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subside

/səb'saɪd/

verb

Meaning:

to become less intense, violent, or severe; to sink or fall to a lower level

Example:

"After the storm, the floodwaters began to subside."

Synonyms:

diminish, decrease, abate, recede, lessen

Antonyms:

rise, intensify, increase

Collocations:

subside gradually, pain subsides, waters subside, anger subsides



proliferate */prə'lifəreɪt/*

verb

Meaning:

To increase rapidly in number or spread quickly.

Example:

"Social media has allowed misinformation to proliferate."

Synonyms:

multiply, expand, grow, spread, escalate

Antonyms:

decline, diminish, shrink

Collocations:

proliferate rapidly, ideas proliferate, cells proliferate



efficacy

/ˈɛfɪkəsi/

noun

Meaning:

The ability to produce the intended result; effectiveness.

Example:

"The efficacy of the new policy is still being evaluated."

Synonyms:

effectiveness, power, efficiency, success

Antonyms:

ineffectiveness, failure, weakness

Collocations:

efficacy of treatment, clinical efficacy, prove efficacy, high efficacy



disabuse

/,dɪsə'bjʊ:z/

verb

Meaning:

To free someone from a false belief or misconception.

Example:

"The teacher tried to disabuse the students of their misunderstanding."

Synonyms:

correct, enlighten, rectify, debunk, refute

Antonyms:

mislead, deceive, delude

Collocations:

disabuse someone, disabuse notion, disabuse belief



alleviate */ə'li:vieɪt/*

verb

Meaning:

to make suffering, pain, or a problem less severe

Example:

"The medicine helped alleviate her headache."

Synonyms:

ease, relieve, lessen, mitigate, reduce

Antonyms:

worsen, aggravate, intensify

Collocations:

alleviate pain, alleviate suffering, alleviate poverty, alleviate symptoms



levee

/ˈlevi/

noun

Meaning:

An embankment built to prevent the overflow of a river or to hold back water.

Example:

"The town built a levee to protect itself from flooding."

Synonyms:

embankment, dam, dike, barrier

Antonyms:

breach, opening

Collocations:

build a levee, levee system, levee break, levee construction



fatuous

/'fætʃuəs/

adjective

Meaning:

silly or foolish, especially in a self-satisfied way

Example:

"His fatuous comments during the meeting annoyed everyone."

Synonyms:

silly, foolish, inane, absurd

Antonyms:

wise, sensible, intelligent

Collocations:

fatuous remark, fatuous grin, fatuous behavior



partisan

/ˈpɑːrtɪzən/

noun, adjective

Meaning:

A strong supporter of a party, cause, or person; showing biased allegiance.

Example:

"The debate quickly turned partisan, with each side defending their own agenda."

Synonyms:

supporter, follower, adherent, devotee, zealot

Antonyms:

opponent, critic, adversary

Collocations:

partisan politics, partisan supporter, partisan divide, highly partisan



volatile

/ˈvɔːlətəl/

adjective

Meaning:

likely to change rapidly and unpredictably, especially for the worse

Example:

"The stock market is extremely volatile these days."

Synonyms:

unstable, unpredictable, explosive, fickle

Antonyms:

stable, steady, consistent

Collocations:

volatile market, volatile situation, highly volatile



anomalous */ə'nomələs/*

adjective

Meaning:

deviating from what is standard, normal, or expected

Example:

"Scientists observed an anomalous result during the experiment."

Synonyms:

abnormal, irregular, unusual, atypical, deviant

Antonyms:

normal, regular, standard

Collocations:

anomalous behavior, anomalous result, anomalous pattern, anomalous situation



eulogy

/'ju:lədʒi/

noun

Meaning:

A speech or piece of writing that praises someone, especially after their death.

Example:

"Her brother delivered a heartfelt eulogy at the funeral."

Synonyms:

tribute, commendation, accolade, praise

Antonyms:

criticism, blame

Collocations:

deliver a eulogy, heartfelt eulogy, moving eulogy



Whimsical */ˈwɪm.zɪ.kəl/*

adjective

Meaning:

playfully quaint or fanciful, especially in an appealing and amusing way

Example:

"The artist created whimsical sculptures that delighted children."

Synonyms:

fanciful, playful, quirky, imaginative

Antonyms:

serious, solemn, practical, realistic

Collocations:

whimsical character, whimsical design, whimsical story



exculpate */'ɛkskʌlpeɪt/*

verb

Meaning:

to show or declare that someone is not guilty of wrongdoing

Example:

"The lawyer worked hard to exculpate his client."

Synonyms:

absolve, acquit, vindicate, exonerate

Antonyms:

accuse, blame, convict

Collocations:

exculpate someone, attempt to exculpate, evidence exculpates



discrepancy */dɪ'skrepənsi/*

noun

Meaning:

a lack of compatibility or similarity between two or more facts

Example:

"There was a discrepancy between the two reports."

Synonyms:

difference, inconsistency, variation, divergence, conflict

Antonyms:

agreement, consistency, harmony

Collocations:

major discrepancy, slight discrepancy, discrepancy report, discrepancy in data



perfunctory */pə'fʌŋk.təri/*

adjective

Meaning:

done without much effort, interest, or thought

Example:

"He gave a perfunctory nod and walked away."

Synonyms:

mechanical, superficial, careless, cursory, automatic

Antonyms:

careful, thorough, attentive

Collocations:

perfunctory effort, perfunctory response, perfunctory nod, perfunctory greeting



delineate */di'li:niət/*

verb

Meaning:

to describe, portray, or define something precisely and clearly

Example:

"The contract clearly delineates the responsibilities of each party."

Synonyms:

describe, outline, depict, portray, specify

Antonyms:

confuse, obscure, distort

Collocations:

delineate boundaries, clearly delineate, delineate responsibilities, delineate process



diatribe

/'daɪətraɪb/

noun

Meaning:

A forceful and bitter verbal attack against someone or something.

Example:

"The politician launched a diatribe against his opponents."

Synonyms:

tirade, rant, criticism, denunciation, invective

Antonyms:

praise, compliment

Collocations:

launch a diatribe, bitter diatribe, political diatribe



striated

/'straɪ.eɪ.tɪd/

adjective

Meaning:

marked with thin lines, grooves, or stripes

Example:

"The muscle fibers appeared striated under the microscope."

Synonyms:

striped, lined, grooved, banded

Antonyms:

plain, smooth

Collocations:

striated muscle, striated rock, striated surface, striated pattern



convoluted */ˈkɒnvəluːtɪd/*

adjective

Meaning:

complex, intricate, and difficult to follow

Example:

"The plot of the movie was so convoluted that I lost track halfway."

Synonyms:

complicated, intricate, twisted, tangled

Antonyms:

simple, straightforward

Collocations:

convoluted plot, convoluted explanation, convoluted argument



placate

/plə'keɪt/

verb

Meaning:

to make someone less angry or hostile; to calm or soothe

Example:

"He tried to placate the angry customer with a refund."

Synonyms:

appease, calm, soothe, pacify

Antonyms:

provoke, anger, irritate

Collocations:

placate someone, placate anger, placate fears



rescind */rɪ'sɪnd/*

verb

Meaning:

to revoke, cancel, or repeal a law, order, or agreement

Example:

"The company decided to rescind the job offer."

Synonyms:

revoke, cancel, repeal, annul, withdraw

Antonyms:

enforce, uphold, implement

Collocations:

rescind contract, rescind offer, rescind order, rescind decision



Problematic */,prɒb.lə'mæt.ɪk/*

adjective

Meaning:

causing problems; troublesome; difficult to deal with

Example:

"The new policy changes are problematic and need to be reviewed."

Synonyms:

troublesome, difficult, challenging, questionable

Antonyms:

unproblematic, easy, simple, straightforward

Collocations:

problematic situation, problematic behavior, highly problematic, potentially problematic



meticulous */mə'tɪkjʊləs/*

adjective

Meaning:

Showing great attention to detail; very careful and precise.

Example:

"The artist was meticulous in painting every tiny detail."

Synonyms:

precise, careful, thorough, detailed, diligent

Antonyms:

careless, sloppy, negligent

Collocations:

meticulous planning, meticulous detail, meticulous care, meticulous work



reprobate */'rɛprə,bɛɪt/*

noun, adjective, verb

Meaning:

A person of immoral character; to express disapproval of; morally corrupt.

Example:

"The old reprobate spent his days gambling and drinking."

Synonyms:

degenerate, scoundrel, rogue, villain, miscreant

Antonyms:

gentleman, noble, virtuous

Collocations:

old reprobate, shameless reprobate, moral reprobate



presumptuous

/prɪ'zʌmp.tʃu.əs/

adjective

Meaning:

Overconfident, rude, or taking liberties without permission.

Example:

"It was presumptuous of him to make that decision without consulting others."

Synonyms:

arrogant, bold, forward, overconfident

Antonyms:

humble, modest

Collocations:

presumptuous attitude, presumptuous behavior, presumptuous request



abscond */əb'skɒnd/*

verb

Meaning:

to leave secretly and quickly, often to avoid arrest or punishment

Example:

"The thief tried to abscond with the stolen jewelry."

Synonyms:

escape, flee, run away, vanish, bolt

Antonyms:

stay, remain, appear

Collocations:

abscond with money, abscond from justice, abscond overnight



pathological /,pæθə'li:dʒɪkəl/

adjective

Meaning:

Relating to disease; extreme or obsessive in a way that is abnormal.

Example:

"He has a pathological fear of failure."

Synonyms:

abnormal, diseased, compulsive, obsessive

Antonyms:

normal, healthy

Collocations:

pathological fear, pathological condition, pathological liar



alacrity

/ə'lək.rə.ti/

noun

Meaning:

Cheerful willingness, eagerness, or readiness to do something.

Example:

"She accepted the invitation with alacrity."

Synonyms:

eagerness, readiness, enthusiasm, willingness, promptness

Antonyms:

reluctance, hesitation, unwillingness

Collocations:

with alacrity, respond with alacrity, act with alacrity



stolid

/'stɒlɪd/

adjective

Meaning:

Calm, dependable, and showing little emotion or animation.

Example:

"Despite the chaos around him, he remained stolid and composed."

Synonyms:

impassive, unemotional, phlegmatic, placid, steady

Antonyms:

emotional, excitable, expressive

Collocations:

stolid character, stolid face, stolid manner, stolid calm



oscillate

/ˈɑːsɪleɪt/

verb

Meaning:

To move or swing back and forth at a regular speed.

Example:

"The fan oscillates to spread air around the room."

Synonyms:

swing, fluctuate, sway, vibrate, waver

Antonyms:

remain, stay

Collocations:

oscillate wildly, oscillate rapidly, oscillate between



confound */kən'faʊnd/*

verb

Meaning:

to confuse or surprise someone, often by acting against their expectations

Example:

"The magician's trick seemed to confound the entire audience."

Synonyms:

bewilder, perplex, baffle, amaze, astonish

Antonyms:

clarify, explain, enlighten

Collocations:

confound expectations, confound critics, confound logic, confound the mind



catalyst

/'kætəlɪst/

noun

Meaning:

Something that speeds up or causes an event or change without being changed itself.

Example:

"The speech was the catalyst for widespread protests."

Synonyms:

stimulus, trigger, spark, impetus, accelerator

Antonyms:

hindrance, obstacle, deterrent

Collocations:

catalyst for change, catalyst in reaction, act as a catalyst, important catalyst



quibble

/'kwɪbəl/

verb/noun

Meaning:

To argue or raise objections about a trivial matter; a petty objection.

Example:

"They quibbled over who should pay the bill."

Synonyms:

argue, nitpick, cavil, bicker, dispute

Antonyms:

agree, accept, concede

Collocations:

quibble over, minor quibble, endless quibble, quibble about details



deference */ˈdɛfərəns/*

noun

Meaning:

Polite submission or respect for someone else's opinion or judgment.

Example:

"She showed great deference to her elders."

Synonyms:

respect, submission, obedience, reverence

Antonyms:

disrespect, defiance, disregard

Collocations:

show deference, pay deference, act in deference



coda

/'kɒʊdə/

noun

Meaning:

the concluding passage of a piece of music or a literary work

Example:

"The novel ends with a reflective coda that ties up the themes."

Synonyms:

ending, conclusion, finale, epilogue

Antonyms:

opening, introduction, beginning

Collocations:

musical coda, dramatic coda, final coda



satiate

/'seɪʃi,ert/

verb

Meaning:

To satisfy fully, especially with food or desire.

Example:

"The large meal satiated his hunger."

Synonyms:

satisfy, indulge, fulfill, gratify

Antonyms:

starve, deprive

Collocations:

satiate hunger, satiate desire, fully satiate



ameliorate */ə'mi:liəreɪt/*

verb

Meaning:

to make something better or improve a bad situation

Example:

"Policies were introduced to ameliorate living conditions in the city."

Synonyms:

improve, enhance, upgrade, better, reform

Antonyms:

worsen, deteriorate, aggravate

Collocations:

ameliorate conditions, ameliorate the situation, ameliorate suffering, ameliorate poverty



Garrulous

/ˈɡær.ə.ləs/

adjective

Meaning:

excessively talkative, especially on trivial matters; chatty and rambling in speech

Example:

"The garrulous old man at the coffee shop would talk for hours about his travels."

Synonyms:

talkative, chatty, loquacious, verbose

Antonyms:

quiet, taciturn, silent, reserved

Collocations:

garrulous person, garrulous nature, garrulous conversation



felicitous

/fə'lisɪtəs/

adjective

Meaning:

well-chosen, appropriate, or pleasing; marked by good fortune or happiness

Example:

"She made a felicitous remark that lightened the mood."

Synonyms:

apt, suitable, appropriate, fortunate

Antonyms:

inappropriate, unsuitable

Collocations:

felicitous remark, felicitous timing, felicitous choice



fervor

/ˈfɜːrvər/

noun

Meaning:

intense and passionate feeling

Example:

"She spoke with great fervor about the importance of education."

Synonyms:

passion, zeal, enthusiasm, ardor

Antonyms:

indifference, apathy

Collocations:

fervor for, religious fervor, political fervor



profound

/prə'faʊnd/

adjective

Meaning:

very great or intense; showing deep insight or understanding

Example:

"Her speech had a profound impact on the audience."

Synonyms:

deep, intense, thoughtful, insightful, weighty

Antonyms:

shallow, trivial, superficial

Collocations:

profound impact, profound effect, profound change, profound insight, profound silence



deterrent */di'tɜ:rənt/*

noun

Meaning:

Something that discourages or prevents someone from doing something.

Example:

"The new law is expected to be a deterrent against crime."

Synonyms:

hindrance, obstacle, discouragement, preventive

Antonyms:

encouragement, incentive

Collocations:

act as a deterrent, effective deterrent, serve as a deterrent



skeptic */'skɛptɪk/*

noun

Meaning:

A person who doubts or questions accepted beliefs or claims.

Example:

"The scientist was a skeptic of theories without solid evidence."

Synonyms:

doubter, cynic, questioner, disbeliever

Antonyms:

believer, supporter

Collocations:

skeptic of, healthy skeptic, skeptic community, skeptic movement



admonish */əd'mɒnɪʃ/*

verb

Meaning:

to warn or reprimand someone firmly; to advise or urge earnestly

Example:

"The teacher admonished the students for being late."

Synonyms:

rebuke, reprimand, scold, caution, warn

Antonyms:

praise, commend, approve

Collocations:

admonish someone, admonish sternly, admonish gently, admonish for behavior



Quiescent */kwaɪ'esnt/*

adjective

Meaning:

quiet; peaceful; inactive; dormant; at rest

Example:

"The volcano has been quiescent for over a century."

Synonyms:

dormant, inactive, peaceful, still

Antonyms:

active, turbulent, agitated, restless

Collocations:

quiescent state, quiescent period, quiescent volcano



apathy

/'æpəθi/

noun

Meaning:

a lack of interest, enthusiasm, or concern

Example:

"The students showed apathy towards the new rules."

Synonyms:

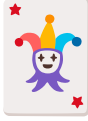
indifference, unconcern, detachment, passivity

Antonyms:

interest, enthusiasm, passion

Collocations:

show apathy, political apathy, general apathy, apathy towards



chicanery

/ʃɪˈkeɪnəri/

noun

Meaning:

The use of trickery or deception to achieve a purpose.

Example:

"The politician was accused of chicanery to win the election."

Synonyms:

deception, trickery, fraud, deceit, dishonesty

Antonyms:

honesty, truthfulness, integrity

Collocations:

political chicanery, financial chicanery, accused of chicanery, expose chicanery



indigence */ˈɪn.dɪ.dʒəns/*

noun

Meaning:

a state of extreme poverty or destitution

Example:

"The charity was founded to help people living in indigence."

Synonyms:

poverty, destitution, need, hardship, deprivation

Antonyms:

wealth, affluence, prosperity

Collocations:

extreme indigence, suffer indigence, live in indigence



ostentatious */,ɒstɛn'teɪʃəs/*

adjective

Meaning:

Characterized by a showy or pretentious display intended to impress others.

Example:

"He wore an ostentatious gold chain to the party."

Synonyms:

showy, flamboyant, pretentious, gaudy, flashy

Antonyms:

modest, simple, plain

Collocations:

ostentatious display, ostentatious lifestyle, ostentatious wealth



belie

/bɪ'laɪ/

verb

Meaning:

To give a false impression of something; to contradict.

Example:

"His calm face belied his inner anxiety."

Synonyms:

contradict, misrepresent, disguise, falsify, distort

Antonyms:

reveal, show, represent

Collocations:

belie expectations, belies the truth, belies the fact, belied his nature



recant */rɪ'kænt/*

verb

Meaning:

to withdraw or renounce a statement or belief formally

Example:

"He recanted his previous statement in court."

Synonyms:

withdraw, renounce, retract, deny, repudiate

Antonyms:

assert, confirm, maintain

Collocations:

recant statement, recant confession, recant belief, recant testimony



inured

/ɪ'njuəd/

adjective

Meaning:

Accustomed to something, especially something unpleasant.

Example:

"After years of hardship, she was inured to suffering."

Synonyms:

accustomed, hardened, desensitized, habituated, seasoned

Antonyms:

sensitive, vulnerable, unaccustomed

Collocations:

inured to pain, inured to hardship, inured by experience



antipathy */æn'tɪpəθi/*

noun

Meaning:

a deep-seated feeling of dislike or aversion toward something or someone

Example:

"There was a mutual antipathy between the two rival companies."

Synonyms:

aversion, hostility, dislike, animosity, repugnance

Antonyms:

sympathy, affinity, fondness

Collocations:

mutual antipathy, deep antipathy, natural antipathy, feel antipathy, antipathy toward



daunt */dɔːnt/*

verb

Meaning:

to make someone feel intimidated, discouraged, or less confident

Example:

"The steep climb did not daunt the experienced hikers."

Synonyms:

intimidate, discourage, dishearten, deter, frighten

Antonyms:

encourage, inspire, embolden

Collocations:

daunt the spirit, daunt the team, nothing daunts, daunt the enemy



ascetic */ə'set.ɪk/*

adjective

Meaning:

Practicing strict self-denial and abstaining from worldly pleasures, often for religious reasons.

Example:

"He lived an ascetic life in the mountains, far from worldly comforts."

Synonyms:

austere, self-denying, monkish, frugal, disciplined

Antonyms:

luxurious, indulgent, hedonistic

Collocations:

ascetic life, ascetic lifestyle, ascetic practices, ascetic monk



indolent

/'ɪndələnt/

adjective

Meaning:

Wanting to avoid activity or exertion; lazy.

Example:

"The indolent cat slept in the sun all afternoon."

Synonyms:

lazy, idle, sluggish, lethargic

Antonyms:

active, diligent, industrious

Collocations:

indolent lifestyle, indolent attitude, indolent habits



porous

/'pɔːrəs/

adjective

Meaning:

Having tiny holes that allow liquid or air to pass through.

Example:

"The soil is very porous and drains quickly."

Synonyms:

permeable, absorbent, spongy, leaky, penetrable

Antonyms:

impermeable, solid, sealed

Collocations:

porous rock, porous surface, porous soil, porous structure



foment

/foʊ'ment/

verb

Meaning:

To instigate or stir up (an undesirable or violent sentiment or course of action).

Example:

"The rebel leader tried to foment unrest among the people."

Synonyms:

instigate, provoke, incite, agitate, encourage

Antonyms:

suppress, calm, pacify

Collocations:

foment rebellion, foment unrest, foment violence, foment discontent



conciliatory

/kən'sɪliətɔːri/

adjective

Meaning:

intended to make someone less angry or more agreeable; soothing

Example:

"She spoke in a conciliatory tone to ease the tension."

Synonyms:

appeasing, pacifying, soothing, placatory, calming

Antonyms:

hostile, antagonistic, confrontational

Collocations:

conciliatory gesture, conciliatory tone, conciliatory approach



prodigal */'prɒdɪɡəl/*

adjective

Meaning:

spending money or resources freely and recklessly;
wastefully extravagant

Example:

"The prodigal son returned home after wasting his inheritance."

Synonyms:

wasteful, extravagant, lavish, reckless

Antonyms:

frugal, thrifty, economical

Collocations:

prodigal spending, prodigal lifestyle, prodigal son



prohibitive

/prə'hɪbɪtɪv/

adjective

Meaning:

Too high or expensive to be affordable; serving to prevent or discourage action.

Example:

"The cost of the medication is prohibitive for many families."

Synonyms:

excessive, exorbitant, restrictive, expensive

Antonyms:

affordable, reasonable, cheap

Collocations:

prohibitive cost, prohibitive price, prohibitive expense



implode

/ɪm'plɔʊd/

verb

Meaning:

To collapse or burst inward violently.

Example:

"The old building imploded during the demolition."

Synonyms:

collapse, cave in, crumple, fall in

Antonyms:

explode, expand, burst outward

Collocations:

implode inward, implode suddenly, economy implodes



disseminate */di'semi,neɪt/*

verb

Meaning:

to spread information, knowledge, or ideas widely

Example:

"The organization works to disseminate health information to rural communities."

Synonyms:

spread, distribute, circulate, broadcast, propagate

Antonyms:

withhold, conceal, hide

Collocations:

disseminate knowledge, disseminate information, disseminate ideas, widely disseminate



saturate

/ˈsætʃəreɪt/

verb

Meaning:

to fill completely with something until no more can be absorbed

Example:

"The heavy rain saturated the ground within minutes."

Synonyms:

soak, drench, flood, permeate, fill

Antonyms:

dry, drain, empty

Collocations:

saturate the market, saturate the ground, fully saturate, saturate completely



facetious */fə'si:fəs/*

adjective

Meaning:

Treating serious issues with deliberately inappropriate humor

Example:

"He was being facetious when he said he wanted to live on the moon."

Synonyms:

joking, humorous, playful, witty, flippant

Antonyms:

serious, earnest, solemn

Collocations:

facetious comment, facetious remark, be facetious



inundate */ˈɪn.ʌn.deɪt/*

verb

Meaning:

To flood or overwhelm with a large quantity of things.

Example:

"The company was inundated with job applications."

Synonyms:

overwhelm, flood, swamp, engulf, deluge

Antonyms:

drain, relieve

Collocations:

inundated with requests, inundated with calls, inundate the city, inundated by problems



maverick */'mævərɪk/*

noun

Meaning:

an independent thinker who does not go along with a group or rules

Example:

"She was a political maverick who challenged traditional ideas."

Synonyms:

individualist, nonconformist, rebel, innovator, radical

Antonyms:

conformist, follower, traditionalist

Collocations:

political maverick, corporate maverick, real maverick, maverick thinker



adulterate /ə'dʌltəreɪt/

verb

Meaning:

to make something poorer in quality by adding another substance, usually of lower quality

Example:

"The company was fined for adulterating its products with cheap chemicals."

Synonyms:

contaminate, debase, dilute, taint, spoil

Antonyms:

purify, refine, cleanse

Collocations:

adulterate food, adulterate drink, adulterate medicine



flag

/flæg/

noun, verb

Meaning:

a piece of fabric with a symbol or colors; or to mark or signal attention

Example:

"They raised the national flag during the ceremony."

Synonyms:

banner, ensign, signal, mark

Antonyms:

ignore, conceal

Collocations:

raise a flag, flag down, flag as important, flag a message



preamble

/ˈpriː.æmbəl/

noun

Meaning:

a preliminary statement, especially the introduction to a formal document

Example:

"The preamble of the constitution outlines its guiding principles."

Synonyms:

introduction, prologue, foreword, preface, opening

Antonyms:

conclusion, ending, epilogue

Collocations:

preamble to the constitution, legal preamble, preamble statement, preamble section



Magnanimity

/,mæɡ.nəˈnɪ.mɪ.ti/

noun

Meaning:

generosity in forgiving an insult or injury; nobility of spirit or action; generosity

Example:

"He showed great magnanimity in victory."

Synonyms:

generosity, nobility, forgiveness, kindness

Antonyms:

pettiness, meanness, vindictiveness

Collocations:

show magnanimity, act of magnanimity, great magnanimity



venerate

/ˈvenəˌreɪt/

verb

Meaning:

to regard with great respect; revere

Example:

"People venerate saints for their holiness."

Synonyms:

revere, respect, honor, admire, esteem

Antonyms:

despise, disrespect, dishonor

Collocations:

venerate tradition, venerate ancestors, venerate saints, venerate the memory



diverge

/daɪˈvɜːrdʒ/

verb

Meaning:

to separate from a path, opinion, or standard

Example:

"The two friends began to diverge in their career choices."

Synonyms:

separate, differ, deviate, split, branch

Antonyms:

converge, agree, coincide

Collocations:

diverge from, paths diverge, diverge opinions, diverge sharply



aggregate

/'æg.rɪ.gət/ (noun/adjective), /'æg.rɪ.geɪt/ (verb)/

noun, verb, adjective

Meaning:

A whole formed by combining several elements; to combine into a total.

Example:

"The data was aggregated to provide a clearer picture of the market."

Synonyms:

total, sum, collection, accumulate

Antonyms:

individual, separate, divide

Collocations:

aggregate demand, aggregate score, aggregate amount, aggregate data



castigation */,kæstɪ'geɪʃən/*

noun

Meaning:

Severe criticism or punishment for wrongdoing.

Example:

"The manager's harsh castigation shocked the entire team."

Synonyms:

rebuke, reprimand, scolding, chastisement, condemnation

Antonyms:

praise, approval, commendation

Collocations:

severe castigation, public castigation, castigation of behavior



pragmatic */præg'mætɪk/*

adjective

Meaning:

Dealing with problems in a practical and sensible way rather than depending on theories or ideals.

Example:

"She took a pragmatic approach to solving the business challenge."

Synonyms:

practical, realistic, sensible, rational, logical

Antonyms:

idealistic, impractical, theoretical

Collocations:

pragmatic solution, pragmatic approach, pragmatic decision, pragmatic attitude



immutable */ɪ'mju:təbl/*

adjective

Meaning:

unchangeable; not able to be altered

Example:

"The laws of nature are immutable."

Synonyms:

unchangeable, permanent, fixed, constant

Antonyms:

changeable, flexible, variable

Collocations:

immutable law, immutable principle, immutable rule, immutable fact



imperturbable

/ɪm'pɜːrtərbəbəl/

adjective

Meaning:

Unable to be upset or excited; calm.

Example:

"He remained imperturbable even when faced with tough questions."

Synonyms:

calm, composed, serene, collected, unflappable

Antonyms:

agitated, nervous, excitable

Collocations:

imperturbable manner, imperturbable calm, imperturbable expression, imperturbable face



plasticity

/plæs'tɪsəti/

noun

Meaning:

the quality of being easily shaped or molded;
adaptability

Example:

"The brain's plasticity allows it to adapt after injury."

Synonyms:

flexibility, adaptability, malleability, pliability

Antonyms:

rigidity, stiffness

Collocations:

brain plasticity, material plasticity, neural plasticity



goad

/goʊd/

verb

Meaning:

to provoke, annoy, or urge someone to take action

Example:

"He tried to goad his opponent into making a mistake."

Synonyms:

provoke, urge, incite, push, irritate

Antonyms:

calm, soothe, dissuade

Collocations:

goad into, goad by, goad someone



Frugality

/fru:'gæl.ə.ti/

noun

Meaning:

the quality of being economical in use or expenditure; not wasteful

Example:

"His frugality during his youth allowed him to save enough money for retirement."

Synonyms:

thrift, economy, prudence, saving

Antonyms:

extravagance, waste, lavishness, profligacy

Collocations:

practice frugality, strict frugality, admirable frugality



burgeon

/'bɜːrdʒən/

verb

Meaning:

To grow or develop rapidly; to flourish.

Example:

"The city's population began to burgeon after the new factory opened."

Synonyms:

flourish, expand, thrive, bloom, prosper

Antonyms:

decline, diminish, shrink

Collocations:

burgeoning economy, population burgeon, industry burgeon



irascible */ɪˈræsɪbl/*

adjective

Meaning:

Easily angered; quick-tempered.

Example:

"His irascible nature often got him into trouble."

Synonyms:

irritable, short-tempered, hot-headed, touchy

Antonyms:

calm, patient, easygoing

Collocations:

irascible nature, irascible person, become irascible, irascible tone



neophyte */ˈniːəˌfaɪt/*

noun

Meaning:

A beginner or novice in a subject, skill, or belief.

Example:

"As a neophyte in programming, she often asked for guidance from her mentor."

Synonyms:

novice, beginner, newcomer, rookie, trainee

Antonyms:

expert, master, veteran

Collocations:

neophyte student, neophyte programmer, neophyte member



verbose

/vɜːrˈboʊs/

adjective

Meaning:

Using or expressed in more words than are needed; wordy.

Example:

"His verbose explanation confused the audience instead of clarifying the issue."

Synonyms:

wordy, long-winded, prolix, talkative, rambling

Antonyms:

concise, succinct, brief

Collocations:

verbose explanation, verbose speech, verbose writing, verbose description



assuage */ə'sweɪdʒ/*

verb

Meaning:

To make an unpleasant feeling less intense; to ease or relieve.

Example:

"The kind words helped assuage her anxiety."

Synonyms:

ease, relieve, alleviate, soothe, pacify

Antonyms:

aggravate, intensify, worsen

Collocations:

assuage fears, assuage anger, assuage pain



abate */ə'beɪt/*

verb

Meaning:

to become less intense or widespread

Example:

"The storm began to abate after midnight."

Synonyms:

diminish, decrease, lessen, subside

Antonyms:

increase, intensify, escalate

Collocations:

abate storm, abate pain, abate anger, abate noise



gouge /gɑʊdʒ/

verb, noun

Meaning:

To cut or scoop out a deep hole or groove; to overcharge unfairly.

Example:

"He accidentally gouged a hole in the wooden table."

Synonyms:

cut, scoop, dig, chisel, overcharge

Antonyms:

fill, repair, fairness

Collocations:

gouge out, gouge a hole, gouge prices, gouge customers



homogeneous

/,hɒʊ.mə'dʒiː.ni.əs/

adjective

Meaning:

Consisting of parts or elements that are all the same kind; uniform in composition.

Example:

"The population of the village is fairly homogeneous in culture and tradition."

Synonyms:

uniform, consistent, alike, identical, standardized

Antonyms:

heterogeneous, diverse, varied

Collocations:

homogeneous group, homogeneous mixture, homogeneous society, homogeneous culture



viable

/ˈvaɪəbəl/

adjective

Meaning:

capable of working successfully or able to survive

Example:

"They need a viable business plan to attract investors."

Synonyms:

feasible, workable, practical, possible, sustainable

Antonyms:

impossible, unworkable, impractical

Collocations:

viable option, viable solution, viable business, economically viable



gullible /'gʌl.ə.bəl/

adjective

Meaning:

Easily deceived or tricked.

Example:

"She was so gullible that she believed every rumor."

Synonyms:

naive, trusting, credulous, unsuspecting, innocent

Antonyms:

skeptical, suspicious, cautious

Collocations:

gullible person, extremely gullible, seem gullible



fawning

/ˈfɔːnɪŋ/

adjective

Meaning:

displaying exaggerated flattery or affection

Example:

"Her fawning compliments made everyone uncomfortable."

Synonyms:

sycophantic, obsequious, flattering, ingratiating

Antonyms:

critical, blunt

Collocations:

fawning attitude, fawning remarks, fawning behavior



lethargic */lə'θɑ:rdʒɪk/*

adjective

Meaning:

Feeling sluggish, drowsy, or lacking energy.

Example:

"After the long journey, he felt lethargic and went straight to bed."

Synonyms:

sluggish, tired, fatigued, weary, drowsy

Antonyms:

energetic, lively, active

Collocations:

feel lethargic, lethargic response, lethargic behavior



conundrum */kə'ɒndrəm/*

noun

Meaning:

a confusing and difficult problem or question

Example:

"The issue of climate change presents a serious conundrum for policymakers."

Synonyms:

puzzle, enigma, riddle, dilemma, problem

Antonyms:

solution, answer, clarity

Collocations:

tough conundrum, moral conundrum, financial conundrum



erudite

/ˈɛrjʊˌdaɪt/

adjective

Meaning:

having or showing great knowledge or learning

Example:

"The professor gave an erudite lecture on philosophy."

Synonyms:

learned, knowledgeable, scholarly, intellectual, well-read

Antonyms:

ignorant, uneducated, uninformed

Collocations:

erudite scholar, erudite lecture, erudite commentary, erudite discussion



log

/lɒg/

noun, verb

Meaning:

A part of the trunk or a large branch of a tree that has fallen or been cut off; also to record information systematically.

Example:

"The workers carried a heavy log to the truck."

Synonyms:

timber, wood, record, register, journal

Antonyms:

erase, delete

Collocations:

log book, log entry, log in, log data



torpor

/ˈtɔːrpər/

noun

Meaning:

A state of physical or mental inactivity; lethargy.

Example:

"The heat induced a state of torpor in the workers."

Synonyms:

lethargy, inactivity, apathy, sluggishness

Antonyms:

energy, alertness, activity

Collocations:

state of torpor, sink into torpor, mental torpor, torpor induced



equivocate

/ɪ'kwɪvə,keɪt/

verb

Meaning:

To speak ambiguously or avoid giving a clear answer.

Example:

"The politician equivocated when asked about the scandal."

Synonyms:

evade, dodge, prevaricate, hedge, mislead

Antonyms:

clarify, explain, affirm

Collocations:

tend to equivocate, try to equivocate, equivocate about



empirical

/ɛmˈpɪrɪkəl/

adjective

Meaning:

based on observation or experience rather than theory

Example:

"The theory needs to be supported by empirical data."

Synonyms:

observed, experimental, factual, practical, real

Antonyms:

theoretical, hypothetical

Collocations:

empirical evidence, empirical research, empirical study, empirical data



discordant */dɪs'kɔːrdənt/*

adjective

Meaning:

disagreeing or clashing; harsh and jarring in sound

Example:

"The discordant notes of the band hurt our ears."

Synonyms:

conflicting, clashing, jarring, dissonant

Antonyms:

harmonious, agreeable

Collocations:

discordant voices, discordant note, discordant relationship



savor /'seɪ.vər/

verb

Meaning:

To enjoy something completely, especially by dwelling on it.

Example:

"He savored every bite of the delicious cake."

Synonyms:

relish, cherish, appreciate, enjoy, delight in

Antonyms:

dislike, detest, avoid

Collocations:

savor the flavor, savor the moment, savor success



itinerary

/aɪ'tɪnəri/

noun

Meaning:

A planned route or schedule of a journey or trip.

Example:

"The travel agent gave us a detailed itinerary for our vacation."

Synonyms:

schedule, plan, agenda, route, timetable

Antonyms:

improvisation, randomness

Collocations:

travel itinerary, detailed itinerary, daily itinerary, itinerary plan



desultory

/ˈdɛsəl.tɔːri/

adjective

Meaning:

lacking a clear plan, purpose, or enthusiasm

Example:

"His desultory conversation bored the audience."

Synonyms:

aimless, haphazard, random, unplanned, erratic

Antonyms:

systematic, methodical, organized

Collocations:

desultory talk, desultory effort, desultory manner, desultory approach



cogent

/ˈkɒdʒənt/

adjective

Meaning:

Clear, logical, and convincing.

Example:

"The lawyer presented a cogent argument that persuaded the jury."

Synonyms:

convincing, persuasive, compelling, logical, forceful

Antonyms:

weak, unconvincing, illogical

Collocations:

cogent argument, cogent reason, cogent explanation, cogent evidence



esoteric */,ɛsə'terɪk/*

adjective

Meaning:

intended for or understood by only a small number of people with special knowledge

Example:

"The professor gave an esoteric lecture on ancient philosophy."

Synonyms:

mystical, obscure, cryptic, abstract, arcane

Antonyms:

common, popular, simple

Collocations:

esoteric knowledge, esoteric subject, esoteric teaching



elegy

/'ɛlɪdʒi/

noun

Meaning:

A poem or song expressing sorrow, especially for someone who has died.

Example:

"The poet wrote an elegy for his late friend."

Synonyms:

lament, dirge, requiem, threnody, ode

Antonyms:

celebration, praise

Collocations:

funeral elegy, elegy for, elegy written, mournful elegy



probity

/ˈprɒbɪti/

noun

Meaning:

The quality of having strong moral principles; honesty and decency.

Example:

"The judge was admired for his integrity and probity."

Synonyms:

integrity, honesty, uprightness, morality, rectitude

Antonyms:

dishonesty, corruption, immorality

Collocations:

probity in public life, professional probity, integrity and probity, probity standards



austere

/ɔːˈstriə/

adjective

Meaning:

Severe or strict in manner, attitude, or appearance; plain and simple.

Example:

"The monk lived an austere life in the mountains."

Synonyms:

severe, strict, stern, simple, plain

Antonyms:

luxurious, indulgent, elaborate

Collocations:

austere lifestyle, austere expression, austere design



pervasive

/pər'veɪsɪv/

adjective

Meaning:

spreading widely throughout an area or a group of people

Example:

"The pervasive influence of technology is seen in every aspect of life."

Synonyms:

widespread, prevalent, extensive, universal, omnipresent

Antonyms:

limited, narrow, rare

Collocations:

pervasive influence, pervasive effect, pervasive culture, pervasive problem



solicitous

/sə'lısıtəs/

adjective

Meaning:

showing concern or care for someone's health, happiness, or comfort

Example:

"She was always solicitous about the well-being of her students."

Synonyms:

attentive, caring, concerned, considerate, thoughtful

Antonyms:

indifferent, careless, neglectful

Collocations:

solicitous care, solicitous attention, solicitous nature



exigency

/'ɛksɪdʒənsi/

noun

Meaning:

an urgent need or demand requiring immediate attention

Example:

"In times of war, the exigency of the situation requires quick decisions."

Synonyms:

urgency, emergency, necessity, demand

Antonyms:

ease, leisure, calm

Collocations:

military exigency, exigency of circumstances, urgent exigency



tacit

/ˈtæsɪt/

adjective

Meaning:

understood or implied without being stated

Example:

"There was a tacit agreement to avoid the subject."

Synonyms:

implicit, unspoken, understood, silent

Antonyms:

explicit, stated, expressed

Collocations:

tacit consent, tacit approval, tacit understanding



luminous

/ˈluː.mɪ.nəs/

adjective

Meaning:

Emitting or reflecting light, especially in the dark; shining brightly.

Example:

"The luminous stars lit up the night sky."

Synonyms:

bright, radiant, glowing, shining, brilliant

Antonyms:

dim, dark, dull

Collocations:

luminous glow, luminous paint, luminous stars, luminous eyes



tirade

/taɪ'reɪd/

noun

Meaning:

a long, angry, or critical speech

Example:

"The manager launched into a tirade about poor performance."

Synonyms:

rant, outburst, diatribe, harangue, lecture

Antonyms:

praise, compliment

Collocations:

angry tirade, political tirade, launch tirade, endless tirade



discerning

/dɪ'sɜːrniŋ/

adjective

Meaning:

having good judgment or insight; able to distinguish well

Example:

"He is a discerning reader who notices subtle details."

Synonyms:

perceptive, insightful, judicious, astute

Antonyms:

unperceptive, undiscerning

Collocations:

discerning reader, discerning customer, discerning eye, discerning taste



inconsequential

/,ɪn,kɒnsɪ'kwɛnʃəl/

adjective

Meaning:

Not important or significant; too small to matter.

Example:

"The mistake was minor and inconsequential."

Synonyms:

trivial, insignificant, negligible, petty, unimportant

Antonyms:

important, significant, major

Collocations:

inconsequential detail, inconsequential mistake, inconsequential matter



loquacious

/ləʊ'kwɛɪʃəs/

adjective

Meaning:

tending to talk a great deal; very talkative

Example:

"The loquacious child entertained everyone with endless stories."

Synonyms:

talkative, chatty, verbose, garrulous, communicative

Antonyms:

silent, quiet, reserved

Collocations:

loquacious speaker, loquacious child, loquacious nature, loquacious host



anachronism */ə'nækrə,nɪzəm/*

noun

Meaning:

something that is out of its proper time period, especially something old-fashioned in a modern context

Example:

"Using a typewriter today feels like an anachronism."

Synonyms:

outdated, relic, antiquated, obsolete

Antonyms:

modernity, contemporaneity, relevance

Collocations:

historical anachronism, cultural anachronism, seen as anachronism



levity

/'leviti/

noun

Meaning:

Lightness of manner or speech, especially when inappropriate; lack of seriousness.

Example:

"His attempt to bring levity to the tense meeting was appreciated."

Synonyms:

lightness, humor, frivolity, cheerfulness, jocularly

Antonyms:

seriousness, gravity, solemnity

Collocations:

sense of levity, touch of levity, comic levity, add levity



reverent */'revərənt/*

adjective

Meaning:

Showing deep and solemn respect.

Example:

"They listened to the speech in a reverent silence."

Synonyms:

respectful, devout, admiring, dutiful

Antonyms:

disrespectful, irreverent

Collocations:

reverent silence, reverent attitude, reverent respect, reverent tone



ambiguous */æm'bigjuəs/*

adjective

Meaning:

Open to more than one interpretation; unclear or uncertain.

Example:

"His answer was so ambiguous that no one understood his real opinion."

Synonyms:

unclear, vague, uncertain, equivocal, obscure

Antonyms:

clear, definite, explicit

Collocations:

ambiguous statement, ambiguous meaning, ambiguous situation, ambiguous terms



stipulate

/'stɪp.jʊ.leɪt/

verb

Meaning:

to demand or specify a condition in an agreement or contract

Example:

"The contract stipulates that payment must be made within 30 days."

Synonyms:

specify, demand, require, prescribe, condition

Antonyms:

ignore, waive, overlook

Collocations:

stipulate conditions, stipulate terms, stipulate payment, stipulate requirement



latent

/ˈleɪtənt/

adjective

Meaning:

Existing but not yet developed or obvious; hidden or concealed.

Example:

"She had a latent talent for music that emerged later in life."

Synonyms:

hidden, dormant, concealed, unrealized, undeveloped

Antonyms:

obvious, apparent, visible

Collocations:

latent talent, latent potential, latent heat, latent disease



distend */dis'tend/*

verb

Meaning:

to swell or expand by pressure from within

Example:

"Her stomach began to distend after the large meal."

Synonyms:

expand, swell, inflate, enlarge, bloat

Antonyms:

shrink, contract, deflate

Collocations:

distend stomach, distend abdomen, distend with gas



converge

/kən'vɜːrdʒ/

verb

Meaning:

to come together from different directions; to meet at a point

Example:

"The roads converge at the city center."

Synonyms:

meet, unite, merge, come together, join

Antonyms:

diverge, separate, spread, scatter

Collocations:

converge on, converge at, converge together, roads converge, lines converge



enhance

/ɪn'hæns/

verb

Meaning:

to improve the quality, value, or extent of something

Example:

"The new features will enhance the user experience."

Synonyms:

improve, boost, enrich, heighten, strengthen

Antonyms:

diminish, weaken, reduce

Collocations:

enhance performance, enhance skills, enhance quality, enhance experience



vacillate */'væsileɪt/*

verb

Meaning:

to waver between different opinions or actions; be indecisive

Example:

"He vacillated between studying law and becoming a writer."

Synonyms:

hesitate, waver, dither, fluctuate

Antonyms:

decide, determine, resolve

Collocations:

vacillate between, vacillate on decision, vacillate constantly



decorum

/dɪ'kɔːrəm/

noun

Meaning:

behavior in keeping with good taste and propriety

Example:

"The students maintained decorum during the ceremony."

Synonyms:

etiquette, propriety, manners, civility, dignity

Antonyms:

impropriety, rudeness, disorder

Collocations:

decorum in class, maintain decorum, social decorum



strut

/strʌt/

verb

Meaning:

to walk with a stiff, proud, and confident gait, often to show off

Example:

"He strutted across the stage after winning the award."

Synonyms:

swagger, parade, flaunt, prance, show off

Antonyms:

shuffle, slouch

Collocations:

strut around, strut proudly, strut confidently, strut across



dissonance

/ˈdɪsənəns/

noun

Meaning:

Lack of harmony or agreement, especially in sound or ideas.

Example:

"The dissonance between his words and actions was obvious."

Synonyms:

discord, conflict, discrepancy, disagreement, incongruity

Antonyms:

harmony, agreement, concord

Collocations:

musical dissonance, cognitive dissonance, social dissonance, emotional dissonance



disparage */dis'pærɪdʒ/*

verb

Meaning:

to criticize someone or something in a way that shows a lack of respect

Example:

"It is unfair to disparage people for their opinions."

Synonyms:

belittle, criticize, denigrate, undervalue, ridicule

Antonyms:

praise, compliment

Collocations:

disparage efforts, disparage reputation, unfairly disparage



proscribe

/prɒʊ'skraɪb/

verb

Meaning:

to forbid something by law or authority

Example:

"The new law will proscribe the use of harmful chemicals in farming."

Synonyms:

forbid, prohibit, ban, outlaw, restrict

Antonyms:

allow, permit, authorize

Collocations:

proscribe activity, proscribe practice, law proscribes, proscribe behavior



relegate

/ˈreɪlɪɡeɪt/

verb

Meaning:

to assign to a lower rank, position, or category

Example:

"The manager decided to relegate the player to the bench."

Synonyms:

demote, downgrade, consign, assign

Antonyms:

promote, elevate, upgrade

Collocations:

relegate someone, relegate to the background, relegate responsibility



wary

/'weəri/

adjective

Meaning:

Feeling or showing caution about possible dangers or problems.

Example:

"She was wary of trusting strangers."

Synonyms:

cautious, careful, alert, suspicious, vigilant

Antonyms:

careless, reckless, unwary

Collocations:

wary of strangers, wary approach, wary eye, be wary



denigrate */'denɪ,greɪt/*

verb

Meaning:

to criticize unfairly; to belittle or disparage someone or something

Example:

"He was quick to denigrate the achievements of his colleagues."

Synonyms:

belittle, disparage, defame, slander, deprecate

Antonyms:

praise, compliment, honor

Collocations:

denigrate others, denigrate culture, denigrate reputation, denigrate efforts



vituperative */vi'tju:pəreɪv/*

adjective

Meaning:

Characterized by abusive or harsh language.

Example:

"The teacher's vituperative remarks left the students in tears."

Synonyms:

abusive, scathing, insulting, harsh

Antonyms:

kind, gentle, respectful

Collocations:

vituperative speech, vituperative tone, vituperative remark



reticent */ˈrɛtɪsənt/*

adjective

Meaning:

not revealing one's thoughts or feelings readily;
reserved

Example:

"She was reticent about her personal life."

Synonyms:

reserved, quiet, silent, secretive, restrained

Antonyms:

open, communicative, talkative

Collocations:

reticent about, remain reticent, naturally reticent



compliant */kəm'plaɪənt/*

adjective

Meaning:

Willing to agree with or follow rules, requests, or demands.

Example:

"She was compliant with all the safety requirements."

Synonyms:

obedient, submissive, docile, accommodating

Antonyms:

rebellious, defiant, resistant

Collocations:

compliant behavior, fully compliant, compliant system, compliant child



desiccate */'desɪkeɪt/*

verb

Meaning:

to dry up completely or remove the moisture from something

Example:

"The hot sun can quickly desiccate plants in the desert."

Synonyms:

dry, dehydrate, parch, drain, evaporate

Antonyms:

moisten, wet, hydrate

Collocations:

desiccate food, desiccate plants, desiccated remains



insensible */ɪn'sensəbl/*

adjective

Meaning:

Unconscious; unaware of or indifferent to something.

Example:

"He was insensible to the cold as he lay in the snow."

Synonyms:

unconscious, unaware, oblivious, indifferent, unresponsive

Antonyms:

conscious, aware, responsive

Collocations:

insensible to pain, insensible to criticism, insensible body



aesthetic

/ɛs'θɛtɪk/

adjective

Meaning:

concerned with beauty or the appreciation of beauty

Example:

"The room was decorated in an aesthetic style that pleased everyone."

Synonyms:

artistic, beautiful, elegant, tasteful

Antonyms:

ugly, unattractive, plain

Collocations:

aesthetic value, aesthetic appeal, aesthetic beauty, aesthetic design



beneficent */bə'nefɪsənt/*

adjective

Meaning:

generous or doing good

Example:

"The beneficent leader donated funds to build a hospital."

Synonyms:

charitable, generous, kind, philanthropic

Antonyms:

selfish, cruel

Collocations:

beneficent act, beneficent leader, beneficent influence



insularity */,ɪnsjə'lærəti/*

noun

Meaning:

The state of being isolated or narrow-minded.

Example:

"The insularity of the group prevented them from accepting new ideas."

Synonyms:

isolation, narrow-mindedness, provincialism, parochialism

Antonyms:

cosmopolitanism, openness, tolerance

Collocations:

cultural insularity, political insularity, social insularity



connoisseur */,kɒn.ə'sɜːr/*

noun

Meaning:

an expert judge in matters of taste, especially in food, art, or wine

Example:

"She is a true connoisseur of fine art."

Synonyms:

expert, specialist, critic, authority

Antonyms:

novice, amateur, layman

Collocations:

wine connoisseur, art connoisseur, connoisseur of music



irresolute */ɪ'rezələ:t/*

adjective

Meaning:

uncertain or indecisive; lacking determination

Example:

"He stood irresolute at the crossroads, unsure which path to take."

Synonyms:

uncertain, indecisive, hesitant, vacillating, wavering

Antonyms:

resolute, determined, decisive

Collocations:

remain irresolute, feel irresolute, stand irresolute, irresolute response



occlude

/ə'klu:d/

verb

Meaning:

To block or close up an opening or passage.

Example:

"The pipe was occluded by mineral deposits."

Synonyms:

block, obstruct, close, seal, clog

Antonyms:

open, clear, unblock

Collocations:

occlude the artery, occlude light, occluded passage



contention

/kən'tɛnʃən/

noun

Meaning:

heated disagreement or argument; a point asserted in debate

Example:

"The main contention between the two parties was over tax reform."

Synonyms:

dispute, argument, debate, disagreement

Antonyms:

agreement, harmony

Collocations:

main contention, point of contention, cause of contention, fierce contention



insinuate */In'sɪnjuet/*

verb

Meaning:

To suggest or hint something indirectly and often unpleasantly.

Example:

"He insinuated that she had lied about her qualifications."

Synonyms:

imply, suggest, hint, intimate, indicate

Antonyms:

declare, state, assert

Collocations:

insinuate doubt, insinuate guilt, insinuate oneself into



disparate */'dɪspərət/*

adjective

Meaning:

fundamentally different or distinct in kind; not allowing comparison

Example:

"The project combined disparate ideas from art and technology."

Synonyms:

different, distinct, contrasting, diverse, varied

Antonyms:

similar, alike, uniform

Collocations:

disparate groups, disparate elements, disparate ideas, disparate backgrounds



propensity

/prə'pensəti/

noun

Meaning:

a natural tendency or inclination to behave in a particular way

Example:

"She has a propensity to trust people too easily."

Synonyms:

inclination, tendency, predisposition, leaning, proclivity

Antonyms:

aversion, dislike, disinclination

Collocations:

propensity for, propensity to, natural propensity, strong propensity



lucid

/ˈluːsɪd/

adjective

Meaning:

expressed clearly; easy to understand; showing clarity of thought

Example:

"She gave a lucid explanation of the complex problem."

Synonyms:

clear, intelligible, coherent, transparent, rational

Antonyms:

confused, obscure, unclear

Collocations:

lucid explanation, lucid account, lucid dream, lucid style



banal

/bəˈnɑ:l/ or /ˈbeɪnəl/

adjective

Meaning:

Lacking originality; boringly obvious and commonplace.

Example:

"His speech was full of banal clichés."

Synonyms:

trite, clichéd, ordinary, predictable, dull

Antonyms:

original, creative, unusual

Collocations:

banal remark, banal cliché, banal conversation, banal story



welter

/ˈwɛltər/

verb

Meaning:

to roll or toss about in a confused or disorderly way; to be in turmoil

Example:

"The city weltered in chaos after the sudden blackout."

Synonyms:

roll, toss, wallow, flounder, writhe

Antonyms:

calm, order, stability

Collocations:

welter in blood, welter of emotions, welter of papers



phlegmatic */flɛg'mæt.ɪk/*

adjective

Meaning:

having an unemotional and stolidly calm disposition

Example:

"Despite the chaos, he remained phlegmatic and composed."

Synonyms:

calm, unflappable, composed, stoic

Antonyms:

excitable, emotional, agitated

Collocations:

phlegmatic temperament, phlegmatic response, phlegmatic nature



enervate */ˈɛnər,veɪt/*

verb

Meaning:

To weaken or drain someone of strength or vitality.

Example:

"The long hours of work enervated him."

Synonyms:

weaken, exhaust, debilitate, drain

Antonyms:

strengthen, invigorate

Collocations:

enervate the body, enervate the spirit, enervate completely



substantiate */səb'stænjieɪt/*

verb

Meaning:

To provide evidence to support or prove the truth of something.

Example:

"The lawyer worked to substantiate the claims with solid evidence."

Synonyms:

prove, validate, confirm, support, demonstrate

Antonyms:

disprove, refute, contradict

Collocations:

substantiate claims, substantiate evidence, substantiate allegations, substantiate argument



tenuous

/'tɛn.ju.əs/

adjective

Meaning:

Very weak, thin, or slight; lacking a strong basis.

Example:

"The evidence against him is quite tenuous."

Synonyms:

weak, fragile, thin, slight, insubstantial

Antonyms:

strong, solid, firm

Collocations:

tenuous link, tenuous argument, tenuous relationship, tenuous connection



implicit

/ɪmˈplɪsɪt/

adjective

Meaning:

Suggested or understood without being directly stated.

Example:

"Her trust in him was implicit."

Synonyms:

tacit, implied, unspoken, inherent, understood

Antonyms:

explicit, stated, expressed

Collocations:

implicit agreement, implicit assumption, implicit trust, implicit in



condone */kən'dəʊn/*

verb

Meaning:

To accept or allow behavior that is morally wrong or offensive.

Example:

"The manager refused to condone harassment in the workplace."

Synonyms:

overlook, excuse, forgive, tolerate

Antonyms:

condemn, punish, disapprove

Collocations:

condone behavior, condone violence, condone corruption



metamorphosis

/,metə'mɔːfəsis/

noun

Meaning:

A process of transformation from one form to another, especially in biology, such as the change from a caterpillar to a butterfly.

Example:

"The metamorphosis of the tadpole into a frog is fascinating."

Synonyms:

transformation, change, evolution, alteration, mutation

Antonyms:

stagnation, permanence, constancy

Collocations:

undergo metamorphosis, complete metamorphosis, process of metamorphosis



perennial

/pə'reɪniəl/

adjective

Meaning:

lasting or existing for a long time, or recurring continually

Example:

"Climate change is a perennial concern for scientists."

Synonyms:

everlasting, enduring, persistent, continual, constant

Antonyms:

temporary, short-lived, fleeting

Collocations:

perennial problem, perennial plant, perennial issue, perennial concern



buttress

/'bʌtrəs/

noun, verb

Meaning:

a structure built against a wall for support; to support or strengthen

Example:

"The cathedral walls were buttressed to prevent collapse."

Synonyms:

support, reinforcement, prop, bolster, strengthen

Antonyms:

weaken, undermine

Collocations:

stone buttress, flying buttress, buttress support, buttress argument



dissemble */dɪ'sembəl/*

verb

Meaning:

to conceal one's true motives, feelings, or beliefs; to pretend

Example:

"He tried to dissemble his anger with a forced smile."

Synonyms:

pretend, feign, fake, conceal, disguise

Antonyms:

reveal, expose, disclose

Collocations:

dissemble feelings, dissemble emotions, dissemble the truth



qualified */'kwɒlɪfaɪd/*

adjective

Meaning:

officially recognized as being trained or knowledgeable for a particular job or activity

Example:

"She is a qualified doctor with years of experience."

Synonyms:

certified, competent, skilled, trained, capable

Antonyms:

unqualified, incompetent, incapable

Collocations:

qualified teacher, qualified candidate, qualified doctor, qualified professional



Audacious /ɔ:'deɪ.ʃəs/

adjective

Meaning:

showing willingness to take bold risks; daring

Example:

"His audacious plan to climb the mountain without proper equipment shocked everyone."

Synonyms:

bold, daring, fearless, brave

Antonyms:

timid, cautious, careful, cowardly

Collocations:

audacious plan, audacious move, audacious behavior



disinterested

/dɪs'ɪntərəstɪd/

adjective

Meaning:

not influenced by personal interest; impartial or neutral

Example:

"The judge remained disinterested in the case."

Synonyms:

impartial, unbiased, objective, neutral

Antonyms:

biased, partial, interested

Collocations:

disinterested observer, disinterested attitude, remain disinterested



zealot

/'zel.ət/

noun

Meaning:

A person who is fanatical and uncompromising in pursuit of their ideals.

Example:

"He was considered a zealot for his strict political views."

Synonyms:

fanatic, extremist, radical, enthusiast

Antonyms:

moderate, realist

Collocations:

religious zealot, political zealot, zealot group



onerous */ˈɒnərəs/*

adjective

Meaning:

involving a great deal of effort, difficulty, or burden

Example:

"Fulfilling the contract proved to be an onerous task for the company."

Synonyms:

burdensome, heavy, demanding, exhausting, troublesome

Antonyms:

easy, effortless, light

Collocations:

onerous task, onerous responsibility, onerous duty



tractable */'træktəbəl/*

adjective

Meaning:

easy to control or influence

Example:

"The child was surprisingly tractable during the long journey."

Synonyms:

manageable, docile, obedient, compliant

Antonyms:

stubborn, defiant, unmanageable

Collocations:

tractable child, tractable problem, tractable situation



derivative

/dɪ'rɪvətɪv/

noun, adjective

Meaning:

Something that is based on another source; in math, a measure of how a function changes.

Example:

"The film was criticized for being too derivative of earlier works."

Synonyms:

copied, imitative, secondary, unoriginal

Antonyms:

original, innovative, creative

Collocations:

financial derivative, too derivative, highly derivative



officious */ə'fɪʃəs/*

adjective

Meaning:

Excessively eager to offer unwanted help or advice; meddlesome.

Example:

"The officious guard kept interrupting the visitors with unnecessary instructions."

Synonyms:

meddlesome, interfering, intrusive, bossy, overbearing

Antonyms:

modest, reserved, unobtrusive

Collocations:

officious behavior, officious manner, officious tone, officious interference



intractable /ɪnˈtræk.tə.bəl/

adjective

Meaning:

Difficult or impossible to manage, control, or solve.

Example:

"The conflict has become an intractable problem."

Synonyms:

stubborn, uncontrollable, unmanageable, obstinate

Antonyms:

manageable, controllable, flexible

Collocations:

intractable pain, intractable conflict, intractable issue, intractable disease



impervious */ɪm'pɜːrviəs/*

adjective

Meaning:

Not allowing fluid to pass through; unable to be affected by something.

Example:

"The jacket is impervious to rain."

Synonyms:

resistant, unaffected, immune, sealed, waterproof

Antonyms:

vulnerable, exposed, penetrable

Collocations:

impervious to criticism, impervious to water, impervious surface, impervious layer



gainsay */,geɪn'seɪ/*

verb

Meaning:

To deny, contradict, or speak against.

Example:

"No one could gainsay the evidence presented in court."

Synonyms:

deny, contradict, oppose, refute

Antonyms:

admit, confirm, accept

Collocations:

cannot gainsay, hard to gainsay, evidence gainsay



malingerer /mə'liŋgərə/

noun

Meaning:

a person who pretends to be sick to avoid duty or work

Example:

"The manager suspected that John was a malingerer."

Synonyms:

shirker, dodger, pretender, faker

Antonyms:

worker, performer

Collocations:

lazy malingerer, chronic malingerer, suspected malingerer



aberrant */'æb.ə.rənt/*

adjective

Meaning:

deviating from what is normal or expected; abnormal

Example:

"His aberrant behavior shocked everyone at the meeting."

Synonyms:

abnormal, deviant, unusual, irregular, atypical

Antonyms:

normal, typical, regular

Collocations:

aberrant behavior, aberrant pattern, aberrant gene, aberrant form



equanimity

/,ekwə'nɪmɪti/

noun

Meaning:

Calmness and composure, especially in a difficult situation.

Example:

"He faced the criticism with equanimity."

Synonyms:

composure, serenity, calmness, tranquility, balance

Antonyms:

anxiety, agitation, nervousness

Collocations:

maintain equanimity, display equanimity, equanimity under pressure



tortuous */ˈtɔːrtʃuəs/*

adjective

Meaning:

Full of twists and turns; excessively complex or complicated.

Example:

"The tortuous mountain road made driving very difficult."

Synonyms:

winding, twisting, convoluted, complex, meandering

Antonyms:

straight, direct, simple

Collocations:

tortuous path, tortuous route, tortuous reasoning, tortuous journey



deride */di'raɪd/*

verb

Meaning:

to mock or ridicule someone or something

Example:

"The critics derided the new movie for its poor script."

Synonyms:

mock, ridicule, scorn, sneer, jeer

Antonyms:

praise, admire, respect

Collocations:

deride someone, deride the idea, openly deride



innocuous

/ɪˈnɒkjʊəs/

adjective

Meaning:

Not harmful or offensive.

Example:

"His remark was completely innocuous and not meant to offend anyone."

Synonyms:

harmless, safe, inoffensive, mild, benign

Antonyms:

harmful, dangerous, toxic

Collocations:

innocuous remark, innocuous substance, innocuous comment, seemingly innocuous



pedantic */pə'dæntɪk/*

adjective

Meaning:

Excessively concerned with minor details or rules; overly academic or bookish.

Example:

"Her pedantic explanations made the lecture dull."

Synonyms:

precise, meticulous, nitpicking, finicky, scholarly

Antonyms:

casual, careless, informal

Collocations:

pedantic approach, pedantic detail, pedantic explanation, pedantic style



facilitate

/fə'sɪlɪteɪt/

verb

Meaning:

to make an action or process easier or smoother

Example:

"The new software will facilitate communication between departments."

Synonyms:

ease, assist, simplify, aid

Antonyms:

hinder, obstruct, complicate

Collocations:

facilitate communication, facilitate process, facilitate learning, facilitate discussion



apprise */ə'praɪz/*

verb

Meaning:

to inform or notify someone

Example:

"The manager will apprise the staff of the new policies."

Synonyms:

inform, notify, brief, update, advise

Antonyms:

misinform, conceal

Collocations:

apprise someone, keep apprised, apprise of changes



harangue */hə'ræŋ/*

verb

Meaning:

to deliver a long, passionate, and often angry speech

Example:

"The politician harangued the crowd for over an hour."

Synonyms:

lecture, rant, tirade, scold, sermon

Antonyms:

praise, compliment, silence

Collocations:

harangue the crowd, harangue students, political harangue



intransigence

/ɪnˈtræŋ.sɪ.dʒəns/

noun

Meaning:

Refusal to change one's views or to agree about something.

Example:

"The negotiations failed due to the intransigence of both parties."

Synonyms:

stubbornness, rigidity, inflexibility, obstinacy

Antonyms:

compromise, flexibility, willingness

Collocations:

political intransigence, stubborn intransigence, show intransigence, display intransigence



morose */mə'rouz/*

adjective

Meaning:

sullen, gloomy, or ill-tempered

Example:

"He became morose after losing his job."

Synonyms:

gloomy, sullen, melancholic, depressed

Antonyms:

cheerful, joyful, optimistic

Collocations:

morose expression, morose mood, morose silence



incorporate

/ɪn'kɔ:pəreɪt/

verb

Meaning:

to include something as part of a whole; to form a legal corporation

Example:

"The teacher incorporated new technology into her lessons."

Synonyms:

integrate, combine, include, merge, embody

Antonyms:

exclude, remove, separate

Collocations:

incorporate into, incorporate ideas, incorporate changes



embellish */ɪm'beɪlɪʃ/*

verb

Meaning:

to make something more attractive by adding decorative details or features

Example:

"She embellished her story with unnecessary details."

Synonyms:

decorate, adorn, beautify, enhance, exaggerate

Antonyms:

simplify, reduce, deface

Collocations:

embellish a story, embellish with, embellish details



refute

/rɪ'fju:t/

verb

Meaning:

To prove a statement, argument, or theory to be false or invalid.

Example:

"The lawyer refuted the witness's testimony with solid evidence."

Synonyms:

disprove, contradict, counter, deny

Antonyms:

prove, confirm, validate

Collocations:

refute claims, refute arguments, refute evidence



obsequious */əb'si:kwiəs/*

adjective

Meaning:

Excessively obedient or attentive in a servile way.

Example:

"The waiter gave an obsequious bow to every customer."

Synonyms:

servile, sycophantic, fawning, submissive

Antonyms:

assertive, independent

Collocations:

obsequious behavior, obsequious smile, obsequious attention



dismiss

/dis'mis/

verb

Meaning:

to remove someone from a job or position; to decide something is not important

Example:

"The manager dismissed the employee for being late too often."

Synonyms:

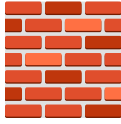
discharge, fire, release, reject, expel

Antonyms:

employ, hire, accept

Collocations:

dismiss the case, dismiss the idea, dismiss an employee, dismiss charges



impermeable */ɪm'pɜːmiəbl/*

adjective

Meaning:

Not allowing fluid or gas to pass through.

Example:

"The container is made of impermeable plastic."

Synonyms:

watertight, impenetrable, sealed, nonporous

Antonyms:

permeable, porous, leaky

Collocations:

impermeable layer, impermeable membrane, impermeable barrier, impermeable wall



sporadic

/spə'ɹædɪk/

adjective

Meaning:

Occurring irregularly or in scattered instances rather than continuously.

Example:

"The region experienced sporadic rain showers throughout the week."

Synonyms:

occasional, irregular, infrequent, scattered, random

Antonyms:

regular, constant, continuous

Collocations:

sporadic violence, sporadic rain, sporadic cases, sporadic attacks



divest

/daɪ'vest/

verb

Meaning:

to strip away possessions, rights, or assets; to rid oneself of

Example:

"The company decided to divest its unprofitable division."

Synonyms:

dispose, strip, rid, relinquish, sell off

Antonyms:

acquire, invest, keep

Collocations:

divest assets, divest interests, divest holdings, divest company



salubrious */sə'lu:.bri.əs/*

adjective

Meaning:

Health-giving; promoting well-being.

Example:

"They decided to move to a more salubrious neighborhood with cleaner air."

Synonyms:

healthy, wholesome, beneficial, hygienic, invigorating

Antonyms:

unhealthy, harmful, insalubrious

Collocations:

salubrious climate, salubrious surroundings, salubrious lifestyle



soporific */,sɒpə'rifɪk/*

adjective

Meaning:

tending to induce drowsiness or sleep; causing sleepiness

Example:

"The professor's lecture was so soporific that half the class fell asleep."

Synonyms:

sleep-inducing, drowsy, hypnotic, sedative, calming

Antonyms:

stimulating, energizing, exciting

Collocations:

soporific effect, soporific lecture, soporific medicine, soporific atmosphere



paucity

/ˈpɔːsɪti/

noun

Meaning:

the presence of something in only small or insufficient quantities

Example:

"The project was delayed due to a paucity of funds."

Synonyms:

scarcity, shortage, lack, dearth, insufficiency

Antonyms:

abundance, plenty, surplus

Collocations:

paucity of evidence, paucity of resources, paucity of funds, general paucity



stint

/stɪnt/

noun

Meaning:

a period of time spent doing a particular job or activity

Example:

"She did a short stint as a teacher before moving abroad."

Synonyms:

term, spell, period, stretch, service

Antonyms:

permanence, continuity

Collocations:

short stint, work stint, stint abroad, stint in service



emulate

/ˈɛm.jʊ.leɪt/

verb

Meaning:

to imitate someone or something with the intent to equal or surpass

Example:

"Young athletes often emulate their idols."

Synonyms:

imitate, copy, mirror, follow, mimic

Antonyms:

differ, contrast, oppose

Collocations:

emulate style, emulate behavior, emulate achievement, emulate model



capricious /kə'prɪʃəs/

adjective

Meaning:

given to sudden and unaccountable changes of mood or behavior

Example:

"The stock market can be capricious, shifting dramatically without warning."

Synonyms:

fickle, whimsical, unpredictable, impulsive, erratic

Antonyms:

steady, consistent, reliable

Collocations:

capricious decision, capricious behavior, capricious nature, capricious weather



viscous

/ˈvɪskəs/

adjective

Meaning:

Having a thick, sticky consistency between solid and liquid.

Example:

"Honey is a viscous liquid that flows slowly."

Synonyms:

sticky, syrupy, thick, gooey

Antonyms:

watery, runny, thin

Collocations:

viscous liquid, viscous flow, viscous substance



gregarious */grɪ'ɡeəriəs/*

adjective

Meaning:

Fond of company; sociable.

Example:

"She is a gregarious person who loves meeting new people."

Synonyms:

sociable, outgoing, friendly, extroverted, convivial

Antonyms:

shy, introverted, antisocial

Collocations:

gregarious personality, gregarious nature, gregarious behavior



discrete

/dɪ'skri:t/

adjective

Meaning:

individually separate and distinct

Example:

"The course is divided into three discrete modules."

Synonyms:

separate, distinct, individual, independent

Antonyms:

connected, continuous, combined

Collocations:

discrete modules, discrete units, discrete variables



precursor */ˈpriːkɜrsər/*

noun

Meaning:

Something or someone that comes before another and indicates the approach of something else.

Example:

"The steam engine was a precursor to modern trains."

Synonyms:

forerunner, predecessor, harbinger, pioneer, antecedent

Antonyms:

successor, follower, outcome

Collocations:

precursor to, precursor of, important precursor



penchant */'pɒʃɔ̃/*

noun

Meaning:

a strong or habitual liking for something or tendency to do something

Example:

"She has a penchant for collecting rare books."

Synonyms:

liking, fondness, preference, inclination, taste

Antonyms:

dislike, aversion, indifference

Collocations:

penchant for, strong penchant, developed a penchant, natural penchant



disjointed

/dɪs'dʒɔɪntɪd/

adjective

Meaning:

Lacking order, coherence, or connection; disconnected.

Example:

"The movie felt disjointed and hard to follow."

Synonyms:

fragmented, incoherent, disconnected, jumbled, chaotic

Antonyms:

coherent, connected, organized

Collocations:

disjointed speech, disjointed narrative, disjointed thoughts



negate */ni'geɪt/*

verb

Meaning:

To cancel out or make ineffective; to deny the truth of something.

Example:

"The new evidence will negate the claims made earlier."

Synonyms:

nullify, invalidate, deny, cancel, counteract

Antonyms:

affirm, confirm, validate

Collocations:

negate the claim, negate the effect, negate the need, negate responsibility



recluse

/rɪ'kluːs/

noun

Meaning:

A person who lives alone and avoids other people; someone who lives a solitary life.

Example:

"The old man lived as a recluse in the mountains."

Synonyms:

hermit, loner, solitary, ascetic, introvert

Antonyms:

socialite, extrovert, companion

Collocations:

live as a recluse, recluse lifestyle, virtual recluse



coagulate

/kou'ægjə,leɪt/

verb

Meaning:

to cause a liquid, especially blood, to change into a solid or semi-solid state

Example:

"The blood quickly coagulated after the cut."

Synonyms:

clot, thicken, curdle, congeal

Antonyms:

dissolve, liquefy, melt

Collocations:

blood coagulates, coagulate milk, quickly coagulate



discredit

/dis'kredit/

verb, noun

Meaning:

To harm the reputation of someone or something; loss of respect or credibility.

Example:

"The scandal discredited the politician in the eyes of the public."

Synonyms:

dishonor, disgrace, defame, undermine, disrepute

Antonyms:

credit, honor, respect

Collocations:

discredit theory, discredit evidence, bring discredit, discredit witness



guileless */'gaɪləs/*

adjective

Meaning:

Innocent and without deceit

Example:

"Her guileless smile won everyone's heart."

Synonyms:

innocent, honest, sincere, naive

Antonyms:

cunning, deceitful, crafty

Collocations:

guileless child, guileless nature, guileless smile



sanction */'sæŋkʃən/*

noun/verb

Meaning:

An official permission or approval; also a penalty imposed to enforce rules.

Example:

"The government imposed sanctions on the company for violating trade laws."

Synonyms:

penalty, punishment, approval, authorization, restriction

Antonyms:

reward, freedom, allowance

Collocations:

impose sanctions, lift sanctions, economic sanctions, trade sanctions



fledgling

/ˈfledʒlɪŋ/

noun/adjective

Meaning:

A young bird just learning to fly; also used for a person or organization that is inexperienced or new.

Example:

"The fledgling company is growing rapidly despite challenges."

Synonyms:

novice, beginner, rookie, apprentice

Antonyms:

expert, veteran

Collocations:

fledgling company, fledgling writer, fledgling industry



laconic */lə'kɒnɪk/*

adjective

Meaning:

using very few words; concise to the point of seeming rude or mysterious

Example:

"His laconic reply ended the conversation quickly."

Synonyms:

brief, concise, terse, succinct

Antonyms:

verbose, wordy, talkative

Collocations:

laconic style, laconic reply, laconic remark



disingenuous */,dɪsɪn'dʒɛnjʊəs/*

adjective

Meaning:

not candid or sincere; giving a false appearance of honesty or openness

Example:

"She gave a disingenuous excuse for missing the meeting."

Synonyms:

insincere, dishonest, deceitful, hypocritical, duplicitous

Antonyms:

sincere, honest, genuine

Collocations:

disingenuous remark, disingenuous excuse, disingenuous behavior



appropriate

/ə'prɒʊpriət/ (adj), /ə'prɒʊpriɪt/ (verb)/

adjective, verb

Meaning:

suitable or proper in the circumstances (adj); to take something for one's own use, often without permission (verb)

Example:

"Wearing formal clothes was appropriate for the ceremony."

Synonyms:

suitable, proper, fitting, apt, seize

Antonyms:

inappropriate, unsuitable

Collocations:

appropriate behavior, appropriate response, appropriate funds, culturally appropriate



refractory */rɪ'fræktəri/*

adjective

Meaning:

Stubborn or resistant to control, authority, or treatment.

Example:

"The refractory child refused to follow the teacher's instructions."

Synonyms:

stubborn, obstinate, unmanageable, disobedient, resistant

Antonyms:

obedient, compliant, submissive

Collocations:

refractory child, refractory case, refractory material, refractory period



opprobrium

/ə'prɒʊ.bri.əm/

noun

Meaning:

Harsh criticism or public disgrace.

Example:

"The scandal brought opprobrium on the politician."

Synonyms:

disgrace, shame, dishonor, condemnation

Antonyms:

honor, praise, respect

Collocations:

public opprobrium, face opprobrium, heap opprobrium



hyperbole */haɪ'pɜːrbəli/*

noun

Meaning:

Exaggerated statements or claims not meant to be taken literally.

Example:

"Saying he could run a thousand miles in a day is pure hyperbole."

Synonyms:

exaggeration, overstatement, amplification, embellishment

Antonyms:

understatement, literalness

Collocations:

pure hyperbole, literary hyperbole, comic hyperbole, use of hyperbole



bombastic /bɒm'bæstɪk/

adjective

Meaning:

using pompous or inflated language with little meaning

Example:

"The professor's bombastic lecture impressed no one."

Synonyms:

pompous, grandiose, pretentious, overblown, inflated

Antonyms:

simple, plain, humble

Collocations:

bombastic speech, bombastic style, bombastic statement



recalcitrant */rɪ'kælsɪtrənt/*

adjective

Meaning:

stubbornly resistant to authority or control

Example:

"The recalcitrant student refused to follow the rules."

Synonyms:

defiant, disobedient, rebellious, obstinate, uncooperative

Antonyms:

obedient, compliant, cooperative

Collocations:

recalcitrant attitude, recalcitrant behavior, recalcitrant student



aver */ə'vɜːr/*

verb

Meaning:

to state or assert something confidently and strongly

Example:

"She averred that she was innocent."

Synonyms:

declare, affirm, assert, claim

Antonyms:

deny, reject, contradict

Collocations:

aver the truth, aver innocence, aver firmly, confidently aver



elicit

/ɪˈlɪt/

verb

Meaning:

To draw out a response, answer, or reaction from someone.

Example:

"The teacher's question elicited thoughtful answers from the students."

Synonyms:

evoke, extract, provoke, obtain, bring out

Antonyms:

suppress, hide, silence

Collocations:

elicit response, elicit information, elicit reaction, elicit support



propriety

/prə'praɪəti/

noun

Meaning:

Conformity to accepted standards of behavior or morality.

Example:

"He always behaved with the utmost propriety in public."

Synonyms:

decorum, correctness, civility, respectability, modesty

Antonyms:

impropriety, indecency, rudeness

Collocations:

sense of propriety, maintain propriety, show propriety, question of propriety



incongruity */,ɪnkən'gru:əti/*

noun

Meaning:

The state of being inconsistent or out of place.

Example:

"The incongruity of his cheerful mood during the funeral shocked everyone."

Synonyms:

inconsistency, discrepancy, mismatch, absurdity

Antonyms:

consistency, harmony, congruity

Collocations:

incongruity of behavior, sense of incongruity, striking incongruity



default

/dɪ'fɔ:lt/

noun, verb

Meaning:

failure to fulfill an obligation, especially to repay a loan

Example:

"The company defaulted on its loan payments."

Synonyms:

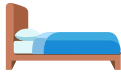
nonpayment, failure, negligence, omission

Antonyms:

payment, fulfillment, compliance

Collocations:

loan default, mortgage default, default settings, default judgment



bolster

/'bɒlstər/

verb

Meaning:

To support, strengthen, or reinforce something.

Example:

"The manager bolstered the team's confidence with encouraging words."

Synonyms:

support, strengthen, boost, reinforce, encourage

Antonyms:

weaken, undermine, discourage

Collocations:

bolster confidence, bolster support, bolster morale, bolster argument



diffuse

/dɪ'fju:z/

verb

Meaning:

to spread over a wide area or among a large number of people

Example:

"The smell of fresh bread diffused through the entire house."

Synonyms:

spread, disperse, scatter, distribute, dissipate

Antonyms:

concentrate, collect, gather

Collocations:

diffuse light, diffuse smell, diffuse gas, diffuse conflict



compendium */kəm'pendiəm/*

noun

Meaning:

A collection of concise but detailed information about a subject.

Example:

"The book is a compendium of ancient myths and legends."

Synonyms:

collection, anthology, digest, summary, compilation

Antonyms:

fragment, portion, extract

Collocations:

compendium of stories, compendium of knowledge, compendium of facts, compendium of laws



secrete */sɪ'kri:t/*

verb

Meaning:

to produce and release a substance from a cell, gland, or organ

Example:

"The pancreas secretes insulin to regulate blood sugar levels."

Synonyms:

emit, release, discharge, excrete, produce

Antonyms:

absorb, retain, hold

Collocations:

secrete hormones, secrete enzymes, secrete fluid, secrete mucus



extrapolation

/ɪkˌstræp.əˈleɪ.ʃən/

noun

Meaning:

The process of estimating or predicting something based on extending known information.

Example:

"The company's financial extrapolation suggests steady growth."

Synonyms:

projection, estimation, inference, prediction, forecast

Antonyms:

certainty, fact

Collocations:

financial extrapolation, data extrapolation, statistical extrapolation, extrapolation method



assiduous

/ə'sɪdʒuəs/

adjective

Meaning:

showing great care, attention, and effort in doing something

Example:

"She was assiduous in her studies, rarely missing a day of revision."

Synonyms:

diligent, attentive, careful, industrious, meticulous

Antonyms:

careless, negligent, lazy

Collocations:

assiduous student, assiduous effort, assiduous attention, assiduous care



implacable */ɪmˈplækəbl/*

adjective

Meaning:

unable to be appeased, calmed, or pacified

Example:

"The soldiers faced an implacable enemy who refused to surrender."

Synonyms:

relentless, unforgiving, merciless, unyielding, stubborn

Antonyms:

forgiving, merciful, kind

Collocations:

implacable enemy, implacable hatred, implacable opposition



precarious */prɪ'keəriəs/*

adjective

Meaning:

not securely held; dangerously unstable or uncertain

Example:

"The climber was in a precarious position on the edge of the cliff."

Synonyms:

uncertain, insecure, unstable, shaky, risky

Antonyms:

stable, secure, safe

Collocations:

precarious balance, precarious position, precarious condition, precarious situation



iconoclastic */,aɪ.kə.nə'klæs.tɪk/*

adjective

Meaning:

Characterized by attacking or rejecting cherished beliefs, traditions, or established values.

Example:

"Her iconoclastic views challenged the conventional wisdom of the industry."

Synonyms:

rebellious, radical, unorthodox, revolutionary, unconventional

Antonyms:

conformist, traditional, conservative

Collocations:

iconoclastic thinker, iconoclastic approach, iconoclastic artist



commensurate

/kə'mɛnfərət/

adjective

Meaning:

corresponding in size, degree, or extent; proportionate

Example:

"Salary will be commensurate with experience."

Synonyms:

proportionate, corresponding, equal, comparable, adequate

Antonyms:

disproportionate, unequal, inappropriate

Collocations:

commensurate with, commensurate salary, commensurate benefits, commensurate reward



lassitude */ˈlæsɪtjuːd/*

noun

Meaning:

a state of physical or mental weariness; lack of energy

Example:

"After the long hike, a feeling of lassitude swept over the group."

Synonyms:

fatigue, exhaustion, tiredness, lethargy, weariness

Antonyms:

energy, vigor, vitality

Collocations:

feeling of lassitude, overcome by lassitude, lassitude of spirit



attenuate */ə'tɛnjuɛɪt/*

verb

Meaning:

To reduce the force, effect, or value of something.

Example:

"The medicine helps attenuate the severity of the symptoms."

Synonyms:

weaken, lessen, diminish, dilute, reduce

Antonyms:

strengthen, intensify

Collocations:

attenuate risk, attenuate effect, attenuate symptoms



insipid

/ɪnˈsɪpɪd/

adjective

Meaning:

lacking flavor, interest, or excitement; dull

Example:

"The soup was insipid and needed more seasoning."

Synonyms:

bland, tasteless, dull, boring, flat

Antonyms:

flavorful, exciting, lively

Collocations:

insipid taste, insipid conversation, insipid food, insipid performance



warranted */ˈwɒrəntɪd/*

adjective/verb

Meaning:

Justified or authorized under the circumstances.

Example:

"Her anger was warranted after the unfair treatment."

Synonyms:

justified, authorized, reasonable, valid

Antonyms:

unjustified, unwarranted, invalid

Collocations:

warranted action, fully warranted, warranted response, legally warranted



recondite

/'rɛkən,dɑɪt/ or /'rɛkəndaɪt/

adjective

Meaning:

Little known or difficult to understand.

Example:

"The professor's lecture was full of recondite theories."

Synonyms:

obscure, abstruse, complex, esoteric

Antonyms:

simple, obvious, clear

Collocations:

recondite knowledge, recondite subject, recondite theory



artless

/ˈɑːrtləs/

adjective

Meaning:

Without deception or pretentiousness; natural and simple.

Example:

"Her artless smile made everyone feel at ease."

Synonyms:

innocent, naive, guileless, sincere, genuine

Antonyms:

deceitful, cunning, pretentious

Collocations:

artless charm, artless behavior, artless simplicity



futile

/'fju:.taɪl/

adjective

Meaning:

Incapable of producing any useful result; pointless.

Example:

"All their efforts to save the old tree were futile."

Synonyms:

pointless, useless, ineffective, vain, fruitless

Antonyms:

effective, useful, successful

Collocations:

futile attempt, futile effort, futile hope, seem futile



dissolution

/,dɪsə'lu:ʃən/

noun

Meaning:

the act of formally ending or breaking apart something, such as an organization or marriage

Example:

"The dissolution of the company was announced yesterday."

Synonyms:

termination, disbanding, breakup, collapse

Antonyms:

formation, union, establishment

Collocations:

dissolution of marriage, dissolution of parliament, dissolution process



specious */'spi:ʃəs/*

adjective

Meaning:

Superficially plausible but actually false; misleading in appearance.

Example:

"The politician's argument was specious, sounding convincing but lacking real evidence."

Synonyms:

misleading, deceptive, false, fallacious, illusory

Antonyms:

genuine, real, true

Collocations:

specious argument, specious reasoning, specious claim



repudiate */rɪ'pju:.di.eɪt/*

verb

Meaning:

to refuse to accept, recognize, or support something

Example:

"He repudiated the claim that he was involved in the scandal."

Synonyms:

reject, deny, renounce, disown, disclaim

Antonyms:

accept, acknowledge, admit

Collocations:

repudiate a claim, repudiate allegations, repudiate violence, repudiate responsibility



invective

/ɪn'vektɪv/

noun

Meaning:

Insulting, abusive, or highly critical language.

Example:

"The politician's speech was filled with invective against his opponents."

Synonyms:

abuse, insult, vituperation, slander, censure

Antonyms:

praise, compliment, flattery

Collocations:

harsh invective, political invective, stream of invective



mundane */mʌn'deɪn/*

adjective

Meaning:

lacking interest or excitement; dull and ordinary

Example:

"She tried to escape her mundane routine by traveling."

Synonyms:

ordinary, dull, boring, routine, monotonous

Antonyms:

exciting, extraordinary, unusual

Collocations:

mundane details, mundane routine, mundane life, mundane task



platitude

/ˈplætɪtjuːd/

noun

Meaning:

a remark or statement that is overused and unoriginal

Example:

"He kept repeating the same platitudes during the speech."

Synonyms:

cliché, truism, banality, commonplace

Antonyms:

originality, novelty

Collocations:

political platitude, moral platitude, repeated platitude



engender */ɪn'dʒɛndər/*

verb

Meaning:

to cause or give rise to a feeling, situation, or condition

Example:

"His policies engendered trust among the citizens."

Synonyms:

cause, generate, produce, provoke, trigger

Antonyms:

destroy, suppress, extinguish

Collocations:

engender trust, engender hope, engender feelings, engender debate



impede

/ɪm'pi:d/

verb

Meaning:

to slow down, block, or hinder progress or movement

Example:

"Heavy traffic impeded our progress to the airport."

Synonyms:

hinder, obstruct, block, delay, hamper

Antonyms:

advance, facilitate, promote

Collocations:

impede progress, impede growth, impede development, impede movement



approbation */,æprə'beɪʃən/*

noun

Meaning:

approval or praise

Example:

"The plan won the approbation of the board members."

Synonyms:

approval, praise, endorsement, admiration, recognition

Antonyms:

disapproval, criticism, rejection

Collocations:

gain approbation, win approbation, public approbation, official approbation



anarchy

/ˈænərki/

noun

Meaning:

a state of disorder due to the absence or failure of government or authority

Example:

"The collapse of the regime led to anarchy in the streets."

Synonyms:

chaos, disorder, lawlessness, turmoil

Antonyms:

order, stability, control

Collocations:

political anarchy, total anarchy, social anarchy



indeterminate

/,ɪndɪ'tɜːrmənət/

adjective

Meaning:

Not exactly known, defined, or established; vague or uncertain.

Example:

"The project was delayed for an indeterminate amount of time."

Synonyms:

uncertain, indefinite, vague, ambiguous, unclear

Antonyms:

definite, clear, certain

Collocations:

indeterminate period, indeterminate result, indeterminate number, indeterminate form



caustic

/ˈkɔːstɪk/

adjective

Meaning:

able to burn or corrode by chemical action; severely sarcastic

Example:

"Her caustic remarks hurt his feelings."

Synonyms:

corrosive, biting, sarcastic, scathing, harsh

Antonyms:

gentle, mild, kind

Collocations:

caustic remark, caustic substance, caustic humor, caustic comment



permeable */ˈpɜːrmiəbəl/*

adjective

Meaning:

allowing liquids or gases to pass through

Example:

"The soil in this area is very permeable to water."

Synonyms:

porous, absorbent, penetrable, leaky

Antonyms:

impermeable, watertight, sealed

Collocations:

permeable soil, permeable membrane, highly permeable, permeable surface



dormant

/ˈdɔːrmənt/

adjective

Meaning:

Inactive or in a state of rest; temporarily not active or growing.

Example:

"The volcano has been dormant for centuries."

Synonyms:

inactive, sleeping, latent, resting, inert

Antonyms:

active, awake, lively

Collocations:

dormant stage, dormant seed, lie dormant, dormant volcano



laud

/lɔːd/

verb

Meaning:

To praise someone or something highly, especially in public.

Example:

"The critic lauded the actor's performance as a masterpiece."

Synonyms:

praise, extol, applaud, commend, admire

Antonyms:

criticize, condemn

Collocations:

laud efforts, laud achievements, critics lauded



abeyance */ə'beɪəns/*

noun

Meaning:

a state of temporary suspension or inactivity

Example:

"The project was held in abeyance until funds became available."

Synonyms:

suspension, postponement, delay, dormancy

Antonyms:

continuation, activity

Collocations:

held in abeyance, remain in abeyance, put in abeyance



impair

/ɪmˈpeər/

verb

Meaning:

to weaken or damage something, especially a function or ability

Example:

"Smoking can impair your lung capacity."

Synonyms:

damage, weaken, harm, reduce, diminish

Antonyms:

improve, strengthen, enhance

Collocations:

impair health, impair vision, impair function, severely impair



precipitate

/pri'sɪpɪteɪt/

verb/noun/adjective

Meaning:

As a verb: to cause an event or situation, often suddenly or prematurely; as a noun: a solid formed in a chemical solution; as an adjective: done hastily.

Example:

"The government's decision to raise taxes precipitated widespread protests."

Synonyms:

trigger, provoke, accelerate, hasten, instigate

Antonyms:

delay, hinder, prevent

Collocations:

precipitate crisis, precipitate action, precipitate reaction



autonomous */ɔ:'tɒnəməs/*

adjective

Meaning:

Having the freedom to govern or control oneself; independent.

Example:

"The region is largely autonomous and makes its own decisions."

Synonyms:

independent, self-governing, self-sufficient, sovereign

Antonyms:

dependent, controlled, subordinate

Collocations:

autonomous region, autonomous system, autonomous vehicle, autonomous decision



diffidence */'dɪfɪdəns/*

noun

Meaning:

Lack of self-confidence; shyness or modesty.

Example:

"Her diffidence made it hard for her to speak in public."

Synonyms:

shyness, timidity, insecurity, reserve, modesty

Antonyms:

confidence, boldness, assertiveness

Collocations:

show diffidence, act with diffidence, natural diffidence



document

/'dɒkjʊmənt/

noun/verb

Meaning:

Noun: A written, printed, or electronic record that provides information or evidence. Verb: To record information in written or electronic form.

Example:

"She carefully documented all the expenses of the trip."

Synonyms:

record, file, paper, certificate, report

Antonyms:

oral statement, rumor

Collocations:

legal document, official document, document file, document evidence



veracious */və'reɪʃəs/*

adjective

Meaning:

Truthful, honest; habitually speaking the truth.

Example:

"She gave a veracious account of what happened that day."

Synonyms:

truthful, honest, accurate, genuine, sincere

Antonyms:

false, dishonest, lying

Collocations:

veracious account, veracious witness, veracious statement



perfidious */pər'fɪdiəs/*

adjective

Meaning:

deceitful and untrustworthy

Example:

"The spy was executed for his perfidious actions."

Synonyms:

treacherous, deceitful, disloyal, unfaithful, duplicitous

Antonyms:

loyal, faithful, trustworthy

Collocations:

perfidious act, perfidious betrayal, perfidious nature



impassive */ɪm'pæsiʋ/*

adjective

Meaning:

Not showing or feeling emotion; expressionless.

Example:

"Despite the shocking news, she remained impassive."

Synonyms:

expressionless, unemotional, calm, stoic, detached

Antonyms:

emotional, expressive, passionate

Collocations:

impassive face, impassive expression, impassive demeanor



reproach */rɪ'prəʊtʃ/*

noun/verb

Meaning:

An expression of disapproval or disappointment; to criticize someone for doing wrong.

Example:

"She reproached him for arriving late to the meeting."

Synonyms:

blame, scold, rebuke, criticism, censure

Antonyms:

praise, approval, commendation

Collocations:

face reproach, beyond reproach, bitter reproach, severe reproach



dupe

/dju:p/

verb

Meaning:

To deceive or trick someone into believing or doing something.

Example:

"He was duped into buying a fake watch."

Synonyms:

deceive, trick, fool, cheat, mislead

Antonyms:

enlighten, guide, inform

Collocations:

dupe someone, duped into, easy dupe, unsuspecting dupe



analogous */ə'næləgəs/*

adjective

Meaning:

Comparable in certain respects, typically in a way that makes clearer the nature of the things compared.

Example:

"The human brain is analogous to a computer in processing information."

Synonyms:

similar, comparable, alike, equivalent

Antonyms:

different, dissimilar, unrelated

Collocations:

analogous situation, analogous example, analogous structure



Dogmatic */dɒg'mætɪk/*

adjective

Meaning:

opinionated; rigid in beliefs; inclined to lay down principles as incontrovertibly true

Example:

"He has very dogmatic views about politics."

Synonyms:

opinionated, doctrinaire, rigid, inflexible, authoritarian

Antonyms:

flexible, open-minded, tolerant, receptive

Collocations:

dogmatic approach, dogmatic belief, dogmatic person



mollify

/ˈmɒlɪfaɪ/

verb

Meaning:

To calm or soothe someone's anger or anxiety.

Example:

"The manager tried to mollify the angry customers with discounts."

Synonyms:

appease, soothe, pacify, calm

Antonyms:

provoke, irritate, anger

Collocations:

mollify anger, mollify concerns, mollify customers, mollify critics



contrite

/kən'traɪt/

adjective

Meaning:

feeling or showing remorse or guilt

Example:

"She was contrite after realizing her mistake."

Synonyms:

remorseful, repentant, sorry, penitent, regretful

Antonyms:

unrepentant, unapologetic

Collocations:

look contrite, feel contrite, genuinely contrite, appear contrite



complaisant */kəm'pleizənt/*

adjective

Meaning:

willing to please others or to accept what they do or say without protest

Example:

"He was too complaisant to refuse their demands."

Synonyms:

obliging, accommodating, agreeable, cooperative

Antonyms:

resistant, unyielding

Collocations:

complaisant nature, too complaisant, become complaisant



spectrum /'spektrəm/

noun

Meaning:

A range of different things, often related to colors, ideas, or classifications.

Example:

"The festival attracted people from across the political spectrum."

Synonyms:

range, scope, span, variety, gamut

Antonyms:

limit, restriction, boundary

Collocations:

political spectrum, full spectrum, broad spectrum, across the spectrum



digression

/daɪ'grɛʃən/

noun

Meaning:

A temporary departure from the main subject in speech or writing.

Example:

"Her story was full of interesting digressions."

Synonyms:

deviation, detour, aside, tangent

Antonyms:

focus, concentration

Collocations:

a minor digression, lengthy digression, frequent digressions



dichotomy */dar'kɒtəmi/*

noun

Meaning:

A division or contrast between two things that are completely different.

Example:

"There is a clear dichotomy between good and evil."

Synonyms:

division, contrast, split, dualism

Antonyms:

unity, harmony

Collocations:

false dichotomy, moral dichotomy, sharp dichotomy



craven /'kreɪvən/

adjective

Meaning:

cowardly; lacking courage

Example:

"He was too craven to stand up for his beliefs."

Synonyms:

cowardly, fearful, timid, pusillanimous

Antonyms:

brave, courageous, bold

Collocations:

craven fear, craven act, craven behavior



eclectic

/ɪˈklektɪk/

adjective

Meaning:

Selecting or deriving ideas, styles, or tastes from a broad and diverse range of sources.

Example:

"Her taste in music is eclectic, ranging from classical to hip-hop."

Synonyms:

diverse, varied, broad, wide-ranging, assorted

Antonyms:

narrow, limited, exclusive

Collocations:

eclectic style, eclectic approach, eclectic taste, eclectic mix



abstemious /æb'sti:miəs/

adjective

Meaning:

not self-indulgent, especially when eating and drinking; moderate or sparing in consumption

Example:

"She lived an abstemious lifestyle, avoiding excesses of all kinds."

Synonyms:

temperate, moderate, restrained, austere, ascetic

Antonyms:

indulgent, gluttonous, excessive

Collocations:

abstemious lifestyle, abstemious habits, abstemious diet, abstemious person



distill

/dɪ'stɪl/

verb

Meaning:

To purify a liquid by heating and cooling; to extract the essential meaning or most important aspects.

Example:

"The factory distills water to make it safe for drinking."

Synonyms:

purify, refine, extract, filter, condense

Antonyms:

contaminate, pollute

Collocations:

distill water, distill alcohol, distill meaning, distill information



grandiloquent

/græn'dɪləkwənt/

adjective

Meaning:

Using lofty, pompous, or extravagant language to impress others.

Example:

"The politician's grandiloquent speech failed to connect with ordinary people."

Synonyms:

pompous, pretentious, bombastic, inflated, rhetorical

Antonyms:

simple, plain, modest

Collocations:

grandiloquent speech, grandiloquent style, grandiloquent manner



dirge

/dɜːrdʒ/

noun

Meaning:

A mournful song, piece of music, or poem expressing grief, often for the dead.

Example:

"The choir sang a solemn dirge at the funeral."

Synonyms:

lament, elegy, requiem, threnody, funeral song

Antonyms:

anthem, carol, celebration

Collocations:

funeral dirge, mournful dirge, solemn dirge



inherent

/ɪnˈherənt/

adjective

Meaning:

Existing in something as a natural, permanent, or essential quality.

Example:

"There are inherent risks in extreme sports."

Synonyms:

intrinsic, innate, built-in, essential, natural

Antonyms:

extrinsic, external, acquired

Collocations:

inherent risks, inherent qualities, inherent value



pungent

/ˈpʌŋdʒənt/

adjective

Meaning:

Having a sharply strong taste or smell.

Example:

"The pungent aroma of spices made the dish irresistible."

Synonyms:

sharp, acrid, biting, spicy, strong

Antonyms:

bland, mild, weak

Collocations:

pungent smell, pungent taste, pungent smoke, pungent remark



prevaricate /pri'værikeit/

verb

Meaning:

to avoid telling the truth by not giving a direct answer

Example:

"The politician began to prevaricate when asked about the scandal."

Synonyms:

equivocate, evade, mislead, hedge, waffle

Antonyms:

confront, clarify, admit

Collocations:

tend to prevaricate, prevaricate deliberately, prevaricate under pressure



endemic

/ɛn'dɛmɪk/

adjective

Meaning:

Regularly found among particular people or in a certain area.

Example:

"Malaria is endemic in some tropical countries."

Synonyms:

native, local, regional, widespread

Antonyms:

foreign, rare

Collocations:

endemic disease, endemic species, endemic problem



Piety

/'paɪ.ə.ti/

noun

Meaning:

the quality of being religious or reverent; devout religious belief and practice

Example:

"His piety was evident in his daily prayers."

Synonyms:

devotion, religiousness, godliness, spirituality

Antonyms:

impiety, irreligion, godlessness, blasphemy

Collocations:

religious piety, filial piety, show piety



mendacious */mɛn'deɪʃəs/*

adjective

Meaning:

not telling the truth; lying

Example:

"The politician was known for his mendacious statements."

Synonyms:

dishonest, deceitful, lying, untruthful

Antonyms:

honest, truthful, sincere

Collocations:

mendacious statement, mendacious propaganda, mendacious report



rarefied

/ˈreə.ri.faɪd/

adjective

Meaning:

Of high moral, intellectual, or cultural value; distant from ordinary life.

Example:

"He works in the rarefied world of classical music."

Synonyms:

exclusive, elevated, refined, exalted, sophisticated

Antonyms:

ordinary, common, mundane

Collocations:

rarefied atmosphere, rarefied world, rarefied air



exacerbate */ɪg'zæsə,beɪt/*

verb

Meaning:

to make a problem, situation, or feeling worse

Example:

"His rude remarks only served to exacerbate the tension."

Synonyms:

aggravate, worsen, intensify, heighten, inflame

Antonyms:

alleviate, relieve, improve

Collocations:

exacerbate conflict, exacerbate the problem, exacerbate symptoms, exacerbate tension



boorish

/'bʊəriʃ/

adjective

Meaning:

Rude, insensitive, and lacking manners or refinement.

Example:

"His boorish behavior ruined the dinner party."

Synonyms:

rude, uncouth, vulgar, ill-mannered, coarse

Antonyms:

polite, refined, courteous

Collocations:

boorish behavior, boorish manners, act boorish



effrontery */ɪ'frʌntəri/*

noun

Meaning:

shameless or rude boldness

Example:

"He had the effrontery to lie even when caught red-handed."

Synonyms:

audacity, boldness, impudence, nerve, insolence

Antonyms:

modesty, humility, shyness

Collocations:

sheer effrontery, display effrontery, act of effrontery



supersede */,su:pər'si:d/*

verb

Meaning:

To replace or take the place of something because it is more modern or effective.

Example:

"This new law will supersede the old regulations."

Synonyms:

replace, override, overrule, succeed, displace

Antonyms:

retain, continue, maintain

Collocations:

supersede the law, supersede regulations, supersede authority, supersede role



amalgamate

/ə'mælgəmeɪt/

verb

Meaning:

to combine or unite to form one organization or structure; to merge

Example:

"The two companies decided to amalgamate their operations."

Synonyms:

merge, combine, unite, blend

Antonyms:

separate, divide, split, isolate

Collocations:

amalgamate companies, amalgamate operations, successfully amalgamate, amalgamate resources, amalgamate efforts



obviate

/ˈɑːbviət/

verb

Meaning:

To remove a need or difficulty; to prevent or avoid something.

Example:

"This new system obviates the need for manual data entry."

Synonyms:

prevent, avoid, eliminate, preclude, remove

Antonyms:

allow, permit, require

Collocations:

obviate the need, obviate problems, obviate difficulties



mitigate */'mitɪ,geɪt/*

verb

Meaning:

to make less severe, serious, or painful

Example:

"The new policies aim to mitigate the effects of climate change."

Synonyms:

alleviate, reduce, ease, lessen, soften

Antonyms:

exacerbate, worsen, intensify

Collocations:

mitigate risk, mitigate effects, mitigate harm, mitigate damage



tangential

/tæn'dʒɛnʃəl/

adjective

Meaning:

relating to or along a tangent; slightly or indirectly related to something

Example:

"His remarks were tangential to the main topic of discussion."

Synonyms:

indirect, irrelevant, peripheral, secondary

Antonyms:

relevant, direct

Collocations:

tangential remarks, tangential connection, tangential issue



truculence */'trʌk.jʊ.ləns/*

noun

Meaning:

Aggressiveness or eagerness to fight.

Example:

"His speech was full of truculence and threats."

Synonyms:

hostility, aggression, belligerence, combativeness

Antonyms:

gentleness, peace, friendliness

Collocations:

display truculence, full of truculence, truculence in behavior



ambivalence */æm'bi:vələns/*

noun

Meaning:

The state of having mixed feelings or contradictory ideas about something.

Example:

"He felt ambivalence about moving to a new city."

Synonyms:

uncertainty, indecision, doubt, hesitation

Antonyms:

certainty, decisiveness, clarity

Collocations:

feel ambivalence, emotional ambivalence, deep ambivalence