **Verbosity**, using too many words
671. **Assuage**, to calm
672. **Cogitate**, think over something; ponder
673. **Docile**, gentle and easily lead
674. **Fraudulent**, fake; false
675. **Insentient**, unfeeling
676. **Milieu**, environment
677. **Pensive**, in a thoughtful mood; thinking deeply
678. **Purloin**, steal
679. **Stagnant**, still; not moving

680. **Vertigo**, dizziness
681. **Astute**, perceptive; sharp-witted
682. **Collage**, picture made from fragments of other pictures
683. **Dogmatic**, having stubbornly held opinions
684. **Frivolous**, not serious
685. **Insipid**, dull; bland; boring
686. **Mire**, swamp; muddy ground
687. **Penury**, poverty
688. **Pusillanimous**, cowardly
689. **Staid**, dull; sober; serious
690. **Vestigial**, not developed
691. **Asylum**, place of refuge or safety
692. **Collate**, arrange in order
693. **Dolt**, stupid person
694. **Frugal**, economical; not wasting anything
695. **Instigate**, to start; provoke
696. **Misanthrope**, hater of the rest of mankind
697. **Perceptive**, observant
698. **Pyromania**, compulsion to start fires
699. **Stanza**, section of a poem
700. **Vignette**, small sketch
701. **Atheist**, person who does not believe in God
702. **Colloquial**, local and informal (used of language)
703. **Dotard**, foolish old man
704. **Furrow**, groove
705. **Instigator**, troublemaker; person who entices others to do something
706. **Misnomer**, wrong name
707. **Percipient**, perceptive; insightful
708. **Quaff**, drink down quickly
709. **Staunch**, loyal; faithful; dependable
710. **Vilification**, blackening someone's name
711. **Atrophy**, waste away from lack of use
712. **Collusion**, plotting and planning
713. **Drawl**, speak slowly with words running together
714. **Furtive**, hidden and secret
715. **Insurgent**, a rebel
716. **Misogynist**, hater of women
717. **Perdition**, damnation
718. **Quagmire**, marsh; bog
719. **Stereotype**, fixed image
720. **Vindicate**, prove right; remove blame
721. **Attenuate**, weaken
722. **Commandeer**, take possession of
723. **Drivel**, nonsense
724. **Futile**, useless; hopeless
725. **Interminable**, never-ending
726. **Misrepresentation**, deliberately deceiving
727. **Peremptory**, in a commanding manner
728. **Quaint**, picturesque
729. **Stevedore**, dockworker
730. **Virtuoso**, an accomplished musician
731. **Augment**, increase; make bigger
732. **Complacent**, self-satisfied; smug
733. **Droll**, dryly amusing
734. **Galleon**, ancient type of sailing ship
735. **Intermittent**, sporadic; irregular
736. **Mitigate**, lessen; make less severe
737. **Perfidy**, treachery
738. **Quandary**, dilemma; puzzle
739. **Stifle**, suppress
740. **Virulent**, dangerous; harmful
741. **Auspicious**, favorable; promising to turn out well
742. **Compliant**, easy to control; submissive
743. **Drone**, 1. monotonous noise (n); 2. to speak with no emotion (v); 3. male bee
744. **Gambol**, frolic; leap; bound

745. **Intransigence**, stubbornness
746. **Modicum**, small amount
747. **Perfunctory**, superficial; cursory
748. **Quarantine**, isolation to prevent the spread of disease
749. **Stoic**, known for fortitude; indifferent to pleasure or pain
750. **Vital**, essential; alive; important
751. **Austere**, severely plain
752. **Concatenate**, link together
753. **Dubious**, doubtful
754. **Garble**, distort; confuse; muddle
755. **Intransigent**, stubborn; unyielding
756. **Momentous**, very important
757. **Peripatetic**, nomadic; moving from place to place
758. **Quarry**, 1. something that is hunted; 2. mine for stone
759. **Stoke**, add fuel to; strengthen
760. **Vitriolic**, corrosive; strongly attacking
761. **Aversion**, a dislike of
762. **Concatenation**, linking into chains
763. **Dupe**, to fool someone
764. **Garish**, gaudy
765. **Intrepid**, brave
766. **Monotonous**, dull; unvarying
767. **Peripheral**, on the edge; not important
768. **Querulous**, always complaining
769. **Stolid**, impassive; dull; indifferent
770. **Vivacity**, liveliness; animation
771. **Balk**, hinder and prevent; hesitate over
772. **Conciliate**, to bring together; end a dispute
773. **Dynamic**, lively; vibrant; energetic
774. **Garner**, gather; collect
775. **Inveterate**, habitual
776. **Moratorium**, temporary prohibition or halt to activity
777. **Perjury**, telling lies under oath
778. **Quirk**, oddity
779. **Stratagem**, plot; plan; trick
780. **Vivify**, enliven
781. **Banal**, common; dull
782. **Concise**, stated in few words
783. **Ebullient**, very lively; cheerful; jovial; happy
784. **Garrulous**, talkative
785. **Invidious**, arousing envy
786. **Moribund**, on the point of death
787. **Pernicious**, destructive; harmful
788. **Ramble**, wander aimlessly
789. **Strident**, loud and harsh
790. **Vociferous**, noisy; loud in speech
791. **Banality**, ordinariness; dullness
792. **Condescend**, talk down to
793. **Eccentric**, unusual; quirky; odd
794. **Gaunt**, emaciated; bony and angular
795. **Inviolable**, cannot be invaded
796. **Morose**, gloomy; bad tempered
797. **Persnickety**, fastidious; fussy
798. **Ramifications**, branches; subdivisions of a complex system; outcomes
799. **Stringent**, strict or severe
800. **Volatile**, dangerously unstable; evaporates easily
801. **Bane**, troublesome influence
802. **Condone**, tacitly support; overlook
803. **Eclectic**, taking things from different sources
804. **Genre**, a category; type
805. **Irascible**, easily angered
806. **Mundane**, ordinary; worldly
807. **Perpetuated**, caused to continue
808. **Rancor**, resentment; animosity; bad feeling
809. **Strut**, swagger; show off
810. **Voluble**, talkative
811. **Bard**, poet

812. **Condoning**, overlooking;  
disregarding; ignoring
813. **Edifice**, building; structure;  
construction
814. **Germane**, relevant
815. **Ire**, anger [irate (a) = very angry]
816. **Munificent**, generous; charitable
817. **Perpetuity**, eternity
818. **Rant**, use bombastic language
819. **Stupefying**, astonishing;  
shocking; stunning into silence
820. **Voluminous**, very large;  
spacious
821. **Bastion**, fortress; stronghold
822. **Conflagration**, big fire
823. **Efface**, wipe out; remove all trace  
of
824. **Germinal**, just growing; not  
developed; immature
825. **Irksome**, annoying; infuriating
826. **Mutinous**, very rebellious
827. **Personable**, attractive
828. **Ratify**, approve; consent
829. **Subpoena**, summons to court
830. **Voracious**, ravenous
831. **Befuddle**, confuse
832. **Confound**, confuse
833. **Effigy**, a model of a person
834. **Gibbering**, making meaningless  
noises
835. **Ironic**, satiric; unexpected
836. **Myriad**, in large numbers
837. **Perspicacious**, insightful; sharp;  
wise
838. **Raucous**, rough and unpleasant  
(of sounds)
839. **Substantiate**, give supporting  
evidence
840. **Waive**, surrender; give up
841. **Begrudge**, resent
842. **Congeval**, to solidify
843. **Effusive**, gushing; demonstrative
844. **Glacial**, hostile; unfriendly; cold;  
icy
845. **Irrational**, unreasonable; absurd
846. **Navigable**, suitable for sailing
847. **Perspicacity**, insight
848. **Raze**, destroy; demolish; tear  
down
849. **Subterfuge**, a trick
850. **Wane**, grow less
851. **Beguile**, mislead; lure
852. **Congenital**, present from birth
853. **Egalitarianism**, belief in equality
854. **Goad**, prod; urge
855. **Irreproachable**, cannot be  
criticized; perfect
856. **Nebulous**, vague
857. **Pertinent**, relevant
858. **Rebuttal**, denial
859. **Subtle**, not obvious
860. **Wary**, hesitant; cautious
861. **Belabor**, explain in unnecessary  
detail
862. **Connoisseur**, person with  
refined taste and good judgment
863. **Egregious**, outstandingly,  
obviously bad
864. **Grate (v)**, 1. to annoy; aggravate;  
vex; 2. shred
865. **Irrevocable**, cannot be  
cancelled; unchangeable
866. **Nefarious**, wicked; immoral;  
disreputable
867. **Peruse**, read carefully
868. **Recant**, disclaim; retract  
statement
869. **Subversive**, rebellious;  
revolutionary
870. **Wax**, to increase; to grow
871. **Beleaguer**, besiege; attack
872. **Consecrate**, dedicate
873. **Egress**, exit
874. **Gratis**, free of charge; without  
payment
875. **Itinerant**, nomadic; wandering  
from place to place
876. **Negate**, cancel; deny

877. **Pervasive**, spreading everywhere
878. **Recapitulate**, summarize
879. **Succinct**, concise
880. **Waylay**, accost; stop; approach; hinder
881. **Belie**, contradict
882. **Consensus**, general agreement
883. **Eloquent**, fluent and persuasive in speech
884. **Gratuitous**, unwarranted
885. **Jaded**, tired; bored; worn out
886. **Negligence**, carelessness
887. **Petrify**, 1. terrify; 2. turn to stone
888. **Receptacle**, container; vessel; holder
889. **Suffragist**, someone who campaigns for voting rights
890. **Weighty**, serious
891. **Belittle**, to demean
892. **Conspicuous**, easily seen; prominent
893. **Elucidate**, make clear
894. **Gravity**, seriousness
895. **Jargon**, specialized language used by experts
896. **Neologism**, newly coined word
897. **Petulant**, sulky; peevish
898. **Recluse**, someone who cuts himself off from life
899. **Supercilious**, proud and haughty
900. **Whelp**, young dog
901. **Bellicose**, war-like; aggressive
902. **Consummate**, complete; total; supremely good
903. **Elusive**, hard to pin down
904. **Gregarious**, extroverted; sociable; outgoing
905. **Jaundiced**, cynical; pessimistic
906. **Nettle**, annoy
907. **Phenomenon**, an event or happening (plural: phenomena)
908. **Recuperate**, get better after illness
909. **Superlative**, extremely good; the best
910. **Whet**, sharpen
911. **Belligerent**, aggressive; ready to fight
912. **Contemporary**, living or happening at the same time
913. **Emaciated**, very thin; withered
914. **Gritty**, coarse; granular
915. **Jaunt**, short pleasure trip
916. **Niggardly**, miserly; stingy
917. **Philanthropy**, charity; love of mankind
918. **Red tape**, formalities; paperwork; official procedure
919. **Surly**, grumpy; rude
920. **Whimsical**, capricious; changeable
921. **Bemoan**, complain about
922. **Contrite**, sorry
923. **Emancipate**, set free
924. **Guffaw**, sudden loud laughter
925. **Jeopardize**, put at risk; endanger
926. **Nomadic**, wandering from place to place
927. **Philistine**, uncultured person
928. **Redolent**, smelling of; giving off odors
929. **Surreptitious**, secret; sneaky; stealthy
930. **Willful**, stubborn
931. **Benevolent**, kindly
932. **Contrition**, sorrow and repentance
933. **Embezzle**, defraud; steal
934. **Guile**, cunning; craftiness
935. **Jingoistic**, extremely patriotic; nationalistic
936. **Nonchalance**, an appearance of indifference; calm and composed
937. **Phlegmatic**, calm; imperturbable
938. **Redress**, put right something that was wrong

939. **Surreptitiously**, secretly;  
furtively; stealthily
940. **Wily**, cunning
941. **Benign**, kindly; harmless
942. **Contumacious**, stubborn
943. **Embroider**, involve in hostility or  
argument
944. **Guileless**, frank; straightforward;  
honest
945. **Jocular**, in a joking manner
946. **Nondescript**, having no special  
features; dull and ordinary
947. **Pillage**, plunder
948. **Redundant**, unnecessary;  
superfluous
949. **Susceptible**, vulnerable
950. **Wispy**, flimsy; frail; delicate
951. **Benignity**, compassion;  
gentleness; fondness
952. **Contusion**, a bruise
953. **Emerge**, come out; appear
954. **Gullibility**, unwariness;  
trustfulness; being easily fooled
955. **Jollity**, gaiety; happiness
956. **Nonentity**, a person of no  
importance; not famous
957. **Pinnacle**, topmost point
958. **Referendum**, public vote
959. **Suspect**, doubtful
960. **Wistful**, melancholy; pensive;  
expressing a longing for
961. **Bequeath**, leave something in  
one's will to be given after one's death
962. **Conundrum**, a puzzle
963. **Emulate**, to imitate something  
admired
964. **Gullible**, easily fooled
965. **Jubilant**, ecstatic; delighted;  
rejoicing
966. **Nostalgia**, longing for the past
967. **Pious**, very religious
968. **Refute**, disprove
969. **Sybarite**, lover of luxury
970. **Zany**, crazy; wacky
971. **Berate**, scold; criticize
972. **Conventional**, usual; customary;  
common
973. **Endorse**, give support or  
approval to
974. **Gustatory**, concerned with the  
sense of taste
975. **Judicious**, correct in judgment;  
wise
976. **Notoriety**, infamy; known for  
wrong doing
977. **Pivotal**, of central importance
978. **Regale**, entertain
979. **Sycophant**, bootlicker; flatterer
980. **Zeal**, enthusiasm
981. **Beret**, type of cap
982. **Corpulent**, fat
983. **Endurance**, staying power;  
patience; stamina
984. **Hackneyed**, common and over-  
used
985. **Jurisprudence**, science or study  
of law
986. **Novel**, new; unusual
987. **Placate**, pacify; soothe; calm
988. **Relegate**, dismiss to a lower  
position
989. **Taciturn**, quiet; saying little
990. **Zealot**, fanatic
991. **Bestial**, behaving like a beast;  
brutal
992. **Corrugated**, highly folded
993. **Enduring**, lasting
994. **Hallowed**, worshipped;  
consecrated
995. **Juxtapose**, place next to
996. **Novice**, a beginner; tyro
997. **Placebo**, harmless medicine with  
no effect; dummy medicine
998. **Remorse**, regret; sorrow;  
contrition
999. **Tactile**, concerned with the  
sense of touch
1000. **Zenith**, summit



1001. **Abate**, reduce in intensity
1002. **Abjure**, renounce; swear to refrain from something
1003. **Blandishment**, words used to coax or flatter [*blandish* (v)]
1004. **Boor**, ill-mannered person [*boorish* (a)]
1005. **Cardinal**, 1. high ranking church official; 2. major, important
1006. **Deliberate**, 1. slow (a); 2. to think over (v); 3. on purpose (a)
1007. **Equivocation**, speaking ambiguously [*equivocate* (v), *equivocal* (a)]
1008. **Feckless**, feeble; helpless; lacking in initiative
1009. **Imperturbability**, quality of being calm and not easily disturbed [*imperturbable* (a)]
1010. **Meretricious**, falsely attractive; tawdry
1011. **Augury**, prediction, looking for omens [augur (v)]
1012. **Boycott**, refuse to have dealings with
1013. **Glib**, slick; superficial esp. in speech
1014. **Incise**, cut into [incision (n); incisive (a)]
1015. **Moralistic**, concerned with morals [moralize (v)]
1016. **Ostracism**, shunning; social isolation [ostracize (v)]
1017. **Penchant**, inclination; leaning; tendency; predilection
1018. **Rarefy**, make less dense [rarefaction (n)]
1019. **Repine**, fret; be discontented
1020. **Stipulate**, specify [stipulation (n)]
1021. **Diaphanous**, transparent; thin and delicate
1022. **Feint**, pretended attack; a move intended to deceive
1023. **Inured**, hardened; habituated
1024. **Mettlesome**, spirited [mettle (n)]
1025. **Puissance**, power
1026. **Recondite**, obscure
1027. **Stygian**, very dark
1028. **Touting**, advertising; supporting [tout (v)]
1029. **Virtuosity**, skill, expertise [virtuoso (n); virtuosi (n.pl)]
1030. **Volubility**, excessive talkativeness [voluble (a)]
1031. **Caret**, punctuation mark signifying omission
1032. **Contiguous**, adjacent; touching; abutting [contiguity (n)]
1033. **Damp**, (used of vibration) reduce in extent
1034. **Ellipsis**, omission of essential words
1035. **Extirpation**, wiping out; complete destruction [extirpate (v)]
1036. **Foppish**, behaving or dressing like a dandy; excessively concerned with fashion
1037. **Gaffe**, blunder; social mistake
1038. **Hortatory**, encouraging; exhorting
1039. **Opprobrious**, expressing great scorn [opprobrium (n)]
1040. **Recumbent**, reclining; lying down
1041. **Ambidextrous**, able to use both left and right hands equally well
1042. **Culpability**, guilt [culpable = blameworthy]
1043. **Discernment**, judgment; perceptiveness
1044. **Encomium**, praise
1045. **Inveigle**, coax; cajole; wheedle; entice
1046. **Minatory**, threatening
1047. **Ossified**, turned to bone; become rigid [ossification (n)]
1048. **Plumb**, measure depth of (v); exact (a. slang)

1049. **Quintessential**, most typical; the perfect example of [quintessence (n)]
1050. **Runic**, mysterious; magical
1051. **Accretion**, accumulation of matter; growth produced by adding from the outside
1052. **Anachronistic**, occurring in the wrong time period [anachronism (n)]
1053. **Chronic**, long lasting (often used for diseases in which case the opposite is acute)
1054. **Churlishness**, rudeness; ill-mannered behavior
1055. **Demagogue**, mob leader (who appeals to base instincts) [demagogy/demagoguery (n)]
1056. **Effrontery**, daring; audacity (has a negative connotation)
1057. **Idyll**, story or incident in peaceful or ideal setting [idyllic (a)]
1058. **Interregnum**, interval between reigns or governments
1059. **Nugatory**, of minor significance; futile
1060. **Sinecure**, job which pays salary but requiring little effort
1061. **Anodized**, electroplated; coated with thin layer of metal
1062. **Aphoristic**, expressed tersely [aphorism (n) = short statement; maxim]
1063. **Canonical**, orthodox [canon (n) = set of accepted works]
1064. **Commensurate**, equal in significance
1065. **Dexterity**, skill, esp. with hands [dexterous (a)]
1066. **Extant**, still in existence (opposite of extinct)
1067. **Impugned**, challenged; called into question
1068. **Probity**, uprightness; honesty
1069. **Raconteur**, person who relates a story
1070. **Solicitous**, kindly; expressing care and concern
1071. **Amalgamate**, join; consolidate [amalgamation (n)]
1072. **Baleful**, evil
1073. **Coerce**, force [coercion (n); coercing (a)]
1074. **Inchoate**, undeveloped; nascent
1075. **Iniquitous**, evil; unjust [iniquity (n)]
1076. **Libertine**, dissolute person; prodigal
1077. **Millinery**, hats and hat-making
1078. **Natty**, neat; dapper; smart
1079. **Occluded**, obscured; blocked
1080. **Sidereal**, of or related to stars
1081. **Avaricious**, greedy for money
1082. **Extirpate**, wipe out totally
1083. **Halcyon**, peaceful and happy; calm (esp. of summer weather)
1084. **List (v)**, 1. to lean to one side; 2. to write in order
1085. **Maudlin**, sad; sentimental; inclined to weep
1086. **Refulgent**, glowing; radiant
1087. **Subliminal**, below the threshold of consciousness
1088. **Testiness**, irritability; irascibility [testy (a)]
1089. **Vituperate**, attack bitterly
1090. **Whittle**, 1. carve with knife; 2. reduce step by step
1091. **Colander**, bowl with holes used to drain vegetables etc.
1092. **Cumbersome**, bulky; difficult to carry [encumber = to burden]
1093. **Diaphanous**, transparent; thin and delicate
1094. **Dispatch**, 1. send (v); 2. speed; celerity (n)
1095. **Epistemology**, theory of knowledge
1096. **Froward**, stubborn; wayward; disobedient

1097. **Supine**, lying flat on one's back
1098. **Throwback**, exhibiting primitive, or ancestral, traits
1099. **Untoward**, unexpected
1100. **Verisimilar**, true to life; giving the appearance of reality
1101. **Abysmal**, very deep; very bad
1102. **Approbation**, approval [opp. disapprobation]
1103. **Bent (n)**, inclination; aptitude
1104. **Cadge**, get by begging
1105. **Debacle**, disaster
1106. **Extemporize**, speak without preparation or rehearsal [extemporaneous (a)]
1107. **Incumbents**, occupiers of a job or position
1108. **Lambaste**, attack verbally
1109. **Noisome**, disgusting
1110. **Pastiche**, work (usually artistic) which imitates, or is composed of parts taken from varied sources
1111. **Arboreal**, living in trees; concerned with trees
1112. **Centrifuge**, device to separate substances by spinning them at high speed
1113. **Cloistered**, isolated
1114. **Disabuse**, make someone aware of an error in thinking
1115. **Engendering**, causing; bringing into being [engender (v)]
1116. **Intemperate**, excessive; immoderate [intemperance (n)]
1117. **Lugubrious**, sad; gloomy
1118. **Nonplussed**, confused
1119. **Pedagogy**, science of education; teaching
1120. **Satiate**, satisfy; fill completely [satiating (a); satiation (n)]
1121. **Slake**, quench; satisfy
1122. **Artless**, without effort; without trickery; simple
1123. **Comeliness**, beauty; prettiness [comely (a)]
1124. **Doff**, take off (esp. of a hat)
1125. **Don**, put on (esp. of clothes)
1126. **Erudition**, learning; scholarly knowledge [erudite (a)]
1127. **Plaintive**, sad; mournful
1128. **Suborn**, bribe
1129. **Tendentious**, dogmatic; biased
1130. **Tortuous**, indirect; winding
1131. **Verbiage**, excessive or meaningless wordiness
1132. **Atonement**, making amends for sin or crime [atone (v)]
1133. **Complaisance**, flexibility; willingness to please [complaisant (a)]
1134. **Daguerreotype**, forerunner of the photograph
1135. **Fawn**, behave in a sycophantic way; grovel [fawning (a)]
1136. **Gregariousness**, sociability; liking for crowds [gregarious (a)]
1137. **Nascent**, emerging; newly formed
1138. **Paeon**, praise; tribute (esp. in song)
1139. **Reproof**, scolding; criticism [reprove (v)]
1140. **Scurvy**, 1. disease due to lack of vitamin C; 2. contemptible; rascally
1141. **Tutelary**, serving as a guardian [tutelage (n)]
1142. **Abscission**, cutting; process causing leaves to fall off
1143. **Contentious**, causing argument [contention (n); contend (v)]
1144. **Debilitating**, weakening [debilitate (v)]
1145. **Foible**, quirk; minor weakness
1146. **Importune**, beg; solicit [importunate (a)]
1147. **Pertain**, be relevant to [pertinent (a)]
1148. **Slew**, glut; excess

1149. **Toady**, sycophant; flatterer
1150. **Torrid**, hot and steamy
1151. **Veracious**, true [veracity (n)]
1152. **Asperity**, using harsh or critical tone
1153. **Blowhard**, boastful person
1154. **Disingenuous**, crafty
1155. **Evanescent**, short-lived [evanescence (n)]
1156. **Intangible**, cannot be touched; abstract [intangibility (n)]
1157. **Labile**, changing rapidly; unstable
1158. **Malapropism**, use of similar sounding but incorrect word
1159. **Posture (v)**, to put on an act
1160. **Proximate**, immediate; nearest
1161. **Pugnacious**, aggressive, ready to fight [pugnacity (n)]
1162. **Foreshadowed**, indicated a future event [foreshadow (v)]
1163. **Gaucherie**, awkwardness [gauche (a)]
1164. **Heterodox**, unorthodox
1165. **Inscrutability**, quality of being difficult to comprehend [inscrutable (a)]
1166. **Limerick**, short amusing poem
1167. **Mannered**, stylized; pretentious
1168. **Pluck (n)**, courage
1169. **Sedulous**, persevering; eager and thorough
1170. **Syllogism**, type of logical reasoning
1171. **Vicissitude**, unexpected change in fortune or circumstances
1172. **Acolyte**, disciple; follower or attendant
1173. **Admonitory**, scolding [admonition (n)]
1174. **Caprices**, whimsies; fancies
1175. **Cornucopia**, symbol (horn filled with fruit etc.) denoting natural abundance
1176. **Deferential**, showing respect [deference (n); defer (v)]
1177. **Intractability**, stubbornness; resistance [intractable (a)]
1178. **Luminary**, eminent person
1179. **Minion**, underling; servant
1180. **Undergird**, support; strengthen
1181. **Vitiate**, weaken; sap energy
1182. **Coterie**, clique; small group with common interests
1183. **Denigrate**, decry; criticize; belittle
1184. **Empirical**, found by experiment or practice
1185. **Gainsay**, contradict
1186. **Hyperbole**, exaggeration [hyperbolic (a)]
1187. **Modest**, 1. bashful; unpretentious; 2. not excessive
1188. **Prolixity**, wordiness [prolix (a)]
1189. **Rebus**, puzzle in which pictures give clues
1190. **Sere**, withered; old
1191. **Vulpine**, like a fox [compare with bovine (cow-like); porcine (pig-like), etc.]
1192. **Corroborate**, give supporting evidence [corroboration (n)]
1193. **Exacerbated**, made worse [exacerbate (v); exacerbation (n)]
1194. **Exact (v)**, to demand; extort
1195. **Faddish**, whimsical; following a fashion
1196. **Hapless**, unlucky
1197. **Misconstrue**, put a wrong interpretation on something
1198. **Perennial**, long-lasting
1199. **Rent**, torn (past participle of the verb to rend)
1200. **Shard**, fragment of pottery
1201. **Xenophobe**, person afraid of foreigners
1202. **Alleviated**, made less severe [alleviation (n); alleviate (v)]

1203. **Apostrophe**, 1. punctuation mark; 2. appeal to someone not present (a figure of speech)
1204. **Centurion**, roman soldier (commander of a company of 100 soldiers)
1205. **Emollient**, softening (a); something which softens (n)
1206. **Fusillade**, long burst of gunfire
1207. **Inerrancy**, infallibility; inability to make mistakes [inerrant (a)]
1208. **Mince**, 1. chop into small pieces; 2. walk with tiny steps, 3. speak in an affected manner
1209. **Palpate**, medical term meaning to examine with the hands
1210. **Platitude**, unoriginal, obvious saying
1211. **Quibble**, 1. (v) to argue about minor matters; to play on words when finding fault; 2. (n) a minor verbal point in an argument
1212. **Apprehension**, slight fear; sense of something unfavorable
1213. **Conniving**, cunning; scheming [connive (v)]
1214. **Derision**, mockery [deride (v)]
1215. **Epigram**, short, witty saying
1216. **Lassitude**, lack of energy; weariness
1217. **Pedantic**, over-insistent on matters of book-learning [pedant (n)]
1218. **Phenomenology**, branch of science concerned with things as they are perceived; not directly derived from theory
1219. **Precipitate**, 1. hurried (a); 2. insoluble product of a reaction in chemistry(n), 3. to instigate or speed up an action (v)
1220. **Renegade**, go back on promise or retract statement
1221. **Armada**, fleet of ships
1222. **Dawdler**, slow person who falls behind others [dawdle (v)]
1223. **Dross**, something worthless; impurities left after refining
1224. **Expiate**, atone; make amends for
1225. **Hack**, 1. chop roughly; 2. person who writes to earn money, 3. hired horse
1226. **Prone**, 1. vulnerable to; 2. horizontal
1227. **Propensity**, tendency; inclination
1228. **Scabbard**, cover for a sword
1229. **Skiff**, small boat
1230. **Umbrage**, 1. shadow; 2. offence; sense of injury
1231. **Dilettantism**, dabbling esp. in the arts [dilettante (n) = person who dabbles]
1232. **Enervate**, weaken
1233. **Malevolent**, having evil intentions [malevolence(n)]
1234. **Neophyte**, new convert; tyro
1235. **Panegyric**, speech praising someone; laudatory words
1236. **Presage**, forewarn of; indicate
1237. **Serration**, jagged edge
1238. **Slight**, 1. minor (a); 2. perceived insult (v) and (n)
1239. **Tare**, 1. weed; 2. allowance made for container when weighing
1240. **Unprepossessing**, unattractive
1241. **Aberration**, deviation from the normal
1242. **Cant**, insincere talk
1243. **Disinter**, dig up [opposite inter = bury]
1244. **Façade**, 1. front elevation of building, 2. false appearance or demeanor
1245. **Impeding**, hindering [impede (v); impediment (n)]
1246. **Lacuna**, gap; missing part [plural = lacunae]

1247. **Monolithic**, united in purpose; forming a single unit
1248. **Pied**, multicolored
1249. **Roster**, list of names
1250. **Seemly**, appropriate (of behavior); decorous
1251. **Analogue**, 1. something similar; 2. output proportional to input (engineering)
1252. **Coda**, piece of music at the end of a musical work; finale; final part of document
1253. **Commingle**, mix
1254. **Equivocal**, ambiguous; open to interpretation [equivocate (v), equivocation (n)]
1255. **Fallible**, capable of making mistakes [fallibility (n)]
1256. **Hallow**, respect; worship
1257. **Indigence**, poverty
1258. **Papyrus**, material used for writing on before paper was invented
1259. **Pique**, 1. annoyance (n); 2. to stimulate interest; to annoy (v)
1260. **Sap**, 1. liquid inside plants (n); 2. to drain; to undermine (v); 3. a fool (n)
1261. **Arbitrator**, mediator; person appointed to judge a dispute [arbitrate (v)]
1262. **Descry**, to see (esp. at a distance); catch sight of
1263. **Facetious**, not intended to be taken seriously
1264. **Indecorous**, unseemly; inappropriate (of behavior)
1265. **Proliferate**, grow and spread [proliferation (n)]
1266. **Scotch (v)**, to prevent; stop; disable
1267. **Strut**, 1. supporting rod (n); 2. to walk in an arrogant manner; show off (v)
1268. **Toy (v)**, to play with
1269. **Usury**, lending money at high interest rates
1270. **Wag (n)**, a witty person
1271. **Atavism**, reappearance of ancestral traits; regression [atavistic (a)]
1272. **Filibuster**, delaying tactics
1273. **Gambit**, opening move; transaction
1274. **Mitigation**, making less severe [mitigate (v)]
1275. **Obligate**, compulsory
1276. **Predilection**, leaning; interest; talent
1277. **Propitiate**, appease; try to gain favor [propitiation (n)]
1278. **Stanch**, to stop
1279. **Travesty**, parody; ridiculous error
1280. **Waft**, drift smoothly (v); whiff; smell (n)
1281. **Forage**, search for food
1282. **Lumber**, 1. walk in an ungainly way; 2. timber (wood)
1283. **Muse**, 1. think; meditate (v); 2. a source of inspiration (n) [in mythology, a goddess who gives inspiration]
1284. **Prescience**, foreknowledge
1285. **Prune**, 1. to trim; 2. a dried plum
1286. **Ready**, (used of wit) quick
1287. **Resolve**, firmness (n)
1288. **Squalid**, dirty and demeaning
1289. **Sullied**, made dirty or impure [opposite unsullied; sully (v)]
1290. **Veneration**, worship; respect [venerable (a), venerate (v)]
1291. **Demur**, object; hesitate to accept
1292. **Duplicity**, cunning; deception; double dealing
1293. **Exigency**, urgent matter; pressing need
1294. **Expostulate**, offer strong objections; remonstrate
1295. **Gossamer**, delicate; filmy; like gauze
1296. **Inefficacious**, ineffective
1297. **Pine**, 1. type of evergreen tree; 2. grieve

1298. **Prudish**, narrow-minded; excessively concerned with morals [prudery (n), prude (n)]
1299. **Quixotic**, impractically idealistic
1300. **Stipple**, cover with dots of paint etc.
1301. **Abrasion**, 1. damage to skin caused by scraping; 2. process of scraping or rubbing [abrade (v)]
1302. **Adumbrate**, outline; indicate
1303. **Cognitive**, concerned with thinking or perceiving [cognition (n)]
1304. **Deign**, condescend
1305. **Fervid**, passionate
1306. **Gall**, 1. bitterness (bad feeling); 2. confidence; 3. abnormal growth on a plant
1307. **Levee**, 1. raised bank of a river; 2. morning reception held by a monarch
1308. **Preternatural**, unnatural; abnormal
1309. **Quell**, suppress
1310. **Score (n)**, written form of music
1311. **Abut**, to adjoin
1312. **Consternation**, worry and concern
1313. **Gavel**, judge's hammer
1314. **Lien**, right to sell property held as a security; legal hold on job etc.
1315. **Parenthesis**, remarks deviating from the main point [parentheses are round brackets in punctuation]
1316. **Sinewy**, vigorous; having well-developed muscles [a sinew is a tendon]
1317. **Steep (v)**, to soak in water
1318. **Tamp**, to plug; press loose matter down tightly (e.g. pack explosives into a hole)
1319. **Venturing**, 1. hazarding; risking; putting forward; 2. going somewhere [venturesome means courageous or willing to take risks]
1320. **Wry**, 1. twisted or bent to one side; 2. dryly humorous
1321. **Arduous**, hard
1322. **Decimated**, kill or destroy a large part of (originally one tenth)
1323. **Fledge**, 1. grow feathers; 2. leave nest [fledgling (n) = an inexperienced person or a baby bird]
1324. **Gouge**, cut or dig out
1325. **Picayune**, insignificant; of little value
1326. **Riveting**, fascinating [to rivet literally means to fix metal plates using metal pins]
1327. **Soliloquy**, solo speech
1328. **Supplicant**, person who requests or begs for something [supplicate (v)]
1329. **Transcendental**, supernatural; going beyond normal experience [transcendent (a)]
1330. **Veritable**, true; genuine [verity (n)]
1331. **Condescension**, talking down to someone [condescending (a)]
1332. **Divest**, remove; take off
1333. **Eddy**, circular current
1334. **Epaulet**, shoulder decoration
1335. **Fallacy**, wrong idea [fallacious (a)]
1336. **Fringe**, 1. decorative border with tassels (n); 2. to form an edge (v)
1337. **Leaven**, to make light; modify; cause bread to rise using yeast etc.
1338. **Patronize**, 1. to talk down to; condescend; 2. to be a customer of
1339. **Prominent**, 1. eminent; 2. protruding; 3. obvious
1340. **Statute**, law [statutory (a)]
1341. **Antipathy**, hatred
1342. **Aver**, affirm
1343. **Expatriate**, speak or write at great length
1344. **Flag (v)**, 1. to lose energy; 2. to signal

1345. **Flail**, 1. tool used to thresh grain;  
2. to thresh (separate grain from chaff);  
3. to wave arms about wildly
1346. **Indicted**, accused (of crime)
1347. **Loll**, laze around; hang out  
(when used of the tongue)
1348. **Malign**, slander
1349. **Secure (v)**, 1. to fix firmly; 2. to obtain
1350. **Talon**, long pointed nail or claw
1351. **Abeyance**, state of inactivity;  
disuse
1352. **Disarm**, 1. take away weapons;  
2. win over to one's side [disarming (a)]
1353. **Elaborate**, 1. complex and detailed (a); 2. to expand on (v)
1354. **Foment**, 1. stir up; 2. bathe with hot liquids (medical)
1355. **Jockeying**, maneuvering;  
struggling to get ahead of others [jockey (v)]
1356. **Minutiae**, small details
1357. **Rue**, regret [rueful (a)]
1358. **Somatic**, concerned with the body
1359. **Stinting**, holding back; limiting the supply (of supplies/money etc.) [stint (v)]
1360. **Temperate**, moderate
1361. **Allure**, 1. attraction (n); 2. to attract (v)
1362. **Caulk**, treat with substance such as tar to make water-tight
1363. **Conscript**, 1. person enlisted compulsorily into the armed forces;  
2. (v)to enlist compulsorily
1364. **Desultory**, aimless; inconsistent in effort
1365. **Elegy**, poem concerned with death; praise of a dead person
1366. **Fallow**, uncultivated
1367. **Forbearing**, tolerant [forbear (v); forbearance (n)]
1368. **Hegemony**, political domination; complete authority
1369. **Improbability**, lack of honesty or integrity
1370. **Qualm**, hesitation or fear
1371. **Assay**, 1. try; 2. assess purity
1372. **Chauvinist**, someone excessively patriotic [chauvinism (n)]
1373. **Discrete**, separate;  
discontinuous (not to be confused with discreet - prudent; diplomatic)
1374. **Enlist**, 1. sign up for the army; 2. obtain
1375. **Fabricated**, made up; false; manufactured [fabricate (v); fabrication(n)]
1376. **Fulminate**, 1. attack loudly in words; denounce thunderously; 2. explode noisily
1377. **Hawser**, thick rope or cable
1378. **Jibe**, agree with; complement; match up with (in British usage jibe means mock)
1379. **Peer**, 1. an equal; 2. to stare at; 3. nobleman
1380. **Stickler**, one who is strict about rules or details
1381. **Cloture**, closure; terminating a debate by voting
1382. **Congruent**, matching [congruency (n)]
1383. **Dally**, waste time; flirt
1384. **Dissemble**, avoid the truth
1385. **Dote**, be excessively fond of [doting (a)]
1386. **Errant**, 1. wandering; 2. wrong; 3. straying from accepted standards
1387. **Fervent**, passionate
1388. **Stomach (v)**, to tolerate
1389. **Synapse**, junction between two nerve cells
1390. **Undercutting**, offering a lower price; undermining



1391. **Arson**, deliberate, criminal starting of fires
1392. **Carrion**, dead flesh; carcasses
1393. **Intelligible**, can be understood
1394. **Ironclad**, cannot be altered; firm
1395. **Lint**, fluff; soft material used to cover wounds
1396. **Pretension**, assumed attitude of superiority; arrogance
1397. **Pundit**, expert
1398. **Pyre**, ceremonial fire
1399. **Sate**, satisfy
1400. **Syncopation**, type of musical rhythm with missed beats
1401. **Abraded**, worn away; eroded [abrade (v); abrasion (n)]
1402. **Apposite**, fitting; suitable
1403. **Diatribes**, tirade; violent denunciation; stream of criticism
1404. **Gerontocracy**, government by the aged
1405. **Maculated**, spotted
1406. **Quisling**, traitor
1407. **Sedulity**, thoroughness; perseverance [sedulous (a)]
1408. **Seine**, type of fishing net
1409. **Tender**, to offer
1410. **Waffle**, talk nonsense
1411. **Burlesque**, 1. comic play; 2. lampoon
1412. **Exemplar**, model type [exemplary (a)]
1413. **Homiletics**, art of preaching and giving sermons
1414. **Impugn**, challenge; question someone's honor etc.
1415. **Incubus**, encumbrance; nightmarish thing
1416. **Lope**, run with long strides
1417. **Macerate**, soften or break up by soaking; weaken
1418. **Nostrum**, remedy
1419. **Saw**, 1. tool for cutting; 2. wise saying
1420. **Sibyl**, prophetess
1421. **Brook**, 1. small stream; 2. tolerate
1422. **Emboss**, decorate with a raised design
1423. **Eschew**, shun; avoid
1424. **Limpid**, transparently clear
1425. **Liturgy**, form of worship
1426. **Nexus**, connection
1427. **Odometer**, instrument to measure distance covered
1428. **Purchase**, 1. grip; 2. buy
1429. **Quotidian**, daily; routine
1430. **Seminal**, essential; formative
1431. **Agog**, amazed; wide-eyed with enthusiasm
1432. **Amortize**, pay off a debt in installments
1433. **Curmudgeon**, grumpy person
1434. **Dormancy**, state of inactivity
1435. **Efficacy**, effectiveness
1436. **Epithet**, phrase used as a label or to express the essential nature of
1437. **Figurehead**, symbol of power; nominal leader
1438. **Fracas**, fight; disturbance
1439. **Jamb**, door post
1440. **Milk**, to squeeze; obtain by application of pressure
1441. **Chorales**, simple hymns
1442. **Dissonance**, discord; disagreement
1443. **Frieze**, decorative border
1444. **Gist**, essence; main point
1445. **Latent**, hidden; real but undeveloped
1446. **Partiality**, bias
1447. **Plodding**, walking slowly and heavily; uninspired
1448. **Rekindle**, relight; revive
1449. **Symphony**, type of musical composition
1450. **Tarnished**, made dull; spoil (reputation)

1451. **Compromised**, 1. damaged or put in doubt (esp. of reputation); 2. reached an agreement by giving up part of a claim
1452. **Drabness**, dullness
1453. **Endow**, give gift; provide with money etc.
1454. **Esoterica**, obscure details
1455. **Falters**, hesitates
1456. **Prattle**, mindless talk
1457. **Prohibitive**, 1. prohibiting; 2. exorbitantly expensive
1458. **Purist**, conservative; one who insists on correct forms of language etc.
1459. **Quack**, charlatan; fake
1460. **Taunt**, mock; tease
1461. **Arresting (a)**, attracting attention; striking
1462. **Barrage**, extended gunfire to cover an attack; dam across river; deluge or information etc.
1463. **Chantey**, type of song sung by sailors
1464. **Ferrous**, concerned with iron or its compounds
1465. **Manipulative**, scheming
1466. **Orate**, speak in a pompous manner
1467. **Psychosis**, severe mental disturbance
1468. **Savor**, enjoy
1469. **Table (v)**, put down for future discussion
1470. **Underwrite**, give guarantee, insure
1471. **Dissident**, person who disagrees [dissidence (n)]
1472. **Enigmatic**, puzzling [enigma (n)]
1473. **Foolhardy**, reckless [foolhardiness (n)]
1474. **Homogeneity**, evenness; uniformity
1475. **Personification**, 1. represent something as a person; 2. a concrete example of
1476. **Plaque**, 1. surface deposit on teeth or in artery etc.; 2. decorative plate or sign
1477. **Plausibility**, believability [plausible (a)]
1478. **Resilience**, resistance; ability to spring back [resilience (a)]
1479. **Trilogy**, set of three (literary works etc.); tetralogy = set of four
1480. **Vagary**, something unaccountable; freak
1481. **Aisle**, corridor; passageway (esp. between rows of seats)
1482. **Discountenance**, disallow
1483. **Imperative**, must be obeyed
1484. **Indigent**, poor; needy [indigence (n)]
1485. **Nadir**, lowest point
1486. **Paranoia**, mental state characterized by delusions or excessive fear
1487. **Prudence**, caution; wisdom
1488. **Resuscitation**, revival from unconsciousness [resuscitate (v)]
1489. **Shirk**, avoid (esp. work)
1490. **Teetotalism**, total abstinence from alcohol
1491. **Balm**, soothing ointment or anything soothing [balmy (a)]
1492. **Calibrate**, mark an accurate scale on a device
1493. **Cataclysmic**, violently disruptive [cataclysm (n)]
1494. **Impropriety**, inappropriate behavior
1495. **Pith**, center; soft part of stem; essence
1496. **Primordial**, present from the beginning of time

1497.     **Reconnaissance**, examination  
          or survey conducted in advance  
          [reconnoiter (v)]
1498.     **Sinistral**, left-handed (or  
          counterclockwise) [dextral - right  
          handed]
1499.     **Tempers**, moderates
1500.     **Undermine**, subvert; attempt to  
          overthrow