

TREMOR – shake / earthquake OBFUSCATE – cover, confuse PLAGIARISM - copy someone's literature
 HALLUCINATION - seeing what is not
 PERJURY – lying under oath AMICABLE - friendly SUBSTANTIAL – a lot
 YEARN/ LONGING - want/desire OPULENT – showing expenses DEBRIS - broken leftovers of building
 CRESTFALLEN – come down PROCRASTINATE - delay ALLEVIATE - remove
 HUBRIS - arrogance JAUNTILY / JOVIAL - with liveliness, purpose
 PEDANT - person who insists on formal rules / exact meaning NOCTURNAL – night wala
 ELOPE – to run away with lover WINDFALL GAIN – surprise profit STOWAWAY – who hides on ship to travel for free
 INEFFABLE – impossible to describe DENIGRATE – to damage someone's character
 VOLLEY – continuous stream of HOLLER – loud shouts
 CHIVALRY – courtesy towards ladies CAPTIVE – Within control ARCHAIC - very old
 DETERRENCE/DETERRENT – a stopping threat/factor SQUEAMISH – not loud
 MICROCOSM – environment MONETARILY/MONETARY – regarding money RIVETED - fixed
 SYCOPHANCY – flatterer / chaplusi LABYRINTH - a series of SUCCUMB – fell to
 PERPLEX – confuse ABRASIVE - crude PURGED OFF – removed from GRAPPLE – wrestle / fight
 REMNANTS – remaining parts ONUS – its on you
 LACKADAISICAL - lazy in a dreamy way FORSAKE - leave someone who needs or counts on you
 VIRULENT - extremely poisonous or injurious OBLITERATE - remove completely from recognition or memory
 CONUNDRUM - a difficult problem BOLSTER – support CALAMITY - Tragedy
 CHARISMA – Charm, appeal DAUNTLESS – brave DABBLE – Indulge in
 DEPLORE - criticize ASSENT - rise MOTIVATION - drive PERPETUAL – always DEFIANCE - resistance
 RESIDUE – remains EMANCIPATE - lift up / raise standard HOSTILITY – enmity
 FORBID - prevent AMBIGUOUS – double meaning / confusing
 COUNTERFEIT – not original FUSION – mixture ESCALATE - increase TERMINATE – end/finish
 GRAVITATE – move towards AGILE - nimble, swift BLITHE - carefree
 CONCEIT - extra pride in oneself ARCHIVE – old ATROPHY – wastage
 BECKON – call with expression BELLIGERENT – tending to fight BENIGN – not growing
 ACCRUE - accumulate RECKON – decide after calculating ARSON – fight/riots/violence
 NARCISSISTIC – self obsessed ASYLUM - shelter BEHEMOTH – giant
 VOCIFEROUS - loudly PLACIBO – dose without medicine CONCEDE – Give in / agree after first disagreeing
 ANNIHILATE - destroy CONCUR – give sanction
 RETALIATE – fight back ATONEMENT – prashyit UBIQUITOUS - found everywhere
 STOIC – can withstand stress BEREAVEMENT – sorrow after death BEQUEATH - give
 VEHEMENTLY – very strongly COMMEMORATE – celebrate ADORE - love
 BANAL – boring, repetitive PILFER – steal FIREBRAND – tough tongue FIASCO - flop thing,
 ULTERIOR - inner motive, wrong intention, ABEYANCE - suspended indefinitely
 PLACATE – making calm and quiet PACIFIST - one who doesn't like war HEYDAY – past days of glory
 BURGEONING - filled with RILE – disturbance GARISH – shameless display of money
 ERSTWHILE – of past VILIFY - spoil someone's character ARCHETYPE - initial model of things to be made
 CRYPTIC - secretive, with clues, PENCHANT –flair for, love for something
 FAWNING – buttering LAGGARD – one who is always late INGRAINED - deeply set
 ABHOR – hate AUTHENTIC - original ALLURE – attract ABOLISH - ban
 ABJECT – bad state ACCEDE – give up ARROGANT – too proud ASTRAY – go on wrong path
 ACCUMEN – intelligence AMIABLE – friendly AMENABLE – accepted easily
 ADVENT - start ABYSMAL – low chances ACQUISITION – to acquire ADEPT – skillful
 ADVERSARY – enemy AESTHETIC – graceful, with style AGITATE – getting angry
 AFFORD – ability to buy ALLUDE – to tell something secretly ALTERCATION – argument
 ANOMALY – exception ABANDON – leave, discard ACQUIT – free someone ALIMONY – money after divorce
 ABSTAIN - stay away ACCOMPLICE – partner ADMONISH – scold
 ADORN – to make something beautiful ADULATION – appreciation AGRARIAN – related to agriculture
 ALLEGE – blame ALLEGIENCE – loyalty AMNESTY – forgiveness
 AFFLUENT – rich ASCERTAIN – check again ANARCHY – disorder, chaos
 AMUSE – entertain ATTRIBUTE – link to, qualities ATTIRE – dress
 AVARICE –greed BAFFLE – confuse BALEFUL – deadly / evil BALK – stop suddenly
 BALLAD – song BANTER – chat BARBARIC – cruel BARREN - infertile BEGUILE – charm someone deceptively
 BELITTLE – to make someone small BENEFACTOR – one who

supports financially BLUNT – not sharp EPOCH – era DECIMATE – destroy DRACONIAN – cruel
 FROTH – bubbles LITHARGY – laziness JURISDICTION – area of responsibility
 RHETORIC – saying repeatedly TANGIBLE – which can be measured GULLIBLE – easily manipulated
 FRATERNITY – community HEINOUS – very bad JARGON - typical language
 CATAPULT – device with rubber to throw stones ELONGATE – to stretch NASCENT - early stage
 OXYMORON – something in which opposites are true/impossible
 MUNDANE – boring, repetitive TYRANT – cruel king RAMPART – protrusion in a Fort
 STIMULATE – to give an input / boost RAMPANT – widespread LIQUIDATE – sell everything and shut
 RETICENT – one who speaks less VAGABOND – one who keeps travelling without a shelter
 CACOPHONY – harsh sound VERACITY – truthfulness
 IDIOSYNCRACIES - strange habits ZEST - zeal, enthusiasm INFIRMITY – lack of firmness
 RENDEVOUS – meeting point EVOCATIVE - to bring out feelings IMPROMPTU – without preparation

underbid	make a lower bid than somebody else
euthanasia	easy and painless death
irate	angry
decree	order given by authority
lampoon	publicly mock or ridicule
alcove	recess/partially enclosed place
turquoise	greenish-blue precious stone
hapless	unlucky
miser	person who loves wealth and spends little
frantic	wildly excited with joy; pain; anxiety
woo	try to win
pervade	spread through every part of
concoct	invent, prepare by mixing together
reverent	feeling or showing deep respect
imminent	likely to come or happen soon
valiant	brave
irrevocable	final and unalterable
derogatory	insulting; damaging
voluptuous	arousing sensual pleasures
tarnished	lost brightness/daag lagna
soggy	heavy with water
vindictive	having a desire to take revenge
pinch	be too tight take between the thumb and finger
earthenware	dishes made of baked clay
suppress	To prevent / dabana / push down
hoax	mischievous trick played to deceive

avor	Taste, flavor something
unearth	discover and bring to light
loquacious	talkative; garrulous
defiance	open disobedience or resistance
warmonger	person who stirs up war
gust	outburst of feeling; sudden rain wind fire etc.
candid	frank; straight-forward
coalescing	coming together and uniting into one substance
counterfeit	forgery
Pilfer	steal, especially in small quantities
precursory	preliminary; anticipating
gush	burst out suddenly/talk ardently
quandary	state of doubt or perplexity
plunge	move quickly suddenly and with force
wanton	unrestrained; willfully malicious; unchaste
revere	have deep respect for
punitive	Punishing
swerve	change direction suddenly
torment	severe pain or suffering
dawdler	person who is slow waste of time
abraded	rubbed off; worn away by friction
noxious	Harmful
vitriolic	corrosive; sarcastic
compunction	feeling of regret for one's action
squander	spend wastefully
exculpate	to clear from a charge of guilt
antithetical	direct opposing
stifled	suppressed, kept back
deplete	use until none remains
recompense	make payment to reward punish
propagation	increasing the number; spreading; extending
coerce	Compel, to force, to make obedient
implacable	incapable of being placated; unpleasable
vigilance	Watchfulness, self-appointed group who maintain order
proliferate	grow / reproduce by rapid multiplication
holster	leather case for a pistol
aseptic	surgically clean
apropos	by the way

ineptitude	quality of being unskillful
distraught	distracted violently, upset in mind
reciprocity	granting of privileges in return for similar
peccadillo	small sin, small weakness in one's character
lustrous	being bright; polished, shiny
extol	to praise highly
condense	increase in density/ strength, make laconic
fawn	To seek favour or attention by flattery
personable	pleasing in appearance, attractive
forestall	prevent by taking action in advance; pre-empt
stipulate	state or put forward as a necessary condition
lament	show feeling of great sorrow
provoke	make angry, vex
subpoena	written order requiring a person to appear in a low court
plummet	Fall, plunge steeply
soot	black powder in smoke
accrue	Accumulate
complaisance	tending to comply, obliging, willingness to please
illicit	unlawful; forbidden
valorous	Brave
apprehensive	Fear / unhappy feeling about future
idolatry	excessive admiration of
viscous	sticky/semi-fluid
haughty	arrogant; conceited
concord	agreement or harmony
aversion	strong dislike
latent	present but not yet active; developed or visible
supersede	take the place of
topple	be unsteady and overturn
entangle	put into difficulties
deviance	being different in moral standards (from normal)
inept	unskillful; said or done at the wrong time
variegate	To mark with different shade or colors
pristine	Primitive, unspoiled, pure as in earlier times unadulterated
impediment	something that hinders (e.g. stammer)
wince	show bodily or mental pain
prevalent	Common
undermine	weaken gradually at the base

enunciate	pronounce (words)/express a theory
malevolence	wishing to do evil
slack	sluggish; dull; not tight
arduous	steep difficult ascent; laborious
iconoclast	person who attacks popular beliefs
pungency	Sharpness, stinging quality
chortle	loud chuckle of pleasure or amusement
aloof	reserved; indifferent
placate	Soothe, pacify, calm
regicide	crime of killing a king
palate	roof of the mouth; sense of taste
indomitable	not easily discouraged or subdued
calisthenics	exercises to develop strong bodies
polemic	a controversial argument / a person engaged in such an argument
recluse	person who lives alone and avoids people
felon	person guilty of murder
whimsical	full of odd and fanciful ideas
hush	make or become silent
frugal	careful; economical
finesse	delicate way of dealing with a situation
shun	keep away from avoid
apprise	give notice to inform
bigot	stubborn; narrow-minded person
tamper	interfere with
muffler	cloth worn round the neck; silencer
imperative	urgent; essential
lavish	giving or producing freely liberally or generously
enthral	take the whole attention, enslave
dismal	sad; gloomy; miserable
smolder	burn slowly without flame
perilous	dangerous
floe	a sheet of floating ice
trickle	flow in drops
disencumber	free from encumbrance
impending	imminent; about to happen; expected
stickler	person who insists on importance of something
vehemence	forcefulness
stigma	mark of shame or disgrace

castigation	severe punishment
avow	admit; declare openly
mendacious	lying; habitually dishonest
nihilism	total rejection of all religious and moral beliefs
benevolence	wish or activity in doing good
deter	Discourage, hinder
tenacity	firmness persistency adhesiveness tending to hang on
indulge	gratify; give way to satisfy allow oneself
squat	crouch/settle without permission
incredulous	skeptical; unwilling to believe
exuberance	state of growing vigorously being full of life
incessant	Constant
apostate	one who abandons long-held religious or political convictions
gist	the point general sense
connotation	Suggestion, in addition to
transient	Temporary, fleeting
conciliatory	reconciling; soothing; comforting; mollifying
empirical	relying on experiment
berate	scold sharply
soar	rise fly high
arcane	known or understood by very few
engrave	impress deeply
<u>procrastination</u>	keeping on putting off
subdue	overcome bring under control
flaunting	show off complacently
impair	worsen; diminish in value
tassel	bunch of threads
immaculate	pure; faultless
prone	prostrate; inclined to (undesirable things)
astute	clever quick at seeing to get an advantage
extrovert	cheerful person
coy	shy/modest (especially of a girl)
approbation	approval
pillage	plunder (especially in war)
incorrigibility	cannot be cured or corrected
taciturn	unspoken, silent
efface	rub or wipe out, obliterate
mollify	make calmer or quieter

sober	self-controlled
truce	(agreement) stop of fighting for a time
exorbitant	much too high or great
bolster	give greatly needed support
conviction	convincing firm belief
diabolical	having the qualities of a devil
castigate	to chastise; correct by punishing
fallacious	based on error
precepts	rules establishing standards of conduct
curtail	make shorter than was planned
flamboyant	brightly colored; florid
nonchalant	not having interest
vex	annoy distress trouble
gorge	eat greedily/narrow opening with a stream
poncho	large piece of cloth
inscrutable	incapable of being discovered or understood
impassive	unmoved; feeling no sign of passion
grandiloquent	using pompous words
espouse	To take in marriage
pitfall	covered hole as a trap unsuspected danger
boorish	crude; rude
shrill	sharp; piercing
lull	become quiet or less active
imperturbable	calm not capable of being excited
arboreal	of connected with trees
coddle	treat with care and tenderness
timorous	fearful timid afraid
sagacious	having sound judgment; perceptive; wise like a sage
prudence	careful forethought
cohort	a group or band of people
oblivious	unaware; having no memory
ignoble	not noble; inferior
perch	take up a high position
disseminate	distribute (esp. ideas)
rescind	repeal/annul/cancel
ebullient	overflowing with enthusiasm showing excitement
intersperse	place here and there
nebulous	cloud-like; hazy; vague; indistinct

laudatory	expressing or giving praise
bask	in enjoy warmth and light
fluke	lucky; stroke
heed	attention/give notice to
pliant	easily bent
endearing	making dear or liked
matriculation	be admitted enter a university as a student
precarious	uncertain risky dangerous
embellish	make beautiful
ominous	threatening
fluster	make nervous or confused
inferno	hell
susceptibility	sensitiveness
dubious	feeling doubt
graze	touch or scrape lightly in passing
malapropism	misuse of a word (for one that resembles it)
quell	suppress subdue
irascible	irritable; easily angered
ostracism	shut out from society refuse to meet talk
divulge	make known something secret
incise	engrave; make a cut in
maverick	rebel; nonconformist
palpitate	tremble beat rapidly and irregularly
ambrosial	extremely pleasing to taste
extort	obtain by threats violence
sidestep	step to one side
cling	to resist separation
arabesque	a complex ornate design
corroboration	additional strengthening evidence
cantankerous	bad-tempered/quarrelsome
ferocity	savage cruelty
insensible	unconscious; unresponsive; unaffected
epitome	brief summary representative example a typical model
chaste	pure
expurgate	to remove obscenity purify censor
garner	to gather and save to store up
rift	split crack dissension
fidget	move restlessly make nervous

efficacy	production of a desired result
enmity	hatred being an enemy
impervious	not allowing to pass through (of materials)
palpability	can be felt or touched
gourmand	a person who is devoted to eating and drinking to excess
credulous	ready to believe things
morbid	diseased; unhealthy (e.g.. about ideas)
superfluous	more than is needed or wanted
feral	Existing in a wild or untamed state
attune	bring into harmony
equipoise	equal distribution of weight equilibrium
plead	address a court of law as an advocate
convoke	call together summon
veer	change direction
Conduce	To bring about
lackluster	(of eyes) dull
chastisement	punishment
benign	kind and gentle
breach	opening; broken place; breaking
pious	dutiful to parents; devoted to religion
dissent	have a different opinion refuse to assent
rarefy	to make thin to make less dense to purify or refine
neophyte	person who has been converted to a belief
reticence	uncommunicativeness
veneration	regard with deep respect
trudge	walk heavily
grave	serious requiring; consideration
thrift	care economy thriving prosperous
blas ^{ph}	bored with pleasure or dissipation
daunt	intimidate make fearful
impiety	lack of reverence or dutifulness
irresolute	hesitating; undecided
temperate	showing self-control
heresy	belief contrary to what is generally accepted
disheveled	untidy
rave	act with excessive enthusiasm
frenetic	frantic; frenzied
fret	worry; irritation; wear away

chicanery	legal trickery/false argument
scalding	hot enough to boil
guile	deceit; cunning
tawdry	cheap gaudy showy tacky
feckless	lacking purpose or vitality ineffective careless
ardor	enthusiasm
telltale	That gives warning or information
jocular	meant as a joke
debacle	a breakup overthrow sudden disaster
striated	striped grooved or banded
cajole	use flattery or deceit to persuade
taunt	contemptuous reproach hurtful remark
exoneration	set someone clear (e.g.. from blame)
contentious	argumentative pugnacious combative quarrelsome
resilience	quality of quickly recovering the original shape
hoodwink	trick; mislead
alacrity	eager and cheerful; readiness
disdain	look on with contempt
abeyance	suspended action
glimmer	weak/unsteady light
ulterior	situated beyond
terse	brief and to the point
apotheosis	deification glorification to godliness
inimitable	defying; imitation; unmatchable
jagged	notched
myriad	very great number
conundrum	a riddle dilemma enigma
nexus	a connection or link
incite	stir up; rouse
falter	waver/move in an uncertain manner
drawl	slow way of speaking
clamor	shout complain with a lot of noise
clinch	come to grips/settle conclusively
render	deliver provide represent
abet	help/encourage somebody (in doing wrong)
decorum	propriety properness
quiescence	state of being passive/motionless
ale	fermented alcoholic beverage similar to but heavier than beer

innocuous	causing no harm
discreet	careful/prudent
ruffian	violent cruel man
tepid	lukewarm
itinerate	to travel from place to place to peregrinate
sash	long strip worn round the waist
exhaustive	complete; thorough
doleful	dismal; mournful
recant	take back as being FALSE give up
crush	press lose shape subdue overwhelm
talon	claw of a bird of prey
abrogate	repeal or annul by authority
sever	break off
sodden	soaked; saturated
quack	person dishonestly claiming to something
intrepid	fearless; brave; undaunted
emaciate	make thin and weak
moot	open to discussion or debate; doubtful
preternatural	not normal or usual
ossify	to turn to bone to settle rigidly into an idea
pariah	an outcast a rejected and despised person
prim	neat; formal
commodious	having plenty of space for what is needed
servile	like a slave lacking independence
unfeigned	not pretended sincere
sketchy	shortly, roughly, quickly
flinch	draw; move back; wince
fixate	stare at
recast	cast or fashion anew
insurrection	rising of people to open resistance to
transgress	break go beyond (a limit)
engrossing	taken up all the time or attention writing in large or formal
vilify	slander say evil things
intransigence	unwillingness to compromise stubbornness intractability
heinous	odious (of crime)
thwart	obstruct/frustrate
infuse	put; pour; fill
covert	disguised

quixotic	fanciful, fantastic, imaginary
ubiquitous	present everywhere
putrefaction	becoming rotten
assuage	make something (pain desire) less
fracas	noisy; quarrel
torpid	dull and slow
sycophant	person who flatter to the rich and powerful
ebullience	exuberance outburst of feeling
insinuate	suggest unpleasantly; make a way for something gently
urbane	elegant refined in manners
austere	severely moral and strict simple and plain
inadvertent	not paying proper attention
assail	attack violently
churlish	(adj) boorish
equivocal	having a double or doubtful meaning; suspicious
burnish	to polish; rub to a shine
stingy	spending using unwillingly
colander	bowl-shaped vessel with many holes used to drain off water
proclivity	inclination
cower	crouch shrink back
provisional	of the present time only
mephitic	Poisonous; noxious
maul	hurt by rough handling
penury	extreme poverty
ire	anger
guileless	honest; straightforward
engender	cause produce give rise to
ruddy	reddish, healthy-looking
occluded	blocked up
profuse	abundant/lavish
vain	without use result conceited
forfeit	suffer the loss of something
rotund	rich and deep; plump and round
puerile	childish
adamant	kind of stone; inflexible
savant	person of great learning
enervate	weaken deprive of strength attenuate
equivocate	try to deceive by equivocal language

dynamo	a generator something that produces electric current
gnaw	waste away; bite steadily
wean	to turn away (from a habit)
beatify	to bless; make happy or ascribe a virtue to
discrete	distinct
crease	line made by crushing white line on the ground in cricket
glut	supply to much fill to excess
pry	get something inquire too curiously
ascertain	get to know
splice	join (two ends)
reticent	reserved; untalkative; silent; taciturn
sting	something sharp
elegy	a lament a melancholy composition
penitent	feeling or showing regret
paucity	scarcity a lacking of
pusillanimous	cowardly; craven
consummate	perfect/make; perfect/complete
cogitate	think deeply mediate
diatribe	bitter and violent attack in words
obtuse	blunt/stupid
stolid	showing no emotion impassive
effrontery	boldness impudence arrogance
indolence	laziness
dissolution	disintegration looseness in morals
derision	ridicule mockery deriding
pyre	large pile of wood for burning
dirge	a song of grief or lamentation
erudite	learned; scholarly
mercurial	quick changeable in character fleeting
corporeal	physical of or for the body
pedestrian	commonplace trite unremarkable
equable	steady; regular
insularity	narrow-mindedness; isolated
admonitory	containing warning
auspicious	favorable successful prosperous
foray	to venture
luculent	easily understood; lucid; clear
onus	responsibility, burden

nascent	coming into existence; emerging
coeval	of the same period; coexisting
decry	disapprove of
penchant	strong inclination a liking
secular	material (not spiritual) living outside monasteries
streak	long thin move very fast
vanquish	conquer
retinue	following; attendants
assiduous	diligent hard-working; sedulous
dearth	shortage
extirpate	to destroy exterminate cut out excise
baneful	causing harm or ruin; pernicious; destructive
condone	forgive
accretion	the growing of separate things into one
pellucid	transparent easy to understand
palliate	lessen the severity of
cogent	strong; convincing
indelible	that cannot be rubbed out
covetous	eagerly desirous
discredit	refuse to believe
lumber	move in a clumsy/noisy way
recidivism	relapse into antisocial or criminal behavior
lurk	be out of view ready to attack
coda	passage that completes a piece of music
cornucopia	abundant supply
censure	expression of blame or disapproval a rebuke
highbrow	(person) with superior tastes
serration	having a toothed edge
elicit	draw out
caustic	biting sarcastic
odious	repulsive; hateful
dainty	pretty/delicate(food)/difficult to please
veneer	surface appearance covering the TRUE nature
chauvinist	a blindly devoted patriot
deprave	make morally bad;corrupt
duplicitous	deliberate deception
petrify	to make hard rocklike
inane	silly; senseless

tyro	a beginner
abjure	promise or swear to give up
dilate	speak comprehensively become wider large
denigrate	blacken; belittle; sully; defame
turbid	muddy having the sediment stirred up
taut	tightly stretched
privation	hardship
protracted	prolonged
pulchritude	Physical beauty
bellicose	inclined to fighting
punctilious	Meticulous
ignominious	shameful; dishonorable; undignified; disgraceful
avid	eager; greedy
malign	to speak harmful untruths about someone
interim	as an installment
inundate	flood cover by overflowing
attenuate	make thin; weaken; enervate
phlegmatic	calm; sluggish; temperament; unemotional
florid	very much ornamented naturally red (e.g.. of face)
inimical	harmful or unfriendly
veracity	truth
consume	get to the end of
ingenuous	naive; young; artless; frank; honest; sincere
sanctimony	self-righteousness hypocritical with FALSE piety
prevaricate	to equivocate to stray from the truth
exigency	emergency an urgent situation
hegemony	predominance
lien	legal claim until a debt on it is repaid
plaque	flat metal on a wall as a memorial
barren	not good enough; unable to have young ones without value
aver	affirm; assert; prove; justify
credulity	too great a readiness to believe things
chagrin	vexation
forbearance	patience; willingness to wait
snub	treat with contempt
volubility	fluency verbosity easy use of spoken language
libel	statement that damages reputation
conceit	over-high opinion of too much pride

idiosyncrasy	personal mannerism
fledgling	an inexperienced person.
obdurate	hardened and unrepenting; stubborn; inflexible
dud	no use person something that fails
contiguous	touching neighboring near
facile	easily done
waft	scent waving movement carry lightly through
resigned	unresistant; submissive
chastened	corrected punished
repudiate	disown refuse to accept or pay
abut	border on
pernicious	harmful; injurious
verisimilitude	appearing TRUE or real
somatic	of the body
defalcate	(v) to embezzle or misappropriate
fringe	edge ornamental border part of hair over the forehead
insipid	without taste or flavor
husk	worthless; outside part of anything
dolt	stupid fellow
penurious	poor/stingy
incursion	a raid; a sudden attack
coax	get somebody to do something by kindness
parley	negotiation
effluvia	outflow in a stream of particles a noxious odor or vapor
obfuscate	to darken; make obscure; muddle
preclude	prevent make impossible
disingenuous	sophisticated artful trying to deceive cunning
obtain	to be established accepted or customary
encumbrance	burden things that get on the way of
morose	ill-tempered; unsocial
gloat	over look at with selfish delight
jejune	insubstantial/dull/immature
quirk	habit or action peculiar to something
extempore	without previous thought or preparation
regale	to delight or entertain to feast
disparate	essentially different
foil	prevent from carrying out
finagle	to practice deception or fraud; scheme.

salubrious	healthful
scorch	become discolored/dry up/go at high speed
perpetrate	be guilty commit (a crime)
malingering	to fake illness or injury in order to shirk a duty
discern	see with an effort but clearly
Palpable	Obvious
perfunctory	done as a duty without care
waffle	talk vaguely and without much result
transitory	brief
pundit	pedant authority on a subject
extant	still in existence
deluge	great flood heavy rush of water
mundane	worldly as opposed to spiritual commonplace everyday
tocsin	a signal, especially of alarm
ascribe	consider to be the origin of or belonging to
visceral	of the internal organs of the body
lachrymose	causing tears; tearful
sullied	to be stained or discredited
excise	to cut out cut away
temerity	boldness brashness intrepidity
squalid	foul filthy
extenuate	reduce the strength of lessen seriousness partially excuse
collusion	secret agreement for a deceitful purpose
undulate	to move in wavelike fashion fluctuate
grovel	crawl; humble oneself
fagged	too tired
hollow	not soled with hole
harbinger	One that indicates or foreshadows what is to come; a forerunner.
shrewd	astute; showing sound judgement
august	majestic; venerable
conspicuous	easily seen remarkable
Pastiche	work (usually artistic) which imitates
rife	widespread
gaucherie	socially awkward; tactless behavior
evinced	to show clearly to indicate
finical	too fussy about food clothing etc.
mellifluous	sweetly flowing
rancorous	feeling bitterness; spitefulness

snare	trap
ascetic	practicing self-denial; austere; stark
macabre	gruesome; suggesting death
uncouth	rough awkward
amortize	end (a debt) by setting aside money
obviate	to make unnecessary get rid of
levity	lack of seriousness
paean	song of praise or triumph
epiphany	A Christian feast celebrating the manifestation of the divine nature of Jesus to the Gentiles as represented by the Magi.
delineate	to portray depict sketch out
nadir	lowest; weakest point
emote	stir up excite
congeal	make or become stiff and solid
grouse	Complain or grumble (verb)
verve	spirit vigor enthusiasm
fervor	warmth of feelings earnestness
lope	move along with long strides
gauche	hence; awkward
lionize	treat as a famous person
discourse	speech lecture
expostulate	argue earnestly to dissuade correct or protest
noisome	offensive; disgusting (smell)
dogmatic	positive certain arbitrary without room for discussion
epicurean	devoted to pleasure (sensuous enjoyment)
lassitude	weariness; tiredness
sumptuous	magnificent
sanguine	cheerful; confident; optimistic
irksome	tiresome
ostentation	display to obtain admiration or envy
prodigal	wasteful; reckless with money
craven	cowardly
imperious	commanding; haughty; arrogant
brash	hasty rush; cheeky; saucy
didactic	intended to instruct
sophomoric	being immature
requite	repay give in return
presage	warning sign
trifling	unimportant

verdant	fresh and green
intransigent	uncompromising
prodigious	enormous; wonderful
palatial	magnificent
broach	bring up; announce; begin to talk about
desiccant	substance used to absorb moisture
supine	lying on the back slow to act passive
agog	eager/excited
philistine	a smug ignorant person one who lacks knowledge
heretic	recreant, protestant, skeptic
ensconce	To settle (oneself) securely or comfortably
wile	a trick
raconteur	person who tells anecdotes
reactionary	opposing progress
ferment	substance become excited
hauteur	haughtiness
perfidious	treacherous; faithless
qualm	feeling of doubt temporary feeling of sickness
drone	male bee person who isn't self-employed
propitious	auspicious; presenting favorable circumstances
remonstrate	to protest object
dilettante	a lover of an art or science
rumple	make rough
curmudgeon	bad-tempered person
inchoate	not yet fully formed; rudimentary; elementary
bequest	arrangement to give something at death
facetious	humorous; funny; jocular
fatuous	without sense foolish; self-satisfaction
roll	call calling of names
rapacious	greedy (esp for money)
reproach	scold upbraid
obtrusive	projecting; prominent; undesirably noticeable
stymie	to hinder obstruct or block
wan	looking ill, not bright
baleful	harmful; ominous causing evil
preen	tidy/show self-satisfaction
jibe	gibe; make fun of
bandy	discuss lightly or glibly; exchange (words) heatedly

extricable	that can be freed
provident	frugal; looking to the future
burgeon	grow forth send out buds
figurehead	carved image on the prow of a ship
overweening	presumptuously; arrogant; overbearing
barrage	artificial obstacle built across a river
eschew	avoid
fetid	stinking
discountenance	refuse to approve of
rivet	fix take up secure metal pin
impetuous	having sudden energy; impulsive
vacillation	being uncertain hesitating
rueful	dejected
equanimity	calmness of temperament
pedantic	bookish showing off learning
mendicant	a beggar
hubris	arrogant; pride
atonement	repayment death of Jesus
excoriation	severe criticism
ford	shallow place in a river (to cross)
macerate	make or become soft by soaking in water
soporific	producing sleep
forswear	renounce; disallow; repudiate
skiff	small boat
saturnine	gloomy; dark; sullen; morose
supplicate	make a humble petition to
blithe	cheerful; casual; carefree
profundity	depth
boggle	To hesitate as if in fear or doubt
blandness	polite manner; comforting; uninteresting
contemn	to scorn or despise
slur	join sounds/words (indistinct)
cloture	closing device (in Parliament) to end a debate by voting
hallow	to make holy; consecrate
egress	way out exit
tortuous	devious/not straightforward
scabbard	sheath for the blade
benison	blessing

rant	use extravagant language
dereliction	deserting and leaving to fall into ruins
seminal	like a seed constituting a source; originative
perspicacity	quick judging and understanding
petrous	like a rock hard stony
machination	plot; scheme (esp. evil)
restive	refusing to move reluctant to be controlled
mendacity	dishonesty
festoon	a decorative chain or strip hanging between two points
prudish	easily shocked; excessively modest
esoteric	abstruse intended only for a small circle of
entreat	ask earnestly
labyrinthine	to entangle the state of affairs
perfidy	treachery breaking of faith
vacuity	idleness
prune	dried plum silly person
contrite	filled with deep sorrow for wrongdoing
incumbents	official duties
probity	uprightness incorruptibility principle
indigence	poverty
manacle	chains for the hands or feet
maladroit	tactless; clumsy
fervid	showing earnest feeling
germane	relevant; pertinent to
imbroglio	complicated and embarrassing situation
stigmatize	describe somebody scornfully
overhaul	examine thoroughly to learn about the condition
kibosh	block, halt, stop
molt	lose hair/feathers before new growing
goad	something urging a person to action
specious	illogical of questionable truth or merit
cravat	piece of linen worn as a necktie
cordon	line (of police acting as a guard)
vestige	trace or sign
eddy	circular or spiral movement (e.g.. of wind)
forage	food for horses and cattle
parsimonious	too economical; miserly
flax	pale yellow (hair) a plant

exploit	brilliant achievement develop use selfishly
subsume	include under a rule
poignant	deeply moving keen
aleck	one who considers himself smarter than others
petulant	unreasonably; impatient
rubicund	red and healthy
ineluctable	certain; inevitable
severance	severing
depredation	plundering
insouciant	unconcerned; carefree
platitude	a trite or banal statement unoriginality
halcyon	calm and peaceful
interdict	prohibit forbid
lugubrious	mournful; excessively sad
officious	too eager or ready to help offer advice
predilection	special liking mental preference
flout	reject mock to go against (as in going against tradition)
onerous	needing effort burdensome
gouge	tool for cutting grooves in wood
chary	cautious; wary
belligerent	(person nation) waging war
profligate	wasteful prodigal licentious extravagant
feint	pretend
demagogue	person appealing not to reasons
cabal	a scheme or plot a group of plotters
upbraid	scold reproach
deprecate	protest against; express disapproval of
impute	to attribute to a cause or source ascribe
inveterate	deep-rooted. long-established
obsequious	too eager to obey or serve
spurious	false; counterfeit
retard	check hinder
propitiatory	conciliatory; appeasing; mitigating
maudlin	sentimental in a silly or tearful way
shunt	send from one track to another lay aside evade discussion
aplomb	self-confidence
dulcet	melodious; harmonious
tautology	a repetition a redundancy

inured	accustomed to adapted
gregarious	living in societies liking the company
impecunious	having little or no money
cursory	quick; hurried
denouement	an outcome or solution; the unraveling of a plot
sordid	wretched; comfortless; contemptible
hone	stone used for sharpening tools
forge	workshop for the shaping of metal to shape metal lead
argot	jargon; slang
plethora	glut
sinuous	winding; undulating serpentine
desultory	aimless; haphazard; digressing at random
vigilant	member of a vigilance committee
mulct	to deprive (someone) of something, as by fraud, extortion, etc.
harangue	a long passionate speech
augury	omen sign
libertine	immoral person
salacious	obscene
propinquity	nearness in time or place affinity of nature
recalcitrant	disobedient
turgid	excessively ornate swollen or bloated
odium	intense hatred or dislike
homiletics	act of preaching
foible	defect of character (a person is wrongly proud)
harrow	to distress; create stress or torment
epistle	letter
eclat	Great brilliance, as of performance or achievement
deposition	dethronement; depositing
tangential	suddenly changeable
inculcate	fix firmly by repetition
gainsay	to deny; to oppose
nemesis	deserved and unavoidable punishment for wrong doing
middling	fairly good but not very good
countervail	counterbalance
resort	to frequently visit
repertoire	A stock of plays, dances, or pieces that a company or a performer knows or is prepared to perform
nary	not any; no;
pinchbeck	An alloy of zinc and copper used as imitation gold; A cheap imitation

finicky	finical
stentorian	extremely loud and powerful
gossamer	soft light; delicate material
divestiture	taking off getting rid of giving up
profane	worldly having contempt for God
temperance	abstinence from alcohol self-control moderation
churl	bad-tempered person
truculence	aggressiveness ferocity
diffidence	shyness
inveigh	to attack verbally; denounce; deprecate
diaphanous	transparent; gauzy
levee	formal reception/embankment
astringent	substance that shrinks
opprobrious	showing scorn or reproach
nugatory	trifling/worthless
trepidation	alarm excited state of mind
rebuff	snub
tenuous	insubstantial flimsy weak
detumescence	diminishing or lessening of swelling
glean	gather facts in small quantities
panegyric	formal praise eulogy
pucker	wrinkle
vitiate	lower the quality weaken the strength
disinter	dig up from the earth
foppish	like a man who pays too much attention to his clothes
flak	criticism; anti-aircraft guns
refractory	stubborn; unmanageable; intractable
atavistic	something reverting to an earlier type
ramify	to be divided or subdivided to branch out
fecund	fertile
plod	continue doing something without resting
expedient	likely to be useful for a purpose
encomium	warm or glowing praise eulogy panegyric
pugnacious	fond of in the habit of fighting
vituperate	curse abuse in words
distract	distracted
obloquy	abusively; detractive language; sharp criticism; vituperation
quail	lose courage turn frightened

trenchant	forceful effective vigorous extremely perceptive incisive
discomfit	confuse embarrass
disconcert	upset the self-possession of
impudent	rash; indiscreet
untoward	unfortunate inconvenient
quaff	drink deeply
calumny	slander; aspersion
voluble	fluent
sermon	reproving a person for his faults
rabble	mob crowd the lower classes of populace
sublime	extreme; astounding
peremptory	urgent; imperative; unchallenged; ending debate
blandishment	flattery; coaxing
bereft	rob or dispossess of something (material)
cant	insincere talk/jargon
strut	a supporting bar
prosaic	straightforward.; lacking in imagination and spirit
fetter	to shackle put in chains
glib	ready and smooth but not sincere
turpitude	wickedness shameful
asperity	roughness; harshness; ill temper; irritability
ensign	flag/badge
raffish	showing vulgar in nature or appearance; tawdry
contumacious	insubordinate rebellious
idyll	a carefree episode or experience
teetotal	oppose to alcohol
meretricious	attractive on the surface but of little value
veritable	real rightly named
simper	(give a) silly/self-conscious smile
incense	make angry
implicate	to be involved
invective	abusive language; curses
mien	demeanor
unencumbered	easy-going trifle
endemic	epidemic
quotidian	banal; everyday
sophistry	fallacious; reasoning faulty logic
hirsute	hairy; shaggy

impugned	challenged to be doubted
surfeit	satiated feed to fulness or to excess
umbrage	offense resentment
felicitous	suitably expressed; well chosen; apropos
hack	cut roughly; hired horse
toady	obsequious flatterer
mettle	quality of endurance or courage
peregrination	traveling about wandering
plaintive	mournful; melancholy; sorrowful
ineffable	too great to be described in words
ecumenical	representing the whole Christian world
canvass	discuss thoroughly sort of touting
incipient	beginning
pine	waste away through sorrow or illness
ostensible	seeming appearing as such professed
forbear	refrain from; be patient; ancestor
tout	To solicit customers, votes, or patronage
tamp	tap or drive down by repeated light blows
piquant	agreeably pungent; stimulating
slate	kind of blue-grey stone propose criticize
minatory	menacing; threatening
stanch	to stop the flow of a fluid
plumb	get to the root of
fledged	able to fly trained experienced
deferential	showing respect
stipple	paint with dots
sundry	various miscellaneous; separate
demur	to hesitate; raise objections
blatant	noisy and rough
aspersion	slander
cadge	to beg; to get by begging
consternation	surprise and fear; dismay
spurn	have nothing to do reject or refuse
bedizen	to adorn especially in a cheap showy manner
purvey	provide supply
desuetude	cessation of use disuse
suppliant	asking humbly beseeching
countenance	to favor or approve of

miseenscene	the stage setting or scenery of a play
presumption	arrogance
belabor	beat hard
obstreperous	noisy; loud
balk	obstacle purposely to get on the way of
redoubtable	formidable causing fear
supercilious	disdainful characterized by haughty scorn
virago	a loud domineering woman a scold or nag
trite	not new
stygian	hence; dark; gloomy
orison	prayer
brummagem	Cheap and showy
reprobate	person hardened in sin; one devoid of decency
preponderance	greatness in number strength weight
rebus	puzzle in which pictures stand for words
hermetic	sealed by fusion
expiation	ending; expiring
vagary	strange act or idea
trencherman	person who eats a lot
sententious	short and pithy full of maxims/proverbs
hew	make by hard work cut (by striking)
dissemble	speak or behave so as to hide something (in mind)
proscribe	denounce as dangerous
imperviousness	not permitting penetration or passage; impenetrable
portent	omen marvelous threatening
picaresque	involving clever rogues or adventurers
venal	ready to do something dishonest
doggerel	trivial poorly constructed verse
splenetic	bad-tempered; irritable
peripatetic	wandering
profligacy	shameless immorality
imprecation	an invocation of evil a curse
mettlesome	courageous; high-spirited
froward	intractable not willing to yield or comply stubborn
lithe	bending; twisting
petrified	taken away power (to think feel act)
succor	assistance relief in time of distress
pileous	Covered with hair

duress	threats to compel somebody
ferret	discover by searching search
fulsome	disgusting offensive due to excessiveness
travesty	parody/imitation
puissance	strength
acarpous	effete no longer fertile; worn out
effete	infertile; worn out; weak
pied	of mixed colors
edacious	voracious; devouring
constrain	compel
wend	to go proceed
sobriquet	nickname
fulmination	bitter protest
nibble	show some inclination to accept (an offer)
ponderous	heavy; bulky; dull
slake	to assuage to satisfy allay
brook	to tolerate; endure
puke	hurt the pride or self-respect stir (curiosity)
salutary	remedial wholesome causing improvement
detracton	slandering verbal attack aspersion
welter	turmoil a bewildering jumble
palaver	To flatter; to cajole
repast	meal
stint	to be thrifty to set limits
nostrum	a quack remedy; an untested cure
pith	essential part force soft liquid substance
nonplused	greatly surprised
suborn	induce by bribery or something to commit perjury
refulgent	shining; brilliant
expatiate	to roam wander freely
garble	make unfair selection from facts
recondite	little known; abstruse
fustian	bombastic
scurvy	mean; contemptible
mince	pronounce or speak affectedly euphemize
epithet	adjective
sedulous	persevering
prolix	tiring because too long

importune	beg urgently solicit (of a prostitute)
abraid	to awaken or rouse
cavalcade	a procession
involute	complex
bilge	bulge; the protuberance of a cask
sere	make hard and without feeling
droll	jesting
descry	catch sight of see something in the distance
brazen	made of brass
repine	at be discontented with
limn	paint portray
wag	merry person
lucubrate	write in scholarly fashion
coruscate	sparkle
crass	without refinement or sensitivity; gross.
consequential	pompous self important
foment	put something warm (to lessen the pain)
testiness	witness/evidence
recreancy	cowardice a cowardly giving up
arrant	in the highest degree
quibble	try to avoid by sophistication
lam	a hasty escape; flight.
Archaic	marked by the characteristics of an earlier period
imbibe	to consume (liquids) by drinking; drink
repose	rest;sleep
perfunctorily	performed merely as a routine duty; hasty and superficial
impasse	a position or situation from which there is no escape; deadlock
pulchritudinous	physically beautiful; comely.
eupeptic	good digestion
Chicane	deception
brobdingnagian	gigantic
Exodus	a going out; a departure
Rejoinder	response
Furtive	taken,done

