

Words at a Glance

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ADMONISH	to gently criticize or warn	ARCHAIC	outdated; really old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

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CONJECTURE	Guesswork	DEFER	to submit or yield to another's wish or opinion
CONSCIENTIOUS	thorough and careful	DELETERIOUS	Harmful
CONSENSUS	general agreement	DELINEATE	to depict or describe
CONSOLIDATE	to combine	DEMEAN	to lower in status or worth
CONSTITUENT	a component	DENIGRATE	to attack the reputation of
CONSTRAIN	to hold back; to restrict	DENOUNCE	to condemn openly
CONSTRUE	to interpret	DEPRECATE	to mildly insult or belittle
CONTEMPT	a lack of respect and intense dislike	DERIDE	to speak of or treat with cruelty
CONTEND	to compete; to argue	DESPAIR	a complete loss of hope
CONTRITE	feeling or expressing remorse	DESPONDENT	depressed, having no hope
CONTRIVED	obviously planned or made up	DETER	to prevent or discourage from acting
CONVIVIAL	Sociable	DIFFIDENCE	a lack of self-confidence, shyness
CONVOLUTED	Complicated	DIGRESS	to stray from the main subject
COPIOUS	plentiful, abundant	DILATORY	tending to delay; late or slow
CORDIAL	friendly, warm, polite	DILIGENT	hard working
CORROBORATE	to strengthen or support with evidence	DIMINUTIVE	Tiny
CREDIBLE	Believable	DISCERN	to detect or perceive
CUNNING	clever, sneaky	DISCORD	lack of agreement, quarreling
CURSORY	performed with haste and little attention to detail	DISCREDIT	to bring shame or dishonor on
CURTAIL	to cut short	DISCREET	careful in one's conduct or speech
CYNICAL	believing that people are motivated by selfishness; pessimistic	DISCREPANCY	an unexpected difference
DAUNT	to intimidate or lessen one's courage	DISCRETE	separate; distinct
DEARTH	a scarce supply	DISDAIN	intense dislike
DEBILITATE	to weaken	DISGRUNTLED	Unhappy
DEBUNK	to disprove or expose the falseness of	DISMISS	to reject
DECORUM	correct or appropriate behavior	DISPARAGE	to speak of in an insulting way
DECRY	to condemn openly	DISPARITY	the state of being different
		DISPASSIONATE	not influenced by emotion or bias
		DISPEL	to rid of

DISPOSITION	one's usual mood	EMBELLISH	to add fictitious details to
DISSEMBLE	to conceal behind a false appearance	EMINENT	outstanding; distinguished
DISSEMINATE	to spread out	EMPIRICAL	based on observation or experiment
DISSENT	Disagreement	EMULATE	to equal through imitation
DISSIPATE	to disappear	ENCOMPASS	to enclose; to include
DIVERGENT	drawing apart from a common point; differing from another	ENCROACH	to advance beyond limits
DIVISIVE	creating disagreement or dissent	ENERVATE	to weaken or drain of energy
DIVULGE	to make known, reveal	ENHANCE	to make greater or better
DOCILE	easily managed or taught	ENIGMATIC	Puzzling
DOGGED	stubbornly persevering	ENMITY	Hatred
DOGMATIC	stubbornly and arrogantly opinionated	ENTHRALL	to hold spellbound, captivate
DOUR	Gloomy	ENTICE	to lure
DUBIOUS	doubtful, questionable	ENTRENCH	to fix firmly or securely
DUPLICITY	deception, deceit	ENUMERATE	to specify individually; to count
EARNEST	showing deep sincerity or seriousness	ENUNCIATE	to pronounce with clarity
EBULLIENT	enthusiastic, lively	EPHEMERAL	lasting for a brief time
ECCENTRIC	strange; unconventional	EQUANIMITY	Calmness
ECLECTIC	having elements from a variety of sources	EQUIVOCAL	uncertain, vague, misleading
ECSTASY	intense joy or delight	ERADICATE	to eliminate
EFFACE	to erase	ERRATIC	Irregular
EFFICACIOUS	Effective	ERUDITE	scholarly, well educated
EFFUSIVE	overflowing (usually referring to emotions)	ESOTERIC	understood by only a few
ELATED	filled with delight	ESPOUSE	to give one's support to
ELITE	superior in status	ESTEEM	to value highly, to respect
ELOQUENT	well spoken	ESTRANGE	to cause to become unfriendly or hostile
ELUCIDATE	to make clear	EULOGY	a written or spoken tribute (usually for someone who has died)
ELUSIVE	tending to escape	EUPHEMISM	the substitution of inoffensive term for one considered offensive
		EUPHORIA	a feeling of great happiness

EVANESCENT	fading away	FRUGAL	careful with money, stingy
EVASIVE	tending to escape	FUTILE	having no useful result
EVOKE	to summon or call forth	GALVANIZE	to stimulate
EXACERBATE	to make more severe	GARISH	flashy, tastelessly loud and brightly colored
EXACTING	requiring great care or effort	GARRULOUS	Talkative
EXALT	to elevate, glorify, or praise	GENIAL	friendly, cheerful
EXASPERATE	to anger or irritate	GRANDIOSE	falsely exaggerating one's worth
EXEMPLARY	worthy of imitation	GRATE	to irritate
EXONERATE	to free from blame or responsibility	GRATUITOUS	Unnecessary
EXORBITANT	Excessive	GREGARIOUS	Sociable
EXPEDITE	to speed the progress of	GUILE	skillful deceit
EXPLOIT	to utilize fully or advantageously (often selfishly or unethically)	HACKNEYED	Overused
EXTOL	to praise	HAIL	to salute or greet
EXTRAVAGANT	Excessive	HAMPER	to prevent the movement or action of
EXUBERANT	Lively	HARANGUE	a long, angry speech
FACILE	simple; easy	HAUGHTY	snobbish; overly proud
FACILITATE	to make easier	HEED	to pay close attention to
FATUOUS	foolish, ridiculously stupid	HERETICAL	characterized by departure from accepted beliefs or standards
FEASIBLE	possible, workable, practical	HINDER	to be or get in the way of
FELICITY	great happiness	HOMOGENEOUS	all of the same or similar kind
FERVENT	greatly emotional or enthusiastic	IDIOSYNCRATIC	peculiar to an individual
FLAGRANT	obviously bad or offensive	ILLICIT	not permitted by custom or law
FLAMBOYANT	highly elaborate; showy	ILLUSORY	based on or producing illusion; deceptive
FLORID	elaborately or excessively ornamented; flowery	IMPARTIAL	not biased
FLOURISH	to grow well	IMPASSIONED	filled with passion
FORTHRIGHT	honest, direct, straightforward	IMPASSIVE	having or showing little emotion
FOSTER	to promote the development of	IMPECCABLE	Perfect
FRENETIC	wildly excited; frenzied; frantic	IMPEDE	to be or get in the way of
FRIVOLOUS	unworthy of serious attention		

IMPERIOUS	arrogantly authoritative or overbearing	INSTIGATE	to stir up
IMPETUOUS	impulsive, unthinking	INSULAR	isolated; narrow-minded
IMPUGN	to attack as false or wrong, to challenge or question	INTELLIGIBLE	capable of being understood
INACCESSIBLE	not easily approached, entered, or obtained	INTRANSIGENT	Uncompromising
INCISIVE	penetrating, clear and sharp	INUNDATE	to overwhelm with, to flood
INCONGRUOUS	inappropriate; inconsistent	INVIGORATE	to give life or energy to
INCONSEQUENTIA L	lacking importance	INVOKE	to enforce or put into operation
INCONTROVERTIB LE	impossible to dispute	IRATE	Enraged
INCORRIGIBLE	incapable of being corrected or reformed	JADED	wearry, worn out
INCREDULOUS	Disbelieving	JUDICIOUS	having good judgment, prudent
INDICT	to accuse of wrongdoing	JUXTAPOSE	to place side by side
INDIFFERENT	having no preference	KEEN	sharp, perceptive
INDIGENOUS	Native	LACONIC	using few words (often rudely or mysteriously)
INDIGNATION	anger (over something unjust)	LAMENT	to regret; to show grief for
INDUCE	to bring about the occurrence of;	LANGUID	lacking energy or spirit
INDULGE	to please or satisfy	LATENT	existing in hidden or dormant form
INFLAMMATORY	arousing strong emotion, esp. anger	LAUD	to praise
INGENUOUS	innocent; honest and straightforward	LAVISH	excessive; plentiful
INHERENT	naturally occurring; essential	LUCID	Clear
INHIBIT	to hold back; to restrain	LUXURIOUS	rich and superior in quality
INNATE	Inborn	MAGNANIMOUS	noble and generous in spirit
INNOCUOUS	Harmless	MANDATE	an authoritative command
INNOVATIVE	new and creative	MANIFEST	to make evident or certain by displaying or demonstrating
INQUISITIVE	showing curiosity	MEAGER	small, inadequate, or insufficient
INSINUATE	to suggest subtly; to hint	MEDIOCRE	ordinary; so-so
INSIPID	lacking flavor or zest; dull	MELANCHOLY	sad; gloomy
INSOLENT	disrespectfully arrogant	MERCENARY	motivated solely by a desire for monetary or material gain
		MERCURIAL	changeable, erratic
		METICULOUS	extremely careful

MIRTH	gladness, amusement, laughter	ORTHODOX	commonly accepted; traditional
MITIGATE	to lessen in force or intensity	PARADOX	a seemingly contradictory statement that may nonetheless be true
MOLLIFY	to soften, to ease the anger of	PARTISAN	devoted to or biased in support of a group
MOROSE	Gloomy	PATRONIZE	to treat condescendingly
MUNDANE	ordinary, commonplace	PENITENT	feeling or expressing remorse
MUTABLE	subject to change	PERNICIOUS	deadly or destructive
NEBULOUS	hazy, vague, or confused; lacking defined form	PERPETUAL	continuing forever or indefinitely
NEGLIGENT	guilty of neglect	PERSEVERE	to be persistent, refuse to stop
NEGLIGIBLE	insignificant; really small	PERSPICACITY	a high level of perception or understanding
NONCHALANT	casually unconcerned (sometimes falsely)	PERTINENT	exactly relevant
NOSTALGIA	a bittersweet longing for the past	PERVASIVE	spread throughout
NOTORIOUS	known widely and unfavorably; famous for something bad	PLACID	calm, quiet
NOVEL	strikingly new or different	PLAUSIBLE	Believable
NURTURE	to help develop, to nourish	PLIABLE	easily bent or shaped
OBDURATE	stubbornly persistent in wrongdoing	POIGNANT	Touching
OBLIVIOUS	forgetful; unaware	POLARIZE	to set at opposite ends or extremes
OBSOLETE	no longer in use or current	POMPOUS	exaggeratedly self-important
OBSTINATE	Stubborn	PRAGMATIC	Practical
OBSTREPEROUS	noisily and stubbornly defiant	PRECARIOUS	dangerously unstable or insecure
OBTRUSIVE	sticking out, noticeable; brash, meddling	PRECIPITOUS	extremely steep
OBTUSE	lacking intellect	PREDILECTION	a preference; a tendency toward favoring
OFFICIOUS	overly eager in offering unwanted help	PRETENTIOUS	claiming unjust standing
OMINOUS	menacing; threatening	PREVALENT	widely occurring
OPAQUE	not clearly understood, dense	PRISTINE	unspoiled, completely pure
OPPORTUNE	suitable, occurring at an appropriate time	PRODIGIOUS	enormous; extraordinary
OPULENT	rich or superior in quality	PROFOUND	deep; far-reaching
ORNATE	excessively decorated	PROLIFERATE	to increase or spread at a rapid rate

PROLIFIC	producing abundant works or results	RESIGNATION	acceptance of something as inescapable; submission
PROPAGATE	to transmit or cause to broaden or spread	RESILIENT	able to recover promptly
PROPENSITY	Tendency	RESOLUTE	firm or determined
PROPRIETY	the quality of being proper	RESOLVE	to make a firm decision about
PROSAIC	lacking in imagination; dull	RETICENT	restrained or reserved
PROSPERITY	success; being well-off	REVERE	to respect, honor or admire
PROVINCIAL	narrow-minded	REVOKE	to void by recalling, reversing, or withdrawing
PROVOCATIVE	tending to stir to anger or action	RUDIMENTARY	being or involving basic facts or principles
PRUDENT	wise; careful	SAGACIOUS	insightful and wise
PUGNACIOUS	eager to fight	SANCTION	to give official authorization or approval to
QUELL	to put down forcibly	SANGUINE	Cheerful
RANCOR	Hostility	SCATHING	harshly critical
RAVENOUS	violently hungry or greedy	SCOFF	to express or treat with disrespectful disregard
REBUKE	to criticize or find fault with	SCORN	intense hatred or disrespect
RECIPROCATATE	to show or give in return	SCRUPULOUS	thorough and careful
RECLUSIVE	seeking or preferring isolation	SCRUTINIZE	to examine carefully
RECONCILE	to reestablish a close relationship between	SERENE	Calm
REFUGE	protection or shelter	SHREWD	smart in a sneaky or tricky manner
REFUTE	to prove to be false	SKEPTICAL	doubting, questioning, not believing
REITERATE	to repeat	SMUG	self-satisfied (especially in a mocking way)
RELINQUISH	to give up; to release	SOLEMN	serious and sober
REMINISCE	to recollect and tell of the past	SOLICITOUS	anxious or concerned
RENOUNCE	to reject, disown, or formally give up	SOMBER	Gloomy
REPREHENSIBLE	deserving of criticism or disapproval	SPECIOUS	seemingly true but actually logically false
REPROACH	to criticize or express disappointment	SPORADIC	occurring at irregular intervals
REPUDIATE	to reject the validity of	SPURIOUS	not genuine; false
RESENT	to feel angry and bitter about	SPURN	to reject with disrespect

SQUANDER	to waste	UNDERMINE	to weaken
STAGNANT	not moving, flowing, or developing	UNDERScore	to emphasize
STEADFAST	firm and dependable	UNIFORM	always the same
STOIC	seemingly unaffected by pleasure or pain	URBANE	polite, suave, and cultivated in manner
SUBDUE	to bring under control	USURP	to seize and take control without authority and possibly with force
SUBSTANTIATE	to support with proof	UTILITARIAN	having only a useful function; practical
SUBVERT	to ruin; to overthrow	VACILLATE	to be undecided, to hesitate
SUCCINCT	precise expression using few words	VAPID	lacking liveliness or interest; dull
SUPERFLUOUS	extra, unnecessary	VEILED	concealed or disguised
SUPLANT	to take the place of	VENERATE	to respect
SUPPRESS	to put down; to hold back	VERBOSE	using more words than necessary
SURREPTITIOUS	done or made by secret or stealthy means	VERSATILE	capable of doing many things competently
TACT	sensitivity in dealing with others	VICARIOUS	felt or undergone as if one were taking part in the experience or feelings of another
TEDIOUS	tiresomely long or boring	VIGILANT	alert; watchful
TEMPER	to soften or moderate	VILIFY	to say bad things about, to make into a villain
TENACITY	persistence, determination	VINDICATE	to clear of blame or suspicion
TERSE	expressing much in few words	VINDICTIVE	seeking revenge
THERAPEUTIC	having healing powers	VIVACIOUS	Lively
THWART	to stop or prevent	VOLATILE	explosive, tending to change
TORPOR	Inactivity	VOLUBLE	characterized by ready and rapid speech
TRACTABLE	easily managed, led, or taught	VOLUMINOUS	big; having large volume
TRANQUIL	Calm	VULNERABLE	not protected against harm; easily injured
TRANSIENT	existing only briefly	WARRANT	to justify
TRANSITORY	existing only briefly	WARY	on guard, cautious, watchful
TREACHERY	deliberate betrayal of trust	WAVER	to be unsure or weak
TRITE	uninteresting because of overuse	WHIMSICAL	impulsive, fanciful
TRIVIAL	insignificant, unimportant	ZEALOUS	filled with or motivated by enthusiastic devotion
TUMULTUOUS	disorderly or noisy		
UNASSUMING	not showy or arrogant; modest; plain		

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