High-Frequency Vocabulary

aberrant: Markedly different from an accepted norm.
aberration: Deviation from a right, customary, or prescribed course.
abet: To aid, promote, or encourage the commission of (an offense).
abeyance: A state of suspension or temporary inaction.
abjure: To recant, renounce, repudiate under oath.
ablution: A washing or cleansing, especially of the body.
abrogate: To abolish, repeal.
abscond: To depart suddenly and secretly, as for the purpose of escaping arrest.
abstentious: Characterized by self denial or abstinence, as in the use of drink, food.
abstruse: Dealing with matters difficult to be understood.
abut: To touch at the end or boundary line.
accede: To agree.
acquiesce: To comply; submit.
acid: Harshly pungent or bitter.
acumen: Quickness of intellectual insight, or discernment; keenness of discrimination.
adage: An old saying.
adament: Any substance of exceeding hardness or impenetrability.
admonition: Gentle reproof.
adumbrate: To represent beforehand in outline or by emblem.
affable: Easy to approach.
aggrandize: To cause to appear greatly.
aggravate: To make heavier, worse, or more burdensome.
agile: Able to move or act quickly, physically, or mentally.
agog: In eager desire.
alacrity: Cheerful willingness.
alcove: A covered recess connected with or at the side of a larger room.
alleviate: To make less burdensome or less hard to bear.
aloo: Not in sympathy with or desiring to associate with others.
amalgamate: To mix or blend together in a homogeneous body.
ambidextrous: Having the ability of using both hands with equal skill or ease.
ambiguous: Having a double meaning.
ameliorate: To relieve, as from pain or hardship.
anathema: Anything forbidden, as by social usage.
animadversion: The utterance of criticism or censure.
animosity: Hatred.
antediluvian: Of or pertaining to the times, things, events before the great flood in the days of Noah.
antidote: Anything that will counteract or remove the effects of poison, disease, or the like.
aplomb: Confidence; coolness.
apocryphal: Of doubtful authority or authenticity.
apogee: The climax.
apostate: False.
apotheosis: Deification.
apparition: Ghost.
appease: To soothe by quieting anger or indignation.
apposite: Appropriate.
apprise: To give notice to; to inform.
approbation: Sanction.
arboreal: Of or pertaining to a tree or trees.
arid: Intensity of passion or affection.
argot: A specialized vocabulary peculiar to a particular group.
arrant: Notoriously bad.
ascetic: Given to severe self-denial and practicing excessive abstinence and devotion.
ascribe: To assign as a quality or attribute.
asperity: Harshness or roughness of temper.
asiduous: Unceasing; persistent.
asuage: To cause to be less harsh, violent, or severe, as excitement, appetite, pain, or disease.
astringent: Harsh in disposition or character.
astute: Keen in discernment.
atonement: Amends, reparation, or expiation made from wrong or injury.
aver: To avouch, justify or prove.
aversion: A mental condition of fixed opposition to or dislike of some particular thing.
avow: To declare openly.
baleful: Malignant.
banal: Commonplace.
bask: To make warm by genial heat.
beatify: To make supremely happy.
bedaub: To smear over, as with something oily or sticky.
bellicose: Warlike.
belligerent: Manifesting a warlike spirit.
benefactor: A doer of kindly and charitable acts.
benevolence: Any act of kindness or well-doing.
benign: Good and kind of heart.
berate: To scold severely.
bewilder: To confuse the perceptions or judgment of.
blandishment: Flattery intended to persuade.
blatant: Noisily or offensively loud or clamorous.
blithe: Joyous.
boisterous: Unchecked merriment or animal spirits.
bolster: To support, as something wrong.
bombast: Inflated or extravagant language, especially on unimportant subjects.
boorish: Rude.
breach: The violation of official duty, lawful right, or a legal obligation.
brittleness: Fragile.
broach: To mention, for the first time.
bumptious: Full of offensive and aggressive self-conceit.
buoyant: Having the power or tendency to float or keep afloat.
burnish: To make brilliant or shining.
cabal: A number of persons secretly united for effecting by intrigue some private purpose.
cacophony: A disagreeable, harsh, or discordant sound or combination of sounds or tones.
cajole: To impose on or dupe by flattering speech.
callow: Without experience of the world.
calumny: Slander.
candid: Straightforward.
cant: To talk in a singsong, preaching tone with affected solemnity.
capacious: Roomy.
capitulate: To surrender or stipulate terms.
captious: Hypercritical.
cogitate: To consider carefully and deeply; ponder.
cognizant: Taking notice.
colloquial: Pertaining or peculiar to common speech as distinguished from literary.
collusion: A secret agreement for a wrongful purpose.
comestible: Fit to be eaten.
commemorate: To serve as a remembrance of.
complaisance: Politeness.
complement: To make complete.
comport: To conduct or behave (oneself).
compunction: Remorseful feeling.
conceit: Self-flattering opinion.
conciliatory: Tending to reconcile.
concord: Harmony.
concur: To agree.
condense: To abridge.
conflagration: A great fire, as of many buildings, a forest, or the like.
confluence: The place where streams meet.
congeal: To coagulate.
conjoin: To unite.
connoisseur: A critical judge of art, especially one with thorough knowledge and sound judgment of art.
console: To comfort.
conspicuous: Clearly visible.
consternation: Panic.
constrict: To bind.
consummate: To bring to completion.
contiguous: Touching or joining at the edge or boundary.
contrite: Broken in spirit because of a sense of sin.
contumacious: Rebellious.
copious: Plenteous.
cornucopia: The horn of plenty, symbolizing peace and prosperity.
corporeal: Of a material nature; physical.
correlate: To put in some relation of connection or correspondence.
corroborate: Confirmation.
counterfeit: Made to resemble something else.
countervail: To offset.
cover: Concealed, especially for an evil purpose.
cower: To crouch down tremblingly, as through fear or shame.
crass: Coarse or thick in nature or structure, as opposed to thin or fine.
credulous: Easily deceived.
cupidity: Avarice.
cursory: Rapid and superficial.
curtail: To cut off or cut short.
cynosure: That to which general interest or attention is directed.
dearth: Scarcity, as of something customary, essential, or desirable.
defer: To delay or put off to some other time.
deign: To deem worthy of notice or account.
deleterious: Hurtful, morally or physically.
delineate: To represent by sketch or diagram.
deluge: To overwhelm with a flood of water.
demagogue: An unprincipled politician.
denizen: Inhabitant.
denouement: That part of a play or story in which the mystery is cleared up.
deplete: To reduce or lessen, as by use, exhaustion, or waste.
deposition: Testimony legally taken on interrogatories and reduced to writing, for use as evidence in court.
deprave: To render bad, especially morally bad.
deprecate: To express disapproval or regret for, with hope for the opposite.
deride: To ridicule.
derision: Ridicule.
derivative: Coming or acquired from some origin.
descry: To discern.
desiccant: Any remedy which, when applied externally, dries up or absorbs moisture, as that of wounds.
desuetude: A state of disuse or inactivity.
desultory: Not connected with what precedes.
deter: To frighten away.
dexterity: Readiness, precision, efficiency, and ease in any physical activity or in any mechanical work.
diaphanous: Transparent.
diatribe: A bitter or malicious criticism.
didactic: Pertaining to teaching.
diffidence: Self-distrust.
diffident: Affected or possessed with self-distrust.
dilate: To enlarge in all directions.
dilatory: Tending to cause delay.
disallow: To withhold permission or sanction.
disconcert: To disturb the composure of.
disconsolate: Hopelessly sad; also, saddening; cheerless.
discountenance: To look upon with disfavor.
discredit: To injure the reputation of.
discreet: Judicious.
disheveled: Disordered; disorderly; untidy.
dissemble: To hide by pretending something different.
diseminate: To sow or scatter abroad, as seed is sown.
dissent: Disagreement.
dissolution: A breaking up of a union of persons.
distraught: Bewildered.
divulge: To tell or make known, as something previously private or secret.
dogmatic: Making statements without argument or evidence.
dormant: Being in a state of or resembling sleep.
dubious: Doubtful.
duplicity: Double-dealing.
earthenware: Anything made of clay and baked in a kiln or dried in the sun.
ebullient: Showing enthusiasm or exhilaration of feeling.
edacious: Given to eating.
edible: Suitable to be eaten.
educe: To draw out.
effete: Exhausted, as having performed its functions.
efficacy: The power to produce an intended effect as shown in the production of it.
effrontery: Unblushing impudence.
effulgence: Splendor.
egregious: Extreme.
egress: Any place of exit.
elegy: A lyric poem lamenting the dead.
elicit: To educe or extract gradually or without violence.
elucidate: To bring out more clearly the facts concerning.
emaciate: To waste away in flesh.
embellish: To make beautiful or elegant by adding attractive or ornamental features.
embezzle: To misappropriate secretly.
emblazon: To set forth publicly or in glowing terms.
encumbrance: A burdensome and troublesome load.
edemic: Peculiar to some specified country or people.
enervate: To render ineffective or inoperative.
engender: To produce.
engrave: To cut or carve in or upon some surface.
enigma: A riddle.
enmity: Hatred.
etangle: To involve in difficulties, confusion, or complications.
etreat: To ask for or request earnestly.
Epicurean: Indulging, ministering, or pertaining to daintiness of appetite.
epithet: Word used adjectivally to describe some quality or attribute of is objects, as in "Father Aeneas".
epitome: A simplified representation.
equable: Equal and uniform; also, serene.
equanimitiness: Evenness of mind or temper.
equanimity: Calmness; composure.
equilibrium: A state of balance.
equivocal: Ambiguous.
equivocate: To use words of double meaning.
eradicate: To destroy thoroughly.
erandt: Roving or wandering, as in search of adventure or opportunity for gallant deeds.
erratic: Irregular.
erroneous: Incorrect.
erudite: Very-learned.
eschew: To keep clear of.
espy: To keep close watch.
eulogy: A spoken or written laudation of a person’s life or character.
euphonious: Characterized by agreeableness of sound.
evanescence: Fleeting.
evince: To make manifest or evident.
evoke: To call or summon forth.
exacerbate: To make more sharp, severe, or virulent.
exculpate: To relieve of blame.
exhaustive: Thorough and complete in execution.
exigency: A critical period or condition.
exigency: State of requiring immediate action; also, an urgent situation; also, that which is required in a
exorbitant: Going beyond usual and proper limits.
expatiate: To speak or write at some length.
expedient: Contributing to personal advantage.
expiate: To make satisfaction or amends for.
explicate: To clear from involvement.
expostulate: To discuss.
expropriate: To deprive of possession; also, to transfer (another’s property) to oneself.
extant: Still existing and known.
extempore: Without studied or special preparation.
extenuate: To diminish the gravity or importance of.
extinct: Being no longer in existence.
extinguish: To render extinct.
extirpate: To root out; to eradicate.
extol: To praise in the highest terms.
extort: To obtain by violence, threats, compulsion, or the subjection of another to some necessity.
extaneous: Having no essential relation to a subject.
exuberance: Rich supply.
facetious: Amusing.
facile: Not difficult to do.
facticous: Turbulent.
falacious: Illogical.
fatuous: Idiotic
fawn: A young deer.
feint: Any sham, pretense, or deceptive movement.
felon: A criminal or depraved person.
ferocity: Savageness.
fervid: Intense.
fervor: Ardor or intensity of feeling.
fidelity: Loyalty.
finesse: Subtle contrivance used to gain a point.
flamboyant: Characterized by extravagance and in general by want of good taste.
flippant: Having a light, pert, trifling disposition.
florid: Flushed with red.
flout: To treat with contempt.
foible: A personal weakness or failing.
foment: To nurse to life or activity; to encourage.
foppish: Characteristic of one who is unduly devoted to dress and the niceties of manners.
forbearance: Patient endurance or toleration of offenses.
forfeit: To lose possession of through failure to fulfill some obligation.
forgery: Counterfeiting.
forswear: To renounce upon oath.
fragile: Easily broken.
frantic: Frenzied.
frugal: Economical.
fugacious: Fleeting.
fulminate: To cause to explode.
fulsome: Offensive from excess of praise or commendation.
gainsay: To contradict; to deny.
gamut: The whole range or sequence.
garrulous: Given to constant trivial talking.
germaine: Relevant.
gesticulate: To make gestures or motions, as in speaking, or in place of speech.
glimmer: A faint, wavering, unsteady light.
gossamer: Flimsy.
gourmand: A connoisseur in the delicacies of the table.
grandiloquent: Speaking in or characterized by a pompous or bombastic style.
gregarious: Sociable, outgoing

grieve: Creating affliction.
guile: Duplicity.
gullible: Credulous.
halcyon: Calm.
harangue: A tirade.
harbinger: One who or that which foreruns and announces the coming of any person or thing.
head: Adv. Precipitately, as in diving.
heinous: Odiously sinful.
heresy: An opinion or doctrine subversive of settled beliefs or accepted principles.
heterogeneous: Consisting of dissimilar elements or ingredients of different kinds.
hirsute: Having a hairy covering.
hoodwink: To deceive.
hospitable: Disposed to treat strangers or guests with generous kindness.
hypocrisy: Extreme insincerity.
iconoclast: An image-breaker.
idiosyncrasy: A mental quality or habit peculiar to an individual.
ignoble: Low in character or purpose.
ignominious: Shameful.
illicit: Unlawful.
imbroglio: A misunderstanding attended by ill feeling, perplexity, or strife.
imbue: To dye; to instill profoundly.
immaculate: Without spot or blemish.
imminent: Dangerous and close at hand.
immutable: Unchangeable.
impair: To cause to become less or worse.
impassive: Unmoved by or not exhibiting feeling.
impertinent: Having no money.
impede: To be an obstacle or to place obstacles in the way of.
imperative: Obligatory.
imperious: Insisting on obedience.
imperturbable: Calm.
impevious: Impenetrable.
impetuous: Impulsive.
impious: Irreverence toward God.
implacable: Incapable of being pacified.
implicate: To show or prove to be involved in or concerned
implicit: Implied.
impugn: To assail with arguments, insinuations, or accusations.
impute: To attribute.
inadvertent: Accidental.
inane: Silly.
incessant: Unceasing.
inchoate: Incipient.
incipient: Initial.
iccite: To rouse to a particular action.
incongruous: Unsuitable for the time, place, or occasion.
iculcate: To teach by frequent repetitions.
delible: That can not be blotted out, effaced, destroyed, or removed.
indigent: Poverty.
indecisive: Native.
indistinct: Vague.
indecency: Laziness.
indefatigable: Habitually inactive or idle.
improbable: Unconquerable.
indulgent: Yielding to the desires or humor of oneself or those under one's care.
inexclamable: Unutterable.
ineluctable: Impossible to avoid.
inept: Not fit or suitable.
inexorable: Unrelenting.
infuse: To instill, introduce, or inculcate, as principles or qualities.
ingenuous: Candid, frank, or open in character or quality.
inimical: Adverse.
inocuous: Harmless.
inscrutable: Impenetrably mysterious or profound.
insensible: Imperceptible.
insinuate: To imply.
ishid: Tasteless.
insouciant: Nonchalant.
insurrection: The state of being in active resistance to authority.
interdict: Authoritative act of prohibition.
interim: Time between acts or periods.
intransigent: Not capable of being swayed or diverted from a course.
intrepid: Fearless and bold.
introspection: The act of observing and analyzing one's own thoughts and feelings.
inundate: To fill with an overflowing abundance.
inure: To harden or toughen by use, exercise, or exposure.
invalid: One who is disabled by illness or injury.
inventive: An utterance intended to cast censure, or reproach.
inveigh: To utter vehement censure or invective.
invertebrate: Habitual.
invidious: Showing or feeling envy.
invincible: Not to be conquered, subdued, or overcome.
iota: A small or insignificant mark or part.
irascible: Prone to anger.
irate: Moved to anger.
ire: Wrath.
irksome: Wearisome.
itinerant: Wandering.
itinate: To wander from place to place.
jocular: Inclined to joke.
jovial: Merry.
judicious: Prudent.
unata: A council or assembly that deliberates in secret upon the affairs of government.
lachrymose: Given to shedding tears.
lackadaisical: Listless.
languid: Relaxed.
lascivious: Lustful.
lassitude: Lack of vitality or energy.
latent: Dormant.
laudable: Praiseworthy.
laudatory: Pertaining to, expressing, or containing praise.
legacy: A bequest.
levee: An embankment beside a river or stream or an arm of the sea, to prevent overflow.
levity: Frivolity.
lexicon: A dictionary.
libel: Defamation.
licitous: Wanton.
lien: A legal claim or hold on property, as security for a debt or charge.
listless: Inattentive.
lithe: Supple.
loquacious: Talkative.
lugubrious: Indicating sorrow, often ridiculously.
luminary: One of the heavenly bodies as a source of light.
lustrous: Shining.
malaise: A condition of uneasiness or ill-being.
malcontent: One who is dissatisfied with the existing state of affairs.
malevolence: Ill will.
malign: To speak evil of, especially to do so falsely and severely.
malleable: Pliant.
massacre: The unnecessary and indiscriminate killing of human beings.
mawkish: Foolishly and tearfully affectionate.
mawkish: Sickening or insipid.
mellifluous: Sweetly or smoothly flowing.
mendacious: Untrue.
mendicant: A beggar.
mollify: To soothe.
molt: To cast off, as hair, feathers, etc.
mornament: The unreasonable pursuit of one idea.
moribund: On the point of dying.
mordant: Biting.
mutter: To soothe.
mutilate: To cast off, as hair, feathers, etc.
morose: Gloomy.
multifarious: Having great diversity or variety.
mundane: Worldly, as opposed to spiritual or celestial.
munificent: Extraordinarily generous.
myriad: A vast indefinite number.
nadir: The lowest point.
nefarious: Wicked in the extreme.
negligent: Apt to omit what ought to be done.
neophyte: Having the character of a beginner.
noxious: Very offensive, particularly to the sense of smell.
nosum: Any scheme or recipe of a charlatan character.
ne: Hurtful.
nugatory: Having no power or force.
obdurate: Impassive to feelings of humanity or pity.
obfuscate: To darken; to obscure.
oblique: Slanting; said of lines.
obsequious: Showing a servile readiness to fall in with the wishes or will of another.
obstreperous: Boisterous.
obtrude: To be pushed or to push oneself into undue prominence.
obtrusive: Tending to be pushed or to push oneself into undue prominence.
obviate: To clear away or provide for, as an objection or difficulty.
odious: Hateful.
odium: A feeling of extreme repugnance, or of dislike and disgust.
officious: Intermeddling with what is not one's concern.
ominous: Portentous.
onerous: Burdensome or oppressive.
onus: A burden or responsibility.
opprobrium: The state of being scornfully reproached or accused of evil.
ossify: To convert into bone.
ostentation: A display dictated by vanity and intended to invite applause or flattery.
ostacism: Exclusion from intercourse or favor, as in society or politics.
ostracize: To exclude from public or private favor.
 palate: The roof of the mouth.
palatial: Magnificent.
palliate: To cause to appear less guilty.
palpable: Perceptible by feeling or touch.
panacea: A remedy or medicine proposed for or professing to cure all diseases.
panegyric: A formal and elaborate eulogy, written or spoken, of a person or of an act.
panoply: A full set of armor.
paragon: A model of excellence.
Pariah: A member of a degraded class; a social outcast.
paroxysm: A sudden outburst of any kind of activity.
parsimonious: Unduly sparing in the use or expenditure of money.
partisan: Characterized by or exhibiting undue or unreasoning devotion to a party.
pathos: The quality in any form of representation that rouses emotion or sympathy.
paucity: Fewness.
peccadillo: A small breach of propriety or principle.
pedestrian: One who journeys on foot.
pellucid: Translucent.
penchant: A bias in favor of something.
penurious: Excessively sparing in the use of money.
penury: Indigence.
peregrination: A wandering.
peremptory: Precluding question or appeal.
perfidy: Treachery.
perfunctory: Half-hearted.
peripatetic: Walking about.
perjury: A solemn assertion of a falsity.
permeate: To pervade.
pernicious: Tending to kill or hurt.
persiflage: Banter.
perspicacity: Acuteness or discernment.
perturbation: Mental excitement or confusion.
petrify: To convert into a substance of stony hardness and character.
petulant: Displaying impatience.
phlegmatic: Not easily roused to feeling or action.
physiognomy: The external appearance merely.
pious: Religious.
pique: To excite a slight degree of anger in.
placate: To bring from a state of angry or hostile feeling to one of patience or friendliness.
platitude: A written or spoken statement that is flat, dull, or commonplace.
plea: An argument to obtain some desired action.
plenary: Entire.
plethora: Excess; superabundance.
plumb: A weight suspended by a line to test the verticality of something.
plummet: A piece of lead for making soundings, adjusting walls to the vertical.
pognant: Severely painful or acute to the spirit.
polyglot: Speaking several tongues.
ponderous: Unusually weighty or forcible.
portend: To indicate as being about to happen, especially by previous signs.
portent: Anything that indicates what is to happen.
precocious: Having the mental faculties prematurely developed.
predominate: To be chief in importance, quantity, or degree.
premature: Coming too soon.
presage: To foretell.
prescience: Knowledge of events before they take place.
presumption: That which may be logically assumed to be true until disproved.
preternatural: Extraordinary.
prevalent: Of wide extent or frequent occurrence.
prevaricate: To use ambiguous or evasive language for the purpose of deceiving or diverting attention.
prim: Stiffly proper.
pristine: Primitive.
probity: Virtue or integrity tested and confirmed.
proclivity: A natural inclination.
procrastination: Delay.
prodigal: One wasteful or extravagant, especially in the use of money or property.
prodigious: Immense.
profligacy: Shameless viciousness.
profligate: Recklessly wasteful
profuse: Produced or displayed in overabundance.
prolix: Verbose.
propinquity: Nearness.
propitious: Kindly disposed.
prosaic: Unimaginative.
proscribe: To reject, as a teaching or a practice, with condemnation or denunciation.
protuberant: Bulging.
provident: Anticipating and making ready for future wants or emergencies.
prudence: Caution.
puerile: Childish.
pugnacious: Quarrelsome.
punctilious: Strictly observant of the rules or forms prescribed by law or custom.
pungency: The quality of affecting the sense of smell.
pusillanimous: Without spirit or bravery.
pyre: A heap of combustibles arranged for burning a dead body.
qualm: A fit of nausea.
quandary: A puzzling predicament.
quibble: An utterly trivial distinction or objection.
quiescence: Being quiet, still, or at rest; inactive
quiescent: Being in a state of repose or inaction.
Quixotic: Chivalrous or romantic to a ridiculous or extravagant degree.
quotidian: Of an everyday character; ordinary.
raconteur: A person skilled in telling stories.
ramify: To divide or subdivide into branches or subdivisions.
ravaging: Sieze by force, avaricious
raucous: Harsh.
reactionary: Pertaining to, of the nature of, causing, or favoring reaction.
rebuff: A peremptory or unexpected rejection of advances or approaches.
recalcitrant: Marked by stubborn resistance.
recant: To withdraw formally one’s belief (in something previously believed or maintained).
reciprocity: Equal mutual rights and benefits granted and enjoyed.
recluse: One who lives in retirement or seclusion.
recondite: Incomprehensible to one of ordinary understanding.
recrudescent: Becoming raw or sore again.
recuperate: To recover.
redoubtable: Formidable.
redress: To set right, as a wrong by compensation or the punishment of the wrong-doer.
refractory: Not amenable to control.
regale: To give unusual pleasure.
regicide: The killing of a king or sovereign.
reiterate: To say or do again and again.
relapse: To suffer a return of a disease after partial recovery.
remonstrate: To present a verbal or written protest to those who have power to right or prevent a wrong.
renovate: To restore after deterioration, as a building.
repast: A meal; figuratively, any refreshment.
repel: To force or keep back in a manner, physically or mentally.
repine: To indulge in fretfulness and faultfinding.
reprobate: One abandoned to depravity and sin.
repudiate: To refuse to have anything to do with.
repulsive: Grossly offensive.
requisite: Necessary.
requite: To repay either good or evil to, as to a person.
rescind: To make void, as an act, by the enacting authority or a superior authority.
resilience: The power of springing back to a former position.
resonance: Able to reinforce sound by sympathetic vibrations.
respite: Interval of rest.
restive: Resisting control.
retinue: The group of people who accompany an important person during travels.
revere: To regard with worshipful veneration.
reverent: Humble.
ribald: Indulging in or manifesting coarse indecency or obscenity.
risible: Capable of exciting laughter.
rotund: Round from fullness or plumpness.
ruffian: A lawless or recklessly brutal fellow.
ruminate: To chew over again, as food previously swallowed and regurgitated.
sagacious: Able to discern and distinguish with wise perception.
salacious: Having strong sexual desires.
salient: Standing out prominently.
salubrious: Healthful; promoting health.
salutary: Beneficial.
sanction: To approve authoritatively.
sanguine: Cheerfully confident; optimistic.
sardonic: Scornfully or bitterly sarcastic.
satiate: To satisfy fully the appetite or desire of.
satyr: A very lascivious person.
savor: To perceive by taste or smell.
scabbard: The sheath of a sword or similar bladed weapon.
scintilla: The faintest ray.
scribe: Hasty, careless writing.
sedulous: Persevering in effort or endeavor.
sequence: The order in which a number or persons, things, or events follow one
another in space or time.
severance: Separation.
shrewd: Characterized by skill at understanding and profiting by circumstances.
sinecure: Any position having emoluments with few or no duties.
sinuous: Curving in and out.
skiff: Usually, a small light boat propelled by oars.
sluggard: A person habitually lazy or idle.
solace: Comfort in grief, trouble, or calamity.
solvent: Having sufficient funds to pay all debts.
somniferous: Tending to produce sleep.
somnolent: Sleepy.
sonorous: Resonant.
sophistry: Reasoning sound in appearance only, especially when designedly
deceitful.
soporific: Causing sleep; also, something that causes sleep.
sordid: Filthy, morally degraded
specious: Plausible.
spurious: Not genuine.
squalid: Having a dirty, mean, poverty-stricken appearance.
stanch: To stop the flowing of; to check.
stigma: A mark of infamy or token of disgrace attaching to a person as the result of
evil-doing.
stingy: Cheap, unwilling to spend money.
stolid: Expressing no power of feeling or perceiving.
submerge: To place or plunge under water.
subterfuge: Evasion.
succinct: Concise.
sumptuous: Rich and costly.
supercilious: Exhibiting haughty and careless contempt.
superfluous: Being more than is needed.
supernumerary: Superfluous.
supersede: To displace.
supine: Lying on the back.
supplicate: To beg.
suppress: To prevent from being disclosed or punished.
surcharge: An additional amount charged.
surfeit: To feed to fullness or to satiety.
susceptibility: A specific capability of feeling or emotion.
sybarite: A luxurious person.
sycophant: A servile flatterer, especially of those in authority or influence.
synopsis: A syllabus or summary.
taciturn: Disinclined to conversation.
taut: Stretched tight.
temerity: Foolhardy disregard of danger; recklessness.
terse: Pithy.
timorous: Lacking courage.
torpid: Dull; sluggish; inactive.
torrid: Excessively hot.
tortuous: Abounding in irregular bends or turns.
tractable: Easily led or controlled.
transgress: To break a law.
transient: One who or that which is only of temporary existence.
transitory: Existing for a short time only.
travail: Hard or agonizing labor.
travesty: A grotesque imitation.
trenchant: Cutting deeply and quickly.
trepidation: Nervous uncertainty of feeling.
trite: Made commonplace by frequent repetition.
truculence: Ferocity.
truculent: Having the character or the spirit of a savage.
turbid: In a state of turmoil; muddled
turgid: Swollen.
turbid: Depravity.
tutelage: The act of training or the state of being under instruction.
tyro: One slightly skilled in or acquainted with any trade or profession.
ubiquitous: Being present everywhere.
ulterior: Not so pertinent as something else to the matter spoken of.
umbrage: A sense of injury.
unctuous: Oily.
undermine: To subvert in an underhand way.
undulate: To move like a wave or in waves.
untoward: Causing annoyance or hinderance.
upbraid: To reproach as deserving blame.
vagary: A sudden desire or action
vainglory: Excessive, pretentious, and demonstrative vanity.
valorous: Courageous.
vapid: Having lost sparkling quality and flavor.
variegated: Having marks or patches of different colors; also, varied.
vehement: Very eager or urgent.
venal: Mercenary, corrupt.
vener: Outside show or elegance.
venial: That may be pardoned or forgiven, a forgivable sin.
veracious: Habitually disposed to speak the truth.
veracity: Truthfulness.
verbiage: Use of many words without necessity.
verbose: Wordy.
verdant: Green with vegetation.
veritable: Real; true; genuine.
vestige: A visible trace, mark, or impression, of something absent, lost, or gone.
vicissitude: A change, especially a complete change, of condition or circumstances, as of fortune.
vigilance: Alert and intent mental watchfulness in guarding against danger.
vigilant: Being on the alert to discover and ward off danger or insure safety.
virago: Loud talkative woemn, strong statured women
virtu: Rare, curious, or beautiful quality.
visage: The face, countenance, or look of a person.
vitiate: To contaminate.
vituperate: To overwhelm with wordy abuse.
vivify: To endue with life.
vociferous: Making a loud outcry.
volatile: Changeable.
voluble: Having great fluency in speaking.
wean: To transfer (the young) from dependence on mother's milk to another form of nourishment.
whimsical: Capricious.
winsome: Attractive.
Zeitgeist: The intellectual and moral tendencies that characterize any age or epoch.