WORD	#	со	DEFINITION
UNDERMINE	32	7	erode the base or foundation of (a rock formation); weaken gradually or insidiously (7)
INNOVATION	31	4	a new method, idea, product, etc.
CONVENTIONAL	30	4	conforming to established practice or accepted standards; traditional; devoted to or bound by conventions to the point of artificiality; ceremonious; unimaginative
valid; validate	28	0	VALID: based on evidence or sound reasoning; having legal force VALIDATE: check or prove the validity of; make or declare legally valid
OBSCURE (adj. & verb)	26	2	adj.: not discovered or known about; not well known; not clearly expressed or easily understood; indistinct verb: conceal or make unclear
IRREFUTABLE; REFUTE	25	1	IRREFUTABLE: impossible to deny or disprove; incontrovertible (5) REFUTE: prove (a statement or the person advancing it) to be wrong
DISCERN	24	2	recognize or find out; distinguish with difficulty by sight or with the other senses
PROFOUND; PROFUNDIT	24	5	PROFOUND: very deep; marked by intellectual depth; deeply feit; thoroughgoing PROFUNDITY: great depth; abstruseness; intensity of feeling, understanding, etc.
SUPERFICIAL	24	3	of or pertaining to the surface; apparent rather than actual; not thorough or deep; cursory (7); lacking depth of character or understanding
AMBIGUOUS	23	2	(of language) having two or more meanings; not clear, vague
DISTORT	23	7	pull or twist out of shape; give a misleading account of
FABRICATE	23	1	invent, typically with deceitful intent; construct or manufacture (an industrial product)
IN(DISCRIMINATE)	23	5	INDISCRIMINATE: done or acting at random or without careful judgment. DISCRIMINATE (verb): recognize a distinction
SPECULATE	23	7	form a theory or conjecture (9) without firm evidence; surmise (2)
COMPLACENT	22	2	smugly (4) pleased and self-satisfied, esp. uncritically or unwarrantedly (8)
SUPERFLUOUS	22	3	unnecessary, esp. through being more than enough
AMBIVALENT	21	1	having mixed feelings or contradictory ideas about something or someone
BELIE	21	7	fail to give a true idea of; show to be untrue or unjustified
CONTEND; CONTENTIOU	21	5	CONTEND: struggle to deal with (a difficulty); fight or argue; compete; assert CONTENTIOUS: causing or likely to cause disagreement or controversy
ERADICATE	21	4	remove or destroy completely; extirpate (1), get rid of
INNOCUOUS	21	5	not harmful or offensive
AESTHETIC; AESTHETE	20	4	AESTHETIC: concerned with beauty or the appreciation of beauty AESTHETE: a person who is appreciative of art or beauty
condone	20	0	to forgive or overlook (an offense or wrongdoing)
INCONGRUOUS	20	3	not appropriate; unsuitable, out of place, absurd; having disparate (8) or inharmonious parts or elements; incoherent
INEVITABLE	20	11	certain to happen; unavoidable
PLAUSIBLE	20	5	seemingly or apparently likely, valid (27) or acceptable; credible
SUBSTANTIATE	20	3	provide evidence to support or prove the truth of

CONCILIATE	19	6	make calm and content; placate (5); mediate in a dispute
IMPRUDENT	19	2	not showing care for the consequences of an action; rash
INTEMPERATE; TEMPERA	19	2	INTEMPERATE: lacking self-control; characterized by excessive indulgences TEMPERANCE: self-restraint in conduct, indulgence in the appetites, etc.
UNIVERSAL	19	6	of, affecting, or done by all people or things in the world or in a particular group; applicable to all cases
AUGMENT	18	4	make greater by addition; increase
AUTONOMY	18	6	the right or condition of self-government of a State, community, institution, etc.; independence; freedom from external control
DISPARAGE	18	7	to regard or represent as being of little worth; scorn
EXPEDIENT	18	1	advantageous; useful for effecting a desired result; convenient; based on or guided by self-interest
PARTISAN (noun & adj.)	18	3	noun: a strong, often uncritical, supporter of a party, cause, or person adj.: prejudiced
RETICENT	18	2	not revealing one's thoughts or feelings readily
AUSTERE	17	4	severe or strict in appearance or manner; unadorned (4); plain; lacking comforts or luxuries
BENIGN	17	1	good-natured; kindly; favorable; beneficial
DUBIOUS	17	4	hesitating or doubting; not to be relied upon; of questionable value; suspect
FOSTER	17	1	to help to develop; promote
GREGARIOUS	17	3	fond of the company of others; sociable; (of animals) living in flocks or colonies
MITIGATE	17	5	make less severe, serious, or painful; "mitigating": (of a fact or circumstance) lessening the gravity (11) or culpability (2) of an action
PARADOX	17	3	a statement that seems contradictory, but may be true in fact
PRAGMATIC	17	3	dealing with things in a practical rather than theoretical way
redundant	17	0	not or no longer needed or useful; superfluous (22); unnecessary words
ARTICULATE (adj. & verb)	16	2	adj.: fluent and clear in speech verb: pronounce (words) distinctly; clearly express (an idea or feeling)
DISDAIN (noun & verb)	16	1	noun: the teeling that something or someone is unworthy of consideration or respect verb: consider with disdain
EXACERBATE	16	4	make (something bad) worse
SCRUTINIZE	16	3	to examine or observe with great care; inspect critically
BELITTLE	15	1	dismiss as unimportant
BENEVOLENT	15	2	well meaning and kindly
CANDID; CANDOR	15	3	CANDID: truthful and straightforward; frank CANDOR: the quality of being open and honest
CAPRICIOUS; CAPRICE	15	5	CAPRICIOUS: given to sudden and unaccountable changes of mood or behavior CAPRICE: a sudden and unaccountable change of mood or behavior

COLLABORATE	15	4	work jointly on an activity or project
CYNICAL	15	1	tending not to believe in the integrity or sincerity of others; skeptical; contemptuous; mocking
INCONSPICUOUS	15	3	not clearly visible or attracting attention
IRRESOLUTE; RESOLUT	E 15	3	IRRESOLUTE: uncertain; wavering; indecisive RESOLUTE: firm or determined; unwavering
LUCID; ELUCIDATE	15	4	LUCID: clear; easy to understand ELUCIDATE: make clear; explain
METICULOUS	15	4	extremely or excessively careful about details; scrupulous (15) or finicky
NOVEL; NOVELTY	15	3	NOVEL: (adj.) strikingly new, unusual, or different NOVELTY: something new, fresh, or unusual
RECONCILE	15	4	restore friendly relations between; make or show to be compatible; with "to": make (someone) accept (a disagreeable thing)
SCRUPULOUS	15	2	diligent and thorough; very concerned to avoid doing wrong
SOLICIT; SOLICITOUS	15	1	SOLICIT: to ask for or try to obtain (something) from someone SOLICITOUS: showing care or concern; desirous; eager
TENTATIVE	15	4	done without confidence; hesitant; not certain or fixed; provisional (1)
THWART	15	6	to obstruct, frustrate, or defeat (a person, plans, etc.)
TRANQUIL	15	6	free from agitation or disturbance; calm, serene (14), peaceful
VINDICATE	15	1	to clear of blame or suspicion; show to be right or justified
ADVERSE; ADVERSARIA	14	5	ADVERSE: harmful; injurious ADVERSARIAL: involving or characterized by conflict or opposition
ALTRUISM	14	1	unselfish concern for the welfare of others; selflessness
CHAMPION (noun & verb)	14	4	noun: a defender of a cause or person verb: to support the cause of
CONVOLUTED	14	4	(of an argument, statement, etc.) extremely complex; intricately folded, twisted, or coiled
DECOROUS	14	2	in keeping with good taste and propriety; polite and restrained
DISPERSE	14	1	go or distribute in different directions or over a wide area; thin out and eventually disappear
ENIGMA	14	1	a mysterious or puzzling person or thing
EXEMPLAR; EXEMPLAR)	14	3	EXEMPLAR: a person or thing serving as a typical example or appropriate model EXEMPLARY: serving as a desirable model; very good
EXOTIC	14	2	foreign; from another part of the world; strikingly colorful or unusual
IMPROVISE	14	1	create and perform (music, drama, or verse) spontaneously or without preparation; make from whatever is available
LAUD	14	4	praise highly
mandate; mandatory	14	0	MANDATE: an official order or authorization MANDATORY: required by law or mandate; compulsory
PERVASIVE; PERVADE	14	2	PERVASIVE: spreading or prevalent throughout PERVADE: to spread or be present throughout; permeate; suffuse

RECLUSIVE	14	3	living a secluded, solitary life
REVERE; IRREVERENT	14	4	REVERE: (verb) respect or admire deeply IRREVERENT: disrespectful
SERENE	14	4	calm, peaceful, and untroubled; tranquil (15)
TACITURN; TACIT	14	7	TACITURN: almost always silent; not liking to talk TACIT: understood or implied without being stated
WARY	14	1	cautious about possible dangers or problems; careful, circumspect (8)
ACCLAIM; ACCLAMATION	13	3	ACCLAIM: (verb) praise enthusiastically and publicly (also noun) ACCLAMATION: loud and enthusiastic approval or praise
apathy	13	0	lack of interest or enthusiasm; indifference, listlessness
BANAL	13	3	tediously unoriginal or ordinary
ELUDE; ELUSIVE	13	5	ELUDE: to avoid or escape from by cunning, quickness, etc. ELUSIVE: difficult to find, catch, or achieve; evasive (11); difficult to remember
EXONERATE	13	2	officially absolve from blame; with "from": release (someone) from (a duty or obligation)
IMMUTABLE; MUTABLE	13	4	IMMUTABLE: unchanging or unchangeable MUTABLE: changeable
INFALLIBLE	13	1	incapable of making mistakes or being wrong; never failing; always effective
INSIPID	13	1	without flavor; tasteless; not exciting; dull
MUNDANE	13	1	of the world; worldly; lacking interest or excitement; commonplace, ordinary, etc.
PROSAIC	13	1	commonplace; unromantic; dull
RESERVE (as noun)	13	3	keeping one's thoughts, feelings, etc. to oneself; a lack of openness or warmth
SPONTANEOUS	13	4	performed or occurring as a result of an unpremeditated impulse and without external stimulus; open, natural, and uninhibited
belligerence	12	0	aggressive or warlike behavior
CENSURE	12	1	to express strong disapproval of
COMPLEMENT (noun & ve	12	3	noun: something that completes, makes up a whole, or brings to perfection verb: to make complete, form the complement to
CONSCIENTIOUS	12	1	diligent and thorough in carrying out one's work or duty; scrupulous (15); painstaking (8)
corroborate	12	0	confirm or give support to (a statement or theory)
CURTAIL	12	2	to cut short; reduce in extent or quantity
DERIDE; DERISIVE	12	4	DERIDE: to laugh at in scorn; ridicule DERISIVE: expressing contempt or ridicule; mocking; jeering
DISCREDIT (verb & noun)	12	1	verb: harm the good reputation of; cause (an idea or piece of evidence) to seem false or unreliable noun: loss or lack of reputation
DOGMATIC	12	2	asserted without proof; stating opinion positively or arrogantly
DUPLICITY	12	2	hypocritical cunning or deception; deceitfulness

ECLECTIC	12	8	deriving ideas or style from a broad and varied range of sources
EFFACE	12	1	to rub out; erase; to make oneself appear insignificant or inconspicuous (15)
EQUIVOCAL	12	2	having two or more meanings; purposely ambiguous (23); uncertain; suspicious
EXPLICABLE; EXPLICATE	12	3	EXPLICABLE: able to be explained or accounted for EXPLICATE: analyze and develop (an idea or principle) in detail; explain the meaning of
extol	12	0	to praise highly; laud (14)
EXTRANEOUS	12	3	irrelevant or unrelated to the subject; of external origin
NEGLIGIBLE	12	1	so small or unimportant as to be not worth considering
OMINOUS	12	1	giving the worrying impression that something bad is going to happen
PRESUMPTUOUS	12	1	too bold or forward; failing to observe the limits of what is permitted or appropriate
TENACIOUS	12	1	holding firmly to something; persisting in existence or in a course of action
ABHOR; ABHORRENT	11	2	ABHOR: to detest; hate; regard with horror or loathing (9) ABHORRENT: inspiring disgust and loathing
amicable	11	0	friendly and without disagreement
ANTITHESIS	11	4	a person or thing that is the direct opposite of another
CORRUPT (adj. & verb)	11	3	adj.: willing to act dishonestly in return for money or personal gain; (of a text) made unreliable by errors or alterations verb: make corrupt
DIFFIDENT	11	3	lacking in self-confidence
EMBELLISH	11	1	make more attractive; decorate; add extra details to (a story or account) for interest
EVASIVE	11	2	tending to avoid commitment or self-revelation; directed towards avoidance or escape
EXTRAVAGANT	11	3	lacking restraint in spending money or using resources; costing a great deal; exceeding what is reasonable or appropriate
EXUBERANT	11	2	lively and cheerful; growing profusely (4)
GRAVITY; GRAVE (as adj	. 11	3	GRAVITY: extreme importance or seriousness; solemnity of moment GRAVE: giving cause for alarm or concern; momentous; dignified; somber
INDUCE	11	2	succeed in persuading or leading (someone) to do something; bring about or give rise to
LAMENT (noun & verb)	11	2	noun: a passionate expression of grief verb: mourn (a person's death); express regret or disappointment about
MAGNANIMOUS	11	2	generous or forgiving, esp. towards a rival or less powerful person
NONCHALANT	11	3	casual calm and relaxed
OBLITERATE	11	2	destroy completely; blot out or erase
oblivious	11	0	not aware of what is happening around one
OBSOLETE	11	3	no longer produced or used; out of date

ORTHODOX	11	2	conforming with traditional or generally accepted beliefs; conventional (30); normal
PLACID	11	3	not easily upset or excited; calm
PRECLUDE	11	3	prevent (something) from happening or (someone) from doing something
provincial	11	0	unsophisticated or narrow-minded
REPREHENSIBLE	11	1	deserving condemnation
subvert	11	0	undermine (32) the power and authority of (an established system or institution); to corrupt (11), as in morals
TRITE	11	2	(of a remark or idea) lacking originality or freshness; dull on account of overuse
VENERABLE	11	1	accorded great respect because of age, wisdom, or character
VERBOSE	11	2	using or expressed in more words than are needed
ABSTRUSE	10	2	difficult to understand; obscure (26)
AFFABLE	10	4	good-natured and sociable
AVERSION	10	2	a strong dislike or disinclination
bombast	10	0	grandiose but empty language
CALLOUS	10	1	insensitive and cruel; hardness in feelings
CHRONOLOGICAL	10	6	arranged in order of time
COSMOPOLITAN (adj. & I	10	2	adj.: consisting of people from many different countries and cultures; familiar with and at ease in many different countries and cultures
DEBILITATE	10	1	severely weaken
DEBUNK	10	5	discredit (a widely held opinion); reduce the inflated reputation of
DEPRECATE	10	2	express disapproval of; belittle (15)
DIDACTIC	10	2	intended for instruction; morally instructive
DIVERGE	10	4	(of a road, route, or line) separate from another route and go in a different direction:
ESOTERIC	10	2	(of an opinion or approach) differ intended for or understood by only a small number of people with a specialized knowledge
EXASPERATE	10	3	irritate intensely
FEASIBLE	10	3	possible and practical to achieve easily or conveniently
GENIAL; CONGENIAL	10	1	GENIAL: friendly and cheerful CONGENIAL: pleasant because of qualities or interests similar to one's own
IMPECCABLE	10	1	in accordance with the highest standards; faultless; unblemished; unerring
IMPEDE; IMPEDIMENT	10	3	IMPEDE: delay or block the progress or action of IMPEDIMENT: a hindrance or obstruction

IMPETUOUS	10	1	acting or done quickly and rashly; moving forcefully and rapidly
LEVITY	10	3	the treatment of a serious matter with humor or lack of respect
MAR	10	4	harm the appearance or quality of
ORNATE	10	2	elaborately or highly decorated
pedant	10	0	a person excessively concerned with minor detail or with displaying technical knowledge
PROLIFERATE	10	2	reproduce rapidly; increase rapidly in number
PROLIFIC	10	2	producing much fruit or foliage or many offspring; (of an artist, author, etc.) producing many works; plentiful
rancor	10	0	bitterness; resentment
TERSE	10	3	sparing in the use of words; abrupt
TRACTABLE; INTRACTAB	10	1	TRACTABLE: easy to control or influence; (of a situation or problem) easy to deal with INTRACTABLE: hard to solve or deal with: stubborn
ALOOF	9	2	cool and distant
ANACHRONISM	9	5	a thing belonging to a period other than the one in which it exists; the placing of something in the wrong historical period
appease	9	0	placate (6) (someone) by agreeing to his demands
CONJECTURE (noun & ve	9	4	noun: an opinion or conclusion based on incomplete information; a guess verb: form a conjecture; guess
COVET	9	1	yearn to possess (something belonging to someone else)
DAUNT; UNDAUNTED	9	5	DAUN I: cause to teel intimidated or apprehensive (/) UNDAUNTED: not intimidated or discouraged by difficulty, danger or disappointment
DEARTH	9	1	a scarcity or lack
DELIBERATE (adj. & verb)	9	3	adj.: done consciously and intentionally; careful and unhurried verb: engage in long and careful consideration
DEPLETE	9	2	reduce the number or quantity of; use up (energy, stocks, etc.); exhaust
DEPLORE	9	2	feel or express strong disapproval of
DISCORD	9	3	lack of agreement or harmony
DISSEMINATE	9	1	to scatter about; spread widely
diversion	9	0	a diverting or turning aside; something intended to distract attention; a recreation or pastime
DOCILE	9	3	ready to accept control or instruction; submissive
ECCENTRIC	9	1	unconventional (30) and slightly strange; whimsical (9)
ECONOMY	9	2	careful management of available resources; a financial saving
ELICIT (verb)	9	1	evoke or draw out (a response or reaction)

EMPIRICISM	9	2	the theory that all knowledge is derived from experience and observation
EMULATE	9	2	try to equal or surpass [a person or thing admired], typically by imitation
EPHEMERAL	9	3	lasting or living for a very short time
erudite	9	0	having or showing knowledge or learning
EUPHEMISM	9	3	a mild or less direct word substituted for one that is harsh or blunt when referring to something unpleasant or embarrassing
ICONOCLAST	9	7	a person who attacks cherished beliefs or institutions
IDIOSYNCRASY	9	2	a way of behaving or thinking peculiar to an individual; a distinctive characteristic of a thing
indigenous	9	0	originating or occurring naturally in a particular place; native
INSINUATION	9	2	an unpleasant hint or suggestion
INTERMINABLE	9	2	endless
LOATHE; LOATH	9	3	LOATHE: (verb) feel hatred or disgust for LOATH: (adj.) unwilling or reluctant; disinclined
NURTURE (as verb)	9	2	rear and encourage the development of (a child); cherish (a hope, belief, or ambition)
PAUCITY	9	4	smallness or insufficiency of supply or quantity
POIGNANT	9	2	evoking a keen sense of sadness or regret
REBUT (verb)	9	3	claim or prove to be false
RECIPROCAL; RECIPROC	9	1	RECIPROCAL: given, telt or done in return; mutual RECIPROCATE: respond to (a gesture, action, or emotion) with a corresponding one
RHETORIC	9	2	the art of effective or persuasive speaking or writing; language with a persuasive or impressive effect, but often lacking sincerity or meaningful content
SPORADIC	9	1	occurring at irregular intervals or only in a few places
stoical	9	0	enduring pain and hardship without showing one's feelings or complaining
TRANSCEND	9	4	be or go beyond the range or limits of; be superior to; surpass
TRANSIENT (adj. & noun)	9	1	adj.: lasting only for a short time; staying or working in a place for short time only noun: a transient person
UTILITARIAN	9	2	useful or practical rather than attractive
VACILLATE	9	2	waver between different opinions or actions
whim; whimsical	9	0	WHIM: a sudden desire or change of mind WHIMSICAL: playfully quaint or fanciful; acting or behaving in a capricious (15) manner
ZEALOT	9	2	a fanatical and uncompromising follower of a religion or policy
AMENABLE	8	1	willing to respond to persuasion or suggestions
artifact	8	0	a functional or decorative man-made object

astute	8	0	good at making accurate judgments; shrewd
AUSPICIOUS	8	1	indicating a good chance of success; favorable
CAJOLE	8	2	persuade (someone) to do something by sustained coaxing or flattery
CAMOUFLAGE (as verb)	8	2	to disguise in order to conceal
CIRCUMSPECT (adj.)	8	2	cautious or prudent (19)
deferential	8	0	respectful; showing deference (humble submission and respect)
DELETERIOUS	8	6	harmful to health or well-being; injurious
DILATORY	8	2	slow to act; intended to cause delay
DILETTANTE	8	2	a person who dabbles in a subject merely for enjoyment but without serious study; a dabbler
DISCREET (DISCRETION	8	1	careful not to attract attention or give offence
DISPARATE (adj.)	8	2	essentially different in kind; not able to be compared; containing elements very different from one another
fallacy	8	0	a mistaken belief; a failure in reasoning which makes an argument invalid (27)
FELICITY	8	1	complete happiness; bliss; the ability to express oneself appropriately
FERVOR	8	1	intense and passionate feeling
GARRULOUS	8	1	talking much, esp. about unimportant things
IMPAIR	8	2	weaken or damage
INCIDENTAL	8	2	occurring as a minor accompaniment or by chance in connection with something else
INEPT	8	2	incompetent; awkward or clumsy
INGENUOUS; DISINGENL	8	1	INGENUOUS: innocent and unsuspecting DISINGENUOUS: not candid (15) or sincere, esp. feigning ignorance
INNATE	8	2	inborn; natural
INSCRUTABLE	8	1	impossible to understood or interpret
INTROSPECTION	8	3	the examination of one's own thoughts or feelings
INVIGORATE	8	2	give strength or energy to
LACONIC	8	2	using very few words; terse (10)
languid; languor	8	0	languid: disinclined to exert oneselt physically; weak or faint from illness or fatigue languor: tiredness or inactivity, esp. when pleasurable; an oppressive stillness of air
LETHARGY	8	1	a lack of energy and enthusiasm; abnormally drowsy; sluggish, apathetic (13)
loquacious	8	0	talkative

malevolent	8	0	wishing evil to others; ill will
obstinate	8	1	stubbornly refusing to change one's opinion or chosen course of action; hard to deal with or overcome
PAINSTAKING	8	1	very careful and thorough
PHILANTHROPY	8	1	the desire to help others, esp. through donation of money to good causes
POMPOUS; POMP	8	1	POMPOUS: affectedly (7) grand, solemn, or self-important; pretentious; POMP: ceremony and splendid display
PROTRACT	8	1	prolong, draw out
QUALIFY	8	2	modify (a statement) by adding restrictions or reservations
REPLICATE	8	1	make an exact copy of; reproduce; repeat (an experiment) to obtain a consistent result
SPURIOUS	8	4	false or fake; (of a line of reasoning) apparently but not actually valid (28)
STATIC (as adj.)	8	4	lacking movement, action, or change
STRINGENT	8	3	(of regulations or requirements) strict, precise, and exacting
tumult; tumultuous	8	0	I UMULT: a loud, confused noise, as caused by a large mass of people; confusion TUMULTUOUS: very loud or uproarious: excited, confused, or disorderly
TURBULENT	8	1	characterized by conflict, disorder, or confusion
VOCIFEROUS	8	1	noisy; vehement or clamorous (4)
WARRANT (as verb)	8	1	to authorize; justify; officially affirm or guarantee
affectation	7	0	behavior, speech, or writing that is artificial and designed to impress
ameliorate	7	0	make (something) better; improve
ANALOGOUS	7	1	comparable in certain respects
ANECDOTE	7	2	a short entertaining story about a real incident or person
apprehensive	7	0	anticipating something with anxiety or fear
APPROPRIATE (as verb)	7	2	take for one's own use without permission; devote (money) to a special purpose
authoritarian (adj. & noun)	7	0	adj.: favoring or enforcing strict obedience to authority noun: an authoritarian person
AVOW	7	1	assert or confess openly
bolster (as verb)	7	0	support or strengthen
CANTANKEROUS	7	2	bad-tempered, quarrelsome, and uncooperative
CAUSTIC	7	5	able to burn or corrode organic tissue by chemical action; scathingly (6) sarcastic; biting
CIRCUMSCRIBE	7	3	restrict; limit; define logically; draw a line around; form the boundary of; encircle; encompass

CLANDESTINE	7	1	surreptitious (7) or secretive
COMPENSATE	7	2	give (someone) something to reduce or balance the bad effect of loss, suffering, or
CONVIVIAL	7	1	iniury: make up for (something undesirable) by exerting an opposite force or effect (of an atmosphere or event) friendly and lively; (of a person) cheerful and sociable
CREDULOUS (IN-)	7	1	CREDULOUS: excessively ready to believe things; gullible INCREDULOUS: unwilling or unable to believe
CURSORY	7	1	hasty and therefore not thorough
delineate	7	0	describe or indicate precisely
DEVOID (adj.)	7	4	(with "of") entirely lacking in
DISGRUNTLED (adj.)	7	1	angry or dissatisfied
EBULLIENT (adj.)	7	3	cheerful and full of energy
EMBODY	7	1	give a tangible or visible form to (an idea or quality); include or contain as a constituent part
enervate	7	0	cause to feel drained of energy
EPITOME	7	2	a perfect example of (a quality or type); a summary of a written work
EXHAUSTIVE	7	2	leaving nothing out; fully comprehensive
faction	7	0	a small dissenting group within a larger one
FASTIDIOUS	7	3	very attentive to accuracy and detail; very concerned about matters of cleanliness
FLIPPANT	7	1	not showing the proper seriousness or respect
FRUGAL	7	1	sparing or economical as regards money or food
GRATUITOUS	7	1	given free of charge; uncalled for
incisive	7	0	intelligently analytical and concise; (of an action) quick and direct
INDICTMENT	7	2	a formal charge or accusation of a serious crime; an indication that a system or situation is bad and deserves to be condemned
INSIDIOUS	7	2	characterized by treachery or slyness; proceeding in a gradual, subtle way, with harmful effect
INSULAR	7	1	isolated from outside influences, and often narrow-minded as a result; illiberal
INTIMATE (verb & adj.)	7	2	verb: hint or imply adj.: closely acquainted; familiar; private and personal
INUNDATE (verb)	7	3	flood; overwhelm with things to be dealt with
ITINERANT (adj. & noun)	7	6	adj.: traveling from place to place noun: an itinerant person
JUDICIOUS	7	2	having or done with good judgment
MALICE ; MALICIOUS	7	2	MALICE: the desire to do harm to someone; ill will MALICIOUS: characterized by malice; intending or intended to do harm

MEAGER	7	1	lacking in quantity or quality; lean; thin
MEDIOCRITY	7	4	the state or quality of being moderate to inferior in quality; ordinary; a person of mediocre ability
METAPHOR	7	2	a figure of speech in which a word or phrase is applied to something to which it is not literally applicable (e.g. "food for thought"); a thing symbolic of something else
novice	7	0	a person new and inexperienced in a job or situation
OBFUSCATE	7	1	make unclear or unintelligible
ostentation	7	0	flamboyant display which is intended to impress; pretentiousness
PAROCHIAL	7	2	having a narrow outlook or scope; provincial (11)
PRECARIOUS	7	3	not securely held or in position; likely to fall; dependent on chance; uncertain
PREDILECTION	7	4	a preference or special liking for something
PRODIGIOUS	7	1	impressively large
reproach; irreproachable	7	0	REPROACH: express one's disapproval of or disappointment with IRREPROACHABLE: beyond criticism
SAGACIOUS	7	1	having or showing good judgment
SANGUINE (adj.)	7	2	cheerfully optimistic; of or pertaining to blood; florid (3), ruddy complexion
SCANT	7	2	barely sufficient or adequate; barely amounting to the amount specified
SUCCINCT	7	2	briefly and clearly expressed
sullen	7	0	bad-tempered and sulky
SUPERSEDE	7	2	take the place of; supplant (6)
SURREPTITIOUS	7	1	done secretly or furtively (5)
TAINT (noun & verb)	7	2	noun: a trace of a bad or undesirable quality or substance verb: contaminate or pollute; affect with a bad or undesirable quality
TEMPER (as verb)	7	6	to moderate, modify; serve as a neutralizing or counterbalancing force to
THERAPEUTIC	7	5	serving to cure or heal or preserve health
UNASSAILABLE; ASSAIL	7	3	UNASSAILABLE: unable to be attacked, questioned, or deteated ASSAIL: attack violently; (of an unpleasant feeling) come upon (someone) strongly
URBANE	7	1	(esp. of a man) suave (2), courteous, and refined
ACRIMONIOUS	6	4	angry and bitter
ANIMOSITY	6	2	a feeling of strong dislike or hatred; hostility
APPROBATION	6	2	approval; praise
archaic	6	0	belonging to former or ancient times; old or in an old-fashioned style

ARDOR	6	3	great enthusiasm; passion
CATHARSIS	6	2	the release of pent-up emotions, for example through drama
circumvent	6	0	find a way around (an obstacle); to get the better of or prevent by craft or ingenuity
COMMEMORATE	6	5	honor the memory of as a mark of respect
condescend	6	0	show that one feels superior; act in a gracious or patronizing (5) act or manner; do something despite regarding it as below one's dignity
CONDITIONAL	6	1	subject to one or more conditions being met; qualified (7)
CONSTITUENTS	6	1	residents of a district or members of a group represented by an elected official
CONVERGE	6	2	come together from different directions so as eventually to meet
CONVICTION	6	1	a firmly held belief or opinion; the quality of showing that one is convinced of what one believes or says
cryptic (adj.)	6	0	mysterious or obscure (26) in meaning
DECRY	6	2	publicly denounce
DIFFUSE (verb & adj.)	6	1	verb: spread over a wide area adj: spread out over a large area; not concentrated; lacking clarity or conciseness
EFFICACIOUS	6	4	effective
EFFUSIVE	6	2	expressing gratitude or approval in an unrestrained manner
egalitarian	6	0	in accordance with the principle that all people are equal and deserve equal rights and opportunities
ENGENDER	6	3	give rise to; cause; produce
ENUMERATE	6	2	to specify as in a list; mention (a number of things) one by one
EQUANIMITY	6	2	calmness; composure
EQUIVOCATE	6	2	to use ambiguous (23) words or expressions in order to mislead; prevaricate (1)
ESCHEW	6	3	to abstain from; to shun; avoid
exorbitant	6	0	(of a price or amount charged) unreasonably high
expedite; expeditious	6	0	EXPEDITE: cause to happen sooner or be accomplished more quickly EXPEDITIOUS: quick and efficient
FORESTALL (verb)	6	2	prevent or obstruct (something anticipated) by taking advance action; anticipate and prevent the action of
HACKNEYED	6	2	(of a phrase or idea) unoriginal and trite (11)
HAUGHTY	6	2	arrogantly superior and disdainful (16); having or showing great pride in oneself and contempt for others
HYPERBOLE	6	4	deliberate exaggeration, not meant to be taken literally
IMPLACABLE; PLACATE	6	1	IMPLACABLE: unable to be appeased (9); relentless; unstoppable PLACATE: make less angry or hostile; calm or appease

irrevocable	6	0	not able to be changed, reversed, or recovered
JADED (adj.)	6	1	tired out or lacking enthusiasm after having had too much of something
lackadaisical	6	0	lacking enthusiasm and thoroughness
LOFTY	6	1	noble; elevated; haughty (6) and aloof (9)
MALLEABLE	6	1	able to be hammered or pressed into shape without breaking or cracking; easily influenced
MANIFEST (adj. & verb)	6	1	adj.: clear and obvious verb: show or demonstrate; become apparent; (of a ghost) appear
MERCENARY (adj. & nour	6	2	adj.: motivated chiefly by the desire for gain noun: a professional soldier hired to serve in a foreign army
nebulous	6	0	in the form of a cloud or haze; hazy; vague or ill-defined
OBSEQUIOUS	6	2	obedient or attentive to an excessive or servile (6) degree
PERILOUS	6	1	full of danger or risk
peruse (verb)	6	0	read or examine thoroughly or carefully
POLEMIC; POLEMICAL	6	6	POLEMIC: a strong verbal or written attack POLEMICAL: of or involving disputatious (4) or controversial debate
PORTEND; PORTENT	6	3	PORTEND: be a sign or warning that something (momentous or disastrous) is likely to happen PORTENT: (noun form) a sign or warning
PRECOCIOUS	6	2	having developed certain abilities or inclinations at an earlier age than usual
precursor	6	0	a person who or thing that comes before another of the same kind
PROCRASTINATE	6	2	delay or postpone action
PROFICIENT	6	1	competent; skilled
rejuvenate	6	0	make or cause to appear younger or more vital
reprove; reproof	6	0	REPROVE: rebuke (1); reprimand; express disapproval of REPROOF: a rebuke or reprimand
SALUTARY	6	2	(of something disadvantageous) beneficial in providing an opportunity for learning from experience
SANCTION (as verb)	6	1	give official permission for; to confirm; to authorize, permit; warrant (8); impose a sanction or penalty on
SERVILE	6	1	excessively willing to serve or please others; of or characteristic of a slave or slaves
STIFLE	6	1	smother or suppress; prevent or constrain (an activity or idea)
STRIDENT	6	3	loud and harsh; presenting a point of view in an excessively forceful way
SUPPLANT	6	2	supersede (7) and replace
TANGENTIAL	6	1	having only a slight connection or relevance; peripheral (4); diverging (10) from a previous course; erratic
tenuous	6	0	very slight or insubstantial; very slender or fine

timorous	6	0	lacking in courage or confidence; nervous
TRANSITORY	6	1	not permanent; temporary; fleeting
TREPIDATION	6	3	a feeling of fear or agitation about something that may happen
UNSCATHED; SCATHING	6	3	UNSCATHED: without suffering any injury, damage, or harm SCATHING: witheringly scornful; severely critical
utopian (adj. & noun)	6	0	adj.: idealistic noun: an idealistic reformer
VAPID (adj.)	6	2	offering nothing that is stimulating or challenging
VICARIOUS	6	2	experienced in the imagination through the teelings and actions of another person; acting or done for another
VIGILANT	6	1	keeping careful watch for possible danger or difficulties
VIRULENT	6	3	(of a disease or poison) extremely severe or harmful in its effects; (of a pathogen, esp. a virus) highly infective; bitterly hostile
VOLATILE	6	1	(of a substance) easily evaporated at normal temperatures; liable to change rapidly and unpredictably, esp. for the worse
ABATE (verb)	5	3	(of something bad) become less intense or widespread
ACQUIESCE	5	2	accept or consent in something without protest
ADROIT	5	2	clever or skillful in using the hands or mind; adept (4) under pressing conditions
ADULATION	5	1	excessive admiration
allusion	5	0	an indirect reference to something
AMALGAM; AMALGAMATI	5	4	AMALGAM: a mixture or blend AMALGAMATE: combine or unite to form one organization or structure
arbiter; arbitration	5	0	ARBITER: a person selected to judge a dispute ARBITRATION: the use of an arbitrator to settle a dispute
ARDUOUS	5	1	difficult and tiring
ASCETIC (adj. & noun)	5	0	adj.: strictly self-disciplined and avoiding any sensory pleasure or luxuries noun: an ascetic person
ASSIDUOUS (adj.)	5	2	showing great care and perseverance
BRAZEN	5	1	bold and shameless
BRUSQUE (adj.)	5	1	abrupt or offhand in manner or speech
BUOYANT	5	2	able to keep afloat; cheerful and optimistic
CALLOW (adj.)	5	1	(of a young person) inexperienced and immature
carnivorous	5	0	(of an animal) feeding on flesh
CATALYST	5	1	a substance that increases the rate of a chemical reaction without itself undergoing any permanent chemical change: a person or thing that precipitates an event
CIRCUITOUS	5	2	(of a route) longer than the most direct way

coerce (verb)	5	1	persuade (an unwilling person) to do something by using force or threats
COMPLICITY	5	2	involvement with others in an unlawful activity
concord; concordance	5	0	CONCORD: agreement; harmony; a treaty CONCORDANCE: an alphabetical list of the important words in a text, usually with citations of the passages concerned
confound	5	0	surprise or bewilder; prove wrong; defeat (a plan, aim, or hope)
construe	5	0	interpret in a particular way
COPIOUS (adj.)	5	3	abundant; plentiful
DEBACLE	5	2	an utter failure or disaster
denigrate	5	0	criticize unfairly; disparage (18)
DEPRAVE	5	1	lead away from what is natural or right; corrupt (11)
DEROGATE	5	2	(with "from") detract from; deviate from; disparage (18)
despot	5	0	a ruler with absolute power; esp. one who exercises it in a cruel or oppressive way
DIMINUTIVE	5	1	extremely or unusually small
disconcert	5	0	disturb the composure of; discomfit (1)
DISSOLUTION; DISSOLU	5	2	the formal closing down or ending of an assembly, official body, or agreement; disintegration; debauched (1) living; dissipation (3); lacking moral restraint
EDIFY	5	2	instruct or improve morally or intellectually
ELATED (adj.)	5	2	extremely happy and excited
EMANCIPATE	5	1	to set free, esp. from legal, social, or political restrictions; free from slavery
ENMITY	5	1	the state of being an enemy; hostility
EULOGY	5	1	a speech or piece of writing that praises someone highly; esp., a funeral oration
EVANESCENT	5	2	quickly fading from sight, memory, or existence
EVOCATIVE (adj.)	5	2	evoking strong memories, images, or feelings
EXPENDABLE	5	1	suitable to used once only; not worth preserving; able to be sacrificed because of little significance when compared to an overall purpose
EXTRAPOLATE	5	2	extend the application of (a method, conclusion, etc.) to different or larger groups
facile (adj.)	5	0	ignoring the complexities of an issue; superficial (24); (of an achievement) easily accomplished
fiasco	5	0	a ludicrous or humiliating failure
FOREBODING; FOREBOD	5	2	FOREBODING: a portent (6); an omen; a presentiment (1) of coming evil FOREBODE: act as an advance warning of (something bad)
FORESHADOW	5	2	be a warning or indication of

FORGE (as verb)	5	1	make or shape (a metal object) by heating and hammering the metal; create; move forward gradually or steadily
FORGO	5	4	go without (something desirable)
FURTIVE (adj.)	5	2	characterized by guilty or evasive (11) secrecy; stealthy (1)
GALVANIZE	5	3	shock or excite into action
genteel	5	0	polite and refined
HAMPER (as verb)	5	1	hinder or impede (10) the movement or progress of
HARBINGER	5	2	a person or thing that announces or signals the approach of something
HERESY	5	5	belief or opinion contrary to orthodox (11) religious (esp. Christian) doctrine; opinion profoundly (24) at odds with what is generally accepted
HETEROGENEOUS	5	2	diverse in character or content
hierarchy	5	0	a ranking system ordered according to status or authority; an arrangement according to relative importance or inclusiveness
HOMOGENEOUS	5	1	of the same kind; consisting of parts all of the same kind
IMPUDENT	5	1	not showing due respect for another person; impertinent (3)
IMPUGN (verb)	5	2	dispute the truth, validity (27), or honesty of
INCONTROVERTIBLE	5	1	not able to be denied or disputed
INORDINATE	5	1	unusually large; excessive
INTRANSIGENT	5	1	refusing to change one's views
INTREPID	5	1	fearless; adventurous
JOCULAR	5	2	fond of or characterized by joking; humorous
LAX (adj.)	5	1	not sufficiently strict, severe, or careful; (of limbs or muscles) relaxed
LIBERATE	5	2	set free, esp. from imprisonment or oppression
LUKEWARM	5	2	only moderately warm; unenthusiastic
LUMINOUS	5	2	bright or shining, esp. in the dark
malign (adj. & verb)	5	0	adj.: harmful or evil verb: speak ill of
MERCURIAL (adj.)	5	2	subject to sudden changes of mood; fickle
MODICUM	5	2	a small amount; bit
MOLLIFY	5	2	to calm in temper or feeling; soothe; to lessen in intensity; temper (7); to reduce the rigidity of; soften
MUNIFICENT (adj.)	5	1	very generous in giving; lavish

nomad	5	2	a member of a people continually moving to find fresh pasture for its animals and having no permanent home; a wanderer
oblique	5	0	neither parallel nor at right angles; slanting; not explicit or direct
ODIOUS	5	1	extremely unpleasant; repulsive
officious	5	0	asserting authority or interfering in an overbearing way
OMNISCIENT	5	3	knowing all things
opulent	5	0	ostentatiously (7) rich and luxurious
OUTMODED	5	1	old-fashioned; made outdated
PALLIATE (verb)	5	2	to lessen the severity of without curing; alleviate; to make (an offense) appear less serious; excuse
PATRONIZE	5	2	to be kind or helpful to, but in a haughty (6) or snobbish way
PEDESTRIAN (as adj.)	5	3	ordinary and dull; uninspired; prosaic (13)
PERFUNCTORY (adj.)	5	3	carried out with a minimum of effort or reflection
PERNICIOUS	5	1	tending to destroy, kill, or injure, esp. in a gradual or subtle way; destructive, ruinous
PITFALL	5	4	a hidden or unsuspected danger or difficulty
PRECIPITATE (as adj.)	5	1	acting or done hastily or rashly; very sudden or abrupt
PRECIPITOUS (adj.)	5	1	(of a change in a condition or situation) sudden and dramatic; hasty; precipitate; dangerously high or steep
PUGNACIOUS	5	2	eager or quick to argue, quarrel, or fight
PUNCTILIOUS	5	2	showing great attention to detail or correct behavior; very exact; scrupulous (15)
QUELL (verb)	5	3	put an end to (a rebellion or other disorder), typically by force; subdue or suppress
RECTIFY	5	2	put right; correct
RELEGATE	5	1	place in an inferior rank or position; to exile or banish to
revile	5	0	criticize in an abusive or scornful way
rustic	5	0	of the country, rural; simple or artless; rough or uncouth
scapegoat	5	0	a person who is blamed for the wrongdoings or mistakes of others
SEDATE (as adj.)	5	1	calm and unhurried; staid (5) and rather dull
SEDENTARY (adj.)	5	2	sitting; seated; tending to sit down a lot; taking little physical exercise; tending to stay in the same place for much of the time
staid	5	0	respectable and unadventurous; settled in character and conduct; dignified and serious
SYCOPHANT	5	3	a person who seeks favor by flattering people of wealth or influence

TANGIBLE	5	1	perceptible by touch; clear and definite; real
TORPID; TORPOR	5	2	TORPID: mentally or physically inactive; (of an animal) dormant TORPOR: physical or mental inactivity; lethargy (8)
TOUT (verb)	5	2	attempt to sell (something), typically by a direct or persistent approach; attempt to persuade people of the merits of
UBIQUITOUS (adj.)	5	4	present, appearing, or found everywhere
UNPERTURBED	5	3	not mentally or physically disturbed; not confused or agitated
USURP	5	1	take (a position of power) illegally or by force; take the place of (someone in power) illegally
variegated	5	0	marked with different colors in spots, streaks, etc.; having variety; varied
VERACITY	5	1	conformity to facts; accuracy; habitual truthfulness
VESTIGE	5	1	a remaining trace of something that once existed; the smallest amount
VILIFY	5	1	speak or write in an abusively disparaging (18) manner
VOLUMINOUS	5	1	(of clothing or drapery) loose and ample; (of writing) very lengthy and full
WAIVE; WAIVER	5	1	WAIVE (verb): refrain from insisting on or applying (a right or claim) WAIVER (noun): an act or instance of waiving a right or claim
WANE (verb)	5	1	grow gradually less in extent, as the moon after it is full; grow dim, as a light; decrease in strength or extent
ABSOLUTE (adj.)	4	2	not qualified or diminished in any way; total; having unlimited power; not relative or comparative
ACCOST (verb)	4	1	approach and address boldly or aggressively
ADEPT (adj. & noun)	4	3	adj.: very skilled or proficient (6) noun: a person who is adept at something
admonish	4	0	reprimand firmly; earnestly urge or warn
ADORN	4	2	make more attractive or beautiful; decorate
ANOMALY (noun)	4	2	something that deviates from what is standard or normal
ANTECEDENT	4	1	a preceding thing or circumstance
ANTIPATHY	4	1	a strong feeling of dislike; aversion (10)
antiquated	4	0	old-fashioned or out-dated
ARCANE (adj.)	4	1	understood by few; mysterious
ATTENUATE	4	1	reduce the strength, effect, or value of; make thin or thinner
ATTEST	4	2	provide or serve as clear evidence of; declare that something exists or is the case
audacious	4	0	willing to take bold risks; impudent (5); unrestrained by convention (30) or propriety; insolent; spirited and original
AVARICE	4	1	extreme greed for wealth or material gain

AVENGE	4	1	inflict harm in return for (a wrong)
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AVERT	4	3	turn away (one's eyes); prevent or ward off (an undesirable occurrence)
BASE (as adj.)	4	2	without moral principles; ignoble (1)
BELLICOSE (adj.)	4	1	aggressive and ready to fight
blithe (adj.)	4	0	cheerfully or thoughtlessly indifferent
BOON (noun)	4	3	a thing that is helpful or beneficial
BRIDGE (as verb)	4	2	be or make a bridge over or between
buttress (noun & verb)	4	0	noun: a projecting support built against a wall; a projecting portion of a hill or mountain verb: support with buttresses: strengthen
CACOPHONY	4	3	a harsh discordant (9) mixture of sounds
camaraderie	4	0	mutual trust and friendship
CANNY (adj.)	4	1	shrewd, esp. in financial or business matters
CASTIGATE	4	1	reprimand severely, esp. by public criticism
CATEGORICAL (adj.)	4	1	unambiguously (23) explicit and direct
CAVALIER (as adj.)	4	1	showing a lack of proper concern
CEREBRAL (adj.)	4	2	relating to the cerebrum of the brain; intellectual rather than emotional or physical
CHAGRIN	4	1	mortification (3) arising from disappointment or failure; acute vexation or annoyance
charisma	4	0	compelling attractiveness or charm; a capacity to inspire devotion and enthusiasm
CHASTISE	4	1	reprimand severely
CHICANERY	4	2	the use of trickery to achieve one's purpose
CLAIRVOYANCE	4	1	the supposed faculty of perceiving events in the future or beyond normal sensory contact
clamor (noun & verb)	4	0	noun: a loud and confused noise; vehement protest or demand verb: (of a group) make a clamor
consternation	4	0	anxiety or dismay
CONSTRICT	4	2	make or become narrower, esp. by encircling pressure; tighten; deprive of freedom of movement
CONSUMMATE (as adj.)	4	2	showing great skill and flair
contrite (adj.)	4	0	deeply sorry for having done wrong; repentant
COUNTENANCE (as verb)	4	3	admit as acceptable or possible; give approval to; sanction (6); permit
CUMULATIVE	4	1	increasing or increased by successive additions

DEBASE	4	1	lower the quality, value, or character of
decimate	4	0	destroy or kill a large proportion of; drastically reduce the strength of
DEFT (adj.)	4	1	quick and neatly skillful
demagogue	4	0	a political leader who appeals to popular desires and prejudices
DEMOGRAPHY	4	1	the study of the structure of human populations using statistics of births, deaths, wealth, disease, etc.
DEMONSTRATIVE	4	1	tending to show one's feelings openly
DICHOTOMY	4	1	a separation or contrast between two things
DISAFFECTED	4	1	discontented through having lost one's feelings of loyalty or commitment
DISPUTATIOUS	4	2	fond of argument; (of an argument or situation) motivated by or causing strong opinions
DIVISIVE	4	4	causing disagreement or hostility
DOUR (adj.)	4	1	very severe, stern, or gloomy
ENFRANCHISE	4	2	give the right to vote to; free (a slave)
entail (verb)	4	0	make (something) as an inevitable (20) part or consequence
EQUITABLE	4	3	fair and impartial; just
ESPOUSE (verb)	4	1	adopt or support (a cause, belief, or way of life)
ESTRANGE (verb)	4	1	cause to feel less close or friendly; (estranged) (of a husband or wite) no longer living with their spouse
expunge	4	0	obliterate (11) or remove completely
EXPURGATE (verb)	4	2	remove matter regarded as obscene or unsuitable from (a text or account)
exult	4	0	show or feel triumphant elation
FACETIOUS	4	1	trivially or inappropriately humorous
FATALISM	4	1	the belief that all events are predetermined and inevitable (20); a submissive attitude to events
fathom (as verb)	4	0	understand after much thought
foil (as verb)	4	0	prevent the success of
FORBEARING; FORBEAR	4	1	FORBEARING (adj.) : patient and restrained FORBEARANCE: patient self-control and restraint; tolerance
FORTUITOUS	4	2	happening by chance rather than design; happening by a lucky chance; fortunate
FRENETIC	4	1	frantic; frenzied; fast and energetic in a rather wild and uncontrolled way
GUILELESS	4	1	lacking guile; artless; innocent and without deception

impervious	4	0	not allowing fluid to pass through; "impervious to" unable to be affected by
inane (adj.)	4	0	lacking sense or meaning; silly
incorrigible	4	0	not able to be corrected or reformed
INDOLENT	4	2	wanting to avoid activity or exertion; lazy
INEFFABLE (adj.)	4	1	too great or extreme to be expressed in words; too sacred to be uttered
INEXORABLE (adj.)	4	2	impossible to stop or prevent; impossible to persuade by entreaty or request
INIMITABLE (adj.)	4	1	impossible to imitate; unique
INSATIABLE	4	2	impossible to satisfy
INSURGENT (adj. & noun)	4	1	adj.: rising in active revolt noun: a rebel or revolutionary
INTRINSIC	4	1	belonging to the basic nature of someone or something; essential
INTROVERT	4	1	a shy, reticent (18) person; Psychology: a person predominately concerned with his own thoughts and feelings
jubilant	4	0	happy and triumphant
JUXTAPOSE (verb)	4	1	place (two or more things) side by side or close to one another
LUGUBRIOUS (adj.)	4	2	mournful; sad and dismal
LURID	4	1	unpleasantly vivid in color; (of a description) shocking or sensational
MACHINATIONS	4	2	plots and intrigues; scheming
MARGINAL	4	2	of minor importance, small, having little effect
MAVERICK	4	1	an unorthodox (11) or independent-minded person; an individualist
MISAPPREHENSION	4	1	a mistaken belief; a misunderstanding
MODIFY	4	2	make partial changes to
morose (adj.)	4	0	sullen (7) and ill-tempered
NEFARIOUS	4	1	wicked; iniquitous (1); villainous (1)
NOCTURNAL	4	2	of or pertaining to the night; of an animal: active (only) during the night
OBSTREPEROUS (adj.)	4	1	voicing loud opposition; noisy or unruly, esp. in resisting
obtuse (adj.)	4	0	annoyingly insensitive or slow to understand; not sharp-pointed or sharp-edged; blunt
onerous	4	0	involving an oppressive amount of effort and difficulty
OSCILLATE	4	1	move or swing back and forth at a regular rate; waver between extremes of opinion or emotion

PANACEA	4	2	a solution or remedy for all for all difficulties or diseases
PARADIGM	4	2	a typical example, pattern or model of something; a conceptual model underlying the theories and practice of a scientific subject
PARAMOUNT (adj.)	4	1	more important than anything else; supreme; having supreme power
PARSIMONY	4	1	extreme unwillingness to spend money or use resources
peevish	4	0	irritable; fretful; cross
PENITENT (adj. & noun)	4	1	adj.: feeling sorrow for having done wrong and willing to atone (2) noun: a person who repents or submits to penance
PEREMPTORY (adj.)	4	2	insisting on immediate attention or obedience; brusque (5) and imperious
PERIPHERAL	4	2	outer; external; of secondary importance; marginal (4)
PERSPICACIOUS (adj.)	4	2	having an acuteness of perception, discernment (24), or understanding
PLAUDITS	4	4	praise; enthusiastic approval
pliant (adj.)	4	0	able to be (easily) bent or folded; lithe (2), flexible; readily influenced; yielding, compliant; accommodating
PRESCIENT	4	1	having knowledge of actions and events before they occur
PROFUSE (adj.)	4	2	plentiful; abundant
propagate	4	0	breed by natural processes from the parent stock; promote (an idea, knowledge, etc.) widely; transmit in a particular direction
protagonist	4	0	the leading character in a drama, tilm, or novel; a prominent figure in a real situation; an advocate or champion of a cause or idea
PUNCTUATE	4	1	interrupt at intervals throughout
QUALITATIVE	4	1	of, concerned with, or measured by quality
quandary	4	0	a state of uncertainty; dilemma
querulous	4	0	complaining in a petulant (2) or whining manner
QUERY (noun & verb)	4	1	noun: a question, esp. one expressing doubt verb: ask a query
REACTIONARY (adj. & no	4	1	adj.: opposing political or social progress or reform noun: a person holding reactionary views
REBUFF (verb & noun)	4	1	verb: to reject in an abrupt or ungracious manner noun: an abrupt rejection
recant	4	0	renounce a former opinion or belief
RECTITUDE	4	2	morally correct behavior; uprightness of character
remiss (adj.)	4	0	lacking care or attention to duty, negligent
RENAISSANCE	4	1	the revival of art and literature under the influence of classical models in the 14th- 16th centuries; a revival of or renewed interest in something
RESCIND	4	1	revoke, cancel, or repeal (a law, order, or agreement)

residual (adj. & noun)	4	0	adj.: remaining after the greater part or quantity has gone or been subtracted noun: a residual quantity
RETRENCH	4	1	reduce costs or spending in response to economic difficulty
retribution	4	0	punishment inflicted in the spirit of moral outrage or personal vengeance
RETROGRADE (adj. & ver	4	2	adj.: directed or moving backwards; reverting to an earlier and inferior condition verb: go back in position or time
rudimentary	4	0	of or pertaining to basic principles; immature, undeveloped, or basic
ruminate (verb)	4	0	think deeply about something
sanctimonious	4	0	making a show of being morally superior; affecting (7) piety, pretending sanctity (1)
SENSATIONALISM	4	2	(in the media) the use of exciting or shocking stories or language at the expense of accuracy, in order to provoke public interest or excitement
SMUG	4	3	irritatingly pleased with oneself; self-satisfied
SOPORIFIC	4	2	inducing drowsiness or sleep
spurn	4	0	reject with contempt
STYMIE	4	1	prevent or hinder the progress of
subsidy; subsidize	4	0	subsidy: a grant of money, as from a government to a private enterprise subsidize: support (an organization or activity) financially
SUBSIST	4	2	maintain or support oneself, esp. at a minimal level
SUBTERFUGE	4	1	a trick or deception used in order to achieve one's goal
SUPERCILIOUS (adj.)	4	1	having an air of contemptuous superiority
TEMPORAL	4	1	of, relating to, or limited by time; relating to worldly affairs; secular (3)
TENET	4	1	a central principle or belief
TRENCHANT (adj.)	4	1	of language, style, etc .: vigorous and incisive; effective, energetic
UNTENABLE	4	2	not able to be maintained or defended against attack or objection
vacuous	4	0	showing a lack of thought or intelligence
vanquish	4	0	defeat thoroughly
VIABLE	4	1	capable of working successfully; feasible (10); Biology (of a plant, animal, or cell) capable of surviving or living successfully
VITRIOL	4	2	extreme bitterness or malice (7)
VITUPERATION	4	1	bitter and abusive language
vivacious	4	0	attractively lively and animated
aberration	3	0	a departure from what is normal or acceptable; a mental or moral lapse

abridge	3	0	shorten (a text or film)
ACADEMIC (as adj.)	3	1	relating to education and scholarship; scholarly rather than technical or practical; of only theoretical interest
accolade	3	0	something given as a special honor or in recognition of merit
affront (noun & verb)	3	0	noun: an action or remark that causes offense verb: offend the modesty or values of
ALACRITY	3	1	eager willingness, often with quick, lively action
ARABLE	3	2	(of land) able to be plowed and used for the cultivation of crops
archive (noun & verb)	3	0	noun: a collection of historical documents or records verb: place in an archive
AVID (adj.)	3	1	keenly interested or enthusiastic
BENT (noun); BENT ON (a	3	2	BENT: a tendency; a natural leaning or propensity BENT ON: determined to do or have
berate (verb)	3	0	scold or criticize angrily
blandishments	3	0	flattery intended to persuade or cajole (8)
BLIGHT (noun & verb)	3	1	noun: a plant disease, esp. one caused by fungi; a thing that spoils something verb: infect (plants) with blight; spoil or destroy
BUCOLIC (adj.)	3	2	relating to rural or pastoral (1) life
BURGEON (verb)	3	2	grow or increase rapidly
caricature	3	0	the exaggerated imitation of a person, literary style, etc., for comic or grotesque effect
CARP (as verb)	3	1	complain or find fault continually
CATACLYSM	3	2	a violent upheaval or disaster
CATER (TO)	3	2	seek to gratify another's desires
CERTITUDE	3	3	a feeling of absolute certainty
charlatan	3	0	a person falsely claiming to have a certain expertise
collage	3	0	an art form in which various materials are arranged and stuck to a backing; a combination or collection of various things
COLLOQUIAL	3	2	(of language) used in ordinary or familiar conversation; not formal or literary
COLLUDE; COLLUSION	3	1	COLLUDE (verb): come to a secret understanding; conspire COLLUSION: secret cooperation in order to cheat or deceive
COMPUNCTION	3	1	a feeling of guilt or moral scruple (15) that prevents or follows wrongdoing; remorse
CONFLAGRATION	3	1	an extensive and destructive fire
connotation	3	0	an idea or feeling invoked by a word in addition to its primary or literal meaning
consecrate	3	0	make or declare sacred

CONTINGENT (adj.)	3	1	dependent on; conditional (6)
conundrum	3	0	a confusing and difficult problem or question; a riddle
COSMETIC (as adj.)	3	3	relating to treatment intended to improve a person's appearance; improving only the appearance of something
CRITERION	3	1	a principle or standard by which something may be judged or decided
decadent	3	0	characterized by moral or cultural decline; luxuriously self-indulgent
DEMISE (noun)	3	1	a person's death; the end or failure of something
demure (adj.)	3	0	(of a woman) reserved (13), modest, and shy
dexterity	3	0	skill in performing tasks, esp. with the hands
DIEHARD (noun)	3	1	a person who supports something uncompromisingly
DISCRETE (adj.)	3	2	individually separate and distinct
dissipate	3	0	to scatter; disperse (14); to make disappear; to waste or squander; to vanish; to indulge in pleasure to the point of harming oneself
DOCTRINAIRE (adj.)	3	1	seeking to impose a doctrine without compromise; theoretical and unpractical; dogmatically (12) adhering to a doctrine
droll (adj.)	3	0	amusing in a strange or quaint way
drone (noun & verb)	3	0	noun: an idler; loafer verb: speak tediously and at length
EFFRONTERY	3	1	insolence or impertinence (3); impudence (5); audacity (4)
EGREGIOUS	3	1	remarkably bad; flagrant (3)
ELEGANT	3	1	graceful and stylish; pleasingly ingenious and simple
ENCROACH	3	2	gradually intrude on (a person's territory, rights, etc.); advance gradually beyond expected or acceptable limits
ENTITY	3	1	a thing with distinct and independent existence, as opposed to a relation, function, etc.
escapade	3	0	an incident involving daring and adventure
EUPHONIOUS	3	1	sounding pleasant
exhort	3	0	strongly encourage or urge (someone) to do something
EXPOSITION	3	1	a comprehensive description and explanation of a theory; a large public exhibition of art or trade goods
EXTANT (adj.)	3	1	still in existence; not extinct
EXTEMPORARY (adj.)	3	1	done or spoken without preparation
extenuate	3	0	lessen the seriousness of (an offence) by referring to a factor that helps excuse it
EXTROVERT	3	1	an outgoing, socially confident person; Psychology a person predominately concerned with external things or objective considerations

flag (as verb)	3	0	become tired or less enthusiastic; "flagging" becoming weaker or less dynamic
FLAGRANT	3	1	conspicuous (15); blatant
FLORID (adj.)	3	1	having a red or flushed complexion; elaborately or excessively ornate (10) or intricate
FLOUT (verb)	3	3	openly disregard (a rule, law, or convention (30))
foible	3	0	a minor personal weakness, habit, trait, inclination; esp. one forming a source of misguided pride
HALLOW (verb)	3	2	make holy; consecrate (3); honor as holy; "hallowed" greatly revered (14)
HARANGUE (verb & noun)	3	2	verb: criticize at length in an aggressive manner noun: a forceful and aggressive speech
HARBOR (as verb)	3	1	keep (a thought or feeling) secretly in one's mind; give a refuge or shelter to; carry the germs of (a disease)
hedonism	3	0	the pursuit of pleasure; sensual self-indulgence; the theory that pleasure (in the sense of the satisfaction of desires) is the highest good and proper aim of human life
impalpable	3	0	imperceptible to the touch; intangible (5); not easily grasped or understood by the mind; producing no definite mental impression
IMPERTINENT	3	1	not showing proper respect; insolent; impudent (5)
IMPETUS	3	1	an impelling force; an impulse; something that incites; a stimulus
IMPROMPTU (as adj.)	3	1	unplanned or unrehearsed
IMPROVIDENT	3	1	lacking care for the future
INFUSE	3	1	pervade; fill; instill (a quality) in someone or something; soak (tea, herbs, etc.) to extract the flavor or healing properties
ingratiate	3	0	bring oneself into favor with someone by flattering or trying to please them
inimical (adj.)	3	0	tending to obstruct or harm; hostile
INURE	3	1	to accustom or habituate to, harden or render impervious (4) to
INVECTIVE	3	1	strongly abusive or critical language
INVIOLABLE	3	2	never to be infringed or dishonored
irascible	3	0	easily provoked to anger or resentment; prone (3) to anger; irritable, hot-tempered
irrepressible	3	0	not able to be restrained
lassitude	3	0	a state or feeling of weariness, diminished energy or listlessness
litigious	3	0	given to carrying on lawsuits; quarrelsome; of lawsuits
lucrative (adj.)	3	0	producing wealth or profit; profitable
milestone	3	0	an important event; a turning point
MONOPOLY	3	2	the exclusive possession or control of the supply of a commodity or service; exclusive possession or control of something

morbid	3	0	characterized by preoccupation with unwholesome thoughts or feelings; gruesome; grisly
mortify	3	0	cause to feel embarrassed or humiliated; subdue (physical urges) by self-denial or discipline
MOSAIC	3	2	a picture or pattern produced by inlaying small bits of colored stone, tile or glass; resembling mosaic in diversity of composition
nominal	3	0	existing in name only; (of a sum of money) very small, far below the real value or cost
OBDURATE	3	2	stubbornly refusing to change one's opinion or course of action; obstinate (8)
OPAQUE; OPACITY	3	1	OPAQUE: impenetrable by light; obscure (26) OPACITY: obscurity; impenetrability
OPPORTUNE (adj.)	3	1	done or occurring at an especially convenient or appropriate time
ostracize	3	0	to exclude from a society or group
OUST	3	2	to force out; expel; dispossess
panorama	3	0	an unbroken view of a surrounding region; a complete survey of a subject or sequence of events
paragon	3	0	a model of excellence or perfection of a kind; a peerless example
pathos	3	0	a quality that evokes pity or sadness
PEJORATIVE	3	2	expressing contempt or disapproval
PENCHANT	3	1	a strong liking or inclination
PERFIDIOUS	3	1	literary: treacherous; deceitful and untrustworthy
PERPETRATE	3	1	carry out or commit (a bad or illegal action)
phlegmatic	3	0	sluggish or unexcited; unemotional and stolidly (2) calm
ponderous	3	0	slow and clumsy because of great weight; dull or laborious
PREPOSSESSING (adj.)	3	1	attractive or appealing in appearance
PRESAGE (verb & noun)	3	1	verb: be a sign or warning of (an imminent event) noun: an omen or portent (6)
PRISTINE (adj.)	3	1	in its original condition; clean and fresh as if new
PRONE (adj.)	3	1	likely or liable to suffer from, do or experience (something unfortunate); disposed or inclined (to)
prospectus	3	0	a formal summary of a proposed venture or project
providential	3	0	occurring at a favorable time; opportune (3); involving divine foresight or interference
pundit	3	0	an authority who frequently pronounces on a subject in public
purport (verb & noun)	3	0	verb: appear to be or do, esp. falsely noun: the meaning of something; the purpose of something
RAZE	3	2	tear down and destroy (a building, town, etc.)

recapitulate	3	0	summarize and state again the main points of
REITERATE	3	1	say something again or repeatedly
respite	3	0	a short period of rest or relief from something difficult or unpleasant
RETROSPECTIVE	3	1	looking back on or dealing with past events or situations
SACROSANCT (adj.)	3	1	regarded as too important or valuable to be interfered with; very sacred, holy, or inviolable (3)
sanctuary	3	0	a place of refuge or safety; a nature preserve; a place where injured or unwanted animals are cared for; a holy place
sate (satiate) (verb)	3	0	satisfy fully; supply with as much as or more than is desired or can be managed
SCINTILLATE (verb)	3	1	emit flashes of light; sparkle; to be brilliant and exciting
scurrilous (adj.)	3	0	making scandalous claims about someone in order to damage their reputation
SECULAR (adj.)	3	2	not religious, sacred, or spiritual
SEDULOUS	3	1	showing dedication and diligence; persistent
SERENDIPITY	3	1	the making of happy and unexpected discoveries by accident or when looking for something else; such a discovery
solace	3	0	comfort in sorrow, misfortune, or distress; consolation; a source of comfort or consolation
SONOROUS	3	1	(of a sound) deep and full; (of speech) using imposing or grandiose language
SPECIOUS	3	1	having the ring of truth or plausibility (20) but actually fallacious (8); deceptively attractive
STIPULATE; STIPULATIO	3	0	STIPULATE: demand or specify as part of a bargain or agreement STIPULATION: an essential condition of an agreement
STRATIFY	3	1	form or arrange in layers or strata; arrange or classify
SUBJECTIVE	3	1	based on or influenced by personal feelings, tastes, or opinions
SYMBIOSIS	3	1	relationship of mutual benefit or dependence
TRANSCRIBE	3	1	put (thoughts, speech or data) into written or printed form; make a copy of, especially in another alphabet or language
UNPALATABLE	3	2	not pleasant to taste; difficult to put up with or accept
UNSULLIED	3	1	not spoiled or made impure; unmarred (10)
UPBRAID	3	1	to rebuke (1) severely; censure (12); scold
VIGNETTE	3	2	a short, usually descriptive literary sketch; a short scene or incident, as from a movie
VIRTUOSO	3	1	a person highly skilled in music or another artistic pursuit
viscera; visceral	3	0	VISCERA: the internal organs in the main cavities of the body VISCERAL: (of a feeling) deep and instinctive rather than rational
voracious	3	0	greedy in eating; ravenous; gluttonous; eagerly consuming something

ABASE	2	1	"abase oneself": behave in a way that lessens others' respect for one
accrue	2	0	to come as a natural growth or periodic increase, as interest on money
ACUITY	2	1	sharpness or keenness of thought, vision or hearing
ACUMEN	2	2	the ability to make good judgments and take quick decisions
ADAMANT (adj.)	2	1	refusing to be persuaded or to change one's mind
ADJUNCT (noun & adj.)	2	1	noun: an additional and supplementary part adj.: connected in an auxiliary way
adulterate	2	0	make poorer in quality by adding another substance
AGGREGATE	2	1	a whole formed by combining several different elements
ALCHEMY	2	1	the chemistry of the Middle Ages, the chief aim of which was to change the baser elements into gold
amenity	2	0	a useful or desirable feature of a place
amorphous (adj.)	2	0	without a definite shape or form; vague or indefinite
anguish (noun)	2	0	severe mental or physical pain or suffering
APLOMB (noun)	2	2	self-confidence or calm assurance; self-possession; poise
APPORTION (verb)	2	1	to divide or assign according to a plan
APT (adj.)	2	1	appropriate; suitable; "apt to": having a tendency to; quick to learn
ARBOREAL (adj.)	2	1	related to trees; living in trees
arboretum	2	0	a garden devoted to the study and display of trees
archetype	2	0	a very typical example; an original model; a recurrent motif in literature or art
ARREST	2	2	to seize by legal authority and take into custody; stop or check (progress or a process)
ASSUAGE	2	1	to make (an unpleasant feeling) less intense; calm (anger, etc.); satisfy or slake (1) (thirst, etc.)
atonement	2	0	amends for a wrong or injury
ATROPHY (verb)	2	2	(of body tissue or an organ) waste away; gradually become less effective or vigorous
augury	2	0	an omen; the interpretation of omens
autocrat	2	0	a ruler who has absolute power; a domineering person
automaton	2	0	any automatic device, esp. a robot; a person acting like a robot
avuncular	2	0	like an uncle in being friendly towards a younger person
axiom	2	0	a proposition regarded as self-evidently true

bane (noun)	2	0	a cause of great distress or annoyance
beguile	2	1	to charm, enchant or trick
belated (adj.)	2	0	coming late or too late
BEREFT	2	1	<ol> <li>(bereft of) deprived of; without.</li> <li>lonely and abandoned.</li> </ol>
boor (noun)	2	0	a rough and bad-mannered person
bourgeois (adj. & noun)	2	0	adj.: characteristic of the middle class, esp. in being materialistic or conventional (30) noun: a bourgeois person
brandish (verb)	2	0	wave or flourish (something) as a threat or in anger or excitement
broach (verb)	2	0	raise (a sensitive subject) for discussion; pierce or open (a cask or container) to draw out liquid
capacious	2	0	having a lot of space inside; roomy
CAPITULATE	2	1	give in to an opponent or an unwelcome demand
cavalcade	2	0	a procession of vehicles, riders, or people on foot
CHARY (adj.)	2	2	cautiously reluctant
CHIMERICAL (adj.)	2	1	like a mythical chimera; illusory or impossible to achieve
CIRCUMLOCUTION	2	1	the use of many words where fewer would do
CLOAK (noun & verb)	2	1	noun: something that hides or covers verb: dress or hide in a cloak
cloy (verb)	2	0	to satiate (3), disgust, or sicken with an excess of richness, sweetness, or sentiment
COGENT (adj.)	2	1	(of an argument or case) clear, logical, and convincing
compendious (adj.)	2	0	presenting the essential facts in a comprehensive but concise way
CONCOMITANT (adj. & no	2	1	adj.: naturally accompanying or associated noun: a concomitant phenomenon
CONFER (verb)	2	1	grant (a title, degree, benefit, or right); have discussions
CONSIGN (verb)	2	1	deliver to someone's possession or care; send (goods) by a public carrier
corollary (noun & adj.)	2	0	noun: a logical proposition that follows from one already proved; a direct consequence
credence	2	0	adi.: associated: supplementary belief in or acceptance of something as true; the likelihood of something being true; plausibility (20)
creed; credo	2	0	CREED: a system of religious belief; a faith; a statement of beliefs or principles CREDO: a statement of a person's beliefs or aims
CUE (noun & verb)	2	1	noun: a signal or prompt for action verb: give a cue to or for
culinary (adj.)	2	0	of or for cooking
culpable	2	0	deserving blame

CURT (adj.)	2	1	noticeably or rudely brief
DAMPEN	2	1	make damp; make less strong or intense
DEMARCATION	2	2	the action of fixing boundaries or limits; a dividing line
DENUDE (verb)	2	1	strip of covering or possessions; make bare; Geology: to expose (rock strata) by erosion
desecrate	2	0	treat (something sacred) with violent disrespect
DESICCATE (verb)	2	1	remove the moisture from
DIATRIBE	2	2	a harsh and forceful verbal attack
dire (adj.)	2	0	extremely serious or urgent
dissemble (verb)	2	0	hide or disguise one's true motives or feelings
DISTEND	2	1	swell because of internal pressure
divest	2	0	deprive or dispossess (someone or something of); free or rid of
DRIVEL (noun & verb)	2	1	noun: nonsense verb: talk nonsense
EBB (as verb)	2	1	(of tidewater) move away from the land; recede; (of an emotion or quality) gradually lessen or reduce
ECLIPSE (noun & verb)	2	1	noun: a sudden loss of significance, power, or prominence verb: deprive of significance, power, or prominence
effervescent (adj.)	2	0	(of a liquid) giving off bubbles; fizzy; vivacious (4) and enthusiastic
elliptical	2	0	of or relating to extreme economy (7) of oral or written expression; marked by deliberate obscurity (24) of style or expression
elocution	2	0	the skill of clear and expressive speech, esp. of distinct pronunciation and articulation (16); a particular style of speaking
EMBROIDER	2	1	sew decorative needlework patterns on; add fictitious or exaggerated details to
embroil	2	0	involve deeply in a conflict or difficult situation
EMISSARY	2	1	a person sent as a diplomatic representative
EMOTIVE	2	1	arousing or able to arouse intense feeling or emotion
encapsulate	2	0	enclose in or as if in a capsule; express concisely and succinctly (7)
endemic (adj.)	2	0	
ethereal (adj.)	2	0	(of a plant or animal) native or restrictive to a certain area extremely delicate and light; heavenly or spiritual
ETHOS	2	1	the characteristic spirit of a culture, era, or community
EUPHORIA	2	1	a feeling of intense happiness
EVINCE (verb)	2	1	reveal the presence of; indicate (a quality or feeling)

EXCISE (as verb)	2	1	cut out surgically; remove (a section) from a text or piece of music
EXCORIATE	2	1	to tear or wear off the skin of, abrade; to censure (12) strongly, denounce
exculpate (verb)	2	0	show or declare to be not guilty of wrongdoing
EXPROPRIATE	2	1	(of the state) take (property) from its owner for public use or benefit
facade	2	0	the face of a building, esp. the front; a deceptive outward appearance
FARCE	2	1	a comic dramatic work or genre using buffoonery (1) and horseplay and typically including ludicrously improbable situations; an absurd event
fawn (as verb)	2	0	give a servile (6) display of exaggerated flattery or affection
feral (adj.)	2	0	(of an animal or plant) in a wild state, esp. after having been domesticated; resembling a wild animal
fervid (adj.)	2	0	intensely or excessively enthusiastic
fetter (noun and verb)	2	0	noun: a chain or shackle (1) around a prisoner's ankles; a restraint or check verb: restrain with fetters; "be fettered": be restricted
FILIAL (adj.)	2	1	relating to or due from a son or daughter
finagle	2	0	to obtain or achieve by indirect, usually deceitful methods
FIREBRAND (noun)	2	1	a fervent (8) supporter of a particular cause, esp. one who incites unrest
FITFUL (adj.)	2	1	acting or occurring intermittently (1); not regular or steady
FLOUNDER (as verb)	2	1	stagger clumsily in mud or water; have trouble doing or understanding something
FOOLHARDY (adj.)	2	2	recklessly bold or rash
FOP (noun)	2	1	a man who is excessively concerned with his clothes and appearance
founder (verb)	2	0	(of a ship) fill with water and sink; (of a plan or undertaking) to fail
fountainhead	2	0	an original source
FULSOME (adj.)	2	1	complimentary or flattering to an excessive degree; of large size or quantity; generous or abundant
GAFFE	2	2	a clumsy social error; a faux pas; a blatant mistake or misjudgment
GALL (verb)	2	1	to irk or exasperate (10), vex; irritate; annoy
gargantuan	2	0	enormous; gigantic
garret (noun)	2	0	a room on the top floor of a house, typically under a pitched roof; an attic
GERMANE	2	2	truly relevant; pertinent
GLOSS OVER (verb)	2	1	to try to conceal or pass over by mentioning briefly or misleadingly
HEINOUS	2	2	outrageously evil

HODGEPODGE	2	1	a jumble; a mixture of dissimilar ingredients
HUSBAND (v); HUSBAND	2	1	HUSBAND: to manage economically; conserve HUSBANDRY: careful management or conservation of resources
HYBRID	2	2	the offspring of 2 plants or animals of different species or varieties, such as a mule; a thing made by combining 2 different elements
ignominious	2	0	marked by shame or disgrace; deserving shame or disgrace; despicable; degrading, debasing (4)
immaculate	2	0	perfectly clean; without a flaw or error; pure; innocent; sinless
IMPECUNIOUS	2	2	having little or no money; poor
impressionable	2	0	easily impressed or influenced; sensitive
INCANDESCENT	2	2	glowing with intense heat; very bright; characterized by ardent (5) emotion, intensity, or brilliance
INCANTATION	2	1	words chanted in magic spells or rites
INCAPACITATE	2	1	to prevent from functioning in a normal way
inchoate	2	0	just begun, incipient (1), rudimentary (4); not yet fully formed or developed
INCULCATE	2	1	to instill (an idea, habit, etc.) by persistent instruction
incur	2	0	to acquire (something undesirable); to bring upon oneself
INDELIBLE	2	1	(of ink or a mark) unable to be removed or effaced (12); unable to be forgotten
indigent (adj. & noun)	2	0	poor, needy; (noun) a needy person
INDOMITABLE	2	2	not easily discouraged or defeated
INFER	2	1	to deduce from evidence or reasoning rather than from explicit statements
INFINITESIMAL	2	1	an extremely small or insignificant quantity, amount, etc.
INSUPERABLE	2	1	impossible to overcome
interpolate	2	0	to change (a text, etc.) by inserting new material; to insert between or among others
INVETERATE	2	1	persisting in an ingrained habit; habitual
invidious	2	0	of a comparison or distinction: unacceptable, unfair, and likely to arouse resentment or anger in others
JINGOISM	2	1	the advocacy or practice of a bellicose (4) foreign policy; loud and blustering (1) patriotism
jovial	2	0	cheerful and friendly
languish	2	0	to become weak, droop; live under distressing conditions; long or pine for
latent	2	0	hidden, concealed; present or existing, but not manifest (6), exhibited, or developed
LEGION	2	1	a large number; multitude

libertine	2	0	a man who behaves without moral principles, especially in sexual matters
licentious	2	0	lacking moral discipline or ignoring legal restraint, especially in sexual conduct; having no regard for accepted rules or standards
LITHE	2	1	bending easily; flexible; supple (2)
mainstay	2	0	a chief support
malfeasance	2	0	misconduct or wrongdoing, especially by a public official
MANIFESTO	2	2	a public declaration of principles, policies, or intentions, especially of a political nature
MARTINET	2	1	a rigid disciplinarian
MATRIARCH	2	1	a woman who rules a family, clan or tribe; a woman who dominates a group or activity; a highly respected woman who is a mother
maudlin	2	0	characterized by tearful sentimentality; mawkishly (2) emotional; weakly sentimental
MAWKISH	2	2	feebly sentimental; imbued with sickly or false sentiment
meander	2	0	to follow a winding and turning course; to move aimlessly and idly without fixed direction
MELLIFLUOUS	2	1	pleasingly smooth and musical to hear
MENAGERIE	2	1	a collection of live wild animals on exhibition; a diverse or miscellaneous group
mendacious	2	0	untruthful
mentor	2	0	a wise and trusted counselor or teacher
MESMERIZE	2	1	to hypnotize
milieu	2	0	a person's social environment
MISANTHROPE	2	2	a person who hates or distrusts all people
misnomer	2	0	an inaccurate or misleading name; the wrong use of a name or term
MONOLITHIC	2	1	(of an organization) large and autocratic (2) or monopolistic (3)
MORALISTIC	2	1	marked by a narrow-minded morality
moratorium	2	0	a temporary prohibition of an activity
moribund	2	0	at the point of death; in terminal decline, lacking vigor
MOTLEY (adj. & noun)	2	1	adj.: incongruously (20) varied in appearance or character noun: a varied mixture
MULTIPLICITY	2	2	a large number or variety
ΜΥΟΡΙΑ	2	1	short-sightedness; lack of foresight or intellectual insight
narcissism	2	0	excessive love or admiration for oneself

nascent (adj.)	2	0	just coming into existence and beginning to develop
nihilism	2	0	the general rejection of customary beliefs in morality, religion, etc.
nondescript	2	0	hard to classify or describe
nonplussed	2	0	put at a loss as to what to think, say, or do; bewildered
notorious	2	0	famous for some bad quality or deed
nuance	2	0	a subtle difference in or shade of meaning, expression, color, etc.
OLFACTION	2	2	the sense of smell
OSSIFY	2	2	to change into bone; to fix rigidly in a custom, etc.
pander to	2	0	to cater (3) to the lower tastes and desires of others or exploit their weaknesses
PARASITIC	2	1	living at others' expense without making any useful return
parody	2	0	an amusingly exaggerated imitation of the style of a writer, artist or genre
pensive	2	0	thoughtful, meditative, musing, reflective; spec. sadly or sorrowfully thoughtful; gloomy, brooding, melancholy
PERQUISITE	2	1	something in addition to regular pay for one's work
PETULANT	2	1	impatient or irritable, esp. over a petty annoyance; childishly sulky or bad- tempered
PICAYUNE	2	1	trivial or petty; worthless
PIQUE (noun & verb)	2	1	noun: irritation or resentment arising from hurt pride verb: stimulate (interest or curiosity)
platitude	2	0	a trite (11) or banal (13) remark or statement, especially one expressed as if it were original or significant
PLIABLE	2	1	easily bent or folded; flexible, supple (2), yielding; flexible in disposition or character; easily influenced; compliant; docile (9)
POSTULATE (verb)	2	1	to assume to be true, real, etc., esp. as a basis for argument; to take for granted
PREEMPT	2	2	to appropriate (7), seize, or take before someone else; to have precedence or dominance over
PRETEXT	2	1	an ostensible or false reason used to justify an action; an excuse; an effort or strategy intended to conceal something
PRIVATION	2	1	a state in which essentials such as food and warmth are lacking
PROFLIGATE	2	1	recklessly extravagant (11 )or wasteful; dissolute (5); licentious (2)
PROGENITOR	2	1	an ancestor or parent; the originator of an artistic, political, or intellectual movement
promulgate	2	0	promote or make more widely known; put (a law or decree) into effect by official proclamation
propitious	2	0	well-disposed; favorably inclined; (of an omen, etc.) good, boding well; (of weather, an occasion, etc.) favorable, timely, opportune (3)
PROSCRIBE	2	1	forbid, esp. by law; denounce or condemn

PROTEAN	2	1	tending or able to change or adapt; variable or versatile
prototype	2	0	the first thing or being of its kind; model
prurient	2	0	having or encouraging an excessive interest in sexual matters
PSEUDONYM	2	1	a fictitious name assumed by an author; a pen name
pungent	2	0	producing a sharp sensation of taste and smell; sharp, biting, or stimulating
purvey	2	0	provide or supply (food or drink) as one's business
QUIESCENT	2	1	quiet; still; inactive
quixotic	2	0	caught up in the romance of noble deeds and the pursuit of unreachable goals; idealistic without regard to practicality. capricious (15); impulsive
rail (as verb)	2	0	"rail against/at": complain or protest strongly about or to
ramifications	2	0	complex consequences of an action or event
RAMPANT	2	1	growing unchecked; widespread
recrimination	2	0	an accusation in response to one from someone else
reductive	2	0	tending to present a subject or problem in a simplified form, esp. one viewed as crude
reparation	2	0	the making of amends for a wrong; compensation (7), as for war damage
REPERTOIRE	2	1	the stock of songs, etc. that a player or company is prepared to perform
RESURGENT	2	2	increasing or reviving after a period of little activity, popularity, or occurrence
RETIRING	2	1	reserved (13); modest; shy
revel	2	0	to engage in lively and noisy festivities; take great pleasure (in)
salient	2	0	most noticeable or important; conspicuous (15), prominent
SERPENTINE	2	1	of or like a serpent: subtly shy, treacherous; winding, sinuous
SINECURE	2	2	a position or office requiring little or no work, esp. one yielding profit or honor
SINGULAR	2	1	unique; extraordinary; remarkable
SLAVISH	2	1	blindly dependent or imitative; servile (6) or submissive
slothful	2	0	lazy; idle
sophistry	2	0	the use of false arguments, esp. to deceive; a false argument
spate	2	0	a sudden flood, rush, or outpouring
stolid	2	0	having or revealing little emotion or sensibility; impassive; calm, dependable

stupefy; stupor	2	1	STUPEFY: to make (someone) unable to think or feel properly; astonish and shock STUPOR: a state of near-unconsciousness or insensibility
suave	2	0	(of a man) charming, confident and elegant; polished; urbane (7)
succulent	2	0	(of food) tender, juicy, and tasty
SULTRY	2	2	(of the weather) humid and hot; displaying or suggesting passion; provocative
SUPPLE	2	1	easily bent, flexible; lithe (2); limber
supposition	2	0	an assumption or hypothesis
SURFEIT	2	1	too great an amount; overindulgence, esp. in food or drink; disgust, nausea, etc. resulting from excess
surmise (verb & noun)	2	0	verb: suppose without having evidence noun: a supposition (2) or guess
SYNERGY	2	1	the interaction of 2 or more agents or forces so that their combined effect is greater than the sum of their individual effects
TAWDRY	2	1	cheap and showy; gaudy
TEMPESTUOUS	2	2	very stormy; characterized by strong and turbulent (8) emotion
toady	2	0	a person who behaves servilely (6) or fawns (2) on someone
TRAVAIL	2	1	physical or mental work, esp. painful exertion; hardship; suffering
TRIFLING	2	1	frivolous; shallow; of little importance; trivial
TRIGGER (verb)	2	2	to initiate (an action)
TRUCULENT	2	1	quick to argue or fight; defiant
unctuous	2	0	unpleasantly flattering; oily; characterized by obsequious (6) charm
vagary	2	0	an unexpected and inexplicable (11) change; a capricious (15), outlandish, or eccentric (9) act or notion; a caprice (15), a whim (9)
VAUNT	2	1	to extol (12) boastfully; brag of (a thing)
VENAL	2	1	open to, or characterized by, bribery or corruption (11)
VERBATIM	2	1	using exactly the same words; corresponding word for word
VERISIMILITUDE	2	1	the appearance of being true or real
vitiate	2	0	to spoil; corrupt (11); pervert; to invalidate (28) (a contract, etc.)
voluble	2	0	speaking or spoken incessantly and fluently
WATERSHED	2	2	a critical point that marks a division or a change of course; a turning point
WEATHER (verb)	2	1	to pass through safely ["weathered a storm"]
wily	2	0	skilled at gaining an advantage, esp. deceitfully; crafty; sly; full of wiles

abashed	1	0	embarrassed, disconcerted, or ashamed
abet	1	0	to encourage or assist (someone) to do something wrong, in particular to commit a crime
abjure	1	0	swear to give up (a belief or claim)
ABSENTEE	1	1	of or relating to one that is absent; not in residence
ABUT	1	1	to be next to or share a boundary with; touch or lean on
acerbic	1	0	astringently sour, harsh-tasting; fig. bitter and sharp, esp. in speech, manner, or temper
ACRID	1	1	unpleasantly bitter or pungent (2)
acronym	1	0	a word formed from the initial letters of other words (e.g. laser; Aids)
alliteration	1	0	the occurrence of the same letter or sound at the beginning of adjacent or closely connected words
ALLUSION	1	1	an indirect reference to something
ANCILLARY (adj.)	1	1	providing subsidiary (1) support; additional; supplementary
ANDROGYNOUS	1	1	having both male and female characteristics, hermaphroditic; being neither distinguishably masculine or feminine, as in dress, appearance, etc.; unisex
ANTEDILUVIAN	1	1	belonging, referring, or appropriate to the time before the Flood described in Genesis; utterly out of date; very antiquated (4)
ANTHROPOCENTRIC	1	1	regarding human beings as the central element of the universe; interpreting reality exclusively in terms of human values and experience
ANTIPODES	1	1	the direct opposite of something
aphorism	1	0	a concise witty remark which contains a general truth; maxim (1); adage
apocryphal	1	0	widely circulated but unlikely to be true; not genuine, spurious (8)
ARCHIPELAGO	1	1	an extensive group of islands
ARTIFICE	1	1	the use of cunning plans or devices in order to trick or deceive
ascribe	1	0	to attribute (a particular cause, person or period) to; regard (a quality) as belonging to
ASPERITY	1	1	roughness or harshness; sharpness of temper
aspersion	1	0	(often in phrase cast aspersions on) an attack on someone's character or reputation
AVANT-GARDE (adj. & no	1	1	adj.: (in the arts) new and experimental noun: (the avant-garde) avant-garde ideas or artists
AVIARY	1	1	a large enclosure for holding birds in confinement
BAIT (verb)	1	1	to torment or harass, esp. by verbal attacks
baleful	1	0	menacing; deadly; harmful; ominous (12)
BALK (verb)	1	1	to stop and refuse to move or act; to hesitate or recoil (at)

balm	1	0	anything healing or soothing
BANTER (noun & verb)	1	1	noun: the good-humored exchange of teasing remarks verb: engage in banter
baroque (as adj)	1	0	highly ornate (10) and extravagant in style
BASK	1	1	to expose oneself pleasantly to warmth, another's favor, etc.
BEGRUDGE	1	1	to resent another's possession of (something); to give with reluctance
beleaguer	1	0	to besiege by encircling; to beset or harass
benighted (adj.)	1	0	ignorant or unenlightened
BETOKEN (verb)	1	1	to presage (3); to be a warning or sign of
bifurcate	1	0	divide into two branches or forks
bilious	1	0	having a spiteful, peevish (4) disposition; ill-humored
BILK	1	1	to cheat or swindle; defraud
BLUDGEON (noun & verb)	1	1	noun: a short club with a heavy end, used as a weapon verb: beat with a bludgeon; bully into doing something
BLUSTER (verb & noun)	1	1	verb: talk in a loud and aggressive way with little effect; (of wind and rain) blow or beat fiercely and noisily noun: noisy, inflated talk
BOOM	1	1	a period of great prosperity or rapid economic growth
BREACH (verb & noun)	1	1	verb: make a gap or hole in; break through; break (a rule or agreement) noun: a gap made in a wall or barrier; an act of breaking a rule or agreement
buffer	1	0	anything that lessens shock, as of collision
BUFFET (verb)	1	1	to punch, fight; to thrust about
buffoon	1	0	a ridiculous but amusing person
bulwark	1	0	a defensive wall; rampart; a defense; protection
BYZANTINE (adj.)	1	1	highly complicated; intricate and involved; very devious or underhand
CADENT	1	1	having cadence or rhythm
CALUMNY	1	1	a false statement maliciously (7) made to injure another's reputation
canonical	1	0	according to canon law; accepted as being authentic, accurate, and authoritative
canonize	1	0	to admit formally to the canon of saints; regard as a saint; fig. idolize, glorify
CARAPACE	1	1	the hard upper shell of a tortoise or crustacean
CATACOMB	1	1	an underground cemetery consisting of a gallery with recesses for tombs
cavort	1	0	to bound or prance about in a sprightly manner; caper; to have lively or boisterous fun; romp

CEILING	1	1	an upper limit set on prices, wages, or expenditures; the maximum altitude an aircraft can reach
chauvinism	1	0	exaggerated or aggressive patriotism; excessive or prejudiced support for one's own cause, group or sex
churlish	1	0	rude, mean-spirited, and surly
CIVILITY	1	1	courteous behavior; politeness; a courteous act or utterance
clemency	1	0	mildness or gentleness of temper in the exercise of authority or power; mercy, leniency
cognizance	1	0	knowledge or awareness
collate	1	0	to collect and combine (texts or information); compare and analyze (2 or more sources of information): examine (a book) to make sure the sheets are in correct order
COLOR (verb)	1	1	to influence, esp. in a negative way
CONCERT	1	1	mutual agreement, concord (5); united in action or intention
CONFLUENCE	1	1	the junction of two rivers; an act or process of merging
CONGLOMERATE	1	1	something consisting of a number of different and distinct things
connoisseur	1	0	an expert judge in matters of taste
CONTIGUOUS	1	1	sharing a common border; next or together in sequence
convex	1	0	curving outward like the surface of a sphere
countermand	1	0	to command the opposite of; revoke (a command) by a contrary one
COUNTERPOINT	1	1	set in contrast (against); emphasize by juxtaposition (4) the contrast between
CULL	1	1	to remove rejected members or parts of
dalliance	1	0	frivolous spending of time; dawdling; playful flirtation
debauchery	1	0	excessive indulgence in sensual pleasures; immorality; licentiousness (2); seduction from duty or virtue; corruption (11)
declaim	1	0	to speak or recite in an emphatic or dramatic way
defunct	1	0	no longer existing or functioning
demur; demurral	1	0	DEMUR: raise doubts or objections; show reluctance DEMURRAL: a mild, polite, or considered expression of opposition
DENIZEN	1	1	an inhabitant or occupant
despoil	1	0	to sack; plunder; to deprive of something valuable by force, rob
destitute	1	0	extremely poor and lacking the means to provide for oneself
desultory	1	0	lacking purpose or enthusiasm; going from one thing to another erratically and intermittently (1)
DIAPHANOUS	1	1	light, delicate and translucent

dictum	1	0	tormal pronouncement from an authoritative source; a short statement that expresses a general principle
din (noun & verb)	1	0	noun: a prolonged loud and unpleasant noise verb: instill (information) into by constant repetition
DIRGE	1	1	a lament for the dead, esp. one forming part of a funeral rite; a mournful song, piece of music, or sound
DISCOMFIT	1	1	make uneasy or embarrassed; disconcert (5)
DISPATCH (verb & noun)	1	1	verb: send off to a destination or for a purpose; deal with (a task or problem) quickly and efficiently noun: promptness and efficiency
dissimulate	1	0	to hide or disguise one's thoughts or feelings; dissemble (2)
doleful	1	0	ot a person etc.: tull ot pain, griet, or suttering; sorrowtul; melancholy, discontented; sad, mourpful
dowager	1	0	a widow with a title or property derived from her late husband; informal: a dignified elderly woman
DRACONIAN	1	1	(of laws) excessively harsh
DUPE (verb & noun)	1	1	verb: to deceive, fool, trick noun: a victim of deception
edifice	1	0	a building, esp. a large, imposing one; a complex abstract or conceptual system
ELEGIAC	1	1	of, like, or fit for an elegy (a mournful poem, esp. of lament and praise for the dead); sad, mournful
emulsify	1	0	to form into an emulsion (a fluid formed by the suspension of one liquid in another)
ENAMOR	1	1	be filled with love or admiration for
encumber	1	0	be a burden or impediment (10) to
ENTOMOLOGY	1	1	the branch of zoology concerned with the study of insects
ENTOURAGE	1	1	a group of people attending or surrounding an important person; a retinue
EPISTOLARY	1	1	of or associated with letters or the writing of letters; being in the form of a letter
EVENTUALITY	1	1	something that may occur; a possibility
EXECRABLE	1	1	extremely bad or unpleasant
EXEGESIS	1	1	critical explanation or interpretation of a text, esp. of scripture
EXIGENCY	1	1	urgent need or demand
EXPATRIATE (noun, adj &	1	1	noun: a person who lives outside his native country adj: living outside one's native country verb: settle abroad
expound	1	0	to present and explain (a theory or idea) systematically
extirpate	1	0	to pull up by the roots; to destroy totally; exterminate
FANFARE	1	1	a spectacular public display; an elaborate welcome or introduction
FELL (verb)	1	1	to cut down (a tree); knock down

FERRET (verb)	1	1	to search for something in a place or container; ferret out: investigate assiduously (5)
fetid	1	0	smelling very unpleasant
flora	1	0	the plants of a particular region, habitat, or geological period
flotilla	1	0	a small fleet of ships or boats
FLOTSAM	1	1	wreckage found floating on the sea
fodder	1	0	food for cattle and other livestock
GARISH	1	1	obtrusively bright and showy; lurid (4)
GINGERLY (adv. & adj.)	1	1	adv.: in a careful or cautious manner adj.: showing great care or caution
GLACIAL	1	1	lacking warmth and friendliness; coldly detached
glib	1	0	of a speaker, speech: articulate (16) and voluble (2) but insincere and shallow
goad (noun & verb)	1	0	noun: a sharp-pointed stick used in driving oxen; any driving impulse, spur verb: provoke to action; urge on with a goad
GRUFF	1	1	(of a voice) rough and low in pitch; abrupt or taciturn (14) in manner
HALCYON	1	1	(of a past time) idyllically (1) happy and peaceful
hallmark	1	0	a mark or symbol of genuineness or high quality
HAVEN	1	1	a place of shelter, safety, or retreat; a refuge
HERALD (noun & verb)	1	1	noun: a person or thing viewed as a sign that something is about to happen verb: signal the imminence of; announce or proclaim
HIATUS	1	1	a gap or an interruption, in space, time or continuity; a break
HISTRIONIC	1	1	of actors or acting; overly theatrical; excessively emotional; affected (7)
homage	1	0	anything given or shown to give honor or reverence (14)
honorific	1	0	conferring or showing respect or honor
HOODWINK	1	1	deceive or trick; delude
HUBRIS	1	1	excessive pride, self-confidence, or presumption (12); arrogance
idyllic	1	0	extremely happy, peaceful, or picturesque
ignoble	1	0	not honorable; base (4); mean
immerse	1	0	to cover completely in a liquid; submerge; to engage wholly or deeply; absorb
impasse	1	0	a situation offering no escape or resolution, as a deadlocked argument
importune	1	0	harass with persistent requests

impound	1	0	to take and hold in legal custody
imprecation	1	0	a spoken curse
IMPREGNABLE	1	1	unable to be captured or entered by force; unable to be overcome
impressionistic	1	0	based on subjective impressions presented unsystematically
incendiary	1	0	(of a bomb or other device) designed to cause fires; tending to stir up conflict or controversy
incipient	1	0	beginning to happen or develop
indefatigable	1	0	tireless; incapable or seemingly incapable of being fatigued
INDICES	1	1	pointers or indicators of; indications of
indubitable	1	0	impossible to doubt; unquestionable
iniquity	1	0	gross immorality or injustice; wickedness; a gross immoral act; a sin
injunction	1	0	an authoritative warning; a command, directive, or order; Law: a court order prohibiting a party from a specific course of action
INSOLVENT	1	1	unable to meet debts or discharge liabilities; bankrupt
insurmountable	1	0	too great to be surmounted or overcome
inter	1	0	to put a dead body into a grave or tomb
interlocutor	1	0	someone who takes part in a conversation, often formally or officially
interloper	1	0	a person who interferes in another's affairs; an intruder
INTERMITTENT	1	1	stopping and starting at intervals
interpose	1	0	to insert between one thing and another; intervene between parties; say as an interruption; exercise or advance (a veto or objection)
iridescent	1	0	showing luminous colors that seem to change when seen from different angles
jaundice	1	0	yellowing of the skin due to a bile disorder; bitterness or resentment
jibe (noun & verb)	1	0	noun: an insulting or mocking remark verb: make jibes
kinetic	1	0	relating to or resulting from motion
kudos	1	0	praise and honor; credit for an achievement; glory; fame
lampoon (verb & noun)	1	0	verb: publicly satirize or ridicule noun: a satirical attack
LEAVEN (noun & verb)	1	1	noun: an influence or quality that modifies or improves something verb: to modify or improve
LINCHPIN	1	1	a central cohesive element; an indispensable person or thing
LIONIZE	1	1	to look on or treat (a person) as a celebrity

LOOPHOLE	1	1	an ambiguity (23) or inadequacy in the law or a set of rules
MALADY	1	1	disease; illness
malediction	1	0	a curse
MARSHAL (verb)	1	1	assemble (a group of people, esp. soldiers) in order; bring together (facts, information, etc.) in an organized way
MASQUERADE (noun & ve	1	1	noun: a false show or pretense; a masked ball verb: pretend to be someone that one is not
matriculate	1	0	enroll or be enrolled in a college or university
maxim	1	0	a short statement expressing a general truth or rule of conduct
melee	1	0	confused, hand-to-hand fighting in a pitched battle; a violent free-for-all; a confused, tumultuous (8) mingling
MEMBRANOUS	1	1	relating to, made of, or similar to a membrane (a thin, soft layer, esp. of animal or plant tissue, that covers or lines an organ, part, etc.
MERCANTILE	1	1	relating to trade or commerce
miffed	1	0	offended or irritated
MINCE	1	1	to moderate or restrain (words) for the sake of politeness and decorum
MINISTRATION	1	1	the act of giving help or care; service
MINUTIAE	1	1	small or precise details
MIRE (noun & verb)	1	1	noun: a stretch of swampy or boggy ground; a difficult situation from which it is hard to escape verb: become stuck in or covered with mud; be in difficulties
miscreant	1	0	a person who behaves badly or unlawfully
monosyllabic	1	0	consisting of one syllable; using brief words because reluctant to converse
moot (adj.)	1	0	subject to debate; arguable; without legal significance, through having previously been decided or settled; of no practical importance; irrelevant
morass	1	0	an area of muddy or boggy ground; a complicated or confused situation
MULTIFARIOUS	1	1	having great variety; diverse
MUTILATE	1	1	to inflict a violent and disfiguring injury on (someone); inflict serious damage on (something)
noisome	1	0	having an extremely offensive smell, to the point of arousing disgust; foul; harmful or dangerous
noxious	1	0	harmful to health or morals; injurious or unwholesome
obeisance	1	0	a gesture of respect, as a bow; homage (1); deference (8)
obviate	1	0	remove (a need or difficulty); avoid; prevent
occlude	1	0	stop, close up, or obstruct; to prevent the passage of
onus	1	0	a burden, duty, or responsibility

OPPROBRIUM	1	1	harsh criticism or scorn; the disgrace attached to shameful conduct; anything bringing shame
ORACULAR	1	1	relating to an oracle; hard to interpret; holding or claiming the authority of an oracle
ORGY	1	1	unrestrained indulgence in any activity
ornithology	1	0	the scientific study of birds
overweening	1	0	presumptuously (12) arrogant; overbearing; excessive; immoderate
pacific	1	0	of a peaceful nature; tranquil (15); appeasing (9)
pallid	1	0	having an abnormally pale or wan expression; lacking in radiance or vitality; feeble or insipid (13)
paltry	1	0	(of an amount) very small or meager; petty; trivial
panoply	1	0	a complete or impressive collection or display
PASTEL	1	1	a pale and subdued shade of a color
PASTICHE	1	1	an artistic composition made up of bits from various sources; a hodgepodge (2)
PASTORAL	1	1	of or relating to the country or country life; rural; charmingly simple and serene (14); idvIlic (1)
pedagogy	1	0	the art or profession of teaching
PELLUCID	1	1	translucently clear; easily understood
penurious	1	0	extremely poor; parsimonious (4)
PERENNIAL	1	1	lasting throughout the whole year or a succession of years; continual, perpetual; enduring
PERMUTATION	1	1	each of several possible ways in which a set or number of things can be ordered or arranged
pertinacious	1	0	stubborn; persistent
PILFER	1	1	to steal (things of little value)
pillory (verb)	1	0	attack or ridicule publicly
pinnacle	1	0	a high place or situation; the highest point or pitch; the culmination or climax (of success, ambition,etc.); a person who has attained this
placebo	1	0	a medicine prescribed for the psychological benefit to the patient rather than for any physiological effect; a substance that has no therapeutic effect, used as a control in testing new drugs
plebeian	1	0	lower-class or lacking in refinement
plenitude	1	1	an ample amount or quantity; an abundance
PLETHORA	1	1	an excessive amount of
polarize	1	0	divide into two sharply contrasting groups or sets of beliefs
POLICE (verb)	1	1	to control, protect, etc. with police or a similar force; to keep clean and orderly

POLYGLOT	1	1	speaking, writing, written in, or composed of several languages
pontifical	1	0	pompously (8) dogmatic (12) or self-important; pretentious
posthumous	1	0	occurring or continuing after one's death; published after the author's death; born after the father's death
POTENTATE	1	1	a monarch or ruler
PRACTITIONER	1	1	one who practices something, especially a profession
PRECIOSITY	1	1	over-refinement in language or art; affectation (7), esp. in language
predicate (verb)	1	0	assert (something) about the subject of a sentence or an argument of proposition
prerogative	1	0	an exclusive right or privilege
presentiment	1	0	an intuitive feeling or foreboding (5) about the future
PRETERNATURAL	1	1	beyond what is normal or natural
PREVARICATE	1	1	avoid giving a direct answer when asked a question; to stray from or evade the truth; equivocate (6)
proclivity	1	0	a tendency to do or choose something regularly; an inclination or predisposition
prodigal (adj. & noun)	1	0	adj.: wastefully extravagant; lavish noun: a prodigal person; a spendthrift
prodigy	1	0	a person, esp. a young one, with exceptional abilities; an outstanding example of a quality; an amazing or unusual thing
proffer	1	0	to offer for acceptance (usually something intangible (5))
progeny	1	0	children; offspring
proletariat	1	0	workers or working-class people
promiscuous	1	0	having or characterized by many transient (9) sexual relationships; indiscriminate (23) or casual
propinquity	1	0	nearness in time or space
proprietary	1	0	relating to or characteristic of an owner or ownership; (of a product) marketed under a registered trade name
prostrate (adj. & verb)	1	0	adj: lying stretched out on the ground with one's face downwards; overcome with distress or exhaustion; verb: throw oneself flat on the ground in reverence or submission
protégé	1	0	a person guided and helped in his career by another person
provisional	1	0	arranged or existing for the present, possibly to be changed later
puerile	1	0	childishly silly and trivial
purge	1	0	rid (someone or something) of people or things considered undesirable or harmful
PURIST	1	1	one who is strict or excessively observant of precise usage in language, style, etc.
raiment	1	0	archaic or literary clothing

REBUKE (verb & noun)	1	1	verb: to criticize or reprimand severely noun: a sharp criticism
recalcitrant	1	0	obstinately uncooperative
recondite (adj.)	1	0	(of a subject or knowledge) obscure (26)
redolent	1	0	strongly reminiscent or suggestive of; fragrant; sweet-smelling
REDOUBTABLE	1	1	arousing fear or awe; formidable; worthy of respect or honor
REDRESS (verb & noun)	1	1	verb: to compensate (7) for [a wrong, etc.] noun: remedy or compensation for a wrong or grievance
refract	1	0	(of water, air or glass) make (a ray of light) change direction when it enters at an angle
REJOINDER	1	1	a sharp or witty reply
remonstrance	1	0	a forcefully reproachful (7) protest
remuneration	1	0	money paid for work or a service
RENEGADE	1	1	one who abandons a party, movement, etc. to join the opposition; turncoat
reprise (noun & verb)	1	0	noun: a repeated passage in music; a further performance of something verb: repeat (a piece of music or a performance)
reprobate (noun & adj.)	1	0	noun: a person without moral principles adj.: unprincipled
requisite (adj. & noun)	1	0	adj.: made necessary by particular circumstances or regulations noun: a thing that is necessary for the achievement of a specified end
RESPLENDENT	1	1	attractive and impressive through being richly colorful or sumptuous
restive	1	0	unruly or balky; nervous under restraint; restless
revel	1	0	engage in lively and noisy festivities; (with "in", gain great pleasure from
RUSE (noun)	1	1	a stratagem, trick, or artifice (1); a subterfuge (4)
russet	1	0	a moderate to strong reddish-brown color
sallow	1	0	(of a person's face or complexion) of a yellowish or pale brown color
salubrious	1	0	conducive or favorable to health or well-being
SALVO	1	1	a simultaneous discharge of firearms; a sudden outburst, as of cheers or praise; a forceful verbal or written assault
sanctions	1	0	military or economic actions taken by a State or alliance of States to coerce (5) another to conform to an international agreement or norms of conduct
sanctity	1	0	holiness; saintliness; ultimate importance and inviolability
sardonic	1	0	grimly mocking or cynical (15)
savanna	1	0	a grassy plain in tropical and subtropical regions, with few trees
schema	1	0	a diagrammatic representation; an outline or a model

schism	1	0	a division between strongly opposed parties; a separation or division into factions (7)
scuttle	1	0	to sink (one's own ship) deliberately; deliberately cause (a scheme) to fail; to scrap, discard
sect	1	0	a group of people with different religious beliefs (typically regarded as heretical (5)) from those of a larger group to which they belong; a group with extreme ideas
SEDATIVE (adj. & noun)	1	1	adj.: promoting calm or inducing sleep noun: a sedative drug
SEDITION	1	1	conduct or speech inciting rebellion against the authority of a state or monarch
SEEDY	1	1	worn and shabby; unkempt; tired or sick; unwell; somewhat disreputable; squalid
seminal	1	0	having the properties of seed; containing the possibility of future development; highly original and influential; important
SEQUESTER	1	1	to cause to withdraw into seclusion; to remove or set apart; segregate
shackle (noun & verb)	1	0	noun: "shackles": a pair of tetters (2) connected by a chain, used to tasten a prisoner's wrists or ankles together verb: chain with shackles: restrain: limit
shelve	1	0	abandon or defer (a plan or project)
			noun: a length of cloth or garment in which a dead person is wrapped for burial
SHROUD (noun & verb)	1	1	verb: cover or envelop so as to conceal from view
sierra	1	0	a long jagged mountain chain
SKIRT (as verb)	1	1	to pass around rather than across or through
SKULK	1	1	hide or move around secretly, typically with a sinister or cowardly motive; lurk; move about stealthily (1); evade work or obligation; shirk
slake	1	0	satisfy (a desire, thirst, etc.)
slipshod	1	0	marked by carelessness; sloppy or slovenly
solvent (adj. & noun)	1	0	adj.: having assets in excess of liabilities; able to dissolve other substances noun: the liquid in which another substance is dissolved to form a solution
SOMNAMBULISM	1	1	sleepwalking
somnolent	1	0	sleepy; drowsy; inducing drowsiness
sordid	1	0	dirty; filthy; squalid; wretched; base (4); ignoble (1); mean
SPARK (as verb)	1	1	to activate; to stir up; to rouse to action
stealthy	1	0	moving, acting, or taking place by stealth or secretly; furtive (5) in movement or action
steep (as verb)	1	0	soak or be soaked in water or other liquid; fill or imbue with a particular quality or influence
stilted (adj.)	1	0	(of language, style, etc.): stiff and unnatural; artificially or affectedly (7) lofty (6); formal, pompous (8), bombastic (10)
STOPGAP	1	1	a temporary solution or substitute
STRAITEN	1	1	to make narrow; to enclose in a limited area; confine; to put or bring into difficulties or distress, especially financial hardship
stricture	1	0	a rule restricting behavior or action; a sternly critical remark

stultify	1	0	cause to feel bored or drained of energy; enervate (7); cause to feel foolish or absurd
subsidiary (adj. & noun)	1	0	adj.: less important than but related or supplementary to noun: a subsidiary company
SUBTEXT	1	1	an underlying theme in a piece of writing or speech
sundry (adj. & noun)	1	0	adj.: ot various kinds noun: (pl. sundries) various items not important enough to be mentioned individually
supplicate	1	0	ask or beg for something earnestly or humbly; to beseech
sybarite	1	0	anyone very fond of luxury and pleasure
syncopate	1	0	(of music or a rhythm) having the beats or accents displaced so that strong beats become weak and vice versa
TABLE (as verb)	1	1	to postpone indefinitely consideration of (a legislative bill, etc.)
TACTILE	1	1	perceptible to the sense of touch; tangible (5)
TALISMAN	1	1	an object thought to have magical powers and to bring good luck, avert (4) evil, etc.
TANTAMOUNT (adj.)	1	1	with "to": equivalent in seriousness to; virtually the same as
TELLING (adj.)	1	1	having a striking or revealing effect; significant
temerity	1	0	foolish or rash boldness
TEMPORIZE	1	1	to act evasively (11) in order to gain time, avoid argument, or postpone a decision
TONIC	1	1	a medicinal substance taken to give a feeling of vigor or well-being; something with an invigorating (8) effect
topography	1	0	the arrangement of the natural and artificial physical features of an area; a detailed description or representation on a map of such features
torrid	1	0	very hot and dry; full of intense emotions arising from sexual love; ardent (5)
tortuous	1	0	full of twists and turns; excessively lengthy and complex
TRAFFIC (as verb)	1	1	to deal or trade in something of an illicit or disreputable nature
TRAVESTY	1	1	an absurd or grotesque imitation, such as parody (2) of a literary work
TREACLY	1	1	cloyingly (2) sweet or sentimental
TROVE	1	1	a collection of valuable items discovered or found; a treasure-trove
turpitude	1	0	depravity (5); wickedness; baseness (4); a base act
UNDULATE	1	1	move with a smooth wave-like motion; have a wavy form or outline
unstinting	1	0	given or giving without restraint; unsparing
veneer	1	0	a thin decorative covering of fine wood applied to a coarser wood or other material; an attractive appearance that covers or disguises true nature or feelings
VENOM	1	1	extreme malice (7), bitterness, or aggression

VENT (as verb)	1	1	give free expression to (a strong emotion); discharge (air, gas, or liquid) through an outlet
VERDANT	1	1	green; covered with green vegetation
verity	1	0	a true principle or belief; truth
vicissitudes	1	0	changes of circumstances or fortune
vie	1	0	compete eagerly with others in order to do or achieve something
VILLAIN	1	1	a person who is guilty or capable of a crime or wickedness; a wrongdoer
viscous	1	0	having a thick, sticky consistency between solid and liquid
WAYWARD	1	1	headstrong, willful, disobedient, etc.; unpredictable; erratic
whet	1	0	sharpen the blade of (a tool or weapon); excite or stimulate (someone's desire, interest, or appetite)
wink at	1	0	to pretend not to see
WINNOW	1	1	to separate or get rid of (an undesirable part)
wistful	1	0	full of wishful yearning; pensively (2) sad; melancholy
wordmonger ZENITH	1 1	0 1	a person who deals in (esp. strange, pedantic (10), or vacuous(4)) words the point in the sky directly overhead; the highest point