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Word List

Lugubrious - excessively mournful
"a lugubrious old man kept sighing deeply to himself"

Chimerical - like a grotesque product of the imagination
"Their joke was chimerical but they do have a fanciful sense of humor."

Dengue - a tropical disease spread by mosquitoes
"Standing water can attract mosquitoes, spawning outbreaks of malaria and dengue fever."

Ahimsa - spiritual doctrine of nonviolence toward all living things

Phylactery - (Judaism) either of two small leather cases containing texts from the Hebrew Scriptures (known collectively as tefillin); traditionally worn (on the forehead and the left arm) by Jewish men during morning prayer

Flagellate - whip or scourge; punish as if by whipping

Cystitis - inflammation of the urinary bladder and ureters

Chinchilla - small rodent with soft pearly grey fur

Crepuscule - the time of day immediately following sunset

Capybara - pig-sized tailless South American amphibious rodent with partly webbed feet; largest living rodent



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Tittup - to walk with a lofty proud gait, often in an attempt to impress others

Camouflage - an outward semblance misrepresenting the nature of something

Weltanschauung - a comprehensive view of the world and human life

Syzygy - the straight line configuration of three celestial bodies

Dystopia - state in which the conditions of life are extremely bad

Strabismus - abnormal alignment of one or both eyes

Weevil - any of several families of mostly small beetles that feed on plants and plant products; especially snout beetles and seed beetles

Vulpine - resembling or characteristic of a fox

Omphaloskepsis - the contemplation of one's navel; complacent self-absorption

Peregrine - a powerful falcon formerly used in falconry schematic represented in simplified or symbolic form

Halitosis - offensive breath

Homunculus - a person who is tiny or diminutive



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Coryza - an inflammation of the mucous membrane lining the nose zoonosis an animal disease that can be transmitted to humans

Fabaceae a large family of trees, shrubs, vines, and herbs bearing bean pods; divided for convenience into the subfamilies Caesalpiniaceae; Mimosaceae; Papilionaceae

Antediluvial - of or relating to the period before the biblical flood

Staphylococcus - spherical Gram-positive parasitic bacteria that tend to form irregular colonies; some cause boils or septicemia or infections

Halitosis - offensive breath

Qaimaqam - a deputy governor or lieutenant

Hasenpfeffer - a traditional Dutch and German stew made from marinated rabbit or hare, cut into stewing-meat sized pieces and braised with onions and a marinade made from wine and vinegar.

Astrobleme - an eroded remnant of a large crater made by the impact of a meteorite or comet.

Ilspile - relatively large rodents with sharp erectile bristles mingled with the fur.

Elanguescence - It is a slow process of fading away into non-existence thing.



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Abdominal - relating to the abdomen.

Expendable - of little significance when compared to an overall purpose, and therefore able to be abandoned.

"They are being made to feel like their work is expendable."

Clavicle - technical term for collarbone.

Jinx - to foredoom to failure or misfortune

Evacuate - remove (someone) from a place of danger to a safer place.

Abhorrence - a feeling of repulsion; disgusted loathing.

"The thought of marrying him filled her with abhorrence."

Celsius - of or denoting a scale of temperature on which water freezes at 0° and boils at 100° under standard conditions.

Iota - the ninth letter of the Greek alphabet

Coliseum - a large theater or stadium.

"We bought tickets to the Charlotte Coliseum for the touring band."

Errant - erring or straying from the proper course or standards.

"He could never forgive his daughter's errant ways."

Collision - an instance of one moving object or person striking violently against another. "The pilots are recovering after a midair collision."



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Cello - a bass instrument of the violin family, held upright on the floor between the legs of the seated player.

"She practices the cello everyday to prepare for the symphony tryouts."

Expiration - the ending of the fixed period for which a contract is valid.

"The expiration of the lease is December 31st."

Absurdity - the quality or state of being ridiculous or wildly unreasonable.

"Duncan laughed at the absurdity of the situation."

Caribou - a large North American reindeer.

Extracurricular - (of an activity at a school or college) pursued in addition to the normal course of study.

"Extracurricular activities include sports, drama, music, and chess."

Cologne - a perfumed liquid composed of alcohol and fragrant oils.

"He used a strong cologne for dinner to cover the smell of a long day at work."

Judgmental - having or displaying an excessively critical point of view.

"I don't like to sound judgmental, but it was a big mistake."

Reckoning - the action or process of calculating or estimating something.

"The year 2020 was not, by any reckoning, a particularly good one."

Recurrent - occurring often or repeatedly.

"She had a recurrent dream about her teeth falling out."



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Zinc - Zinc is a chemical element and trace mineral with the symbol Zn and atomic number 30.

"I take a zinc supplement when I feel a cold coming on."

Laxative - a medicine which has a laxative effect.

"He may prescribe a laxative to ease the congestion."

Receipt - the action of receiving something or the fact of its being received.

"I would be grateful if you would acknowledge receipt of this letter."

Zealous - showing great energy or enthusiasm in pursuit of a cause or objective. "He was a zealous fan of Auburn football."

League - a collection of people, countries, or groups that combine for a particular purpose, typically mutual protection or cooperation.

"Barcelona looks to be the likely winners of the Spanish League."

Realty - real, fixed property.

"Listing agent Michael Rankin of Sotheby's International Realty says he got an offer three days later."

Wolverine - a heavily built short-legged carnivorous mammal with a shaggy dark coat and a bushy tail, native to the tundra and forests of arctic and subarctic regions. Or: a mutant with animal-keen senses, enhanced physical capabilities, a powerful regenerative ability known as a healing factor, and three retractable claws in each hand. The wolverine is known as a fierce fighter.



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Reins - a long, narrow strap attached at one end to a horse's bit, typically used in pairs to guide or check a horse while riding or driving.

"She tugged on the reins to slow the horse down."

Resin - a sticky flammable organic substance, insoluble in water, exuded by some trees and other plants (notably fir and pine).

"The sticky resin from this pine can be used in a varnish."

Leather - a material made from the skin of an animal by tanning or a similar process. "Her leather jacket was a gift from her father."

Ravine - a small narrow steep-sided valley that is larger than a gully and smaller than a canyon and that is usually worn by running water.

"Several dry ravines ran across the farmer's field."

Lullaby - a quiet, gentle song sung to send a child to sleep.

"The new father learned a lullaby to sing when his baby struggled to sleep."

Rendezvous - a meeting at an agreed time and place, typically between two people. "Edward turned up late for their rendezvous."

Luscious - richly verdant or opulent. "The luscious brush strokes and warm colors of these late masterpieces are striking to the eye."

Radioactive - emitting or relating to the emission of ionizing radiation or particles. "Nearly all rocks, stone, soils, and minerals contain trace concentrations of naturally occurring radioactive materials such as radium, thorium, and uranium."



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Wanderlust - a strong desire to travel.

"Consumed by wanderlust, she obsessed over the different stops on her road trip."

Alliance - a union or association formed for mutual benefit, especially between countries or organizations.

"A defensive alliance between Australia and New Zealand united the two countries."

Antitoxin - an antibody that counteracts a toxin.

The doctor prescribed an antitoxin to counter the effects of the bug bite.

Bedraggled - dirty and disheveled.

"We got there, tired and bedraggled."

Cantankerous - bad-tempered, argumentative, and uncooperative.

"He was remembered as a crusty, cantankerous old man."

Dentifrice - a paste or powder for cleaning the teeth.

"Here's a dentifrice with additional tooth whitening benefits."

Filibuster - an action such as a prolonged speech that obstructs progress in a legislative assembly while not technically contravening the required procedures. "She has filibustered against a budget that would have cut library funding."

Grotesque - a very ugly or comically distorted figure, creature, or image.

"The rods are carved in the form of a series of gargoyle faces and grotesques."





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Quandary - a state of perplexity or uncertainty over what to do in a difficult situation. "Sophie's Choice is about a woman trapped in an impossible situation, quite the quandary."

Umbilical - relating to or affecting the navel or umbilical cord. "Sally and Sara were overjoyed to meet their baby. They agreed that Sara would cut the umbilical cord after Sally gave birth."

Bequeath - leave (a personal estate or one's body) to a person or other beneficiary by a will.

"He bequeathed his art collection to the town's museum."

Impromptu - done without being planned, organized, or rehearsed.

"The situation caused an impromptu press conference to explain the matter."

Sovereign - a supreme ruler, especially a monarch.

"The Emperor became the first Japanese sovereign to visit Britain."

Zirconium - the chemical element of atomic number 40, a hard silver-gray metal of the transition series.

"Zirconium is to be found in ceramics, foundry equipment, glass, chemicals, and metal alloys."

Salamander - a lizard-like amphibian with an elongated body and tail and short limbs, once thought able to endure fire.

"Salamanders have very sensitive and absorbent skin, through which they breathe."



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Vengeance - punishment inflicted or retribution exacted for an injury or wrong.

"The plot is driven by her plan to exact vengeance on the greedy king."

Bicuspid - having or ending in two points.

"Incisors cut food, and cuspid and bicuspid teeth grasp and tear food."

Choreography - the sequence of steps and movements in dance or figure skating, especially in a ballet or other staged dance.

"Their lively choreography reflects the themes of the original play."

Dysfunction - not operating normally or properly.

"The power line was struck by lightning making it dysfunctional."

Neurosis - a mental condition that is not caused by organic disease, involving symptoms of stress (depression, anxiety, obsessive behaviour, hypochondria) but not a radical loss of touch with reality.

"His mounting apprehension over debt exacerbated his neurosis and anxiety over the stock market."

Dingy - gloomy and drab.

"After their breakup, his home became dingy reflecting his growing depression."

Integer - a number that is not a fraction; a whole number.

"M represents a positive integer greater than one."

Writhe - make continual twisting, squirming movements or contortions of the body. "He writhed in agony on the ground."



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Dirigible - a type of aerostat or lighter-than-air aircraft that can navigate through the air under its own power.

“Aerostats, also known as dirigibles, gain their lift from a lifting gas that is less dense than the surrounding air.”

Emissary - a person sent on a special mission, usually as a diplomatic representative.

“He flew to China as the personal emissary of the President.”

Braille - a form of written language for the visually impaired, in which characters are represented by patterns of raised dots that are felt with the fingertips.

“Braille was the first writing system with binary encoding”

Cistern - a tank for storing water, especially one supplying taps or as part of a flushing toilet.

A long time ago, cistern water was used for drinking, but nowadays developed parts of the world mainly use it for watering plants and flushing toilets.”

Myriad - a countless or extremely great number.

“Our new network connects a myriad of computers.”

Psalmist - the author or composer of a psalm, especially of any of the biblical Psalms.

“Cole, who draws from both Hebraic and Arabic traditions, is like a modern psalmist who leads readers on a journey filled with wit, awe, and skepticism.”

Sleuth - a person who investigates crimes; a detective.

“there's nothing you can do but sleuth around until you find the answer.”



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Frivolous - not having any serious purpose or value.

"He spends all her allowance on frivolous purchases, without budgeting for necessary bills."

Myopia - lack of imagination, foresight, or intellectual insight.

"Historians have been censured for their myopia in treating modern science as a western phenomenon."

Basilica - a large oblong hall or building with double colonnades and a semicircular apse, used in ancient Rome as a court of law or for public assemblies. "The basilica, and the Parthenon itself, became the forefathers of the mosque and the church."

Calico - a domestic cat with a coat that is white with mottled black, brown, and orange patches. "A small calico cat leaped from his shoulder to the top of his head."

Gregarious - (of a person) fond of company; sociable.
Her gregarious nature suited her socialite lifestyle.

Bombastic - high-sounding but with little meaning; inflated.
"The bombastic rhetoric and inflated hype didn't help the situation."

Exasperate - irritate and frustrate (someone) intensely.
"The futile and outdated process of signing up for college courses exasperates prison inmates."

Candelabra - a large branched candlestick or holder for several candles or lamps. "Several candles in iron candelabra shed additional light."





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Austere - severe or strict in manner, attitude, or appearance.

"He's an austere man, with a rigidly puritanical outlook."

Infallible - incapable of making mistakes or being wrong.

"She had an infallible eye for style."

Hypocrite - a person who indulges in hypocrisy.

"The story tells of respectable Ben who turns out to be a cheat and a hypocrite."

License - a permit from an authority to own or use something, do a particular thing, or carry on a trade (especially in alcoholic beverages).

"We were granted our liquor license to serve for the event."

Heirloom - a valuable object that has belonged to a family for several generations. "The violin was a family heirloom."

Credential - a qualification, achievement, personal quality, or aspect of a person's background, typically when used to indicate that they are suitable for something. "Recruitment is based mainly on academic credentials."

Condescend - show feelings of superiority; be patronizing.

"Take care not to condescend to your reader."

Dynamics - the branch of mechanics concerned with the motion of bodies under the action of forces. "Isaac Newton was the first to formulate the fundamental physical laws that govern dynamics in classical non-relativistic physics, especially his second law of motion."



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Confounded - used for emphasis, especially to express anger or annoyance.

"His reputation for being a confounded nuisance came from his mean-spirited pranks."

Espionage - the practice of spying or of using spies, typically by governments to obtain political and military information.

"The camouflage and secrecy of espionage aided their surveillance operation."

mayonnaise

marjoram

esophagus

tambourine

oblique

feign

penumbra

metaphor

pergola

irrepressible

wainscoting

renown

tourniquet

myrrh

hacienda

phlegm

frangipani

exuberant

fuchsia

luau





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burgeoning
artifice
dahlia
calisthenics
geranium
luncheonette
propagandize
gourmand
lumbago
fecund
canoeing
clemency
grouse
anglophile
endemic
seismic
indict
traipse
finagle
descant
enzyme
acclimatize
asterisk
ductile
restaurant

