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No Matter How long it takes

I'm Gonna Wait for Youuuuuuu

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Word list 1

Group 1		<u>Notes</u>
Abhor	hate
Bigot	narrow-minded, prejudiced person
Counterfeit	fake; false	.....
Enfranchise	give voting rights	.....
Hamper	hinder; obstruct	.....
Kindle	to start a fire	.....
Noxious	harmful; poisonous; lethal	.....
Placid	calm; peaceful	.....
Remuneration	payment for work done	.....
Talisman	lucky charm	.....

Group 2		<u>Notes</u>
Abrasive	rough; coarse; harsh	.....
Bilk	cheat; defraud	.....
Covert	hidden; undercover	.....
Engender	cause	.....
Hangar	storage area (like garage) for a plane	.....
Knotty	complex; difficult to solve	.....
Nuance	something subtle; a fine shade of meaning	.....
Plagiarism	taking credit for someone else's writing or ideas	.....
Renown	fame	.....
Tangent	going off the main subject	.....

Group 3

Abasement

humiliation; degradation

Billowing

swelling; fluttering; waving

Cower

recoil in fear or servility; shrink away from

Enhance

improve; make better or clearer

Harangue

noisy, attacking speech

Labyrinth

a maze

Nullify

to counter; make unimportant

Plaintiff

petitioner (in court of law)

Replete

full

Tangible

can be touched

Group 4

Abrogate

cancel; deny; repeal

Blasphemy

speech which offends religious sentiments

Credible

believable

Enigma

puzzle; mystery

Harbingers

indicators; bringers of warnings

Labyrinthine

complicated; highly convoluted

Nuzzle

cuddle; snuggle

Plaudit

statement giving strong praise

Reprehensible

shameful; very bad

Tardy

slow; late; overdue; delayed

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Group 5

Notes

Absolution forgiveness; pardon; release

Blatant obvious

Creditable praiseworthy

Ensnore establish firmly in a position

Hasten hurry; accelerate; rush

Laceration a cut

Obdurate stubborn

Plausible can be believed; reasonable

Reprieve a respite; postponement of a sentence

Tawdry of little value; gaudy

Group 6

Notes

Abstain desist; go without; withdraw

Blighted damaged; destroyed; ruined

Credulous gullible; ready to believe anything

Enshroud cover

Haughtiness arrogance; pride

Lachrymose tearful; sad

Obfuscate deliberately make something difficult to understand

Plethora an excess

Repudiate shun; eschew

Tedium boredom

Group 7

Abstemious	self denying; refraining from indulging	.....
Blithe	free-spirited; carefree	.....
Crepuscular	active at dawn and dusk	.....
Enunciation	clear pronunciation; accent; articulation	.....
Headstrong	stubborn; willful	.....
Lackluster	dull; monotonous; bland	.....
Objective	unbiased; not subjective	.....
Pliable	flexible; not stubborn	.....
Rescind	retract; repeal	.....
Temper	to moderate; soften	.....

Group 8

Abstruse	difficult to understand; obscure	.....
Blunderbuss	1. ancient weapon (type of gun); 2. a clumsy person	.....
Cringe	recoil; flinch; shy away	.....
Envenom	to cause bitterness and bad feeling	.....
Hedonism	self indulgence; pleasure-seeking	.....
Laconic	using few words; brief; to the point	.....
Oblique	indirect; slanting	.....
Plumage	feathers of a bird	.....
Resignation	acceptance of fate
Tenacious	stubborn; resolute; holding firm to a purpose

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Group 9

Notes

Accolade tribute; honor; praise

Bolster support; prop up

Cryptic puzzling; enigmatic

Ephemeral short-lived

Hedonist a pleasure seeker

Lamentation expression of regret or sorrow

Obliterate destroy; demolish; eradicate

Plummet fall suddenly and steeply

Resolution determination

Tentative not certain

Group 10

Notes

Acquiesce to agree to; give in to

Bombast arrogant, pompous language

Curtail cut short

Epicure someone who appreciates good food and drink

Heed listen to

Lampoon ridicule; spoof

Oblivious totally unaware

Podium raised platform

Resonant echoing

Tenuous flimsy; not solid

Word list 2

Group 1		<u>Notes</u>
Acrid	sharp; pungent (used of smells and tastes)	.....
Boorish	ill-mannered	.....
Cynical	believing that people act only out of selfish motives	.....
Epistle	a letter (form of communication)	.....
Heresy	against orthodox opinion	.....
Lance	spear; spike; javelin	.....
Obscure	difficult to understand; partially hidden	.....
Poignant	deeply moving; strongly affecting the emotions	.....
Respite	a break; intermission	.....
Terse	concise; to the point	.....

Group 2		<u>Notes</u>
Acrophobia	fear of heights	.....
Bourgeois	middle class	.....
Debility	weakness; incapacity	.....
Epistolary	concerned with letters; through correspondence	.....
Hiatus	interruption; pause	.....
Languid	tired; slow	.....
Obscured	hidden; covered; buried	.....
Poised	calm; collected; self-possessed
Resplendent	shining; glowing
Therapeutic	medicinal; curative

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Group 3

Notes

Acuity	sharpness (mental or visual)
Braggart	someone who boasts
Debunking	exposing false claims or myths	.....
Epitomized	typified; characterized; personified	.....
Hidebound	rigid in opinions	.....
Languish	decay; fade away; get weaker	.....
Obsequious	servile; submissive	.....
Polemical	causing debate or argument	.....
Restorative	a tonic	.....
Thwart	prevent; frustrate	.....

Group 4

Notes

Adamant	forceful; inflexible	.....
Brawny	muscular	.....
Decathlon	an athletic competition with ten events	.....
Equivocate	speak ambiguously; avoid telling the truth	.....
Hieroglyphics	1. picture writing; 2. writing which is difficult to read or enigmatic	.....
Larceny	theft; robbery; stealing	.....
Obsession	a dominating concern	.....
Ponderous	weighty; slow and heavy	.....
Retention	preservation; withholding	.....
Timorous	cowardly; fearful	.....

Group 5



Notes

Adroit	skilful	.....
Brevity	being brief	.....
Decorum	dignified, correct behavior [<i>decorous (a)</i>]	.....
Err	make a mistake	.....
Hinder	obstruct	.....
Largess	generosity	.....
Obsolete	no longer valid	.....
Pontificate	speak pompously or dogmatically	.....
Reticent	restrained; holding something back; uncommunicative	.....
Tirade	stream of verbal abuse	.....

Group 6

Notes

Adulation	strong admiration; worship	.....
Bristle	to show irritation	.....
Decoy	lure; trap; trick	.....
Erratic	wandering; irregular	.....
Histrionic	theatrical; exaggerated	.....
Laud	praise	.....
Obstreperous	noisy and boisterous	.....
Portend	foretell	.....
Retraction	withdrawal; cancellation of a statement	.....
Titter	giggle quietly	.....

Group 7

Adversity

hardship

Broach

start to discuss; approach

Deference

respect

Esoteric

obscure and difficult to understand

Hoary

old

Lavish

on a grand scale; wasteful

Obtuse

mentally dull

Portent

a warning sign; omen

Revere

worship

Tome

large book

Group 8

Advocate

support

Brusque

blunt; abrupt

Defoliate

cause leaves to fall off

Espouse

promote; take up; support

Hone

sharpen; increase; whet

Lax

careless; not strict

Obviate

avoid; make unnecessary

Poseur

someone who puts on an act

Riddled

full of (usually full of holes)

Torpid

inactive; lazy; stagnant

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Notes

Group 9

Aesthetic	concerning art or beauty
Bulwark	fortification; barricade; wall
Defunct	no longer in existence
Etymology	the study of word origins
Hyperbole	grossly exaggerated speech
Legend	1. key to map; 2. myth or story
Odious	hateful
Posterity	future generations
Rife	common
Torpor	dormancy; sluggishness; inactivity

Group 10

Notes

Affable	friendly; social; easygoing
Bureaucracy	officialdom
Degradation	deprivation; poverty; debasement
Eulogy	praise
Hypochondriac	a person obsessed with health; having imaginary illnesses
Legion	in large numbers
Officious	domineering; intrusive; meddling
Posthumous	after death
Rigor	thoroughness
Totter	walk unsteadily

Word list 3

Group 1		<u>Notes</u>
Alacrity	eagerness; enthusiasm; quickness	.....
Burgeon	grow; flourish; put forth new shoots	.....
Deleterious	harmful	.....
Euphemism	a polite phrase to cover something unpleasant	.....
Hypocritical	insincere	.....
Lethargic	tired; without energy	.....
Ogle	stare at; observe in an obvious manner	.....
Postulate	hypothesize; propose	.....
Robust	strong; healthy; tough	.....
Tractable	obedient; dutiful; polite	.....

Group 2		<u>Notes</u>
Alchemy	medieval chemistry; attempt to change base metal into gold	.....
Burnish	polish	.....
Deliberate	to think over deeply	.....
Euphony	pleasant sounds	.....
Iconoclast	person who opposes orthodoxy	.....
Levity	flippancy; joking about serious matters	.....
Olfactory	concerned with the sense of smell	.....
Potable	suitable for drinking	.....
Rotund	round	.....
Tranquil	peaceful	.....

Group 3

Alibi	an excuse that shows someone was not at a crime scene
Buttress	strengthen; support
Delineation	demarcation; explanation; definition; outlining
Evacuate	vacate; empty; abandon
Idiosyncrasy	a personal peculiarity; something unique to an individual
Libertarian	someone who opposes tyranny
Ominous	threatening
Potent	powerful; compelling; strong
Ruminate	think over something; ponder
Transcribe	copy

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Group 4

Allay	to lessen
Byline	the line that tells you who wrote an article
Demur	hesitate; refuse
Exacerbate	make worse
Ignominious	shameful
Liniment	soothing lotion
Omnipotent	all-powerful
Pragmatic	practical
Ruse	trick; stratagem
Transgress	go astray; disobey; commit a sin

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Notes

Group 5

Alleviate	make less severe
Cacophony	discordant loud noises
Denounce	condemn; speak out against	.....
Exasperated	frustrated; annoyed	.....
Ignominy	shame [<i>ignominious (a) = shameful</i>]	.....
Lithe	flexible; supple	.....
Omniscient	all-knowing	.....
Pragmatist	practical person; one who is concerned with usefulness	.....
Saccharin	falsely sweet	.....
Transient	short-lived; ephemeral	.....

Group 6

Notes

Aloof	distant; detached; cold	.....
Cajole	coax	.....
Deplete	use up; lessen	.....
Exceptionable	very bad (something which we should object to)	.....
Illuminate	to light up or make clear	.....
Livid	very angry	.....
Onerous	burdensome; hard to undertake	.....
Preamble	introductory material	.....
Sacrosanct	very holy; inviolable	.....
Traverse	to move across	.....

Group 7

Altruism	putting others first; being self-sacrificing	.....
Caldron	huge cooking pot	.....
Deplore	regret	.....
Exculpate	free someone from blame; pardon; acquit	.....
Illusory	deceptive; false; misleading	.....
Lobbyist	person who tries to persuade someone to support a particular cause	.....
Onus	burden	.....
Precarious	unstable; risky	.....
Sagacious	wise	.....
Trepidation	fear	.....

Group 8

Amass	accumulate	.....
Callow	immature	.....
Depravity	moral corruption	.....
Execrable	very, very bad	.....
Immoderate	excessive; extreme	.....
Lofty	snooty; arrogant; haughty	.....
Opaque	does not let light through	.....
Precedent	a previous occurrence used as a guide	.....
Sage	a wise person	.....
Trinket	something of little value; knick-knack	.....

Group 9

Ambiguity

uncertainty; vagueness

Candid

frank; honest

Deprecate

criticize; denounce

Exegesis

scholarly explanation or interpretation

Immutable

unchanging; permanent

Longevity

long life

Opulent

wealthy; rich; magnificent

Precept

guiding principle

Salacious

lecherous; erotic

Trite

unoriginal; dull

Group 10

Ambiguous

unclear in meaning; can be interpreted in different ways

Candor

frankness; openness

Deride

ridicule; make fun of; mock

Exemplary

outstandingly good; setting a fine example

Impartial

unbiased; neutral

Loquacious

talkative

Ordain

1. destine; 2. confer holy orders on a priest

Precinct

district of a city

Sallow

yellowish

Trivial

unimportant

Word list 4

Group 1		<u>Notes</u>
Ambivalence	lack of clarity; wavering; being undecided	.....
Cantankerous	bad-tempered; quarrelsome	.....
Derogatory	uncomplimentary	.....
Exemplify	to serve as a good example	.....
Impecunious	having no money	.....
Lucid	clear	.....
Ornate	highly decorated	.....
Precipice	steep slope	.....
Salubrious	health-giving	.....
Truant	shirker; someone absent without permission	.....

Group 2		<u>Notes</u>
Ambulatory	able to walk around (used of hospital patients)	.....
Capacious	spacious	.....
Desecrate	to damage or pollute a holy place	.....
Exhaustive	complete and thorough	.....
Impious	wicked; profane	.....
Ludicrous	ridiculous; silly	.....
Orthodox	conventional	.....
Precipitous	done in a hurry	.....
Salutary	something which teaches you a lesson; beneficial
Truncate	cut short

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Group 3

Notes

Ameliorate	make better
Capitulate	surrender; give in to
Desecration	spoiling something holy
Exonerates	acquits; absolves; removes blame	.....
Impoverished	destitute; poor	.....
Lukewarm	1. unenthusiastic; 2. neither hot nor cold	.....
Ossify	1. turn to bone; 2. become fixed and rigid	.....
Preclude	prevent or make impossible	.....
Sanctimonious	hypocritically holy	.....
Tumult	uproar; noise	.....

Group 4

Notes

Amelioration	improvement	.....
Carping	constant criticism	.....
Desist	stop; discontinue; cease	.....
Exorcism	getting free/rid of; eliminating (especially demons)	.....
Impromptu	unrehearsed; spontaneous	.....
Lummock	clumsy person	.....
Ostentatious	showy	.....
Precocious	developing early	.....
Sanction	give approval to	.....
Turpitude	depravity	.....

Group 5

Amiable

friendly

Cartographer

person who makes maps

Despondent

having no hope; miserable

Expatriate

refugee; emigrant; someone living away from his own country

Inadvertent

not intentional

Luscious

juicy; moist; succulent

Oust

push out of a position

Predecessor

one who came before

Sanguinary

bloodthirsty; bloody

Tyro

novice; beginner

Group 6

Amity

friendship

Castigate

scold strongly

Destitution

hardship; poverty; misery

Expedient

convenient; practical

Incantation

chant; invocation; prayer

Lynch

assassinate; kill; illegal hanging

Overt

obvious; not hidden

Predicament

dilemma; difficult situation

Sanguine

optimistic; cheerful

Ubiquitous

found everywhere; omnipresent

Group 7

Amorphous

lacking in shape

Catharsis

purging of pent-up emotions

Deter

put off; prevent

Expedite

make faster

Incarceration

putting in prison

Machinations

plots and plans

Overwrought

worked up; in an emotional state

Preeminent

famous; outstanding

Sardonic

mocking

Unalloyed

undiluted; total

Group 8

Analgesic

medicine to combat pain

Caucus

type of private political meeting

Deteriorate

worsen; decline

Exposition

clear explanation

Incessant

without stopping

Maelstrom

whirlpool; storm in the ocean

Palatable

good to eat; agreeable

Prerogative

right or privilege

Savant

person with knowledge

Unctuous

oily; using excessive flattery

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Notes

Group 9

Analogous

comparable

Caustic

burning

Detrimental

harmful

Extol

praise

Incipient

just beginning

Magnanimous

generous; big-hearted

Palisade

fence made of posts

Prescient

having fore-knowledge

Scale

to climb

Undermined

damaged; attacked

Group 10

Notes

Anarchy

chaos; lack of government

Cavalcade

procession of vehicles

Devoured

greedily eaten/consumed

Extradite

deport from one country back to the home country

Inclination

tendency; a leaning toward

Magnate

powerful businessman

Palliative

a remedy that improves but doesn't cure

Presentiment

a feeling that something might happen

Scapegoat

person on whom blame is placed for faults of others

Underscore

emphasize

Word list 5

Group 1		<u>Notes</u>
Anecdote	a brief amusing story	.....
Celerity	speed	.....
Dexterous	skilful with hands	.....
Extraneous	irrelevant	.....
Incoherent	not clear	.....
Maladroit	clumsy; unskillful	.....
Pallid	pale	.....
Presumptuous	assuming too much; arrogant	.....
Scrupulous	careful; diligent; painstaking	.....
Unequivocal	clear; obvious	.....

Group 2		<u>Notes</u>
Animosity	hatred; antagonism	.....
Censorious	disapproving; critical	.....
Dichotomy	a division into two parts	.....
Extrapolate	extend; predict on the basis of known data	.....
Incongruous	not fitting in; out of place	.....
Malady	illness	.....
Palpable	easily felt; easily perceived	.....
Pretentious	pompous; self-important	.....
Scrutinize	examine carefully	.....
Unfetter	set free	.....

Group 3

Annex (*n*) a building which is an addition to an existing building

Censure blame

Didactic intended to teach; instructive

Extrinsic irrelevant; on the outside

Inconsequential unimportant; insignificant; negligible

Malediction a curse

Panacea remedy for all ills

Prevaricate speak misleadingly and evasively

Scuttle sink

Unfrock to remove a priest from his position

Group 4

Annex (*v*) take possession of; seize; capture

Cerebral intellectual

Diffident lacking confidence

Fallacious false

Inconspicuous not easily seen; subtle; not noticeable

Malefactor a wrong-doer

Paradigm 1. example; 2. model; 3. way of looking at things

Pristine unspoiled

Seminary an institution in which priests are trained

Unprecedented never having happened before

Group 5

Anomaly	something which does not fit in a pattern; irregularity	.....
Certitude	certainty	.....
Digress	wander off the subject	.....
Falter	hesitate; waver	.....
Indelible	cannot be wiped out	.....
Malingering	deliberately avoid work; shirk	.....
Paradox	apparently contradictory statement	.....
Proclivity	tendency towards	.....
Sensuous	appealing to the senses	.....
Unscathed	unharmed; intact; without a scratch	.....

Group 6

Antagonism	hostility; strong opposition	.....
Charlatan	trickster who claims knowledge he doesn't have	.....
Dike	dam; embankment	.....
Fanatical	obsessive; fixated	.....
Indifferent	1. neutral; 2. not outstanding	.....
Malingeringer	person who deliberately tries to avoid work	.....
Paragon	a perfect example	.....
Procrastinate	delay; put off	.....
Sentinel	guard; sentry	.....
Unwitting	not deliberate; unconscious	.....

Group 7

Antagonistic

opposed; hostile; aggressive

Chary

wary of; cautious about; reluctant to give

Dilatory

slow; falling behind with one's work

Fanaticism

passion; excessive devotion

Indigenous

native to a particular area

Malleable

flexible; can be shaped

Paramount

of supreme importance

Prodigal

wasteful; extravagant

Sequester

isolate

Upbraid

scold; tell off; reprimand

Group 8

Antediluvian

outdated; prehistoric; very old-fashioned

Chastises

punishes

Dilemma

puzzling situation

Fastidious

overly particular; finicky

Indolence

laziness

Mallet

1. wooden hammer; 2. stick used for polo

Parasite

1. scrounger; 2. animal which takes digested food from another

Prodigious

very large

Serendipity

fortunate coincidence; unsought discovery

Uproarious

hilarious; hysterical; very funny

Group 9

Anthology	a book which is a collection of poems or stories
Chicanery	trickery
Dilettante	person who dabbles in a subject without serious study
Fatuous	silly; foolish
Inductee	novice; beginner
Manipulatable	influencable; controllable
Parched	dried up
Profane	unholy
Serene	calm; peaceful
Upshot	outcome

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Group 10

Anthropocentrism	putting man at the center of one's philosophy
Chimerical	changeable; unstable
Diligent	hard-working
Feasible	possible and practicable
Indulgent	pampering; satisfying desires
Marred	damaged; spoiled
Pariah	an outcast from society
Profanity	swearing; cursing
Serrated	jagged; saw-like
Urbane	sophisticated; suave

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Word list 6

Group 1		<u>Notes</u>
Antiquated	outdated; old fashioned
Choleric	easily angered
Diorama	model of a scene	.....
Fecund	fertile	.....
Inebriation	drunkenness; intoxication	.....
Marshal	to gather together	.....
Parity	equality	.....
Profound	having deep meaning	.....
Servile	overly submissive; groveling	.....
Usurp	take someone's position (usually by force)	.....

Group 2		<u>Notes</u>
Apathetic	indifferent; uninterested; lethargic	.....
Chronicler	person who records historical information	.....
Dirge	mournful song	.....
Felicitous	apt	.....
Ineffable	cannot be expressed in words	.....
Marsupial	pouched mammal (like a kangaroo)	.....
Parochial	narrow-minded; concerned only with local matters	.....
Profundity	depth
Skeptical	doubting; not gullible
Utilitarian	useful

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Group 3

Notes

Apathy	lack of interest or emotion
Circuitous	indirect
Disapprobation	disapproval
Fervor	passion; enthusiasm	.....
Inept	incompetent; unskilled; useless	.....
Martinet	person who believes in strict discipline	.....
Parody	a mockery; imitation for ridicule; spoof	.....
Proletarian	member of the working class	.....
Skirmish	minor battle	.....
Utopian	a believer in an ideal world	.....

Group 4

Notes

Apocryphal	of doubtful origin	.....
Circumlocution	using too many words; long-windedness	.....
Discern	to distinguish one thing from another	.....
Fickle	unpredictable; whimsical; easily swayed	.....
Inertia	inactivity; lethargy	.....
Masochist	person who intentionally inflicts pain on himself	.....
Parry	ward off; avoid	.....
Prolific	producing a lot
Sluggard	slow-moving; lethargic person
Vacillate	waver; hesitate

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Notes

Group 5

Appease pacify; soothe; calm down; make peace with

Circumscribe limit

Discord disagreement

Finesse skill

Inevitable cannot be avoided

Matriarchy society governed by women

Parsimonious economical; frugal; thrifty

Proponents promoters; supporters

Smelt refine an ore

Vacuous empty; silly; meaningless

Group 6

Notes

Apprehensive worried; fearful

Circumspect cautious; considering all sides

Discordancy cacophony; harshness; jarring

Fitful not continuous; stopping and starting

Inexorable relentless

Maverick a loner

Parsimony stinginess; frugality; cost-cutting

Prosaic dull; boring; ordinary

Smorgasbord a Swedish buffet of cold dishes

Vagrant person wandering without a home

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Notes

Group 7

Arable	can be cultivated
Circumvent	avoid
Discrepancy	something which does not match up; inconsistency
Flagrant	clearly wrong	.....
Inexpedient	not advisable	.....
Meager	in short supply	.....
Partisan	biased; one-sided; committed to one group	.....
Proscribe	forbid	.....
Solace	comfort for grief	.....
Vapid	dull; uninspiring	.....

Group 8

Notes

Arbitrary	random; for no definite reason	.....
Clairvoyant	psychic; mystic	.....
Discriminate	to make a clear distinction; see the difference	.....
Flamboyant	showy; ornate	.....
Infallible	perfect; flawless; cannot make mistakes	.....
Meander	wander from side to side	.....
Pathos	evoking sadness or pity	.....
Prosody	study of versification	.....
Solicit	to ask for; seek	.....
Variiegated	multicolored; speckled	.....

Group 9

Arcane	obscure; known only to a few people	.....
Clamor	shout; scream	.....
Discursiveness	long windedness; indirectness	.....
Flaunt	show off; display in a showy manner	.....
Infamous	famous for something bad	.....
Mellow	soft; melodious; ripe	.....
Patron	one who give support (usually financial)	.....
Prostration	1. lying face down; 2. be overcome with extreme weakness	.....
Somnambulist	sleepwalker	.....
Vehemence	violence; fervor; forcefulness	.....

Group 10

Archaic	ancient; outdated; old fashioned	.....
Clandestine	secret; covert; stealthy	.....
Disdain	contempt; strong dislike	.....
Flippant	making jokes about serious matters	.....
Infer	deduce; conclude	.....
Menagerie	collection of animals	.....
Patronize	condescend to; behave in an arrogant manner towards	.....
Protagonist	main character in film, book, play etc.	.....
Soothsayer	fortuneteller	.....
Vehement	forceful	.....

Word list 7

Group 1		<u>Notes</u>
Archetype	classic example of	.....
Clemency	mercy	.....
Disinterested	unbiased	.....
Flout	defy; reject	.....
Ingénue	naïve, unsophisticated person	.....
Mendacious	given to lying	.....
Paucity	shortage	.....
Protean	changeable	.....
Sophomoric	juvenile; immature	.....
Venal	corrupt; can be bribed	.....

Group 2		<u>Notes</u>
Archives	collections of old records; place of storage of old documents	.....
Cliché	overused expression; something unoriginal	.....
Disparage	criticize; belittle	.....
Flustered	worked-up; not calm	.....
Ingrate	ungrateful person	.....
Mercenary	concerned only with money	.....
Peccadillo	minor weakness; trivial offence	.....
Protégé	person under protection of, or guided by another
Soporific	inducing sleep
Veneer	surface coating

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Notes

Group 3

Articulate clear; lucid; eloquent

Clientele customers

Disparity an inequality

Fly-by-night unreliable; disreputable

Inimical hostile

Mercurial volatile; changeable

Pedant person who insists on strict adherence to rules or narrow learning

Protocol procedure; code of behavior

Sparse spare; bare; meager

Venerate revere; worship

Group 4

Notes

Artifice deception; trickery

Coalesce come together; merge

Dispassionate neutral; objective

Forensic concerned with argument or debate (esp. for legal evidence)

Innate inherited; inborn

Merge come together

Pedestrian common; mundane; banal

Provincial unsophisticated; narrow-minded

Specious false

Venial minor; unimportant

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Notes

Group 5

Artisan	craftsman
Coddle	pamper; fuss over; indulge
Disseminating	circulating; broadcasting; spreading (information)
Fortitude	bravery	.....
Innocuous	harmless; inoffensive	.....
Metaphorically	symbolically; figuratively	.....
Peerless	without equal	.....
Prudent	cautious; wise	.....
Speckled	spotted; freckled; dotted	.....
Veracity	truthfulness	.....

Group 6

Notes

Ascetic	without luxuries; severely simple	.....
Coercion	force	.....
Diurnal	active in daytime	.....
Fortuitous	happening by chance	.....
Innovate	create; introduce something new	.....
Meticulous	very careful; painstaking	.....
Pejorative	derogatory	.....
Puerile	childish	.....
Sporadic	not continuous; intermittent
Verbose	talkative; long-winded; rambling

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Group 7

Assiduous	thorough; diligent
Cogent	lucid; well argued
Divert	1. entertain; 2. distract; 3. cause a detour
Fractious	irritable; difficult to control	.....
Inscrutable	mysterious; impenetrable	.....
Mettle	courage; bravery; valor	.....
Pellucid	transparently clear	.....
Punctilious	paying attention to small details	.....
Spurious	false	.....
Verboosity	using too many words	.....

Group 8

Notes

Assuage	to calm	.....
Cogitate	think over something; ponder	.....
Docile	gentle and easily lead	.....
Fraudulent	fake; false	.....
Insentient	unfeeling	.....
Milieu	environment	.....
Pensive	in a thoughtful mood; thinking deeply	.....
Purloin	steal	.....
Stagnant	still; not moving	.....
Vertigo	dizziness	.....

Group 9

Astute	perceptive; sharp-witted	.....
Collage	picture made from fragments of other pictures	.....
Dogmatic	having stubbornly held opinions	.....
Frivolous	not serious	.....
Inspid	dull; bland; boring	.....
Mire	swamp; muddy ground	.....
Penury	poverty	.....
Pusillanimous	cowardly	.....
Staid	dull; sober; serious	.....
Vestigial	not developed	.....

Group 10

Asylum	place of refuge or safety	.....
Collate	arrange in order	.....
Dolt	stupid person	.....
Frugal	economical; not wasting anything	.....
Instigate	to start; provoke	.....
Misanthrope	hater of the rest of mankind	.....
Perceptive	observant	.....
Pyromania	compulsion to start fires	.....
Stanza	section of a poem	.....
Vignette	small sketch	.....

Word list 8

Group 1		<u>Notes</u>
Atheist	person who does not believe in God	.....
Colloquial	local and informal (used of language)	.....
Dotard	foolish old man	.....
Furrow	groove	.....
Instigator	troublemaker; person who entices others to do something	.....
Misnomer	wrong name	.....
Percipient	perceptive; insightful	.....
Quaff	drink down quickly	.....
Staunch	loyal; faithful; dependable	.....
Vilification	blackening someone's name	.....

Group 2		<u>Notes</u>
Atrophy	waste away from lack of use	.....
Collusion	plotting and planning	.....
Drawl	speak slowly with words running together	.....
Furtive	hidden and secret	.....
Insurgent	a rebel	.....
Misogynist	hater of women	.....
Perdition	damnation	.....
Quagmire	marsh; bog	.....
Stereotype	fixed image
Vindicate	prove right; remove blame

Group 3

Attenuate

weaken

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Commandeer

take possession of

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Drivel

nonsense

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Futile

useless; hopeless

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Interminable

never-ending

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Misrepresentation

deliberately deceiving

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Peremptory

in a commanding manner

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Quaint

picturesque

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Stevedore

dockworker

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Virtuoso

an accomplished musician

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Group 4

Augment

increase; make bigger

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Complacent

self-satisfied; smug

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Droll

dryly amusing

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Galleon

ancient type of sailing ship

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Intermittent

sporadic; irregular

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Mitigate

lessen; make less severe

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Perfidy

treachery

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Quandary

dilemma; puzzle

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Stifle

suppress

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Virulent

dangerous; harmful

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Group 5

Auspicious	favorable; promising to turn out well
Compliant	easy to control; submissive
Drone	1. monotonous noise (<i>n</i>); 2. to speak with no emotion (<i>v</i>); 3. male bee	.....
Gambol	frolic; leap; bound	.....
Intransigence	stubbornness	.....
Modicum	small amount	.....
Perfunctory	superficial; cursory	.....
Quarantine	isolation to prevent the spread of disease	.....
Stoic	known for fortitude; indifferent to pleasure or pain	.....
Vital	essential; alive; important	.....

Group 6

Austere	severely plain	.....
Concatenate	link together	.....
Dubious	doubtful	.....
Garble	distort; confuse; muddle	.....
Intransigent	stubborn; unyielding	.....
Momentous	very important	.....
Peripatetic	nomadic; moving from place to place	.....
Quarry	1. something that is hunted; 2. mine for stone	.....
Stoke	add fuel to; strengthen	.....
Vitriolic	corrosive; strongly attacking	.....

Group 7

Aversion

a dislike of

Concatenation

linking into chains

Dupe

to fool someone

Garish

gaudy

Intrepid

brave

Monotonous

dull; unvarying

Peripheral

on the edge; not important

Querulous

always complaining

Stolid

impassive; dull; indifferent

Vivacity

liveliness; animation

Group 8

Balk

hinder and prevent; hesitate over

Conciliate

to bring together; end a dispute

Dynamic

lively; vibrant; energetic

Garner

gather; collect

Inveterate

habitual

Moratorium

temporary prohibition or halt to activity

Perjury

telling lies under oath

Quirk

oddity

Stratagem

plot; plan; trick

Vivify

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Group 9

Banal	common; dull
Concise	stated in few words
Ebullient	very lively; cheerful; jovial; happy
Garrulous	talkative	.....
Invidious	arousing envy	.....
Moribund	on the point of death	.....
Pernicious	destructive; harmful	.....
Ramble	wander aimlessly	.....
Strident	loud and harsh	.....
Vociferous	noisy; loud in speech	.....

Group 10

Banality	ordinariness; dullness	.....
Condescend	talk down to	.....
Eccentric	unusual; quirky; odd	.....
Gaunt	emaciated; bony and angular	.....
Inviolable	cannot be invaded	.....
Morose	gloomy; bad tempered	.....
Persnickety	fastidious; fussy	.....
Ramifications	branches; subdivisions of a complex system; outcomes	.....
Stringent	strict or severe	.....
Volatile	dangerously unstable; evaporates easily	.....

Word list 9

Group 1		<u>Notes</u>
Bane	troublesome influence	.....
Condone	tacitly support; overlook	.....
Eclectic	taking things from different sources	.....
Genre	a category; type	.....
Irascible	easily angered	.....
Mundane	ordinary; worldly	.....
Perpetuated	caused to continue	.....
Rancor	resentment; animosity; bad feeling	.....
Strut	swagger; show off	.....
Voluble	talkative	.....

Group 2		<u>Notes</u>
Bard	poet	.....
Condoning	overlooking; disregarding; ignoring	.....
Edifice	building; structure; construction	.....
Germane	relevant	.....
Ire	anger [<i>irate (a)</i> = very angry]	.....
Munificent	generous; charitable	.....
Perpetuity	eternity	.....
Rant	use bombastic language	.....
Stupefying	astonishing; shocking; stunning into silence
Voluminous	very large; spacious

Group 3

Bastion

fortress; stronghold

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Conflagration

big fire

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Efface

wipe out; remove all trace of

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Germinal

just growing; not developed; immature

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Irksome

annoying; infuriating

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Mutinous

very rebellious

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Personable

attractive

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Ratify

approve; consent

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Subpoena

summons to court

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Voracious

ravenous

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Group 4

Befuddle

confuse

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Confound

confuse

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Effigy

a model of a person

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Gibbering

making meaningless noises

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Ironic

satiric; unexpected

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Myriad

in large numbers

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Perspicacious

insightful; sharp; wise

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Raucous

rough and unpleasant (of sounds)

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Substantiate

give supporting evidence

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Waive

surrender; give up

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Group 5

Begrudge

resent

Congeval

to solidify

Effusive

gushing; demonstrative

Glacial

hostile; unfriendly; cold; icy

Irrational

unreasonable; absurd

Navigable

suitable for sailing

Perspicacity

insight

Raze

destroy; demolish; tear down

Subterfuge

a trick

Wane

grow less

Group 6

Notes

Beguile

mislead; lure

Congenital

present from birth

Egalitarianism

belief in equality

Goad

prod; urge

Irreproachable

cannot be criticized; perfect

Nebulous

vague

Pertinent

relevant

Rebuttal

denial

Subtle

not obvious

Wary

hesitant; cautious

Group 7

Belabor	explain in unnecessary detail	.....
Connoisseur	person with refined taste and good judgment	.....
Egregious	outstandingly, obviously bad	.....
Grate (v)	1. to annoy; aggravate; vex; 2. shred	.....
Irrevocable	cannot be cancelled; unchangeable	.....
Nefarious	wicked; immoral; disreputable	.....
Peruse	read carefully	.....
Recant	disclaim; retract statement	.....
Subversive	rebellious; revolutionary	.....
Wax	to increase; to grow	.....

Group 8

Beleaguer	besiege; attack	.....
Consecrate	dedicate	.....
Egress	exit	.....
Gratis	free of charge; without payment	.....
Itinerant	nomadic; wandering from place to place	.....
Negate	cancel; deny	.....
Pervasive	spreading everywhere	.....
Recapitulate	summarize	.....
Succinct	concise	.....
Waylay	accost; stop; approach; hinder	.....

Group 9

Belie	contradict
Consensus	general agreement
Eloquent	fluent and persuasive in speech
Gratuitous	unwarranted
Jaded	tired; bored; worn out
Negligence	carelessness
Petrify	1. terrify; 2. turn to stone
Receptacle	container; vessel; holder
Suffragist	someone who campaigns for voting rights
Weighty	serious

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Group 10

Belittle	to demean
Conspicuous	easily seen; prominent
Elucidate	make clear
Gravity	seriousness
Jargon	specialized language used by experts
Neologism	newly coined word
Petulant	sulky; peevish
Recluse	someone who cuts himself off from life
Supercilious	proud and haughty
Whelp	young dog

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Word list 10

Group 1		<u>Notes</u>
Bellicose	war-like; aggressive
Consummate	complete; total; supremely good
Elusive	hard to pin down	.....
Gregarious	extroverted; sociable; outgoing	.....
Jaundiced	cynical; pessimistic	.....
Nettle	annoy	.....
Phenomenon	an event or happening (plural: phenomena)	.....
Recuperate	get better after illness	.....
Superlative	extremely good; the best	.....
Whet	sharpen	.....

Group 2		<u>Notes</u>
Belligerent	aggressive; ready to fight	.....
Contemporary	living or happening at the same time	.....
Emaciated	very thin; withered	.....
Gritty	coarse; granular	.....
Jaunt	short pleasure trip	.....
Niggardly	miserly; stingy	.....
Philanthropy	charity; love of mankind	.....
Red tape	formalities; paperwork; official procedure	.....
Surly	grumpy; rude	.....
Whimsical	capricious; changeable	.....

Group 3

Bemoan	complain about	.....
Contrite	sorry	.....
Emancipate	set free	.....
Guffaw	sudden loud laughter	.....
Jeopardize	put at risk; endanger	.....
Nomadic	wandering from place to place	.....
Philistine	uncultured person	.....
Redolent	smelling of; giving off odors	.....
Surreptitious	secret; sneaky; stealthy	.....
Willful	stubborn	.....

Group 4

Benevolent	kindly	.....
Contrition	sorrow and repentance	.....
Embezzle	defraud; steal	.....
Guile	cunning; craftiness	.....
Jingoistic	extremely patriotic; nationalistic	.....
Nonchalance	an appearance of indifference; calm and composed	.....
Phlegmatic	calm; imperturbable	.....
Redress	put right something that was wrong
Surreptitiously	secretly; furtively; stealthily
Wily	cunning

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Group 5

Notes

Benign	kindly; harmless
Contumacious	stubborn
Embroider	involve in hostility or argument
Guileless	frank; straightforward; honest	.....
Jocular	in a joking manner	.....
Nondescript	having no special features; dull and ordinary	.....
Pillage	plunder	.....
Redundant	unnecessary; superfluous	.....
Susceptible	vulnerable	.....
Wispy	flimsy; frail; delicate	.....

Group 6

Notes

Benignity	compassion; gentleness; fondness	.....
Contusion	a bruise	.....
Emerge	come out; appear	.....
Gullibility	unwariness; trustfulness; being easily fooled	.....
Jollity	gaiety; happiness	.....
Nonentity	a person of no importance; not famous	.....
Pinnacle	topmost point	.....
Referendum	public vote	.....
Suspect	doubtful	.....
Wistful	melancholy; pensive; expressing a longing for	.....

Group 7

Bequeath	leave something in one's will to be given after one's death
Conundrum	a puzzle
Emulate	to imitate something admired
Gullible	easily fooled
Jubilant	ecstatic; delighted; rejoicing
Nostalgia	longing for the past
Pious	very religious
Refute	disprove
Sycophant	lover of luxury
Zany	crazy; wacky

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Group 8

Berate	scold; criticize
Conventional	usual; customary; common
Endorse	give support or approval to
Gustatory	concerned with the sense of taste
Judicious	correct in judgment; wise
Notoriety	infamy; known for wrong doing
Pivotal	of central importance
Regale	entertain
Sycophant	bootlicker; flatterer
Zeal	enthusiasm

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Group 9

Beret	type of cap
Corpulent	fat
Endurance	staying power; patience; stamina
Hackneyed	common and over-used	.....
Jurisprudence	science or study of law	.....
Novel	new; unusual	.....
Placate	pacify; soothe; calm	.....
Relegate	dismiss to a lower position	.....
Taciturn	quiet; saying little	.....
Zealot	fanatic	.....

Group 10

Bestial	behaving like a beast; brutal	.....
Corrugated	highly folded	.....
Enduring	lasting	.....
Hallowed	worshipped; consecrated	.....
Juxtapose	place next to	.....
Novice	a beginner; tyro	.....
Placebo	harmless medicine with no effect; dummy medicine	.....
Remorse	regret; sorrow; contrition	.....
Tactile	concerned with the sense of touch	.....
Zenith	summit	.....

Word list 11

Group 1		<u>Notes</u>
Abate	reduce in intensity	.....
Abjure	renounce; swear to refrain from something	.....
Blandishment	words used to coax or flatter [<i>blandish (v)</i>]	.....
Boor	ill-mannered person [<i>boorish (a)</i>]	.....
Cardinal	1. high ranking church official; 2. major, important	.....
Deliberate	1. slow (<i>a</i>); 2. to think over (<i>v</i>); 3. on purpose (<i>a</i>)	.....
Equivocation	speaking ambiguously [<i>equivocate (v)</i> , <i>equivocal (a)</i>]	.....
Feckless	feeble; helpless; lacking in initiative	.....
Imperturbability	quality of being calm and not easily disturbed [<i>imperturbable (a)</i>]	.....
Meretricious	falsely attractive; tawdry	.....

Group 2		<u>Notes</u>
Augury	prediction, looking for omens [<i>auger (v)</i>]	.....
Boycott	refuse to have dealings with	.....
Glib	slick; superficial esp. in speech	.....
Incise	cut into [<i>incision (n)</i> ; <i>incisive (a)</i>]	.....
Moralistic	concerned with morals [<i>moralize (v)</i>]	.....
Ostracism	shunning; social isolation [<i>ostracize (v)</i>]	.....
Penchant	inclination; leaning; tendency; predilection	.....
Rarefy	make less dense [<i>rarefaction (n)</i>]	.....
Repine	fret; be discontented	.....
Stipulate	specify [<i>stipulation (n)</i>]	.....

Group 3

Diaphanous	transparent; thin and delicate
Feint	pretended attack; a move intended to deceive
Inured	hardened; habituated
Mettlesome	spirited [<i>mettle</i> (n)]
Puissance	power
Recondite	obscure
Stygian	very dark
Touting	advertising; supporting [<i>tout</i> (v)]
Virtuosity	skill, expertise [<i>virtuoso</i> (n); <i>virtuosi</i> (n.pl)]
Volubility	excessive talkativeness [<i>voluble</i> (a)]

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Group 4

Caret	punctuation mark signifying omission
Contiguous	adjacent; touching; abutting [<i>contiguity</i> (n)]
Damp	(used of vibration) reduce in extent
Ellipsis	omission of essential words
Extirpation	wiping out; complete destruction [<i>extirpate</i> (v)]
Foppish	behaving or dressing like a dandy; excessively concerned with fashion
Gaffe	blunder; social mistake
Hortatory	encouraging; exhorting
Opprobrious	expressing great scorn [<i>opprobrium</i> (n)]
Recumbent	reclining; lying down

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Group 5

Ambidextrous able to use both left and right hands equally well

Culpability guilt [*culpable* = blameworthy]

Discernment judgment; perceptiveness

Encomium praise

Inveigle coax; cajole; wheedle; entice

Minatory threatening

Ossified turned to bone; become rigid [*ossification (n)*]

Plumb measure depth of (*v*); exact (*a. slang*)

Quintessential most typical; the perfect example of [*quintessence (n)*]

Runic mysterious; magical

Group 6

Notes

Accretion accumulation of matter; growth produced by adding from the outside

Anachronistic occurring in the wrong time period [*anachronism (n)*]

Chronic long lasting (often used for diseases in which case the opposite is *acute*)

Churlishness rudeness; ill-mannered behavior

Demagogue mob leader (who appeals to base instincts) [*demagogy/demagoguery (n)*]

Effrontery daring; audacity (has a negative connotation)

Idyll story or incident in peaceful or ideal setting [*idyllic (a)*]

Interregnum interval between reigns or governments

Nugatory of minor significance; futile

Sinecure job which pays salary but requiring little effort

Group 7

Anodized	electroplated; coated with thin layer of metal
Aphoristic	expressed tersely [<i>aphorism (n) = short statement; maxim</i>]
Canonical	orthodox [<i>canon (n) = set of accepted works</i>]
Commensurate	equal in significance
Dexterity	skill, esp. with hands [<i>dexterous (a)</i>]
Extant	still in existence (opposite of extinct)
Impugned	challenged; called into question
Probity	uprightness; honesty
Raconteur	person who relates a story
Solicitous	kindly; expressing care and concern

Group 8

Amalgamate	join; consolidate [<i>amalgamation (n)</i>]
Baleful	evil
Coerce	force [<i>coercion (n); coercing (a)</i>]
Inchoate	undeveloped; nascent
Iniquitous	evil; unjust [<i>iniquity (n)</i>]
Libertine	dissolute person; prodigal
Millinery	hats and hat-making
Natty	neat; dapper; smart
Occluded	obscured; blocked
Sidereal	of or related to stars

Group 9

Avaricious	greedy for money	.....
Extirpate	wipe out totally	.....
Halcyon	peaceful and happy; calm (esp. of summer weather)	.....
List (<i>v</i>)	1. to lean to one side; 2. to write in order	.....
Maudlin	sad; sentimental; inclined to weep	.....
Refulgent	glowing; radiant	.....
Subliminal	below the threshold of consciousness	.....
Testiness	irritability; irascibility [<i>testy (a)</i>]	.....
Vituperate	attack bitterly	.....
Whittle	1. carve with knife; 2. reduce step by step	.....

Group 10

Caricature	ridicule (<i>v</i>); cartoon intended to ridicule (<i>n</i>)	.....
Colander	bowl with holes used to drain vegetables etc.	.....
Cumbersome	bulky; difficult to carry [<i>encumber = to burden</i>]	.....
Dispatch	1. send (<i>v</i>); 2. speed; celerity (<i>n</i>)	.....
Epistemology	theory of knowledge	.....
Froward	stubborn; wayward; disobedient	.....
Supine	lying flat on one's back	.....
Throwback	exhibiting primitive, or ancestral, traits	.....
Untoward	unexpected	.....
Verisimilar	true to life; giving the appearance of reality	.....

Word list 12

Group 1		<u>Notes</u>
Abysmal	very deep; very bad	.....
Approbation	approval [<i>opp. disapprobation</i>]	.....
Bent (<i>n</i>)	inclination; aptitude	.....
Cadge	get by begging	.....
Debacle	disaster	.....
Extemporize	speak without preparation or rehearsal [<i>extemporaneous (a)</i>]	.....
Incumbents	occupiers of a job or position	.....
Lambaste	attack verbally	.....
Noisome	disgusting	.....
Pastiche	work (usually artistic) which imitates, or is composed of parts taken from varied sources	.....

Group 2		<u>Notes</u>
Arboreal	living in trees; concerned with trees	.....
Centrifuge	device to separate substances by spinning them at high speed	.....
Cloistered	isolated	.....
Disabuse	make someone aware of an error in thinking	.....
Engendering	causing; bringing into being [<i>engender (v)</i>]	.....
Intemperate	excessive; immoderate [<i>intemperance (n)</i>]	.....
Lugubrious	sad; gloomy	.....
Nonplussed	confused	.....
Pedagogy	science of education; teaching
Satiate	satisfy; fill completely [<i>satiabile (a); satiation (n)</i>]

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Group 3		Notes
Artless	without effort; without trickery; simple
Comeliness	beauty; prettiness [<i>comely (a)</i>]
Doff	take off (esp. of a hat)	.....
Don	put on (esp. of clothes)	.....
Erudition	learning; scholarly knowledge [<i>erudite (a)</i>]	.....
Plaintive	sad; mournful	.....
Suborn	bribe	.....
Tendentious	dogmatic; biased	.....
Tortuous	indirect; winding	.....
Verbiage	excessive or meaningless wordiness	.....

Group 4		Notes
Atonement	making amends for sin or crime [<i>atone (v)</i>]	.....
Complaisance	flexibility; willingness to please [<i>complaisant (a)</i>]	.....
Daguerreotype	forerunner of the photograph	.....
Fawn	behave in a sycophantic way; grovel [<i>fawning (a)</i>]	.....
Gregariousness	sociability; liking for crowds [<i>gregarious (a)</i>]	.....
Nascent	emerging; newly formed	.....
Paeon	praise; tribute (esp. in song)	.....
Reproof	scolding; criticism [<i>reprove (v)</i>]	.....
Scurvy	1. disease due to lack of vitamin C; 2. contemptible; rascally
Tutelary	serving as a guardian [<i>tutelage (n)</i>]

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Group 5

Abscission cutting; process causing leaves to fall off

Contentious causing argument [*contention (n)*; *contend (v)*]

Debilitating weakening [*debilitate (v)*]

Foible quirk; minor weakness

Importune beg; solicit [*importunate (a)*]

Pertain be relevant to [*pertinent (a)*]

Slew glut; excess

Toady sycophant; flatterer

Torrid hot and steamy

Veracious true [*veracity (n)*]

Group 6

Notes

Asperity using harsh or critical tone

Blowhard boastful person

Disingenuous crafty

Evanescent short-lived [*evanescence (n)*]

Intangible cannot be touched; abstract [*intangibility (n)*]

Labile changing rapidly; unstable

Malapropism use of similar sounding but incorrect word

Posture (v) to put on an act

Proximate immediate; nearest

Pugnacious aggressive, ready to fight [*pugnacity (n)*]

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Group 7

Foreshadowed	indicated a future event [<i>foreshadow (v)</i>]
Gaucherie	awkwardness [<i>gauche (a)</i>]
Heterodox	unorthodox
Inscrutability	quality of being difficult to comprehend [<i>inscrutable (a)</i>]
Limerick	short amusing poem
Mannered	stylized; pretentious
Pluck (<i>n</i>)	courage
Sedulous	persevering; eager and thorough
Syllogism	type of logical reasoning
Vicissitude	unexpected change in fortune or circumstances

Group 8

Notes

Acolyte	disciple; follower or attendant
Admonitory	scolding [<i>admonition (n)</i>]
Caprices	whimsies; fancies
Cornucopia	symbol (horn filled with fruit etc.) denoting natural abundance
Deferential	showing respect [<i>deference (n); defer (v)</i>]
Intractability	stubbornness; resistance [<i>intractable (a)</i>]
Luminary	eminent person
Minion	underling; servant
Undergird	support; strengthen
Vitiate	weaken; sap energy

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Group 9

Coterie clique; small group with common interests

Denigrate decry; criticize; belittle

Empirical found by experiment or practice

Gainsay contradict

Hyperbole exaggeration [*hyperbolic (a)*]

Modest 1. bashful; unpretentious; 2. not excessive

Prolixity wordiness [*prolix (a)*]

Rebus puzzle in which pictures give clues

Sere withered; old

Vulpine like a fox [compare with *bovine* (cow-like); *porcine* (pig-like), etc.]

Group 10

Notes

Corroborate give supporting evidence [*corroboration (n)*]

Exacerbated made worse [*exacerbate (v)*; *exacerbation (n)*]

Exact (v) to demand; extort

Faddish whimsical; following a fashion

Hapless unlucky

Misconstrue put a wrong interpretation on something

Perennial long-lasting

Rent torn (past participle of the verb *to rend*)

Shard fragment of pottery

Xenophobe person afraid of foreigners

Word list 13

Group 1		<u>Notes</u>
Alleviated	made less severe [<i>alleviation (n); alleviate (v)</i>]	.....
Apostrophe	1. punctuation mark; 2. appeal to someone not present (a figure of speech)	.....
Centurion	roman soldier (commander of a company of 100 soldiers)	.....
Emollient	softening (<i>a</i>); something which softens (<i>n</i>)	.....
Fusillade	long burst of gunfire	.....
Inerrancy	infallibility; inability to make mistakes [<i>inerrant (a)</i>]	.....
Mince	1. chop into small pieces; 2. walk with tiny steps, 3. speak in an affected manner	.....
Palpate	medical term meaning to examine with the hands	.....
Platitude	unoriginal, obvious saying	.....
Quibble	1. (<i>v</i>) to argue about minor matters; to play on words when finding fault; 2. (<i>n</i>) a minor verbal point in an argument	.....

Group 2		<u>Notes</u>
Apprehension	slight fear; sense of something unfavorable	.....
Conniving	cunning; scheming [<i>connive (v)</i>]	.....
Derision	mockery [<i>deride (v)</i>]	.....
Epigram	short, witty saying	.....
Lassitude	lack of energy; weariness	.....
Pedantic	over-insistent on matters of book-learning [<i>pedant (n)</i>]	.....
Phenomenology	branch of science concerned with things as they are perceived; not directly derived from theory	.....
Precipitate	1. hurried (<i>a</i>); 2. insoluble product of a reaction in chemistry (<i>n</i>), 3. to instigate or speed up an action (<i>v</i>)
Renege	go back on promise or retract statement

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Notes

Group 3

Armada	fleet of ships
Dawdler	slow person who falls behind others [<i>dawdle</i> (v)]
Dross	something worthless; impurities left after refining	.....
Expiate	atone; make amends for	.....
Hack	1. chop roughly; 2. person who writes to earn money, 3. hired horse	.....
Prone	1. vulnerable to; 2. horizontal	.....
Propensity	tendency; inclination	.....
Scabbard	cover for a sword	.....
Skiff	small boat	.....
Umbrage	1. shadow; 2. offence; sense of injury	.....

Group 4

Notes

Dilettantism	dabbling esp. in the arts [<i>dilettante</i> (n) = person who dabbles]	.....
Enervate	weaken	.....
Malevolent	having evil intentions [<i>malevolence</i> (n)]	.....
Neophyte	new convert; tyro	.....
Panegyric	speech praising someone; laudatory words	.....
Presage	forewarn of; indicate	.....
Serration	jagged edge	.....
Slight	1. minor (a); 2. perceived insult (v) and (n)	.....
Tare	1. weed; 2. allowance made for container when weighing
Unprepossessing	unattractive

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Group 5

Aberration	deviation from the normal
Cant	insincere talk
Disinter	dig up [opposite <i>inter</i> = bury]
Façade	1. front elevation of building, 2. false appearance or demeanor
Impeding	hindering [<i>impede</i> (v); <i>impediment</i> (n)]
Lacuna	gap; missing part [plural = <i>lacunae</i>]
Monolithic	united in purpose; forming a single unit
Pied	multicolored
Roster	list of names
Seemly	appropriate (of behavior); decorous

Group 6

Notes

Analogue	1. something similar; 2. output proportional to input (engineering)
Coda	piece of music at the end of a musical work; finale; final part of document
Commingle	mix
Equivocal	ambiguous; open to interpretation [<i>equivocate</i> (v), <i>equivocation</i> (n)]
Fallible	capable of making mistakes [<i>fallibility</i> (n)]
Hallow	respect; worship
Indigence	poverty
Papyrus	material used for writing on before paper was invented
Pique	1. annoyance (n); 2. to stimulate interest; to annoy (v)
Sap	1. liquid inside plants (n); 2. to drain; to undermine (v); 3. a fool (n)

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Group 7

Arbitrator mediator; person appointed to judge a dispute
[*arbitrate (v)*]

Descry to see (esp. at a distance); catch sight of

Facetious not intended to be taken seriously

Indecorous unseemly; inappropriate (of behavior)

Proliferate grow and spread [*proliferation (n)*]

Scotch (*v*) to prevent; stop; disable

Strut 1. supporting rod (*n*); 2. to walk in an arrogant manner; show off (*v*)

Toy (*v*) to play with

Usury lending money at high interest rates

Wag (*n*) a witty person

Group 8

Notes

Atavism reappearance of ancestral traits; regression
[*atavistic (a)*]

Filibuster delaying tactics

Gambit opening move; transaction

Mitigation making less severe [*mitigate (v)*]

Obligate compulsory

Predilection leaning; interest; talent

Propitiate appease; try to gain favor [*propitiation (n)*]

Stanch to stop

Travesty parody; ridiculous error

Waft drift smoothly (*v*); whiff; smell (*n*)

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Notes

Group 9

Forage	search for food
Lumber	1. walk in an ungainly way; 2. timber (wood)
Muse	1. think; meditate (<i>v</i>); 2. a source of inspiration (<i>n</i>) [in mythology, a goddess who gives inspiration]	.....
Prescience	foreknowledge	.....
Prune	1. to trim; 2. a dried plum	.....
Ready	(used of wit) quick	.....
Resolve	firmness (<i>n</i>)	.....
Squalid	dirty and demeaning	.....
Sullied	made dirty or impure [opposite <i>unsullied</i> ; <i>sully</i> (<i>v</i>)]	.....
Veneration	worship; respect [<i>venerable</i> (<i>a</i>), <i>venerate</i> (<i>v</i>)]	.....

Group 10

Notes

Demur	object; hesitate to accept	.....
Duplicity	cunning; deception; double dealing	.....
Exigency	urgent matter; pressing need	.....
Expostulate	offer strong objections; remonstrate	.....
Gossamer	delicate; filmy; like gauze	.....
Inefficacious	ineffective	.....
Pine	1. type of evergreen tree; 2. grieve	.....
Prudish	narrow-minded; excessively concerned with morals [<i>prudery</i> (<i>n</i>), <i>prude</i> (<i>n</i>)]	.....
Quixotic	impractically idealistic	.....
Stipple	cover with dots of paint etc.	.....

Word list 14

Group 1		<u>Notes</u>
Abrasion	1. damage to skin caused by scraping; 2. process of scraping or rubbing [<i>abrade (v)</i>]	.....
Adumbrate	outline; indicate	.....
Cognitive	concerned with thinking or perceiving [<i>cognition (n)</i>]	.....
Deign	condescend	.....
Fervid	passionate	.....
Gall	1. bitterness (bad feeling); 2. confidence; 3. abnormal growth on a plant	.....
Levee	1. raised bank of a river; 2. morning reception held by a monarch	.....
Preternatural	unnatural; abnormal	.....
Quell	suppress	.....
Score (<i>n</i>)	written form of music	.....

Group 2		<u>Notes</u>
Abut	to adjoin	.....
Consternation	worry and concern	.....
Gavel	judge's hammer	.....
Lien	right to sell property held as a security; legal hold on job etc.	.....
Parenthesis	remarks deviating from the main point [<i>parentheses</i> are round brackets in punctuation]	.....
Sinewy	vigorous; having well-developed muscles [a <i>sinew</i> is a tendon]	.....
Steep (<i>v</i>)	to soak in water	.....
Tamp	to plug; press loose matter down tightly (e.g. pack explosives into a hole)	.....
Venturing	1. hazarding; risking; putting forward; 2. going somewhere [<i>venturesome</i> means courageous or willing to take risks]

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Group 3

Notes

Arduous	hard
Decimated	kill or destroy a large part of (originally one tenth)
Fledge	1. grow feathers; 2. leave nest [<i>fledgling (n)</i> = an inexperienced person or a baby bird]	.....
Gouge	cut or dig out	.....
Picayune	insignificant; of little value	.....
Riveting	fascinating [<i>to rivet</i> literally means to fix metal plates using metal pins]	.....
Soliloquy	solo speech	.....
Supplicant	person who requests or begs for something [<i>supplicate (v)</i>]	.....
Transcendental	supernatural; going beyond normal experience [<i>transcendent (a)</i>]	.....
Veritable	true; genuine [<i>verity (n)</i>]	.....

Group 4

Notes

Condescension	talking down to someone [<i>condescending (a)</i>]	.....
Divest	remove; take off	.....
Eddy	circular current	.....
Epaulet	shoulder decoration	.....
Fallacy	wrong idea [<i>fallacious (a)</i>]	.....
Fringe	1. decorative border with tassels (<i>n</i>); 2. to form an edge (<i>v</i>)	.....
Leaven	to make light; modify; cause bread to rise using yeast etc.	.....
Patronize	1. to talk down to; condescend; 2. to be a customer of	.....
Prominent	1. eminent; 2. protruding; 3. obvious	.....
Statute	law [<i>statutory (a)</i>]	.....

Group 5

Antipathy

hatred

Aver

affirm

Expatiate

speak or write at great length

Flag (v)

1. to lose energy; 2. to signal

Flail

1. tool used to thresh grain; 2. to thresh (separate grain from chaff); 3. to wave arms about wildly

Indicted

accused (of crime)

Loll

laze around; hang out (when used of the tongue)

Malign

slander

Secure (v)

1. to fix firmly; 2. to obtain

Talon

long pointed nail or claw

Group 6

Abeyance

state of inactivity; disuse

Disarm

1. take away weapons; 2. win over to one's side
[*disarming* (a)]

Elaborate

1. complex and detailed (a); 2. to expand on (v)

Foment

1. stir up; 2. bathe with hot liquids (medical)

Jockeying

maneuvering; struggling to get ahead of others
[*jockey* (v)]

Minutiae

small details

Rue

regret [*rueful* (a)]

Somatic

concerned with the body

Stinting

holding back; limiting the supply (of supplies/money etc.) [*stint* (v)]

Temperate

moderate

Group 7

Allure	1. attraction (<i>n</i>); 2. to attract (<i>v</i>)	.....
Caulk	treat with substance such as tar to make water-tight	.....
Conscript	1. person enlisted compulsorily into the armed forces; 2. (<i>v</i>) to enlist compulsorily	.....
Desultory	aimless; inconsistent in effort	.....
Elegy	poem concerned with death; praise of a dead person	.....
Fallow	uncultivated	.....
Forbearing	tolerant [<i>forbear (v)</i> ; <i>forbearance (n)</i>]	.....
Hegemony	political domination; complete authority	.....
Improbability	lack of honesty or integrity	.....
Qualm	hesitation or fear	.....

Group 8

Assay	1. try; 2. assess purity	.....
Chauvinist	someone excessively patriotic [<i>chauvinism (n)</i>]	.....
Discrete	separate; discontinuous (not to be confused with <i>discreet</i> - prudent; diplomatic]	.....
Enlist	1. sign up for the army; 2. obtain	.....
Fabricated	made up; false; manufactured [<i>fabricate (v)</i> ; <i>fabrication(n)</i>]	.....
Fulminate	1. attack loudly in words; denounce thunderously; 2. explode noisily	.....
Hawser	thick rope or cable	.....
Jibe	agree with; complement; match up with (in British usage <i>jibe</i> means mock)	.....
Peer	1. an equal; 2. to stare at; 3. nobleman
Stickler	one who is strict about rules or details

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Group 9

Cloture	closure; terminating a debate by voting
Congruent	matching [<i>congruency (n)</i>]
Dally	waste time; flirt	.....
Dissemble	avoid the truth	.....
Dote	be excessively fond of [<i>doting (a)</i>]	.....
Errant	1. wandering; 2. wrong; 3. straying from accepted standards	.....
Fervent	passionate	.....
Stomach (v)	to tolerate	.....
Synapse	junction between two nerve cells	.....
Undercutting	offering a lower price; undermining	.....

Group 10

Notes

Arson	deliberate, criminal starting of fires	.....
Carrion	dead flesh; carcasses	.....
Intelligible	can be understood	.....
Ironclad	cannot be altered; firm	.....
Lint	fluff; soft material used to cover wounds	.....
Pretension	assumed attitude of superiority; arrogance	.....
Pundit	expert	.....
Pyre	ceremonial fire	.....
Sate	satisfy	.....
Syncopation	type of musical rhythm with missed beats	.....

Word list 15

Group 1		<u>Notes</u>
Abraded	worn away; eroded [<i>abrade (v); abrasion (n)</i>]	.....
Apposite	fitting; suitable	.....
Diatribes	tirade; violent denunciation; stream of criticism	.....
Gerontocracy	government by the aged	.....
Maculated	spotted	.....
Quisling	traitor	.....
Sedulity	thoroughness; perseverance [<i>sedulous (a)</i>]	.....
Seine	type of fishing net	.....
Tender	to offer	.....
Waffle	talk nonsense	.....

Group 2		<u>Notes</u>
Burlesque	1. comic play; 2. lampoon	.....
Exemplar	model type [<i>exemplary (a)</i>]	.....
Homiletics	art of preaching and giving sermons	.....
Impugn	challenge; question someone's honor etc.	.....
Incubus	encumbrance; nightmarish thing	.....
Lope	run with long strides	.....
Macerate	chop into tiny pieces
Nostrum	remedy
Saw	1. tool for cutting; 2. wise saying
Sibyl	prophetess

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Notes

Group 3

Brook	1. small stream; 2. tolerate
Emboss	decorate with a raised design
Eschew	shun; avoid	.....
Limpid	transparently clear	.....
Liturg	form of worship	.....
Nexus	connection	.....
Odometer	instrument to measure distance covered	.....
Purchase	1. grip; 2. buy	.....
Quotidian	daily; routine	.....
Seminal	essential; formative	.....

Group 4

Notes

Agog	amazed; wide-eyed with enthusiasm	.....
Amortize	pay off a debt in installments	.....
Curmudgeon	grumpy person	.....
Dormancy	state of inactivity	.....
Efficacy	effectiveness	.....
Epithet	phrase used as a label or to express the essential nature of	.....
Figurehead	symbol of power; nominal leader	.....
Fracas	fight; disturbance	.....
Jamb	door post	.....
Milk	to squeeze; obtain by application of pressure	.....

Group 5

Chorales	simple hymns	.....
Dissonance	discord; disagreement	.....
Frieze	decorative border	.....
Gist	essence; main point	.....
Latent	hidden; real but undeveloped	.....
Partiality	bias	.....
Plodding	walking slowly and heavily; uninspired	.....
Rekindle	relight; revive	.....
Symphony	type of musical composition	.....
Tarnished	made dull; spoil (reputation)	.....

Group 6

Compromised	1. damaged or put in doubt (esp. of reputation); 2. reached an agreement by giving up part of a claim	.....
Drabness	dullness	.....
Endow	give gift; provide with money etc.	.....
Esoterica	obscure details	.....
Falters	hesitates	.....
Prattle	mindless talk	.....
Prohibitive	1. prohibiting; 2. exorbitantly expensive	.....
Purist	conservative; one who insists on correct forms of language etc.	.....
Quack	charlatan; fake	.....
Taunt	mock; tease	.....

Group 7

Arresting (a)	attracting attention; striking	.....
Barrage	extended gunfire to cover an attack; dam across river; deluge or information etc.	.....
Chantey	type of song sung by sailors	.....
Ferrous	concerned with iron or its compounds	.....
Manipulative	scheming	.....
Orate	speak in a pompous manner	.....
Psychosis	severe mental disturbance	.....
Savor	enjoy	.....
Table (v)	put down for future discussion	.....
Underwrite	give guarantee, insure	.....

Group 8

Dissident	person who disagrees [<i>dissidence (n)</i>]	.....
Enigmatic	puzzling [<i>enigma (n)</i>]	.....
Foolhardy	reckless [<i>foolhardiness (n)</i>]	.....
Homogeneity	evenness; uniformity	.....
Personification	1. represent something as a person; 2. a concrete example of	.....
Plaque	1. surface deposit on teeth or in artery etc.; 2. decorative plate or sign	.....
Plausibility	believability [<i>plausible (a)</i>]	.....
Resilience	resistance; ability to spring back [<i>resilience (a)</i>]	.....
Trilogy	set of three (literary works etc.); <i>tetralogy</i> = set of four
Vagary	something unaccountable; freak

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Notes

Group 9

Aisle corridor; passageway (esp. between rows of seats)

Discountenance disallow

Imperative must be obeyed

Indigent poor; needy [*indigence (n)*]

Nadir lowest point

Paranoia mental state characterized by delusions or excessive fear

Prudence caution; wisdom

Resuscitation revival from unconsciousness [*resuscitate (v)*]

Shirk avoid (esp. work)

Teetotalism total abstinence from alcohol

Group 10

Notes

Balm soothing ointment or anything soothing [*balmy (a)*]

Calibrate mark an accurate scale on a device

Cataclysmic violently disruptive [*cataclysm (n)*]

Impropriety inappropriate behavior

Pith center; soft part of stem; essence

Primordial present from the beginning of time

Reconnaissance examination or survey conducted in advance [*reconnoiter (v)*]

Sinistral left-handed (or counterclockwise) [*dextral* - right handed]

Tempers moderates

Undermine subvert; attempt to overthrow

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