WORD DEFINITION

abacus frame with balls for calculating

abate to lessen to subside

abdication giving up control authority

aberration straying away from what is normal

abet help/encourage smb (in doing wrong)

abeyance suspended action

abhor to hate to detest

abide be faithful to endure

abjure promise or swear to give up

abraded rubbed off worn away by friction

abrogate repeal or annul by authority

abscond to go away suddenly (to avoid arrest)

abstruse difficult to comprehend obscure

abut border on

abysmal bottomless extreme

acarpous effete no longer fertile worn out

acclaimed welcomed with shouts and approval

accolade praise approval

accretion the growing of separate things into one

adamant kind of stone inflexible

admonitory containing warning

adorn add beauty decorate

adulteration making unpure poorer in quality

affable polite and friendly

affinity close connection relationship

aggravate make worse irritate

agile active quick-moving

agog eager/excited

ail trouble be ill

alacrity eager and cheerful readiness

alcove recess/partially enclosed place

allegiance duty support loyalty

alleviate make (pain) easier to bear

alloy to debase by mixing with something inferior

aloof reserved indifferent

amalgamate mix combine unite societies

ambidextrous able to use the left hand or the right equally well

ambiguous doubtful uncertain

ambivalent having both of two contrary meanings

ameliorate improve make better

amortize end (a debt) by setting aside money

anguish severe suffering

animosity strong dislike

antidote medicine used against a poison or a disease

antithetical direct opposing

apartheid brutal racial discrimination

aplomb self-confidence

apostate one who abandons long-held religious or political convictions

apotheosis deification glorification to godliness

appease make quiet or calm

apprehensive grasping understanding fear unhappy feeling about future

apprise give notice to inform

approbation approval

apropos appropriate to the situation apt

apt well-suited quick-witted

arabesque a complex ornate design

arboreal of connected with trees

ardor enthusiasm

arduous steep difficult ascent laborious

argot jargon slang

arrant in the highest degree

arrogance proud superior manner of behaviour

articulate speak distinctly connect by joints

ascend go or come up

ascertain get to know

ascetic practicing self-denial austere stark

ascribe consider to be the origin of or belonging to

aseptic surgically clean

asperity roughness harshness ill temper irritability

aspersion slander

assail with attack violently

assiduous diligent hard-working sedulous

assuage make smth (pain desire) less

asterisk the mark \* (e.g.. omitted letters)

astringent substance that shrinks

astute clever quick at seeing to get an advantage

atonement repayment death of Jesus

attenuate make thin. weaken enervate

attune bring into harmony

audacious daring foolishly bold impudent

augury omen sign

august majestic venerable

auspicious favorable successful prosperous

austere severely moral and strict simple and plain

auxiliary helping supporting

aver affirm assert prove justify

aversion strong dislike

avid eager greedy

avow admit. Declare openly

baleful harmful ominous causing evil

balk obstacle purposely to get on the way of

baneful causing harm or ruin pernicious destructive

barrage artificial obstacle built across a river

barren not good enough unable to have young ones without value

bask in enjoy warmth and light

beatify to bless make happy or ascribe a virtue to

bedizen to adorn especially in a cheap showy manner

belabor beat hard

bellicose belligerent pugnacious warlike

belligerent (person nation) waging war

benefactor person who has given help

benevolence wish or activity in doing good

benign kind and gentle mild (climate)

bequest arrangement to give smth at death

berate scold sharply

bereft rob or dispossess of smth (material)

bewilder puzzle confuse

bigot stubborn narrow-minded person

bilge bulge the protuberance of a cask

blandishment flattery coaxing

blandness polite manner comforting uninteresting

blatant noisy and rough

blithe cheerful casual carefree

bogus sham counterfeit not genuine

boisterous loud noisy rough lacking restraint

bolster give greatly needed support

boorish crude offensive rude

brash hasty rush cheeky saucy

brass yellow metal (mixing copper and zinc)

brazen made of brass

breach opening broken place breaking

brittle easily broken

broach bring up announce begin to talk about

brook to tolerate endure

buoyant able to float light-hearted

burgeon grow forth send out buds

burnish to polish rub to a shine

cabal a scheme or plot a group of plotters

cadge to beg to get by begging

cajole use flattery or deceit to persuade

calipers metal supports attached to the legs measuring instrument

calumny slander aspersion

candid frank straight-forward

cant insincere talk/jargon

cantankerous bad-tempered/quarrelsome

canvass discuss thoroughly sort of touting

castigate to chastise correct by punishing

castigation severe punishment

catalyst substance that causes speeding up

caustic biting sarcastic

censure expression of blame or disapproval a rebuke

centurion leader of a unit of 100 soldiers

chary cautious wary

chastened corrected punished

chastisement punishment

chauvinist a blindly devoted patriot

chicanery legal trickery/false argument

chisel steel tool for shaping materials

churl bad-tempered person

clamor shout complain with a lot of noise

clientele customers

clinch come to grips/settle conclusively

cling to resist separation

clot half-solid lump formed from liquid

cloture closing device (in Parliament) to end a debate by voting

coagulation change to a thick and solid state

coalescing coming together and uniting into one substance

coax get smb to do smth by kindness

coda passage that completes a piece of music

coddle treat with care and tenderness

coerce compel to force to make obedient

coeval of the same period coexisting

cogent strong convincing

cogitate think deeply mediate

cognizant being fully aware of

colander bowl-shaped vessel with many holes used to drain off water

collusion secret agreement for a deceitful purpose

combustion process of burning

commemorate keep the memory of

commodious having plenty of space for what is needed

commuter person who travels regularly

complaisance tending to comply obliging willingness to please

compunction feeling of regret for one's action

conceal hide keep secret

conceit over-high opinion of too much pride

conciliatory reconciling soothing comforting mollifying

concord agreement or harmony

concur agree in opinion happen together

condense increase in density strength make laconic

condone forgive

congeal make or become stiff and solid

conjoin to join together

connoisseur a person with good judgement (e.g.. in art)

connotation suggestion in addition to

consequential pompous self important

console give comfort or sympathy to

conspicuous easily seen remarkable

consternation surprise and fear dismay

constrain compel

constrict make tight or smaller

consume get to the end of

consummate perfect/make perfect/complete

contemn to scorn or despise

contentious argumentative pugnacious combative quarrelsome

contiguous touching neighboring near

contrite filled with deep sorrow for wrongdoing

contumacious insubordinate rebellious

conundrum a riddle dilemma enigma

conviction convincing firm belief

convoke call together summon

convoluted complicated coiled twisted

cordial warm and sincere

cordon line (of police acting as a guard)

cornucopia abundant supply

corporeal physical of or for the body

correlate have a mutual relation

corroboration additional strengthening evidence

countenance to favor or approve of

counterfeit forgery

countervail counterbalance

covert disguised

covetous eagerly desirous

cower crouch shrink back

coy shy/modest (esp of a girl)

crass very great (es. stupidity)

cravat piece of linen worn as a necktie

craven cowardly

crease line made by crushing white line on the ground in cricket

credulity too great a readiness to believe things

credulous ready to believe things

crush press lose shape subdue overwhelm

cryptic secret with a hidden meaning

cumbersome burdensome heavy and awkward to carry

curmudgeon bad-tempered person

curriculum course of study

cursory quick hurried

curtail make shorter then was planned

dainty pretty/delicate(food)/difficult to please

daunt intimidate make fearful

dawdler person who is slow waste of time

dearth shortage

debacle a breakup overthrow sudden disaster

decorum propriety properness

decree order given by authority

decry disapprove of

defer postpone give way (to show respect)

deferential showing respect

defiance open disobedience or resistance

delineate to portray depict sketch out

deluge great flood heavy rush of water

demagogue person appealing not to reasons

demur to hesitate raise objections

denigrate blacken belittle sully defame

denouement an outcome or solution the unraveling of a plot

deplete use until none remains

deposition dethronement depositing

deprave make morally bad corrupt

deprecate protest against express disapproval of

dereliction deserting and leaving to fall into ruins

derision ridicule mockery deriding

derivative unoriginal obtained from another source

derogatory insulting tending to damage

descry catch sight of see smth in the distance

desiccant substance used to absorb moisture

desuetude cessation of use disuse

desultory aimless haphazard digressing at random

deter discourage hinder

detraction slandering verbal attack aspersion

detumescence diminishing or lessening of swelling

deviance being different in moral standards (from normal)

dexterity skill (esp. in handling)

diaphanous transparent gauzy

diatribe bitter and violent attack in words

diffidence shyness

dilate speak comprehensively become wider large

disallow refuse to allow or accept as a correct

discern see with an effort but clearly

discomfit confuse embarrass

disconcert upset the self-possession of

discountenance refuse to approve of

discourse speech lecture

discredit refuse to believe

discreet careful/prudent

discrete individually distinct

disdain look on with contempt

disencumber free from encumbrance

disheveled untidy

disingenuous sophisticated artful trying to deceive cunning

disinter dig up from the earth

dislodge move force from the place occupied

dismal sad gloomy miserable

disparate essentially different

disproof proof to the contrary

dissemble speak or behave so as to hide smth (in mind)

disseminate distribute (esp. ideas)

dissent have a different opinion refuse to assent

dissolution disintegration looseness in morals

distraught distracted violently upset in mind

divergence getting farther apart from a point

divestiture taking off getting rid of giving up

divulge make known smth secret

doggerel trivial poorly constructed verse

dogmatic positive certain arbitrary without room for discussion

dolt stupid fellow

dormant in a state of inactivity but awaiting development

dote show much fondness center one's attention

drawl slow way of speaking

droll jesting

drone male bee person who isn't self-employed

drowsiness feeling sleepy half asleep

dubious feeling doubt

dud no use person smth that fails

dulcet melodious harmonious

dupe cheat make a fool of

duplicity deliberate deception

duress threats to compel smb

dwarf person or smb much below the usual size

dynamo a generator something that produces electric current

earthenware dishes made of baked clay

ebullience exuberance outburst of feeling

ebullient overflowing with enthusiasm showing excitement

ecumenical representing the whole Christian world

edacious voracious devouring

eddy circular or spiral movement (e.g.. of wind)

edible fit to be eaten/not poisonous

effete infertile worn out weak

efficacy production of a desired result

effluvia outflow in a stream of particles a noxious odor or vapor

effrontery boldness impudence arrogance

egress way out exit

elaborate worked out with much care in great detail

elegy a lament a melancholy composition

elicit draw out

eloquence fluent speaking skillful use of language

emaciate make thin and weak

embellish make beautiful

embezzle use in a wrong way for one's own benefit

emote stir up excite

empirical relying on experiment

encapsulate enclose in capsule

encomium warm or glowing praise eulogy panegyric

encumbrance burden things that get on the way of

endearing making dear or liked

endemic epidemic

endorse write one's name on the back of

enduring lasting

enervate weaken deprive of strength attenuate

engender cause produce give rise to

engrave impress deeply

engrossing taken up all the time or attention writing in large or formal

engulf swallow up

enigma smth that is puzzling

enmity hatred being an enemy

ensign flag/badge

entangle put into difficulties

enthral please greatly/enslave (fig)

entice tempt or persuade

entreat ask earnestly

enunciate pronounce (words)/express a theory

enzyme catalyst

epicurean devoted to pleasure (sensuous enjoyment)

epistle letter

epithet adjective

epitome brief summary representative example a typical model

equable steady regular

equanimity calmness of temperament

equilibrium state of being balanced

equipoise equal distribution of weight equilibrium

equivocal having a double or doubtful meaning suspicious

equivocate try to deceive by equivocal language

eradicate get rid of pull up by the roots

erratic irregular in behaviour or opinion

erudite learned scholarly

eschew avoid

esoteric abstruse intended only for a small circle of

espouse marry give one's support to

eulogy formal praise panegyric

euphoria elation state of pleasant excitement

euthanasia easy and painless death

evasive tending to evade

evince to show clearly to indicate

evoke call up bring out

excoriation severe criticism

exculpate to clear from a charge of guilt

exhaustive complete thorough

exigency emergency an urgent situation

exoneration set smb clear free (e.g.. from blame)

exorbitant much too high or great

expatiate to roam wander freely

expedient likely to be useful for a purpose

expiation ending expiring

exploit brilliant achievement develop use selfishly

expostulate argue earnestly to dissuade correct or protest

expurgate to remove obscenity purify censor

exscind to cut out cut away

extant still in existence

extempore without previous thought or preparation

extenuate reduce the strength of lessen seriousness partially excuse

extinct no longer active

extinguish end the existence of/wipe or put out

extirpate to destroy exterminate cut out exscind

extol praise highly

extort obtain by threats violence

extralegal outside the law

extricable that can be freed

extrovert cheerful person

exuberance state of growing vigorously being full of life

facetious humorous funny jocular

facile easily done

fallacious based on error

falter waver/move in an uncertain manner

fatuous without sense foolish self-satisfaction

fawn young deer try to win smb's favor

feckless lacking purpose or vitality ineffective careless

fecund fertile

feint pretend

felicitous apt suitably expressed well chosen apropos

felon person guilty of murder

ferment substance become excited

ferocity savage cruelty

ferret discover by searching search

fervid showing earnest feeling

fervor warmth of feelings earnestness

fetid stinking

fetter to shackle put in chains

feud bitter quarrel over a long period of time

fidelity loyalty accuracy

fidget move restlessly make nervous

figurehead carved image on the prow of a ship

finesse delicate way of dealing with a situation

finical too fussy about food clothing etc.

finicky finical

fission splitting or division (esp. of cells)

fixate stare at

flak criticism/anti-aircraft guns

flamboyant brightly colored florid

flaunting show off complacently

flax pale yellow (hair) a plant

fledged able to fly trained experienced

fleet number of ships quick-moving

flinch draw move back wince

flop fail/move/fall clumsily

florid very much ornamented naturally red (e.g.. of face)

flout reject mock to go against (as in going against tradition)

fluke lucky stroke

fluster make nervous or confused

foible defect of character (a person is wrongly proud)

foil prevent from carrying out contrast

foment put smth warm (to lessen the pain)

foolproof incapable of failure or error

foppish like a man who pays too much attention to his clothes

forage food for horses and cattle

forbear refrain from be patient ancestor

forbearance patience willingness to wait

ford shallow place in a river (to cross)

forestall prevent by taking action in advance preempt

forfeit suffer the loss of smth

forge workshop for the shaping of metal to shape metal lead

forgery counterfeit

forswear renounce disallow repudiate

foster nurture care for

fracas noisy quarrel

fragile easily injured broken or destroyed

fragrant sweet-smelling

frantic wildly excited with joy pain anxiety

frenetic frantic frenzied

fret worry irritation wear away

fringe edge ornamental border part of hair over the forehead

froward intractable not willing to yield or comply stubborn

frugal careful economical

fulmination bitter protest

fulsome disgusting offensive due to excessiveness

gainsay to deny to oppose

garble make unfair selection from facts

garment article of clothing

garner to gather and save to store up

garrulity talkativeness

garrulous too talkative

gaucherie socially awkward tactless behavior

germane relevant pertinent to

gist the point general sense

glean gather facts in small quantities

glib ready and smooth but not sincere

glimmer weak/unsteady light

gloat over look at with selfish delight

glut supply to much fill to excess

gnaw waste away bite steadily

goad smth urging a person to action

gorge eat greedily/narrow opening with a stream

gossamer soft light delicate material

gouge tool for cutting grooves in wood

grandiloquent using pompous words

grave serious requiring consideration

graze touch or scrape lightly in passing

gregarious living in societies liking the company

grievous causing grief or pain serious dire grave

grovel crawl humble oneself

guile deceit cunning

gullible easily gulled

gush burst out suddenly/talk ardently

gust outburst of feeling sudden rain wind fire etc.

hack cut roughly hired horse

halcyon calm and peaceful

hallow to make holy consecrate

harangue a long passionate speech

harbinger smth or smb that foretells the coming of

harrow to distress create stress or torment

haughty arrogant conceited

heed attention/give notice to

heinous odious (of crime)

heresy belief contrary to what is generally accepted

hermetic sealed by fusion

heterogeneous made up of different kinds

hew make by hard work cut (by striking)

highbrow (person) with superior tastes

hirsute hairy shaggy

hoax mischievous trick played on smb for a joke

hoi polloi the masses the rabble

hollow not soled with hole

holster leather case for a pistol

homiletics act of preaching

hone stone used for sharpening tools

hoodwink trick mislead

hospitable liking to give hospitality

hubris arrogant pride

hush make or become silent

husk worthless outside part of anything

hypocrisy falsely making oneself appear to be good

iconoclast person who attacks popular beliefs

idiosyncrasy personal mannerism

idolatry excessive admiration of

idyll a carefree episode or experience

ignoble dishonorable common undignified

ignominious shameful dishonorable undignified disgraceful

illicit unlawful forbidden

imbroglio complicated and embarrassing situation

immaculate pure faultless

imminent likely to come or happen soon

immutable that cannot be changed

impair worsen diminish in value

impassive unmoved feeling no sign of passion

impecunious having little or no money

impede hinder get in the way of

impediment smth that hinders (e.g. stammer)

impending imminent being about to happen expected

imperative urgent essential

imperious commanding haughty arrogant

impermeable that cannot be permeated

imperturbable calm not capable of being excited

impervious not allowing to pass through (of materials)

imperviousness haughty arrogant commanding

impetuous having sudden energy impulsive thrusting ahead forceful

impiety lack of reverence or dutifulness

implacable incapable of being placated unpleasable

implicate show that smb has a share

implicit implied though not plainly expressed

implosion collapse bursting inward

importune beg urgently solicit (of a prostitute)

imprecation an invocation of evil a curse

impromptu without preparation

impudent rash indiscreet

impugned challenged to be doubted

impute to attribute to a cause or source ascribe

inadvertent not paying proper attention

inane silly senseless

inasmuch since because

incense make angry

incessant often repeated continual

inchoate not yet fully formed rudimentary elementary

incipient beginning

incise engrave make a cut in

incite stir up rouse

inclined directing the mind in a certain direction

incongruous out of place not in harmony or agreement

incorrigibility cannot be cured or corrected

incredulous skeptical unwilling to believe

inculcate fix firmly by repetition

incumbents official duties

incursion a raid a sudden attack

indefatigability not easily exhaustible tirelessness

indelible that cannot be rubbed out

indigence poverty

indigenous native

indistinct not easily heard seen clearly marked

indolence laziness

indomitable not easily discouraged or subdued

indulge gratify give way to satisfy allow oneself

indulgent inclined to indulge

ineffable to great to be described in words

ineluctable certain inevitable

inept unskillful said or done at the wrong time

ineptitude quality of being unskillful

inferno hell

infuriate fill with fury or rage

infuse put pour fill

ingenuous naive young artless frank honest sincere

ingest take in by swallowing

inimical harmful or friendly

inimitable defying imitation unmatchable

innocuous causing no harm

inscrutable incapable of being discovered or understood

insensible unconscious unresponsive unaffected

insinuate suggest unpleasantly make a way for smth gently

insipid without taste or flavor

insouciant unconcerned carefree

insularity narrow-mindedness isolated

insurrection rising of people to open resistance to

interdict prohibit forbid

interim as an installment

intersperse place here and there

intransigence unwillingness to compromise stubbornness intractability

intransigent uncompromising

intrepid fearless brave undaunted

introspection examining one's own thoughts and feelings

inundate flood cover by overflowing

inured accustomed to adapted

invective abusive language curses

inveigh to attack verbally denounce deprecate

inveterate deep-rooted. long-established

invincible too strong to be defeated

involute complex

irascible irritable easily angered

irate angry

ire anger

irksome tiresome

irresolute hesitating undecided

irrevocable final and unalterable

itinerate to travel from place to place to peregrinate

jabber talk excitedly utter rapidly

jibe gibe make fun of

jocular meant as a joke

judicious sound in judgment wise

knit draw together unite firmly

labyrinthine to entangle the state of affairs

lachrymose causing tears tearful

lackluster (of eyes) dull

lament show feel great sorrow

lassitude weariness tiredness

latent present but not yet active developed or visible

laudatory expressing or giving praise

lavish giving or producing freely liberally or generously

legacy smth handed down from ancestors

levee formal reception/embankment

levity lack of seriousness

libel statement that damages reputation

liberality free giving generosity

libertine immoral person

lien legal claim until a debt on it is repaid

limn paint portray

limp lacking strength walking unevenly

lionize treat as a famous person

lithe bending twisting

loll rest to sit or stand in a lazy way hang (dog's tongue)

lope move along with long strides

loquacious talkative garrulous

lucubrate write in scholarly fashion

luculent easily understood lucid clear

lugubrious mournful excessively sad

lull become quiet or less active

lumber move in a clumsy/noisy way

luminary star light-giving body

lurk be out of view ready to attack

lustrous being bright polished

macabre gruesome suggesting death

macerate make or become soft by soaking in water

machination plot scheme (esp. evil)

maladroit tactless clumsy

malapropism misuse of a word (for one that resembles it)

malevolence wishing to do evil

malign injurious speak ill of smb tell lie

malinger to fake illness or injury in order to shirk a duty

malleable yielding easily shaped moldable adapting

manacle chains for the hands or feet

massacre cruel killing of a large number of people

matriculation be admitted enter a university as a student

maudlin sentimental in a silly or tearful way

maul hurt by rough handling

maverick rebel nonconformist

mellifluous sweetly flowing

mendacity dishonesty

mendicant a beggar

mercurial quick changeable in character fleeting

meretricious attractive on the surface but of little value

mesmerize hypnotize

meticulous giving great attention to details

mettle quality of endurance or courage

mettlesome courageous high-spirited

middling fairly good but not very good

minatory menacing threatening

mince pronounce or speak affectedly euphemize

misanthrope person who hates mankind

mischievous harmful causing mischief

miser person who loves wealth and spends little

misogynist one who hates women/females

moderation quality of being limited not extreme

mollify make calmer or quieter

molt moult lose hair feathers before new growing

morbid diseased unhealthy (e.g.. about ideas)

morose ill-tempered unsocial

muffler cloth worn round the neck/silencer

multifarious varied motley greatly diversified

mundane worldly as opposed to spiritual commonplace everyday

myriad very great number

nadir lowest weakest point

nascent coming into existence emerging

nebulous cloud-like hazy vague indistinct

negligent taking too little care

neophyte person who has been converted to a belief

nexus a connection tie or link

nibble show some inclination to accept (an offer)

noisome offensive disgusting (smell)

nonchalant not having interest

nonplused greatly surprised

nostrum a quack remedy an untested cure

noxious harmful

nugatory trifling/worthless

obdurate hardened and unrepenting stubborn inflexible

obfuscate to darken make obscure muddle

oblivious unaware having no memory

obloquy abusively detractive language sharp criticism vituperation

obsequious too eager to obey or serve

obstreperous noisy loud

obtain to be established accepted or customary

obtrusive projecting prominent undesirably noticeable

obtuse blunt/stupid

obviate to make unnecessary get rid of

occluded blocked up

odious repulsive hateful

odium contempt dislike aversion

odor smell favor reputation

officious too eager or ready to help offer advice

ominous threatening

onerous needing effort burdensome

opaqueness dullness/not allowing light to pass through

opprobrious showing scorn or reproach

ossify to turn to bone to settle rigidly into an idea

ostensible seeming appearing as such professed

ostentation display to obtain admiration or envy

ostracism shut out from society refuse to meet talk

overhaul examine thoroughly to learn about the condition

overweening presumptuously arrogant overbearing immoderate being a jerk

paean song of praise or triumph

palate roof of the mouth sense of taste

palatial magnificent

palliate lessen the severity of

palpability can be felt touched understood

palpitate tremble beat rapidly and irregularly

panegyric formal praise eulogy

paradigm a model example or pattern

parenthesis sentence within another one smth separated

pariah an outcast a rejected and despised person

parsimonious too economical miserly

partisan one-sided committed to a party biased or prejudiced

patron regular customer person who gives support

paucity scarcity a lacking of

peccadillo small sin small weakness in one's character

pedantic bookish showing off learning

pedestrian commonplace trite unremarkable

pellucid transparent easy to understand

penchant strong inclination a liking

penitent feeling or showing regret

penurious poor/stingy

penury extreme poverty

peregrination traveling about wandering

peremptory urgent imperative unchallengeable ending debate

perfidious treacherous faithless

perfidy treachery breaking of faith

perfunctory done as a duty without care

perilous dangerous

peripatetic wandering

perish be destroyed decay

perjury willful FALSE statement unlawful act

permeate spread into every part of

pernicious harmful injurious

perpetrate be guilty commit (a crime)

personable pleasing in appearance attractive

perspicacity quick judging and understanding

pertain belong as a part have reference

pest destructive thing or a person who is nuisance

petrified taken away power (to think feel act)

petrify to make hard rocklike

petrous like a rock hard stony

petulant unreasonably impatient

philistine a smug ignorant person one who lacks knowledge

phlegmatic calm sluggish temperament unemotional

picaresque involving clever rogues or adventurers

pied of mixed colors

pinch be too tight take between the thumb and finger

pine waste away through sorrow or illness

pious dutiful to parents devoted to religion

piquant agreeably pungent stimulating

pique hurt the pride or self-respect stir (curiosity)

pitfall covered hole as a trap unsuspected danger

pith essential part force soft liquid substance

pivotal of great importance (others depend on it)

placate soothe pacify calm

plaintive mournful melancholy sorrowful

plaque flat metal on a wall as a memorial

platitude a trite or banal statement unoriginality

plea request

plead address a court of law as an advocate

plethora glut

pliant pliable easily bent shaped or twisted

plod continue doing smth without resting

pluck pull the feathers off pick (e.g.. flowers)

plumb get to the root of

plummet fall plunge steeply

plunge move quickly suddenly and with force

poignant deeply moving keen

poncho large piece of cloth

ponderous heavy bulky dull

portent omen marvelous threatening

precarious uncertain risky dangerous

precepts rules establishing standards of conduct

preclude prevent make impossible

precursory preliminary anticipating

predilection special liking mental preference

predominate have more power than others

preen tidy/show self-satisfaction

premature doing or happening smth before the right time

preponderance greatness in number strength weight

presage warning sign

presumption arrogance

preternatural not normal or usual

prevalent common

prevaricate to equivocate to stray from the truth

prim neat formal

pristine primitive unspoiled pure as in earlier times unadulterated

probity uprightness incorruptibility principle

proclivity inclination

procrastination keeping on putting off

prodigal wasteful reckless with money

prodigious enormous wonderful

profane worldly having contempt for God

profligacy shameless immorality

profligate wasteful prodigal licentious extravagant

profundity depth

profuse abundant/lavish

proliferate grow reproduce by rapid multification

prolix tiring because too long

prone prostrate inclined to (undesirable things)

propagation increasing the number spreading extending

propinquity nearness in time or place affinity of nature

propitiatory conciliatory appeasing mitigating

propitious auspicious presenting favorable circumstances

prosaic everyday mundane commonplace trite pedestrian

proscribe denounce as dangerous

protracted prolonged

provident frugal looking to the future

provisional of the present time only

provoke make angry vax

prudence careful forethought

prudish easily shocked excessively modest

prune dried plum silly person

pry get smth inquire too curiously

pucker wrinkle

pugnacious fond of in the habit of fighting

puissance strength

punctilious precise paying attention to trivialities

pundit pedant authority on a subject

pungency sharpness stinging quality

purvey provide supply

pusillanimous cowardly craven

putrefaction becoming rotten

pyre large pile of wood for burning

quack person dishonestly claiming to smth

quaff drink deeply

quail lose courage turn frightened

qualm feeling of doubt temporary feeling of sickness

quandary state of doubt or perplexity

quell suppress subdue

quibble try to avoid by sophistication

quiescence state of being passive/motionless

quiescent at rest dormant torpid

quirk habit or action peculiar to smb or smth

quixotic generous unselfish

quotidian banal everyday

rabble mob crowd the lower classes of populace

raconteur person who tells anecdotes

raffish low vulgar base tawdry

ramify to be divided or subdivided to branch out

rancorous feeling bitterness spitefulness

rant use extravagant language

rapacious greedy (esp for money)

rarefy to make thin to make less dense to purify or refine

rave act with excessive enthusiasm

reactionary opposing progress

rebuff snub

recalcitrant disobedient

recant take back as being FALSE give up

recast cast or fashion anew

recidivism relapse into antisocial or criminal behavior

reciprocity granting of privileges in return for similar

recitals a number of performance of music

recluse person who lives alone and avoids people

recompense make payment to reward punish

reconcile settle a quarrel restore peace

recondite little known abstruse

recreancy cowardice a cowardly giving up

recuperate become strong after illness loss exhaustion

redeem get back by payment compensate

redoubtable formidable causing fear

refine make or become pure cultural

refractory stubborn unmanageable untractable

refulgent shining brilliant

regale to delight or entertain to feast

regicide crime of killing a king

reiterate say or do again several times

rejuvenation becoming young in nature or appearance

relapse fall back again

remonstrate to protest object

render deliver provide represent

renovate restore smth to better condition

renowned celebrated famous

repast meal

repel refuse to accept/cause dislike

repine at be discontented with

reproach scold upbraid

reprobate person hardened in sin one devoid of decency

repudiate disown refuse to accept or pay

repulsive causing a feeling of disgust

requite repay give in return

rescind repeal/annul/cancel

resigned unresisting submissive

resilience quality of quickly recovering the original shape

resort to frequently visit

restive refusing to move reluctant to be controlled

resuscitation coming back to consciousness

retard check hinder

reticent reserved untalkative silent taciturn

revere have deep respect for

reverent feeling or showing deep respect

riddle puzzling person or thing

rift split crack dissension

rivet fix take up secure metal pin

roll call calling of names

rotund rich and deep plump and round

ruffian violent cruel man

rumple make rough

sagacious having sound judgment perceptive wise like a sage

salacious obscene

salubrious healthful

salutary remedial wholesome causing improvement

sanctimony self-righteousness hypocritical with FALSE piety

sanction approval (by authority) penalty

sanguine cheerful confident optimistic

sanity health of mind soundness of judgement

sash long strip worn round the waist

satiate satisfy fully

saturnine gloomy dark sullen morose

savant person of great learning

savor taste flavor smth

sawdust tiny bits of wood

scabbard sheath for the blade

scent smell (esp pleasant)

scorch become discolored/dry up/go at high speed

scribble write hastily

scurvy mean contemptible

secular material (not spiritual) living outside monasteries

sedulous persevering

seminal like a seed constituting a source originative

sententious short and pithy full of maxims/proverbs

sequence succession connected line of

sere make hard and without feeling

sermon reproving a person for his faults

serrated having a toothed edge

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servile like a slave lacking independence

sever break off

severance severing

shallow little depth not earnest

shard piece of broken earthenware

sheath cover for the blade of a weapon or a tool

shrewd astute showing sound judgement

shrill sharp piercing

shun keep away from avoid

shunt send from one track to another lay aside evade discussion

sidestep step to one side

simper (give a) silly/self-conscious smile

sinuous winding undulating serpentine

skiff small boat

skit short piece of humorous writing

slack sluggish dull not tight

slake to assuage to satisfy allay

slate king of blue-grey stone propose criticize

sluggard lazy slow-moving person

slur join sounds/words (indistinct)

smolder burn slowly without flame

snare trap

snub treat with contempt

soar rise fly high

sober self-controlled

sobriety quality or condition of being sober

sodden soaked saturated

soggy heavy with water

solvent of the power of forming a solution

somatic of the body

soot black powder in smoke

sophisticated complex subtle refined

sophistry fallacious reasoning faulty logic

sophomoric self-assured though immature affected bombastic overblown

soporific producing sleep

sordid wretched comfortless contemptible

spear weapon with a metal point on a long shaft

specious illogical of questionable truth or merit

splenetic bad-tempered irritable

splice join (two ends)

sponge porous rubber for washing live at once expense

spurious FALSE counterfeit

spurn have nothing to do reject or refuse

squalid foul filthy

squander spend wastefully

squat crouch/settle without permission

stanch to stop the flow of a fluid

steeply rising or falling sharply

stentorian extremely loud and powerful

stickler person who insists on importance of smth

stigma mark of shame or disgrace

stigmatize describe smb scornfully

sting smth sharp

stingy spending using unwillingly

stint to be thrifty to set limits

stipple paint with dots

stipulate state or put forward as a necessary condition

stolid showing no emotion impassive

stray wander lose one's way

streak long thin move very fast

striated striped grooved or banded

stride walk with long steps

strut a supporting bar

stygian hence dark gloomy

stymie to hinder obstruct or block

subdue overcome bring under control

sublime extreme astounding

submerge put under water liquid sink out of sight

suborn induce by bribery or smth to commit perjury

subpoena written order requiring a person to appear in a low court

substantiation giving facts to support (statement)

subsume include under a rule

succor assistance relief in time of distress

suffice be enough

suffocate cause or have difficulty in breathing

sullied to be stained or discredited

summarily briefly without delay

sumptuous magnificent

sundry various miscellaneous separate

supercilious disdainful characterized by haughty scorn

superfluous more then is needed or wanted

superimpose put smth on the top

supersede take the place of

supine lying on the back slow to act passive

suppliant asking humbly beseeching

supplicate make a humble petition to

suppress prevent from being known put an end to

surcharge additional load/charge

surfeit satiate feed to fulness or to excess

susceptibility sensitiveness

swerve change direction suddenly

sycophant person who flatter to the rich and powerful

synopsis summary or outline

taciturn untalkative silent

tadpole form of a frog when it leaves the egg

talon claw of a bird of prey

tamp tap or drive down by repeated light blows

tamper interfere with

tangential suddenly changeable

tarnished lost brightness

tassel bunch of threads

taunt contemptuous reproach hurtful remark

taut tightly stretched

tautology a repetition a redundancy

tawdry cheap gaudy showy tacky

teetotal oppose to alcohol

temerity boldness brashness intrepidness

temperance abstinence from alcohol self-control moderation

temperate showing self-control

tenacity firmness persistency adhesiveness tending to hang on

tenuous insubstantial flimsy weak

tepid lukewarm

terse brief and to the point

testiness witness/evidence

thrift care economy thriving prosperous

thwart obstruct/frustrate

timid shy easily frightened

timorous fearful timid afraid

toady obsequious flatterer

tonic smth giving strength or energy

topple be unsteady and overturn

torment severe pain or suffering

torpid sleeping sluggish lethargic dormant

torque twisting force causing rotation

tortuous devious/not straightforward

tout person who worries others to buy smth to use his service

tractable easily controlled or guided

transgress break go beyond (a limit)

transient temporary fleeting

transitory brief

travesty parody/imitation

trenchant forceful effective vigorous extremely perceptive incisive

trepidation alarm excited state of mind

trickle flow in drops

trifling unimportant

trite not new

truce (agreement) stop of fighting for a time

truculence aggressiveness ferocity

trudge walk heavily

turbid muddy having the sediment stirred up

turbulence being uncontrolled violent

turgid excessively ornate swollen or bloated

turmoil trouble disturbance

turpitude wickedness shamefulness

turquoise greenish-blue precious stone

tyro tiro beginner

ubiquitous present everywhere

ulterior situated beyond

umbrage offense resentment

uncouth rough awkward

underbid make a lower bid then smb else

undermine weaken gradually at the base make smth under

undulate to move in wavelike fashion fluctuate

unearth discover and bring to light

unencumbered easy-going trifle

unfeigned not pretended sincere

unscathed unharmed unhurt

untoward unfortunate inconvenient

upbraid scold reproach

urbane elegant refined in manners

vacillation being uncertain hesitating

vagary strange act or idea

vain without use result conceited

valiant brave

valorous brave

vanquish conquer

veer change direction

venal ready to do smth dishonest

veneer surface appearance covering the TRUE nature

veneration regard with deep respect

veracity truth

verdant fresh and green

verisimilitude appearing TRUE or real

veritable real rightly named

verve spirit vigor enthusiasm

vestige trace or sign

vex annoy distress trouble

vigilance watchfulness self-appointed group who maintain order

vigilant member of a vigilance committee

vigorous strong energetic

vilify slander say evil things

vindictive having a desire to revenge

virago a loud domineering woman a scold or nag

visceral of the internal organs of the body

viscous sticky/semi-fluid

vitiate lower the quality weaken the strength

vituperate curse abuse in words

vivacious lively high-spirited

volatile changeable inconstant fickle unstable explosive

volubility fluency verbosity easy use of spoken language

voluble fluent

waffle talk vaguely and without much result

waft scent waving movement carry lightly through

wag merry person

warmonger person who stirs up war

warrant authority written order guarantee

wean to turn away (from a habit)

weigh measure hoe heavy smth is

welter turmoil a bewildering jumble

wend to go proceed

whimsical full of odd and fanciful ideas

wince show bodily or mental pain

woo try to win

writ written order

yarn tale story fibers for knitting