



Glossary

ABHOR	to hate	BELLIGERENT	eager to fight
ABSTINENCE	deliberate self-restraint	BEMUSE	to confuse, stun, or stump
ABSTRUSE	difficult to understand	BENEVOLENT	inclined to perform kind acts
ACCLAIM	to praise	BENIGN	kind; beneficial
ACCORD	agreement	BERATE	to criticize severely or angrily
ACERBIC	bitter	BOISTEROUS	noisy; disorderly
ACRIMONY	hostility	BOLSTER	to support; to reinforce
ACUITY	sharp perception or vision	BOMBASTIC	using arrogant or pretentious speech
ADEPT	very skilled	BRAZEN	rudely bold
ADMONISH	to gently criticize or warn	BRUSQUE	rudely brief
ADORN	to decorate	BUOYANT	cheerful
ADROIT	very skilled	BURGEON	to grow
ADULATION	excessive flattery	BUTTRESS	to support or strengthen
ADVERSITY	great hardship	CACOPHONY	jarring, disagreeable sound
ADVOCATE	to speak in favor of, promote	CAJOLE	to persuade by flattery
AESTHETIC	concerning beauty	CALLOUS	emotionally hardened or unfeeling
AFFABLE	friendly	CAMARADERIE	goodwill among friends
AFFLUENT	wealthy	CANDID	honest and straightforward
ALACRITY	eagerness, enthusiasm	CANTANKEROUS	ill-tempered
ALIENATE	to make unfriendly or hostile	CAPRICIOUS	impulsive, unpredictable
ALLEVIATE	to make more bearable	CARNIVOROUS	meat-eating
ALTRUISTIC	unselfishly concerned for the welfare of others	CATHARTIC	emotionally cleansing or relieving
AMALGAM	a combination of diverse elements	CAUSTIC	harsh, stinging; sarcastic
AMBIGUOUS	unclear	CENSURE	to criticize severely
AMBIVALENT	having opposing feelings; uncertain	CEREBRAL	intellectual
AMELIORATE	to improve	CHRONIC	continuing or lingering
AMENABLE	open to advice or suggestion	CIRCUITOUS	being or taking a roundabout course
AMIABLE	friendly	CIRCUMSPECT	cautious and wise
AMICABLE	friendly	CIRCUMVENT	to avoid or get around
AMORPHOUS	lacking definite form	CLAIRVOYANCE	the power to see things that cannot be perceived by the senses
ANACHRONISTIC	in the wrong time period		kept or done in secret
ANECDOTE	a short account of an interesting or humorous incident	CLANDESTINE	forcefully convincing
		COGENT	aware
ANIMOSITY	bitter hostility	COGNIZANT	logically connected; making sense
ANTAGONISTIC	hostile	COHERENT	sticking or holding together
APATHETIC	lacking interest, concern, or emotion	COHESIVE	to work together
APPEASE	to bring peace, quiet, or calm to; to relieve	COLLABORATE	to praise
APPREHENSIVE	fearful	COMMEND	to exert a strong, irresistible force on
ARBITRARY	determined by impulse or chance, without reason	COMPEL	having adequate ability
		COMPETENT	self-satisfied to the point of inactivity; unconcerned
ARCHAIC	outdated; really old	COMPLACENT	participation in a bad act or a crime
ARDOR	energy, intensity, enthusiasm		calm
ARID	dry	COMPLICITY	to expose to danger or suspicion
ARTICULATE	characterized by clear and expressive language	COMPOSED	to acknowledge, often reluctantly, as being true
		COMPROMISE	to bring peace, quiet, or calm to; to relieve
ASCERTAIN	to discover	CONCEDE	expressing much in few words
ASPIRE	to have a great ambition		agreement
ASSESS	to make a judgment about	CONCILIATE	to agree
ASSIDUOUS	hard working	CONCISE	to deal with people in a superior manner
ASTUTE	having sharp judgment	CONCORD	to excuse or overlook
ATROPHY	to waste away	CONCUR	to be similar; to adapt
AUDACITY	disrespectful boldness	CONDESCEND	to confuse
AUGMENT	to make greater in size or quantity	CONDONE	guesswork
AUSPICIOUS	favorable; successful	CONFORM	thorough and careful
AUSTERE	strict or severe in discipline	CONFOUND	general agreement
AUTONOMY	independence	CONJECTURE	to combine
AVARICE	greed	CONSCIENTIOUS	a component
AVERSE	reluctant	CONSENSUS	to hold back; to restrict
AWE	a mixed emotion of respect, wonder, and dread	CONSOLIDATE	to interpret
		CONSTITUENT	a lack of respect and intense dislike
BANAL	ordinary and commonplace	CONSTRAIN	to compete; to argue
BANE	a cause of death or ruin	CONSTRUE	
BELIE	to represent falsely	CONTEMPT	
BELITTLE	to speak of in an insulting way	CONTEND	



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CONTRITE	feeling or expressing remorse	ECLECTIC	having elements from a variety of sources
CONTRIVED	obviously planned or made up	ECSTASY	intense joy or delight
CONVIVIAL	sociable	EFFACE	to erase
CONVOLUTED	complicated	EFFICACIOUS	effective
COPIOUS	plentiful, abundant	EFFUSIVE	overflowing (usually referring to emotions)
CORDIAL	friendly, warm, polite	ELATED	filled with delight
CORROBORATE	to strengthen or support with evidence	ELITE	superior in status
CREDIBLE	believable	ELOQUENT	well spoken
CUNNING	clever, sneaky	ELUCIDATE	to make clear
CURSORY	performed with haste and little attention to detail	ELUSIVE	tending to escape
CURTAIL	to cut short	EMBELLISH	to add fictitious details to
CYNICAL	believing that people are motivated by selfishness; pessimistic	EMINENT	outstanding; distinguished
DAUNT	to intimidate or lessen one's courage	EMPIRICAL	based on observation or experiment
DEARTH	a scarce supply	EMULATE	to equal through imitation
DEBILITATE	to weaken	ENCOMPASS	to enclose; to include
DEBUNK	to disprove or expose the falseness of	ENCROACH	to advance beyond limits
DECORUM	correct or appropriate behavior	ENERVATE	to weaken or drain of energy
DECRY	to condemn openly	ENHANCE	to make greater or better
DEFER	to submit or yield to another's wish or opinion	ENIGMATIC	puzzling
DELETERIOUS	harmful	ENMITY	hatred
DELINEATE	to depict or describe	ENTHRALL	to hold spellbound, captivate
DEMEAN	to lower in status or worth	ENTICE	to lure
DENIGRATE	to attack the reputation of	ENTRENCH	to fix firmly or securely
DENOUNCE	to condemn openly	ENUMERATE	to specify individually; to count
DEPRECATE	to mildly insult or belittle	ENUNCIATE	to pronounce with clarity
DERIDE	to speak of or treat with cruelty	EPHEMERAL	lasting for a brief time
DESPAIR	a complete loss of hope	EQUANIMITY	calmness
DESPONDENT	depressed, having no hope	EQUIVOCAL	uncertain, vague, misleading
DETER	to prevent or discourage from acting	ERADICATE	to eliminate
DIFFIDENCE	a lack of self-confidence, shyness	ERRATIC	irregular
DIGRESS	to stray from the main subject	ERUDITE	scholarly, well educated
DILATORY	tending to delay; late or slow	ESOTERIC	understood by only a few
DILIGENT	hard working	ESPOUSE	to give one's support to
DIMINUTIVE	tiny	ESTEEM	to value highly, to respect
DISCERN	to detect or perceive	ESTRANGE	to cause to become unfriendly or hostile
DISCORD	lack of agreement, quarreling	EULOGY	a written or spoken tribute (usually for someone who has died)
DISCREDIT	to bring shame or dishonor on	EUPHEMISM	the substitution of inoffensive term for one considered offensive
DISCREET	careful in one's conduct or speech	EUPHORIA	a feeling of great happiness
DISCREPANCY	an unexpected difference	EVANESCENT	fading away
DISCRETE	separate; distinct	EVASIVE	tending to escape
DISDAIN	intense dislike	EVOKE	to summon or call forth
DISGRUNTLED	unhappy	EXACERBATE	to make more severe
DISMISS	to reject	EXACTING	requiring great care or effort
DISPARAGE	to speak of in an insulting way	EXALT	to elevate, glorify, or praise
DISPARITY	the state of being different	EXASPERATE	to anger or irritate
DISPASSIONATE	not influenced by emotion or bias	EXEMPLARY	worthy of imitation
DISPEL	to rid of	EXONERATE	to free from blame or responsibility
DISPOSITION	one's usual mood	EXORBITANT	excessive
DISSEMBLE	to conceal behind a false appearance	EXPEDITE	to speed the progress of
DISSEMINATE	to spread out	EXPLOIT	to utilize fully or advantageously (often selfishly or unethically)
DISSENT	disagreement	EXTOL	to praise
DISSIPATE	to disappear	EXTRAVAGANT	excessive
DIVERGENT	drawing apart from a common point; differing from another	EXUBERANT	lively
DIVISIVE	creating disagreement or dissent	FACILE	simple; easy
DIVULGE	to make known, reveal	FACILITATE	to make easier
DOCILE	easily managed or taught	FATUOUS	foolish, ridiculously stupid
DOGGED	stubbornly persevering	FEASIBLE	possible, workable, practical
DOGMATIC	stubbornly and arrogantly opinionated	FELICITY	great happiness
DOUR	gloomy	FERVENT	greatly emotional or enthusiastic
DUBIOUS	doubtful, questionable	FLAGRANT	obviously bad or offensive
DUPLICITY	deception, deceit	FLAMBOYANT	highly elaborate; showy
EARNEST	showing deep sincerity or seriousness	FLORID	elaborately or excessively ornamented; flowery
EBULLIENT	enthusiastic, lively	FLOURISH	to grow well
ECCENTRIC	strange; unconventional		



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FORTHRIGHT	honest, direct, straightforward	INVOKE	to enforce or put into operation
FOSTER	to promote the development of	IRATE	enraged
FRENETIC	wildly excited; frenzied; frantic	JADED	weary, worn out
FRIVOLOUS	unworthy of serious attention	JUDICIOUS	having good judgment, prudent
FRUGAL	careful with money, stingy	JUXTAPOSE	to place side by side
FUTILE	having no useful result	KEEN	sharp, perceptive
GALVANIZE	to stimulate	LACONIC	using few words (often rudely or mysteriously)
GARISH	flashy, tastelessly loud and brightly colored	LAMENT	to regret; to show grief for
GARRULOUS	talkative	LANGUID	lacking energy or spirit
GENIAL	friendly, cheerful	LATENT	existing in hidden or dormant form
GRANDIOSE	falsely exaggerating one's worth	LAUD	to praise
GRATE	to irritate	LAVISH	excessive; plentiful
GRATUITOUS	unnecessary	LUCID	clear
GREGARIOUS	sociable	LUXURIOUS	rich and superior in quality
GUILE	skillful deceit	MAGNANIMOUS	noble and generous in spirit
HACKNEYED	overused	MANDATE	an authoritative command
HAIL	to salute or greet	MANIFEST	to make evident or certain by displaying or demonstrating
HAMPER	to prevent the movement or action of	MEAGER	small, inadequate, or insufficient
HARANGUE	a long, angry speech	MEDIOCRE	ordinary; so-so
HAUGHTY	snobbish; overly proud	MELANCHOLY	sad; gloomy
HEED	to pay close attention to	MERCENARY	motivated solely by a desire for monetary or material gain
HERETICAL	characterized by departure from accepted beliefs or standards	MERCURIAL	changeable, erratic
HINDER	to be or get in the way of	METICULOUS	extremely careful
HOMOGENEOUS	all of the same or similar kind	MIRTH	gladness, amusement, laughter
IDIOSYNCRATIC	peculiar to an individual	MITIGATE	to lessen in force or intensity
ILLICIT	not permitted by custom or law	MOLLIFY	to soften, to ease the anger of
ILLUSORY	based on or producing illusion; deceptive	MOROSE	gloomy
IMPARTIAL	not biased	MUNDANE	ordinary, commonplace
IMPASSIONED	filled with passion	MUTABLE	subject to change
IMPASSIVE	having or showing little emotion	NEBULOUS	hazy, vague, or confused; lacking defined form
IMPECCABLE	perfect	NEGLIGENT	guilty of neglect
IMPEDE	to be or get in the way of	NEGLIGIBLE	insignificant; really small
IMPERIOUS	arrogantly authoritative or overbearing	NONCHALANT	casually unconcerned (sometimes falsely)
IMPETUOUS	impulsive, unthinking	NOSTALGIA	a bittersweet longing for the past
IMPUGN	to attack as false or wrong, to challenge or question	NOTORIOUS	known widely and unfavorably; famous for something bad
INACCESSIBLE	not easily approached, entered, or obtained	NOVEL	strikingly new or different
INCISIVE	penetrating, clear and sharp	NURTURE	to help develop, to nourish
INCONGRUOUS	inappropriate; inconsistent	OBDURATE	stubbornly persistent in wrongdoing
INCONSEQUENTIAL	lacking importance	OBLIVIOUS	forgetful; unaware
INCONTROVERTIBLE	impossible to dispute	OBSOLETE	no longer in use or current
INCORRIGIBLE	incapable of being corrected or reformed	OBSTINATE	stubborn
INCREDULOUS	disbelieving	OBSTREPEROUS	noisily and stubbornly defiant
INDICT	to accuse of wrongdoing	OBTRUSIVE	sticking out, noticeable; brash, meddling
INDIFFERENT	having no preference	OBTUSE	lacking intellect
INDIGENOUS	native	OFFICIOUS	overly eager in offering unwanted help
INDIGNATION	anger (over something unjust)	OMINOUS	menacing; threatening
INDUCE	to bring about the occurrence of;	OPAQUE	not clearly understood, dense
INDULGE	to please or satisfy	OPPORTUNE	suitable, occurring at an appropriate time
INFLAMMATORY	arousing strong emotion, esp. anger	OPULENT	rich or superior in quality
INGENUOUS	innocent; honest and straightforward	ORNATE	excessively decorated
INHERENT	naturally occurring; essential	ORTHODOX	commonly accepted; traditional
INHIBIT	to hold back; to restrain	PARADOX	a seemingly contradictory statement that may nonetheless be true
INNATE	inborn	PARTISAN	devoted to or biased in support of a group
INNOCUOUS	harmless	PATRONIZE	to treat condescendingly
INNOVATIVE	new and creative	PENITENT	feeling or expressing remorse
INQUISITIVE	showing curiosity	PERNICIOUS	deadly or destructive
INSINUATE	to suggest subtly; to hint	PERPETUAL	continuing forever or indefinitely
INSIPID	lacking flavor or zest; dull	PERSEVERE	to be persistent, refuse to stop
INSOLENT	disrespectfully arrogant	PERSPICACITY	a high level of perception or understanding
INSTIGATE	to stir up	PERTINENT	exactly relevant
INSULAR	isolated; narrow-minded	PERVASIVE	spread throughout
INTELLIGIBLE	capable of being understood		
INTRANSIGENT	uncompromising		
INUNDATE	to overwhelm with, to flood		
INVIGORATE	to give life or energy to		



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PLACID	calm, quiet	SOMBER	gloomy
PLAUSIBLE	believable	SPECIOUS	seemingly true but actually logically false
PLIABLE	easily bent or shaped	SPORADIC	occurring at irregular intervals
POIGNANT	touching	SPURIOUS	not genuine; false
POLARIZE	to set at opposite ends or extremes	SPURN	to reject with disrespect
POMPOUS	exaggeratedly self-important	SQUANDER	to waste
PRAGMATIC	practical	STAGNANT	not moving, flowing, or developing
PRECARIOUS	dangerously unstable or insecure	STEADFAST	firm and dependable
PRECIPITOUS	extremely steep	STOIC	seemingly unaffected by pleasure or pain
PREDILECTION	a preference; a tendency toward favoring	SUBDUE	to bring under control
PRETENTIOUS	claiming unjust standing	SUBSTANTIATE	to support with proof
PREVALENT	widely occurring	SUBVERT	to ruin; to overthrow
PRISTINE	unspoiled, completely pure	SUCCESS	precise expression using few words
PRODIGIOUS	enormous; extraordinary	SUPERFLUOUS	extra, unnecessary
PROFOUND	deep; far-reaching	SUPPLANT	to take the place of
PROLIFERATE	to increase or spread at a rapid rate	SUPPRESS	to put down; to hold back
PROLIFIC	producing abundant works or results	SURREPTITIOUS	done or made by secret or stealthy means
PROPAGATE	to transmit or cause to broaden or spread	TACT	sensitivity in dealing with others
PROPENSITY	tendency	TEDIOUS	tiresomely long or boring
PROPRIETY	the quality of being proper	TEMPER	to soften or moderate
PROSAIC	lacking in imagination; dull	TENACITY	persistence, determination
PROSPERITY	success; being well-off	TERSE	expressing much in few words
PROVINCIAL	narrow-minded	THERAPEUTIC	having healing powers
PROVOCATIVE	tending to stir to anger or action	THWART	to stop or prevent
PRUDENT	wise; careful	TORPOR	inactivity
PUGNACIOUS	eager to fight	TRACTABLE	easily managed, led, or taught
QUELL	to put down forcibly	TRANQUIL	calm
RANCOR	hostility	TRANSIENT	existing only briefly
RAVENOUS	violently hungry or greedy	TRANSITORY	existing only briefly
REBUKE	to criticize or find fault with	TREACHERY	deliberate betrayal of trust
RECIPROCATATE	to show or give in return	TRITE	uninteresting because of overuse
RECLUSIVE	seeking or preferring isolation	TRIVIAL	insignificant, unimportant
RECONCILE	to reestablish a close relationship between	TUMULTUOUS	disorderly or noisy
REFUGE	protection or shelter	UNASSUMING	not showy or arrogant; modest; plain
REFUTE	to prove to be false	UNDERMINE	to weaken
REITERATE	to repeat	UNDERScore	to emphasize
RELINQUISH	to give up; to release	UNIFORM	always the same
REMINISCE	to recollect and tell of the past	URBANE	polite, suave, and cultivated in manner
RENOUNCE	to reject, disown, or formally give up	USURP	to seize and take control without authority
REPREHENSIBLE	deserving of criticism or disapproval		and possibly with force
REPROACH	to criticize or express disappointment	UTILITARIAN	having only a useful function; practical
REPUDIATE	to reject the validity of	VACILLATE	to be undecided, to hesitate
RESENT	to feel angry and bitter about	VAPID	lacking liveliness or interest; dull
RESIGNATION	acceptance of something as inescapable; submission	VEILED	concealed or disguised
		VENERATE	to respect
RESILIENT	able to recover promptly	VERBOSE	using more words than necessary
RESOLUTE	firm or determined	VERSATILE	capable of doing many things competently
RESOLVE	to make a firm decision about	VICARIOUS	felt or undergone as if one were taking part
RETICENT	restrained or reserved		in the experience or feelings of another
REVERE	to respect, honor or admire	VIGILANT	alert; watchful
REVOKE	to void by recalling, reversing, or withdrawing	VILIFY	to say bad things about, to make into a villain
RUDIMENTARY	being or involving basic facts or principles		
SAGACIOUS	insightful and wise	VINDICATE	to clear of blame or suspicion
SANCTION	to give official authorization or approval to	VINDICTIVE	seeking revenge
SANGUINE	cheerful	VIVACIOUS	lively
SCATHING	harshly critical	VOLATILE	explosive, tending to change
SCOFF	to express or treat with disrespectful disregard	VOLUBLE	characterized by ready and rapid speech
SCORN	intense hatred or disrespect	VOLUMINOUS	big; having large volume
SCRUPULOUS	thorough and careful	VULNERABLE	not protected against harm; easily injured
SCRUTINIZE	to examine carefully	WARRANT	to justify
SERENE	calm	WARY	on guard, cautious, watchful
SHREWD	smart in a sneaky or tricky manner	WAVER	to be unsure or weak
SKEPTICAL	doubting, questioning, not believing	WHIMSICAL	impulsive, fanciful
SMUG	self-satisfied (especially in a mocking way)	ZEALOUS	filled with or motivated by enthusiastic devotion
SOLEMN	serious and sober		
SOLICITOUS	anxious or concerned		