

WORDS FOR SUCKING USELF

Discord: lack of agreement or harmony, disagreement

Undue: un-due, not yet due, beyond the normal limits, lacking justification or authorization

Concede: admit, agree

Otherwise XX would be far away from xxx

Otherwise we learn far more from xxx than from xxx

Oppose: against

Under some circumstances

Counterproductive

Impede: blocking passage through

Aside from two previous

Abase – to humiliate, degrade, to make feel shame

Abash – to bewilder, confound, cause to be embarrassed

Abate – to remove, lessen, to make less active or intense

Abdicate - to forsake, give up

Aberration – deviation, irregularity, abnormality

Abeyance – inactivity,

Abhor – to detest, hate

Abject – degraded, miserable

Abjure – to recant, revoke, formally reject or disavow a formerly held belief.

Abnegate – to deny, denounce

Abominate – to dislike

Abort – to be unsuccessful, fail to develop

Abrade – to scrape out, wear away, rub or scrub

Abrogate – to abolish, revoke formally

Abscond – to bolt, decamp, flee

Absolve – to pardon

Abstemious – eating or drinking sparingly(avoiding waste)

Abstract – summary (区分 distract)

Abstruse – profound, hidden, hard to understand

Accede - to consent

Accessory – accomplice

Acclivity – incline rising slope

Accolade – honor, award

Accord – to grant, allow

Accost – to greet aggressively

Accretion – adhesion, concretion

Accrue – to accumulate

Acerbity – sharpness, bitterness

Acme – summit, peak, the highest level attainable

Acolyte – attendant, helper,

Acrimonious – sharp, acrid, marked by strong resentment or cynicism

Actuate – to put into action, put into motion or move to act

Adamant – immovable

Adduce – to give as proof

Adjudicate – to decide (a case)

Adjunct – auxiliary, appendage

Adjure – to state on oath

Admonish – to caution, warn

Adroit – skillful, clever

Adulation – flattery

Adulterate – to corrupt, contaminate

Advent – coming

Adventitious – accidental

Advocate – counsel, defender

Aegis – protection

Aesthetic – pertaining to beauty

Affability – politeness, courtesy

Affinity – relation, alliance

Affluence – wealth

Aggrandize – to increase in power

Agnostic – one who doubts the existence of God

Agrarian – relating to farming

Alacrity – willingness, agility

Albeit – although

Alchemy – chemistry of the middle ages

Alimentary – supplying food

Allay – to soothe, calm

Allegory – parable, fable

Allocate – to distribute

Allude – to insinuate, refer

Altercation – quarrel

Alternation - recurrence, succession

Altruism – unselfish devotion

Amalgamate – to combine, unite

Ambidextrous – using both hands equally well

Ameliorate - to amend, improve

Amenable – responsible, liable

Amenity – pleasantness

Amiable – pleasing, loving

Amorphous – shapeless

Anachronism – something misplaced in time

Analogy – similarity, affinity

Anarchy – absence of government

Anathema – ban, curse

Anchorite – hermit

Ancillary – subordinate

Anecdote – tale, story

Animate – to inspire, encourage

Animosity – enmity, hatred

Annals – historical accounts

Anneal – to heat glass, metal, etc.

Annotator – commentator

Anomaly – abnormality, deviation

Antagonist – opponent

Antecede – to come before (in time or place)

Antedate – to assign a date earlier than the actual one

Anterior - front

Antimacassar – cover used to protect furniture

Antipathy – aversion, dislike

Antithesis – contrast, direct opposite

Aperture – opening

Apex – highest point

Aphorism – saying, adage

Apiary – place where bees are kept

Aplomb – self-confidence

Apocryphal – of questionable authenticity

Apogee – farthest orbit point from the earth

Apoplexy – sudden loss of consciousness

Apostasy – abandoning of faith

Apothecary – druggist

Apothegm – short, pithy statement

Appall – to terrify, shock

Appellation – name, title

Apposite – suitable, appropriate

Apprise – to inform

Approbation – approval, consent

Arbiter – arbitrator, judge

Archaic – no longer used

Archipelago – chain of island

Archives – place where records are kept

Arduous – difficult

Argot – slang

Array – rank, order, finery

Arrears – in debt

Articulate – to speak or write clearly

Artifice – mastery, trickery

Asperity – acrimony, harshness
Aspersions – slander, false accusation
Assay – to analyze chemically
Asseverate – to state positively
Assiduity – care, diligence
Assimilate – to absorb
Assuage – to pacify, calm
Astral – starry
Astringent – contracting (tissues), severe
Astute – shrewd
Atheist – one who denies the existence of God
Atrophy – to waste away, deteriorate
Attenuate – to weaken
Attrition – a wearing away, weakening
Audacious – bold
Augment – to increase
Augur – to predict
August – majestic, noble
Auspice – protection
Auspicious – fortunate, favorable
Austere – rigid, severe
Authoritative – powerful, commanding
Autocratic – arrogant, dictatorial
Autonomy – self-government
Auxiliary – assistant, helping
Avarice – greed, cupidity

Aver – assert

Averse – unwilling

Aviary – place where birds are kept

Avidity – eagerness

Avoirdupois – weight

Avow – declare

Awry – crooked, bent

Axiomatic – principle accepted as self-evident

Badger – to harass, nag

Badinage – banter

Baleful – harmful, evil

Balm – something that soothes

Banal – meaningless, commonplace

Bandy – to exchange (word)

Band – cause of harm

Barrister – court lawyer

Bedizen – to dress in a gaudy, vulgar manner

Beguile – to deceive

Belabor – to attack verbally, drag out

Bellicose – warlike

Beneficent – liberal, kind

Benign – gentle, mild

Berate – to scold

Bereft – bereaved, deprived of

Bestial – savage

Bestride – to mount

Bicameral – having two legislative chambers

Biennial - every two years

Bilious – bad-tempered

Biped – two-footed animal

Bivouac – encampment

Bland – mild

Blasé – indifferent

Blasphemy – profane abuse of anything sacred

Blatant – noisy, vociferous

Blazon – to adorn, proclaim

Bluster – to swagger, boast

Bogus – counterfeit

Boisterous – violent, furious

Bombast – pompous speech

Botch – to ruin

Bounty – generosity

Bourgeois – middle class

Bovine – ox or cow

Brandish – to wave menacingly

Bravado – pretense of bravery

Breech – lower part of the body

Brigand – robber, bandit

Broach – to start a discussion

Browbeat – to intimidate

Brusque – abrupt in manner

Bucolic – rustic

Buffoon – clown

Buoyancy – lightness, animation

Bureaucracy – government of specialized functions and hierarchy of officials

Burgeon – bud, sprout

Burnish – to polish

Butte – hill

Buttress – prop, protuberance

Cabal – intrigue, faction

Cache – hiding place

Cacophony – harsh sound

Cadence – measured movement

Cajole – to coax, flatter

Caldron – kettle

Calligraphy – penmanship

Callous – hard, obdurate

Callow – unfledged

Calumny – slander, defamation

Canard – hoax

Canker – ulcer

Cant – tilt, whining speech

Cantilever – supporting bracket

Canvass – to make a survey, solicit

Capacious – roomy, ample

Caper – frolic, mischievous act

Capitulate – to surrender
Caprice – whim, fancy
Captious – touchy, cross
Captive – to charm, fascinate
Carnage – slaughter, massacre
Carnivorous – flesh-eating
Carom – rebound
Carp – to complain constantly
Carrion – decaying flesh
Castigate – to punish
Casuistry – false reasoning
Cataclysm – violent change or upheaval
Catalyst – agent of change
Cathartic – purifying
Catholic – universal
Caustic – sarcastic, corrosive
Cavil – to quibble
Celerity – rapidity, velocity
Censorious – fault-finding
Censure – to criticize sharply
Centrifugal – moving away from center
Cephalic – of the head
Cerebration – thought process
Chafe – fret, irritate
Chaff – worthless material
Chagrin – embarrassment

Charlatan – faker

Charnel – place where corpses are deposited

Chary – discreetly cautious

Chastise – to castigate, correct

Chattel – slave

Chauvinism – fanatical patriotism

Chicanery – deception

Chimerical – imaginary

Choleric – irascible, easily angered

Chronic – always present

Churlish – ill-bred

Circuitous – roundabout, tortuous

Circumlocution – evasion in speech

Circumspect – watchful, cautious

Circumvent – to avoid

Citadel – fortress

Civility – politeness, affability

Clairvoyant – able to perceive something not readily apparent

Clandestine – secret, hidden

Cloy – to overindulge with an initially pleasing thing

Coagulate – to thicken, clot

Coalesce – to unite, join forces

Coda – ending section distinct from the main body of a work

Coerce – to force

Cogent – forcible, convincing

Cogitate – to think seriously

Cognate – related

Cognizant – aware

Cohesion – a sticking together

Collate to put together in proper order

Colligate – to group together

Collocate – to arrange in position

Colloquy – conversation, dialogue

Collusion – secret agreement to defraud

Colophon – inscription in a book

Colorable – plausible, ostensible

Comestible – edible

Commensurate - proportionate

Commodious – spacious

Commute – alter, exchange

Compatible – consistent

Compendious – spacious

Compendium – abridgment, abstract

Compunction – uneasiness, remorse

Conclave – secret meeting

Concomitant – accompanying

Concupiscence – strong desire

Condign – appropriate

Condone – to overlook as unimportant

Conduce – to lead toward a desired end

Configuration – shape, arrangement

Confiscatory – seized by authority

Conflagration – destructive fire

Confute – to disprove, refute

Congeval – to change to a solid state

Congenital – existing from birth

Congruous – appropriate, in agreement

Coniferous – cone-bearing

Conjecture – guess, conclusion

Conjure – to summon solemnly

Connive – cooperate secretly

Connoisseur – expert, critic

Connote – suggest, imply

Conscript – to force into service, draft

Consecrate – to sanctify, dedicate

Consonance – harmony

Consort – associate, companion

Constellation – group of stars

Consternation – sudden confusion, panic

Constituency – voters in a district

Constrain – to restrict movement, limit

Constrict – to shrink

Consummate – to complete

Contemn – to despise, scorn

Contemptuous – scornful, insolent

Contentious – argumentative

Contiguous – adjacent, touching

Contingency – casualty, occurrence

Contravene – to contradict
Contrition – remorse, repentance
Contrivance – plan, scheme
Controvert – to debate, dispute
Contumely – rudeness
Contusion - bruise
Conundrum – riddle
Conversant – familiar with
Convivial – joyous, festal
Convoke – to assemble
Convulse – to shake violently, agitate
Copious – abundant
Corollary – inference, result
Corona – crown, luminous circle
Corporeal – pertaining to the body
Corpulent – fat, stout
Correlate – to be in mutual relation
Corrigible – amenable, tractable
Corroborate – to strengthen, confirm
Coterie – group
Countenance – facial expression, composure
Countermand – to cancel with a contrary order
Covenant – contract
Covert – clandestine, secret
Covet – to desire, aspire to
Cower – to cringe in fear

Cozen – to trick
Crag – steep projecting rock
Crass – grossly stupid
Credence – belief, faith
Credible – believable
Credulity – simplicity, gullibility
Crimp – to bend into shape, pinch together
Cruciate – cross-shaped
Crux – vital point
Cryptic – mysterious
Cudgel – club
Culmination – highest point, climax
Culpable – deserving blame
Cumbrous – unwieldy
Cupidity – avarice, greed
Curry – to seek favor by flattery
Cursory – hasty, superficial
Cynical – sarcastic, sneering
Cynosure – center of attraction

Dalliance – dawdling
Dank – chilly and wet
Dastard – coward
Dauntless – valiant, intrepid
Dearth – scarcity
Debacle – complete failure, fiasco

Debase – to degrade, lower

Debauch – to corrupt

Debility – weakness

Debonair – affable, jaunty

Decamp – to break camp, depart suddenly

Decant – to pour

Deciduous – shedding (leaves) annually

Declaim – speak, debate

Declaration – announcement

Declivity – descent, slope

Decorous – proper in good taste

Decrepit – run-down, worn-out

Decry – to censure

Deference – honor, respect

Definitive – explicit, conclusive

Defunct – no longer existing

Deign – to condescend

Deleterious – harmful

Delineate – to describe

Demean – to behave properly

Denigrate – to describe

Demean – to behave properly

Denigrate – to define, belittle

Denizen – inhabitant

Denote – to stand for, mean

Denude – to strip, divest

Deposition – removal (from office), testimony

Depraved – sinful

Deprecate – to disapprove of

Depreciate – to lessen the value of

Depute – to appoint, entrust

Derogatory – disparaging

Descry – to discover, make known

Desecrate – to profane, abuse

Desiccate – to dry up

Desist – to cease, stop

Despicable – contemptible

Desultory – loose, rambling

Deterrent – constraint, preventative

Detritus – product of disintegration

Devious – rambling, errant, tricky

Diametric – opposite

Diaphanous – extremely delicate, insubstantial

Dichotomy – division into two parts

Dictum – positive statement

Didactic – instructive

Diffident – lacking confidence, reserved

Diffuse – to spread without restraint

Dilate – to stretch, widen

Dilatory – tardy, lagging

Dilettante – one who dabbles superficially

Diligent – industrious, assiduous

Diluvial – pertaining to floods

Discern – to observe, perceive

Discompose – to upset the order of

Disconcert – to confound, disturb

Disconsolate – sad, forlorn

Discord – disagreement

Discountenance – disapproval

Discursive – rambling

Disdain – to scorn

Disingenuous – without candor

Disparage – to belittle

Disparate – distinct in quality

Disputation – debate

Disseminate – to spread widely

Dissident – disagreeing

Dissimulate – to put on a false appearance

Dissipate – to scatter or use wastefully

Dissolute – morally loose

Dissonant – lacking harmony

Dissuade – to advise against

Distend – to stretch out

Distract – absentminded, distracted

Distraught – mentally upset

Diverge – to branch off, deviate

Divers – various

Divest – to deprive, strip off

Doctrinate – impractical theorist

Dogmatic – arrogant stating of opinion

Doldrums – low spirits

Dole – something given sparingly

Doleful – dismal

Dolorous – mournful

Dolt – stupid person

Dotage – senility

Dour – stern, gloomy

Dowdy – shabby, styleless

Dreg – undesirable leftovers

Drivel – silly talk

Droll – funny, amusing

Dross – refuse, waste

Dubious – uncertain

Dubitable – open to doubt

Dupe – to deceive

Duplicity – deception

Duress – restraint, force

Ebony – hard durable wood, black

Ebullient – enthusiastic

Ecclesiastical – pertaining to the church

Echelon – formation of units or troops

Eclectic – made up of elements from a variety of source

Ecology – study of the relationships in an environment

Ecumenical – general, worldwide
Edict – public announcement, decree
Edifice – large building
Edify – to enlighten
Educe – to bring forth
Effable – capable of being expressed
Efface – to wipe out, erase
Efficacious – effective
Effigy – image, crud likeness
Effluence – flowing out
Effrontery – impudence
Efulgent – illuminated
Effusive – highly emotional
Egocentric – self-centered
Egregious – flagrant
Egression – emergence
Electorate – voting body
Elicit – to cause a response
Elision – omission
Eloquent – pleasingly expressive
Elucidate – to make clear
Elusive – hard to grasp
Emaciate – to make thin
Emanate – to come out from
Embellish – to ornament
Embody – to make perceptible, personify

Embroid – to involve in an argument

Emend – to correct or alter (as in a literary work)

Emissary – messenger

Emollient – soothing substance

Emolument – salary, compensation

Emulate – to rival or try to equal

Enclave – distinct unit surrounded by foreign territory

Encomium – glowing praise

Encroach – trespass

Encyclopedia – compendium of knowledge

Endemic – restricted to a given locality

Endogenous – originating from within

Enervate – to lessen the vitality of

Enfranchise – to give the right to vote

Engender – to bring into being

Engross – to take the entire attention of

Engulf – to swallow up

Enigmatic – hard to understand, puzzling

Enjoin – to impose by order, prohibit

Enmesh – to entangle

Enmity – hostility

Enormity – outrageous act

Ensconce – to conceal, settle snugly

Entity – something that exists independently

Entomology – study of insects

Entreat – to implore

Enunciate – to announce, pronounce clearly

Ephemeral – short-lived

Epic – long, narrative poem

Epicure – one who has discriminating tastes for foods and liquors

Epigram – terse, witty saying

Epilogue – closed section of a literary work

Epistle – letter

Epitaph – inscription

Epithet – word or phrase characterizing a person or thing

Epitome – ideal example, embodiment

Epoch – event or time that marks the start of a new period

Equable – uniform, even

Equanimity – composure

Equivocal – purposely deceive

Era – period of time marked by certain events

Ergo – therefore

Ersatz – artificial, substitute

Erudite – learned

Escapement – notched device regulating movement in a mechanism

Escarpment – steep slope between level areas

Eschew – to shun

Esculent – edible

Escutcheon – shield containing a coat of arms

Esoteric – limited to a chosen few

Esthetic – beautiful

Estival – pertaining to summer

Ethereal – airy

Etude – musical composition used for practice

Eulogy – speech in praise of a dead person

Euphemism – substitution of a less offensive word

Euphony – agreeable sounds

Euphoria – feeling of well-being

Evanescent – fading from sight

Evasion – avoidance

Evince – to show plainly

Evoke – to call force, produce

Evolve – to develop gradually

Exacerbate – to aggravate

Exacting – making severe demands

Exclude – to bar

Excoriate – to strip the skin off

Exculpate – to free from blame

Execrable – detestable

Execrate – to curse

Exemplary – serving as a model

Exempt – to excuse from responsibility others are subject to

Exhort – to entreat, appeal urgently

Exhume – to dig up

Exigency – situation making extremely urgent demands

Exigent – urgent

Exiguous – scanty, meager

Exogenous – originating from outside

Exonerate – to clear from blame

Exorcise – to expel (an evil spirit)

Expatriate – to speak or write at length, wander

Expedite – speed up

Expeditious – prompt

Expiate – to make amends

Expound – to state in detail

Expunge – to erase

Expurgate – to remove passages (from a book)

Exquisite – very beautiful, perfected

Extant – still existing

Extemporaneous – impromptu

Extemporize – to improvise

Extenuate – to lessen the seriousness of

Extirpate – to destroy completely

Extol – to laud

Extraneous – not pertinent to the whole

Extricate – to set free

Extrinsic – to force out

Exude – to discharge

Exult – to rejoice

Fabricate – to manufacture, invent

Fabulous – fictitious

Façade – front or main face of a building

Facetious – lightly joking

Facile – easily done

Facilitate – to make easier

Facsimile – reproduction

Factious – producing dissension

Factitious – artificially produced

Factotum – general worker

Fallacious – tending to mislead

Fallible – capable of erring

Fallow – cultivated land not in use

Fastidious – hard to please, meticulous

Fatuous – foolish

Fawn – to court favor, grovel

Fealty – intense faithfulness

Feasible – possible

Feculent – impure

Fecund – fertile

Fein – to simulate, pretend

Felicitous – appropriate, pleasant

Fell – dangerous, cruel

Ferret – to search out

Fervid – ardent

Fervor – ardor, zeal

Festoon – decorative chain

Fetid – stinking

Fetish – an object believe to have magical powers

Fettle – condition, state of fitness

Fiasco – complete failure

Fickle – capricious

Figment – fine thread

Filch – to pilfer

Finesse – skill

Fissure – cleft or crack

Flaccid – soft and limp

Flagitious – wicked

Flagrant – outrageous

Flail – implement for threshing grain

Flair – aptitude, attractive quality

Flamboyant – showy

Flaunt – to show off

Flex – to bend

Flinch – to draw back

Flippant – lacking proper respect

Florescence – flowering

Floriculture – care of ornamental plants

Flout – to mock or scoff

Fluctuate – to vary

Foible – minor weakness

Foment – to stir up

Foray – to plunder

Forensic – relating to court or public debate

Forerunner – predecessor, sign warning of something to follow

Forlorn – miserable

Formidable – dreadful, awesome

Fortitude – courage

Fortnight – two weeks

Fortuitous – by chance

Fractious – unruly

Fraught – laden

Fray – fight

Frenetic – wildly excited

Frugal – thrifty

Fruition – accomplishment

Fulminate – to explode, denounce

Fulsome – disgusting

Furtive – stealthy

Gainsay – to contradict

Gambol – to frolic

Gamut – entire range

Garble – to distort

Garish – showy, gaudy

Garrulous – talkative

Gastronomy – art of good eating

Gauntlet – glove (medieval), ordeal

Gelid – frozen

Genial – cordial

Genre – sort or type, category

Genus – class, group with similar characteristics

Germane – fitting

Germinate – to develop, sprout

Gestation – development, pregnancy

Gibber – to speak rapidly, chatter

Gibe – to scoff, deride

Gird – to encircle

Glib – superficial, unconvincing

Glut – to oversupply

Glutton – one who overindulges

Goad – spur

Gourmet – expert on good food and drink

Gradient – slope

Grandeur – splendor

Gratuitous – free of charge

Gratuity – tip

Gregarious – sociable

Grimace – expression of pain

Grommet – metal ring

Grueling – very tiring

Guild – organization of persons with common interests

Guile – deceitful behavior

Guise – false pretense

Gyrate – to move in a circular fashion

Hackneyed – overused, trite

Haphazard – not planned, random

Harangue – long speech

Harass – to torment

Harbinger – forerunner

Haughty – extremely proud

Hauteur – disdainful pride

Havoc – great destruction

Hawser – strong rope

Heady – impetuous

Hearth – fireplace floor

Hegemony – dominance of authority

Heinous – hateful, evil

Heptagon – seven-sided polygon

Heresy – anti-religious thought

Hermetic – airtight

Heterodox – differing from the accepted standard

Heterogeneous – differing in structure, mixed

Hexapod – something with six legs

Hiatus – gap

Hibernal – pertaining to winter

Hierarchy – an ordering by rank of grade

Hinder – to thwart, impede

Histrionic – theatrical

Hoax – practical joke, trick

Holocaust – complete destruction

Homily – sermon

Homogeneous – uniform in structure

Homologous – corresponding in structure

Horology – science of measuring time

Hortative – exhorting, pleading

Horticulture – the art of growing flowers, plants, fruits

Huddle – to crowd together

Humus – fertilizer, organic part of soil

Hurtle – to speed

Husbandry – cultivation and care of plants and animals

Hybrid – of mixed origin

Hydrophobia – fear of water

Hyperbole – exaggeration

Hypothesis – assumption

Idiosyncrasy – peculiar mannerism

Idyllic – pleasing, simple, pastoral

Ignoble – mean, base

Ignominious – shameful, degrading

Illicit – unlawful

Illimitable – boundless

Illusory – deceptive

Imbibe – to absorb or drink

Imbroglia – confused situation

Imbue – to permeate

Immolate – to offer in sacrifice

Immutable – unchangeable

Impale – to pierce through

Impalpable – not understood, vague

Impasse – deadlock

Impassioned – ardent, fervent

Impeach – to accuse

Impeccable – flawless

Impecunious – having no money, poor

Imperceptible – slight, subtle

Imperious – domineering

Impertinent – rude

Impervious – not influenced

Impetuous –impulsive

Impious – lacking reverence

Implicit – implied, not apparent

Imply – to indicate by indirect statement

Importune – to urge persistently

Impromptu – insolence

Impugn – to challenge as false

Impunity – freedom from harm

Impute – to attribute (something bad) to another

Inadvertence – negligence, oversight

Inalienable – unable to be taken away

Inane – lacking sense

Inarticulate – unable to speak clearly

Incendiary – one who excites or agitates

Inception – beginning

Incessant – never ceasing

Inchoative – just begun, initial

Incipient – beginning to appear

Inclement – stormy

Inclusive – taking all factors into account

Incognito – disguised

Incongruous – unbecoming, inconsistent

Inconsiderable – trivial, small

Inconspicuous – not readily apparent

Incorrigible – not able to be corrected, delinquent

Incredulous – not readily apparent

Incorrigible – not able to be corrected, delinquent

Incredulous – skeptical

Increment – increase, addition

Inculpate – to incriminate

Incumbent – officeholder, obligatory

Indefatigable – tireless

Indigenous – native to

Indigent – poor

Indolent – lazy

Indurate – hardened

Ineffable – unspeakable, indescribable

Inert – without power to move or resist

Inexorable – unrelenting

Infamy – unrelenting

Infamy – bad reputation

Inference – conclusion

Infernal – hellish, fiendish

Infinitesimal – immeasurable small

Infrastructure – basic framework of an organization

Infringe – to encroach upon

Ingenious – resourceful, inventive

Ingenuous – frank, naïve

Ingratiate – to seek someone's favor

Inherent – belonging by nature

Inimical – hostile

Iniquitous – unjust

Injunction – court order, command

Innate – natural, existing from birth

Innocuous – harmless

Innuendo – hint, allusion

Inscrutable – enigmatic, mysterious

Insidious – treacherous

Insinuate – to suggest, hint at artfully

Insipid – dull, tasteless

Insolvent – bankrupt

Instigator – one who incites action

Insular – narrow-minded, limited

Insurgent – one who revolts against established authority

Intangible – incorporeal, vague

Intemperance – excessive indulgence

Interdict – to prohibit

Interment – burial

Interminable – endless

Internment – confinement (of enemies)

Interpolate – to change by inserting new material

Interstice – space, interval

Intractable – unruly, stubborn

Intransigent – refusing to compromise

Intrepid – fearless

Intrinsic – inherent

Introvert – to turn inward

Intuition – insight

Inundate – to overflow overwhelm

Inure – habituate

Invective – denunciation

Inveigh – to complain bitterly

Inveigle – to trick, entice

Investiture – installation in office

Inveterate – firmly established

Invidious – offensive

Invincible – unconquerable

Inviolable – sacred

Irascible – contrary to what was expected, sarcastic

Isthmus – narrow strip of land

Iterate – to repeat over and over

Itinerant – traveling from place to place

Jaundice – yellow pigmentation of the skin

Jaunty – lively

Jettison – to throw overboard, discard as superfluous

Jocose – humorous

Jocund – cheerful

Jocular – playful, jolly

Jostle - to elbow, agitate

Judicious – showing sound judgment

Juggernaut – massive destructive force

Juridical – pertaining to law

Juxtapose – to put side by side

Kaleidoscopic – changing

Kindred – family relationship

Kinetic – active

Kismet – fate

Kith – friends

Knave – credit for an achievement, praise

Labyrinth – maze

Lacerate – to mangle, tear

Laconic – concise

Lambaste – to scold, censure

Lampoon – satirical attack

Languid – weak, dull

Languish – to become weak

Languor – lack of vitality

Larcenous – thievish

Largess – generous giving
Lascivious – lustful
Lassitude – fatigue
Latent – hidden
Laudatory – expressing praise
Lethal – deadly
Lethargic – sluggish
Levity – lightness, frivolity
Lexicon – dictionary
Libation – ceremonial drinking
Licentious – morally unrestrained
Limpid – clear, transparent
Lineament – a distinctive feature
Lissome – nimble
Litany – prayer, chant
Lithe – flexible
Litigation – lawsuit
Livid – discolored by a bruise, enraged
Locution – style of speech
Loquacious – talkative
Lucid – shining, readily understood
Ludicrous – absurd
Lugubrious – affectedly mournful
Luminary – outstanding person
Lurid – sensational

Macabre – gruesome

Machination – evil plot

Macrocosm – entity representing on a larger scale, one of its smaller units

Madrigal – song, ballad

Magistrate – official who administers laws

Magnanimous – generous

Maladroit – awkward

Malefactor – evildoer

Malevolent – arising from an evil will

Malfeasance – wrongdoing

Malign – to slander

Malingering – to feign illness

Malleable – flexible, adaptable

Martinet – very strict disciplinarian

Masticate – to chew up

Maudlin – foolishly sentimental

Megalomania – illusions of grandeur

Meliorate – to make or become better

Mellifluous – flowing sweetly, smoothly

Ménage – household

Mendacious – untruthful

Mendicant – beggar

Menial – servile

Mercurial – changeable, fickle

Meretricious – falsely alluring, gaudy

Meritorious – deserving honor

Mesmerize – hypnotize

Metamorphosis – change of form

Metaphor – figure of speech using one idea in place of another to denote a likeness
between the two

Mete – to allot

Meticulous – careful with details

Mettle – spirit, courage

Miasma – pervading corruptive atmosphere

Microcosm – a small unit that is the epitome of a larger entity

Mien – manner, appearance

Militate – to work (for or against)

Millennium – 1000 years

Minion – favored person

Miscreant – villain

Misgiving – doubt

Misnomer – name wrongly applied

Missive – letter

Mitigate – to ease

Mnemonic – memory aid

Modicum – small portion

Modulate – to regulate

Mollify – to appease

Moot – debatable

Mordant – sarcastic

Mores – customs

Moribund – dying

Morose – gloomy

Motley – composed of many elements

Multifarious – diverse

Mundane – worldly

Munificent – generous, lavish

Myopia – nearsightedness

Myriad – very large number

Nadir – lowest point

Nape – back of the neck

Narcissism – self-love

Narrative – story, account

Nascent – coming into being

Nebulous – vague

Nefarious – very wicked

Nemesis – formidable rival, one who inflicts just punishment

Neology – use of an established word in a new way

Neophyte – beginner, convert

Nepotism – favoritism shown relatives

Nettle – irritate

Nexus – link, connection

Niggardly – stingy

Nocturnal – pertaining to night

Noisome – offensive, harmful to health

Nomenclature – system of names

Nonpareil – unequaled

Nonplussed – perplexed

Nostalgia – sentimental yearning for the past

Notorious – widely known

Noxious – harmful

Numismatic – monetary

Nuptial – pertaining to marriage

Nurture – train, rear

Obdurate – stubborn

Obeisance gesture of respect

Obesity – stoutness, fatness

Obfuscate – to obscure

Objurgate – to denounce

Oblation – solemn offering

Oblique – evasive

Obloquy – widespread censure

Obsequious – servile

Obsolescent – falling into disuse

Obstreperous – noisy, unruly

Obstruct – to stop, close

Obtrude – to push out

Obtuse – stupid, blunt

Obviate – to prevent

Occidental – Western

Odious – disgusting

Odoriferous – giving off a smell

Officious – meddlesome

Olfactory – pertaining to smell

Oligarchy – government by a small group often for corrupt purposes

Ominous – threatening

Omnipotent – having unlimited power

Omnivorous – eating all sorts of food

Onerous – burdensome

Onus – burden

Opaque – not translucent

Opprobrious – disgraceful, infamous

Opulent – wealthy

Opus – work, composition

Orbit – revolving path

Ordinance – statute

Ordnance – artillery

Ordure – excrement

Ornate – showy

Ornery – obstinate

Ornithology – study of birds

Oscillate – to fluctuate between two points

Ossify – to change to bone

Ostensible – apparent

Ostentatious – showy

Ostracize – to banish

Overt – done openly

Overweening – arrogant

Palatable – agreeable to the senses

Pall – to lose effectiveness

Palliate – to reduce the intensity of

Pallid – pale

Palpable – obvious, easily perceived

Paltry – pretty

Panacea – remedy for all maladies

Pandemic – widely spread

Parable – short story showing a moral

Paradigm – model, example

Paradox – statement that seems contradictory but may be true in fact

Paragon – model of excellence

Paramount – highest in rank

Paraphernalia – personal belongings

Pariah – outcast

Parity – equality in value

Parody – farcical imitation

Paroxysm – sudden outburst

Parsimony – stinginess, thrift

Parsonage – pastor's dwelling

Pastoral – of shepherds, rural

Patent – evident

Pathos – something which arouses pity

Patrimony – property inherited from ancestors

Paucity – scarcity

Peculate – to embezzle

Pecuniary – involving money

Pedant – one who emphasizes trivial points of learning

Pejorative – worsening

Penchant – strong liking

Pendant – hanging object

Penitence – sorrow for sins

Penology – study of prisons and prison reform

Pensile – hanging

Penurious – stingy

Perambulate – to walk

Perdition – damnation

Perennial – enduring

Perfidy – treachery

Perforce – of necessity

Perfunctory – routine, superficial

Perigee – point of an orbit nearest the earth

Peripatetic – itinerant

Periphery – outside boundary

Periphrasis – using long phrasing instead of shorter expressions

Permeable – passable, penetrable

Permutation – change, alteration

Pernicious – destructive, fatal

Peroration – end of a speech

Perpetrate – carry out, commit

Perpetuate – cause to continue

Perquisite – something in addition to regular pay, tip, bonus

Personage – important person

Perspective – sense of proportion

Perspicacity – keen judgment

Perspicuous – easily understood

Pert – bold, cocky

Pertinent – relevant

Perturb – to upset, agitate

Peruse – to read carefully

Pervade – to spread throughout

Perverse – deviating from what is considered normal

Petulance – impatience

Phalanx – massed group of individuals

Philander – to court with no intention of marriage

Philistine – one governed by material rather than intellectual values

Philology – study of linguistics

Phlegmatic – sluggish

Phobia – persistent irrational fear

Picayune – of little value, petty

Piebald – marked with splotches of color, heterogeneous

Pillory – to scorn publicly

Piquant – agreeably stimulating, pungent

Pique – to offend, provoke

Piscatorial – pertaining to fish

Pithy – terse

Pixilated – amusingly eccentric

Placate – to appease

Placid – calm

Plaintive – melancholy

Plait – to braid, pleat

Platitude – trite remark

Plaudit – expression of approval

Plausible – seemingly reasonable

Plebiscite – popular vote

Plenary – full, complete

Plethora – overabundance

Plicate – folded lengthwise

Plumb – straight down, vertically

Ply – to use or practice diligently

Poach – to trespass

Poignant – pungent, touching the emotions

Polemic – involving dispute

Politic – prudent, expedient

Polity – political organization

Ponderous – unwisely, dull

Pontificate – to orate, make dogmatic statements

Portend – to warn, foreshadow

Portentous – ominous

Posit – to postulate

Posterity – future generations

Postulate – hypothesis, axiom

Potable – suitable for drinking

Potpourri – mixture

Poultice – soft heated dressing applied to wounds

Pragmatic – practical, relating to fact

Prate – to chatter

Precarious – uncertain, risky

Precipitous – steep

Precipitate – hasty

Preclude – to shut out, prevent

Precursor – forerunner

Predacious – predatory

Predatory – tending to exploit others for one's own gain

Predicate – to affirm

Predilection – preconceived liking

Predispose – to make susceptible

Preeminent – outstanding, high-ranking

Preen – to dress up or adorn (oneself)

Premeditation – preplanning

Premise – statement forming the basis of an argument

Preponderate – to surpass in weight or power

Preposterous – absurd, ridiculous

Prerequisite – something needed for performing a function

Prescience - foreboding

Prescribe – to establish as a means of action

Presumptuous – too bold or forward

Pretentious – showy, making unjustified claims

Prevaricate – to evade the truth

Pristine – uncorrupted by society

Probity – integrity, honesty

Proclaim – to declare proudly

Proclivity – inclination

Prodigal – spendthrift

Prodigious – wonderful, enormous

Profane –irreligious

Proffer – to present for approval

Profligate – recklessly wasteful

Progeny – offspring

Prognosticate – to predict

Proliferate to increase in number

Prolific – producing abundantly

Prolix – prolonged unduly

Prominent – noticeable, well-known

Promontory – high peak that overlooks lower land or water

Promulgate – to announce openly

Propensity – natural tendency

Propinquity – neatness

Propitiate – to appease

Propitious – favorable

Proponent – one in favor of

Propound – to present for discussion

Prorate – to divide proportionately

Prosaic – commonplace, dull

Proscribe – to outlaw, prohibit

Proselytize – to convert from one belief to another

Protagonist – main character in novel

Prototype – standard example

Provincial – having a limited outlook

Prurient – lustful, lewd

Puerile – childish, silly

Pulchritude – beauty

Punctilious – very exact

Pundit – learned person

Pungent – sharp sensation of taste and smell

Pugnacious – belligerent

Purloin – to steal

Purport – to give an appearance of, intend

Pusillanimous – lacking courage and resolve

Putative – assumed to exist

Putrefy – to rot

Pythonic – monstrous

Quadrant – one-quarter of a plane

Quaint – unusual, old-fashioned

Qualm – misgiving

Quandary – perplexed state

Querulous – complaining

Query – inquiry

Quiescent – quite, still

Quintessence – perfect form

Quivering – shaking, trembling slightly

Quixotic – having high romantic or chivalrous ideals

Raillery – playful teasing

Raiment – clothing

Rambunctious – boisterous

Ramification – offshoot, consequence

Rampant – widespread, without restraint

Ramshackle – loosely made, dilapidated

Rancor – ill will

Rankle – to cause resentment

Rapacious – greedy

Rapine – plunder

Ratification – formal approval

Raucous – rough sounding, boisterous

Ravenous – extremely eager for gratification

Recalcitrant – disobedient

Recant – to renounce

Recidivist – confirmed criminal

Reciprocal – complementary, mutually responsive

Recluse – hermit

Recondite – beyond ordinary understanding, concealed

Reconnoiter – to survey

Recreant – cowardly

Recrimination – countercharge

Rectitude – integrity

Recumbent – lying down

Redact – to edit

Redolent – fragrant

Redoubt – temporary fortification

Redress – to remedy, compensate

Redundant – superfluous, wordy

Refectory – dining hall

Referendum – popular vote on a measure submitted by a legislative body

Refractory – obstinate, unresponsive

Refute – to prove wrong

Refurbish – to renovate

Regale – to entertain

Regent – one who rules

Regicide – killing of a king

Regimen – system of diet, ruling system

Regressive – going backward

Relegate – to exile, to assign to a lower position

Reliquary – container for sacred objects

Remission – pardon, forgiveness, abatement

Remonstrate – to protest

Remunerate – to pay for work done, compensate

Renascent – reborn

Renegade – deserter, outcast

Renege – to go back on a promise

Renunciation – repudiation

Repast – meal

Repine – to long for
Replete – well filled
Reprehend – to criticize
Repression – stopping by force
Reprisal – act of retaliation
Reproach – disgrace, cause of blame
Reprobate – depraved, unprincipled
Reproof – rebuke, criticism
Repudiate – to refuse, reject, disown
Repugnant – distasteful, disliked
Requisite – requirement
Requital – suitable repayment
Rescind – to repeal, take back
Resilient – able to spring back into shape
Resplendent – dazzling
Restitution – restoration, refund
Restive – impatient
Resurgent – rising again
Resuscitate – to revive
Retaliate – to get even
Reticence – silence, reserve
Retort – to get even
Retribution – just reward
Retroactive – extending to previous conditions
Retrograde – to go backward
Reverberate – to throw back, echo

Reville – to abuse verbally

Ribald – offensive, vulgar

Rife – widespread, abounding

Rift – opening, breach

Rigor – strictness

Risibility – laughter

Robust – healthy, strong

Rote – mechanical repetition or action

Rotund – rounded

Ruckus – noisy confusion

Rudiment – first principle, beginning of something

Ruminant – meditative

Ruminate – to meditate, ponder

Saccharine – overly sweet, affectedly agreeable

Sacrilege – desecration

Sagacious – shrewdly discerning

Salacious – lustful

Salient – conspicuous

Saline – salty

Sallow – dull greenish-yellow

Salubrious – wholesome

Salutary – curative

Salutatory – welcoming address

Sanctimony – pretended piety

Sanguine – confident, optimistic

Sapient – wise

Sardonic – scornful

Sartorial – pertaining to tailoring

Satiate – to satisfy, glut

Saturate – to soak, fill completely

Saturnine – sullen, sluggish

Savor – to relish, enjoy

Scabbard – sword sheath

Scathing – searing, blasting

Schematic – diagrammatic

Schism – split, difference of opinion

Scintilla – particle, trace

Scion – descendent

Scoff – derision

Scourge – whip, devastation

Scruple – small quantity, principle

Scrutinize – to examine closely

Scurrilous – coarse, vulgar

Secular – worldly, not religious

Sedition – rebellion

Sedulous – diligent

Semblance – appearance

Senescent – growing old

Sententious – given to moralistic expression

Sequester – to isolate

Serrate – having sawlike notches

Shallop – small, open boat

Shamble – to walk clumsily

Shunt – to turn to one side

Sibling – brother or sister

Sidle – to move sidewise

Smile – figure of speech comparing two unlike things

Similitude – likeness

Simony – buying or selling of church pardons

Sinecure – easy job

Sinuous – bending, winding

Slothful – lazy

Sluice – artificial water channel

Sojourn – to remain somewhere temporarily

Solace – to comfort, console

Solicitous – showing care or concern

Soluble – able to be dissolved

Somatic – physical, of the body

Somnolent – sleepy, drowsy

Sonorous – full of sound, resonant

Sophistry – misleading but clever reasoning

Soporific – causing sleep

Sordid – dirty, ignoble

Spasmodic – intermittent

Spawn – to deposit egg, bring forth

Specious – deceptively appealing

Specter – ghost

Sporadic – occasional

Spurious – false, not genuine

Staid – sedate

Stigma – mark of disgrace

Stilted – pompous

Stint – restriction

Stoicism – impassiveness, indifference

Stolid – showing little emotion

Stratagem – trick, device

Strategy – careful plan

Stricture – adverse criticism

Strident – harsh-sounding

Stultify – to appear foolish, impair

Stupor – loss of sensibility

Suave – polite, urbane

Subjoin – to append

Subjugate – to force to submit

Sublimate – to direct actions into more socially acceptable forms

Subservient – inferior, submissive

Subterfuge – deception used to evade something difficult or unpleasant

Subversive – destructive

Succor – to help

Succulent – juicy

Suffuse – to overspread

Sully – to soil, stain

Sumptuous – lavish

Supercilious – haughty, contemptuous

Supernal – exalted celestial

Supersede – to replace

Supervene – to happen additionally or unexpectedly

Supine – indolent, prone

Supple – flexible

Supplicate – to ask for humbly

Suppress – to keep from public knowledge

Surfeit – overindulgence

Surreptitious – acting in a secret and stealthy way

Surrogate – deputy, substitute

Sustenance – nourishment

Sycophant – self-serving flatterer

Syllogism – conclusion based on two premises

Synchronous – occurring simultaneously

Synopsis – summary

Synthesis – combining of elements to make a whole

Synthetic – man-made

Tacit – silent

Taciturn – tending toward silence

Tactic – means of accomplishing a purpose

Tactile – perceived by the sense of touch

Tantamount – equal in value

Tautology – needless repetition of an idea

Tawdry – gaudy, cheap

Taxonomy – classification (of plants and animals)

Temerity – foolish boldness

Temperate – moderate

Temporize – to compromise

Tenacious – persistent, tough

Tenet – doctrine

Tenuous – unsubstantial, flimsy

Termagant – nagging woman

Terminus – end point

Terse – brief, to the point

Tertiary – third in order

Thespian – actor

Thrall – slave

Timorous – timid

Tirade – long, vehement speech or denunciation

Tithe – tenth part of something paid as a tax to a church

Titular – having a title without performing the functions involved

Tome – large book

Torpid – inactive, sluggish

Torrid – very hot

Toxic – pertaining to poison

Tractable – easily managed

Traduce – to slander

Tranquility – calmness, serenity

Transfuse – to transmit, imbue

Transgression – violation

Transitory – temporary

Translucent – permitting the passage of light

Transpire – to become known, happen

Transverse – placed crosswise

Travail – hard work

Travesty – ridiculous representation

Treble – to increase threefold

Tremulous – trembling

Trenchant – sharp, clear-cut

Trepidation – fear

Tribulation - misery, distress

Truculent – cruel, belligerent

Truncated – shortened, curtailed

Truncheon – club

Tumid – swollen, inflated

Tumultuous – violently turbulent

Turbid – muddy

Turgid – swollen

Turpitude – vileness

Tutelage – guardianship

Twit – to taunt

Ubiquitous – present everywhere simultaneously

Ulterior – lying beyond what is openly expressed

Umbrage – offense

Unctuous – oily, suave

Undaunted – determined in spite of adverse conditions

Undulate – to move in waves

Unerring – without fault

Ungainly – awkward, clumsy

Unmitigated – not lessened, absolute

Unobtrusive – not aggressive

Untenable – Unable to be occupied or defended

Untoward – unfavorable

Upbraid – to scold, reproach

Uproarious – boisterous

Urbane – refined

Usurp – to take by force

Uxorial – pertaining to a wife

Vacillate – to show indecision

Vacuous – empty, stupid

Vagary – eccentric idea or action

Valorous – courageous

Vanguard – front part of a movement

Vapid – tasteless, flat

Variegated – marked with different colors

Vaunt – display boastfully

Vegetate – to lead an inactive life

Vehement – impassioned

Venal – open to corruption

Vendetta – extended bitter feud

Venerate – to show deep respect

Venial – excusable

Veracious – honest

Verboosity – wordiness

Verdant – green in color

Verisimilitude – truth

Verity – truth

Vermillion – bright red pigment

Vernacular – native language of a region

Versatile – able to change easily

Versification – metrical structure

Vertex – highest point

Vestige – trace

Viable – capable of living or functioning

Vicarious – experienced through the activity of another person

Vicissitude – changeability

Vilify – to defame

Vindicate – to clear from blame

Vindictive – wanting revenge

Virago – domineering woman

Viridity – greenness, naiveness

Virility – masculinity

Virulent – deadly, hateful

Viscous – sticky, lacking easy movement

Vitiate – to debase

Vitreous – pertaining to glass

Vituperate – to berate

Vivacious – spirited, lively

Vivid – vigorous, clear

Vixen – female fox

Vociferous – noisy

Volatile – quickly evaporating, explosive

Volition – act of determining

Voluble – talkative

Voracious – greedy

Votary – zealous follower

Votive – expressing a wish or vow

Vouchsafe – to grant

Waft – odor or sound carried through the air

Wan – pale

Wanton – reckless, immoral

Weal – well-being

Welter – confusion, turmoil

Wheedle – to coax

Whet – to arouse, stimulate

Windfall – unexpected gain

Wizened – dried up, withered

Wraith – ghost, apparition

Wrangle – to quarrel

Wroth – angry

Wry – twisted

Zany – fool, clown

Zealot – fanatic

Zephyr – mild breeze