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SAT Vocabulary List

A

Abdicate - *verb* to cast off or relinquish

Aberration - *noun* a state or condition markedly different from the norm

Abject - *adj.* sunk to a low condition or in miserable circumstances

Abolish - *verb* do away with

Abridge - *verb* lessen, diminish, or curtail; reduce in scope while retaining essential elements

Abstemious - *adj.* sparing in consumption of especially food and drink; marked by temperance

Accent - *verb* put stress on; utter with an accent; to stress, single out as important

Accolade - *noun* a tangible symbol signifying approval or distinction

Acrimonious - *adj.* caustic, biting or rancorous in language or expression

Acquiesce - *verb* to agree or express agreement; rest satisfied

Acumen - *noun* shrewdness shown by keen insight

Affable - *adj.* friendly; outgoing disposition

Affirmation - *noun* a statement asserting the existence or the truth of something

Alacrity - *noun* liveliness and eagerness; youthful energy

Alleviate - *verb* provide physical relief, as from pain; make easier

Aloof - *adj.* remote in manner; distant

Amass - *verb* collect or gather; get or gather together

Ambiguous - *adj.* having more than one possible meaning; often misleading

Ambivalence - *noun* mixed feelings or emotions

Ambulatory - *noun* a covered walkway; *adj.* relating to or adapted for walking; able to walk about

Ameliorate - *verb* get better; to make better

Amity - *noun* a cordial disposition; a state of friendship and cordiality

Anchor - *noun* a central cohesive source of support and stability; *verb* fix firmly and stably

Antagonize - *verb* provoke the hostility of; act in opposition to
Antediluvian - *adj.* so extremely old as seeming to belong to an earlier period; of or relating to the period before the biblical flood; *noun* a very old person
Apathy - *noun* the trait of lacking enthusiasm for or interest in things generally; an absence of enthusiasm
Apocryphal- *adj.* doubtful authenticity
Arcane - *adj.* requiring secret or mysterious knowledge
Ascendancy - *noun* the state that exists when one person or group has power over another
Atrophy - *noun* any weakening or degeneration
Augment - *verb* enlarge or increase; grow or intensify
Avuncular - *adj.* like an uncle in kindness or indulgence; being or relating to an uncle

B

Bane - *noun* something causes misery or death
Belie - *verb* represent falsely; be in contradiction with
Bellicose - *adj.* having or showing a ready disposition to fight
Belittle - *verb* lessen the authority, dignity, or reputation of; express a negative opinion of; cause to seem less serious;
Belligerence - *noun* hostile or warlike attitude or nature; a natural disposition to be hostile
Benign - *adj.* pleasant and beneficial in nature or influence; kindness of disposition or manner; not dangerous to health
Bizarre - *adj.* conspicuously or grossly unconventional or unusual
Blatant- *adj.* noisy in a vulgar or offensive manner
Blunder - *noun* an embarrassing mistake; *verb* utter impulsively; make one's way clumsily or blindly
Brevity - *noun* the attribute of being brief or fleeting; the use of brief expressions
Bucolic - *adj.* relating to shepherds or herdsmen or devoted to raising sheep or cattle; *noun* a short descriptive poem of rural or pastoral life; a country person; *adj.* used of idealized country life
Bungle - *verb* spoil by behaving clumsily or foolishly; *noun* an embarrassing mistake; *verb* make a mess of, destroy or ruin
Burgeon - *verb* grow and flourish

C

Callous - *verb* make insensitive or callous; deaden feelings or morals; *adj.* emotionally hardened
Cajole- *verb* to deceive or persuade with false pretenses
Candid - *adj.* openly straightforward and direct without reserve or secretiveness; informal or natural
Cantankerous - *adj.* having a difficult and contrary disposition; stubbornly obstructive and unwilling to cooperate

Capitulate - *verb* surrender under agreed conditions
Capricious - *adj.* determined by chance or impulse or whim rather than by necessity or reason; changeable
Censure - *noun* harsh criticism or disapproval; the state of being excommunicated; *verb* rebuke formally
Chagrin - *noun* strong feelings of embarrassment; *verb* cause to feel shame; hurt the pride of
Charlatan- *noun* a quack or one showing false pretenses
Chicanery - *noun* the use of tricks to deceive someone
Churlish - *adj.* having a bad disposition; surly; rude and boorish
Clairvoyant - *noun* someone who has the power of clairvoyance; *adj.* foreseeing the future
Clemency - *noun* leniency and compassion shown toward offenders
Coalesce - *verb* fuse or cause to grow together; mix together different elements
Cohere - *verb* cause to form a united, orderly, and aesthetically consistent whole; come in close contact
Complacent - *adj.* contented to a fault with oneself or one's actions
Compress - *verb* squeeze or press together; make more compact by or as if by pressing
Confide - *verb* reveal in private; tell confidentially; confer a trust upon
Confound - *verb* mistake one thing for another; be confusing or perplexing to
Congeval - *verb* to change from a liquid to solid state
Congenial - *adj.* used of plants; suitable to your needs or similar to your nature
Contaminant - *noun* a substance that violates the purity of an item
Converge - *verb* come together so as to form a single product; move or draw together at a certain location
Convivial - *adj.* occupied with or fond of the pleasures of good company
Copious - *adj.* large in number or quantity; affording an abundant supply
Corroborate - *verb* support with evidence or authority or make more certain or confirm; establish or strengthen as with new evidence or facts
Corrugated - *adj.* shaped into alternating parallel grooves and ridges
Corrupt - *verb* alter from the original; *adj.* lacking in integrity
Cowardice - *noun* lacking courage
Cupidity- *noun* greed and strong desire for wealth
Cursory - *adj.* hasty and without attention to detail; not thorough
Credence - *noun* the attitude that something is believable and should be accepted as true
Cryptic - *adj.* having a puzzling terseness; of an obscure nature; having a secret or hidden meaning

D

Daunt - *verb* cause to lose courage
Dauntless - *adj.* invulnerable to fear or intimidation
Debilitate - *verb* make weak
Delusion - *noun* deception by creating illusory ideas; a mistaken or unfounded

opinion or idea;

Decorous - *adj.* dignified in conduct, manners or disposition

Deplete - *verb* use or exhaust resources

Deviate- *verb* to stray from the norm or standard

Derelict- *adj.* abandoned duty or neglected by owner or occupant

Dictum - *noun* an authoritative declaration; an opinion voiced by a judge on a point of law not directly bearing on the case in question and therefore not binding

Didactic - *adj.* designed or intended to teach; making moral observations

Discrepancy - *noun* a difference between conflicting facts or claims or opinions; an event that departs from expectations

Disdain - *noun* lack of respect accompanied by a feeling of intense dislike; *verb* reject with contempt

Disentangle - *verb* smoothen and neatens; free from involvement

Disingenuous - *adj.* not straightforward or candid; giving a false appearance of frankness

Distend - *verb* swell from or as if from internal pressure; cause to expand as it by internal pressure

Docile - *adj.* easily handled or managed; ready and willing to be taught

Drawback - *noun* the quality of being a hindrance

Dubious - *adj.* not convinced; fraught with uncertainty or doubt; open to doubt or suspicion

E

Edict- *noun* a proclamation having the force of law

Efface - *verb* make inconspicuous; remove completely from recognition or memory

Effervescent - *adj.* marked by high spirits or excitement; bubbly and engaging

Eloquent – *adj.* marked for forceful or fluent expression; well-spoken

Enhance - *verb* increase; make better or more attractive

Enigmatic - *adj.* resembling an oracle in obscurity of thought; not clear or understandable

Entourage - *noun* the group following and attending to some important person

Ephemeral - *adj.* lasting a very short time; *noun* anything short-lived

Epitome - *noun* a brief abstract in a book or journal; a standard or typical example

Equilibrium - *noun* a stable, balanced system

Equivocate - *verb* be deliberately ambiguous or unclear in order to mislead or withhold information

Erudite- *adj.* well read or esteemed for knowledge

Eschew- *verb* to avoid or shun

Eulogy- *noun* praise; a speech full of praise at a funeral

Euphonious - *adj.* having a pleasant sound; pleasing in sound; not harsh or strident

Evacuate - *verb* excrete or discharge from the body; empty completely;

Evanescence - *adj.* tending to vanish like vapor

Exacerbate - *verb* exasperate or irritate; make worse
Expedite - *verb* process fast and efficiently; speed up the progress of; facilitate
Expendable - *adj.* able to be spent or done away with;
Exclude - *verb* prevent from being included or considered or accepted; prevent from entering
Exculpate- *verb* to clear from fault or guilt
Extol - *verb* praise, glorify, or honor

E

Facilitate - *verb* make easier; increase the likelihood of (a response); be of use
Fathom - *noun* understanding or comprehension; also a unit of length equal to 6 cubic feet
Fallow - *noun* cultivated land that is not seeded for one or more growing seasons; *adj.* undeveloped but potentially useful; left unplowed and unseeded during a growing season
Famished - *adj.* extremely hungry
Fastidious - *adj.* giving careful attention to detail; hard to please; excessively concerned with cleanliness; having complicated nutritional requirements; especially growing only in special artificial cultures
Fidelity – *noun* the quality of being faithful
Fertile - *adj.* capable of reproducing; marked by great fruitfulness; bearing in abundance especially offspring; intellectually productive
Flourish - *verb* grow stronger; move or swing back and forth; gain in wealth
Foible - *noun* a behavioral attribute that is distinctive and peculiar to an individual
Foster - *verb* help develop, help grow
Fraudulent - *adj.* intended to deceive
Frivolous- *adj.* of little importance or lacking seriousness
Frugal - *adj.* avoiding waste; spendthrift
Fruitful - *adj.* productive or conducive to producing in abundance; productive of profit
Fruitless - *adj.* unproductive of success
Furtive - *adj.* marked by quiet and caution and secrecy; taking pains to avoid being observed; secret and sly or sordid
Futile - *adj.* producing no result or effect; unproductive of success

G

Garner - *verb* store grain; *noun* a storehouse for threshed grain or animal feed; *verb* assemble or get together; acquire or deserve by one's efforts or actions
Gaudy - *adj.* marked by conspicuous display; tastelessly showy
Generic - *noun* any product that can be sold without a brand name; *adj.* applicable to an entire class or group
Genre - *noun* a class of art having a characteristic form or technique; a kind of literary or artistic work
Germane - *adj.* relevant or appropriate

Glean - *verb* gather, as of natural products; to pick over in search of relevant materials

Gluttony - *noun* eating to excess; habitual eating to excess

Glib - *adj.* artfully persuasive in speech; having only superficial plausibility; marked by lack of intellectual depth

Grandiose - *adj.* impressive because of unnecessary largeness or grandeur; used to show disapproval

Gratuitous - *adj.* without cause; unnecessary and unwarranted; costing nothing

Gregarious - *adj.* enjoying of other peoples' company or discourse

Grotto - *noun* a small cave

Guile - *noun* the use of tricks to deceive someone; the quality of being deceitful

Gusto - *noun* vigorous and enthusiastic enjoyment

Gullible - *adj.* easily tricked because of being too trusting; naive and easily deceived or tricked

H

Hackneyed - *adj.* repeated too often; over familiar through overuse

Harbinger - *noun* an indication of the approach of something or someone; *verb* foreshadow or presage

Haughty - *adj.* blatantly and disdainfully proud

Hefty - *adj.* of considerable weight and size; large in amount or extent or degree; rugged and powerful

Hiatus - *noun* a missing piece; an interruption in time

Hideous - *adj.* so extremely ugly as to be terrifying; grossly offensive to decency or morality; causing horror

Hilarity - *noun* great merriment or enjoyment

Hinder - *verb* put at a disadvantage

Hone - *verb* make perfect or complete

Humane - *adj.* marked or motivated by concern with the alleviation of suffering;

Husbandry - *noun* the practice of cultivating the land or raising stock

Hyperbole - *noun* extravagant exaggeration

Hybrid - *noun* mixed offspring; produced by cross-breeding; mixture of words

Hypocritical - *adj.* professing feelings or virtues one does not have

I

Iconoclast - *noun* someone who attacks cherished ideas or traditional institutions; a destroyer of images used in religious worship

Idiosyncratic - *adj.* peculiar to the individual

Imperial - *adj.* belonging to or befitting a supreme ruler; befitting or belonging to an emperor or empress;

Impudent - *adj.* marked by casual disrespect; improperly forward or bold

Incite - *verb* to provoke

Inchoate - *adj.* only partly in existence; imperfectly formed

Inconspicuous - *adj.* not prominent or readily noticeable

Incorrigible - *adj.* impervious to correction by punishment
Indignant - *adj.* angered at something unjust or wrong
Indolent - *adj.* slow to heal or develop and usually painless; disinclined to work or exertion; lazy
Insolent - *adj.* unrestrained by convention or propriety; marked by casual disrespect
Intuition - *noun* instinctive knowing
Innocuous - *adj.* producing no injury; harmless
Invocation - *noun* the act of appealing for help; an incantation used in conjuring or summoning a devil; a prayer asking God's help as part of a religious service; calling up a spirit or devil
Ineffable - *adj.* too sacred to be uttered; defying expression or description
Irascible - *adj.* characterized by anger; quickly aroused to anger
Ironic - *adj.* characterized by often poignant difference or incongruity between what is expected and what actually is; humorously sarcastic or mocking
Irrefutable - *adj.* impossible to deny or disprove

J

Jargon - *noun* specialized technical terminology; a characteristic language of a particular group
Jeopardize - *verb* to expose to danger or risk
Jettison - *verb* throw as from an airplane; throw away
Jocular - *adj.* characterized by jokes and good humor; *adv.* with humor
Judicious - *adj.* marked by the exercise of good judgment or common sense in practical matters
Juxtapose - *verb* place side by side

K

Kindle - *verb* cause to start burning; catch fire; call forth
Kinetic - *adj.* characterized by motion; relating to the motion of material bodies and the forces associated therewith; supplying motive force
Kudos - *noun* an expression of approval and commendation

L

Laconic - *adj.* brief and to the point; without many words
Lackadaisical - *adj.* idle or indolent especially in a dreamy way; lacking spirit or liveliness
Languid - *adj.* lacking spirit or liveliness
Laud - *verb* to give praise or highly approve
Lax - *adj.* emptying easily or excessively; lacking in rigor or strictness; not taut or rigid
Leniency - *noun* lightening a penalty or excusing from a chore by judges or parents or teachers; a disposition to yield to the wishes of someone;

mercifulness as a consequence of being lenient or tolerant

Levity - *noun* a manner lacking seriousness; feeling an inappropriate lack of seriousness

Levitate - *verb* be suspended in the air, as if in defiance of gravity;

Listless - *adj.* lacking zest or vivacity; marked by low spirits; showing no enthusiasm

Loquacious - *adj.* full of trivial conversation

Lucid - *adj.* having a clear mind; transparently clear; easily understandable; transmitting light; able to be seen through with clarity; capable of thinking and expressing yourself in a clear and consistent manner

Lugubrious - *adj.* excessively mournful

M

Magnanimous - *adj.* generous and understanding and tolerant; noble and generous in spirit

Maladroit - *adj.* clumsy; lacking dexterity or physical coordination

Malleable- *adj.* capable of being shaped or bended

Maxim- *noun* a general truth or proverbial statement

Mellifluous - *adj.* pleasing to the ear; flowing in nature

Mendacious- *adj.* lying or deceitful demeanor

Mendicant- *noun* a beggar

Mettle - *noun* the courage to carry on

Mercurial - *adj.* liable to sudden unpredictable change

Misanthrope- *noun* a person who hates or distrusts humankind

Miscreant - *noun* a person without moral scruples

Mitigate - *verb* make less severe or harsh; to lessen the seriousness or extent of

Mobile - *adj.* capable of changing quickly from one state or condition to another; moving or capable of moving

Mollify - *verb* make less rigid or softer; make more temperate, acceptable, or suitable by adding something else

Morbid - *adj.* suggesting an unhealthy mental state; caused by or altered by or manifesting disease or pathology; suggesting the horror of death and decay

Motley - *verb* make something more diverse and varied; *adj.* consisting of a haphazard assortment of different kinds

Mundane - *adj.* ordinary, often boring

Munificent - *adj.* very generous; giving;

Myopic - *adj.* lacking foresight; narrow-minded

Myriad - *noun* a large indefinite number; *adj.* too numerous to be counted

N

Nadir - *noun* an extreme state of adversity; the lowest point of anything

Narcissistic - *adj.* characteristic of those having an inflated idea of their own importance; often selfish

Nebulous - *adj.* lacking definition or definite content; lacking definite form

Nefarious - *adj.* extremely wicked

Negligible - *adj.* so small as to be meaningless; insignificant; not worth considering

Nepotism - *noun* favoritism shown to relatives or close friends by those in power, usually for jobs

Nexus - *noun* a connected series or group; the means of connection between things linked in series

Nomad- *noun* an individual who roams about without purpose or residence

Nonchalant - *adj.* marked by blithe unconcern

Nostalgia - *noun* longing for something past; a longing, retrospective view

Nullify - *verb* make ineffective by counterbalancing the effect of; show to be invalid; declare invalid

O

Obdurate - *adj.* showing unfeeling resistance to tender feelings; stubbornly persistent in wrongdoing

Oblivion - *noun* the state of being disregarded or forgotten; total forgetfulness

Obsequious - *adj.* attentive in an ingratiating or servile manner; attempting to win favor from influential people by flattery

Obscure - *verb* make difficult to perceive by sight; *adj.* not clearly understood or expressed

Onerous - *adj.* not easily borne; wearing

Onus - *noun* an onerous or difficult concern

Obtuse - *adj.* lacking sharpness or intellectual ability

Odyssey - *noun* a long wandering and eventful journey; a Greek epic poem (attributed to Homer) describing the journey of Odysseus after the fall of Troy

Opaque - *adj.* not clear; not transmitting or reflecting light or radiant energy; not clearly understood or expressed

Opacity - *noun* the degree to which something reduces the passage of light; more obscure

Opulent - *adj.* rich and superior in quality

Oscillate - *verb* move or swing from side to side regularly; be undecided about something; waver between conflicting positions or courses of action

Ostentatious - *adj.* intended to attract notice and impress others; of a display that is tawdry or vulgar

Overt - *adj.* open and observable; not secret or hidden

P

Palpable - *adj.* capable of being perceived by the senses or the mind; especially capable of being handled or felt

Pacify - *verb* fight violence and try to establish peace; cause to be more favorably inclined; gain the good will of

Panacea - *noun* a cure-all; a remedy for all difficulties

Pander - *verb* arrange for sexual partners for others; *verb* yield (to); give

satisfaction to

Parsimony - *noun* extreme care in spending money; reluctance to spend money unnecessarily; extreme stinginess

Patent - *noun* a document granting an inventor sole rights to an invention; an official document granting a right or privilege; *verb* make open to sight or notice; *adj.* open; affording free passage

Paucity - *noun* an insufficient quantity or number

Pedantic - *adj.* marked by a narrow focus on or display of learning especially its trivial aspects

Penchant - *noun* a strong liking or fondness

Penury - *noun* a state of extreme poverty or destitution

Petulant - *adj.* easily irritated or annoyed

Perfidy - *noun* betrayal of a trust; an act of deliberate betrayal

Perfunctory - *adj.* hasty and without attention to detail; not thorough; as a formality only

Peripatetic- *adj.* often moving or wandering from place to place

Peripheral - *adj.* the outer area; related to the key issue but not of central importance

Pilfer - *verb* make off with belongings of others; steal

Placate - *verb* to soothe or mollify

Placid - *adj.* free from disturbance; living without undue worry; taking life easy; not easily irritated

Precise - *adj.* sharply exact or accurate or delimited

Premeditated - *adj.* characterized by deliberate purpose and some degree of planning

Pretentious - *adj.* making claim to or creating an appearance of importance or distinction; intended to attract notice and impress others; of a display that is tawdry or vulgar

Prevalent - *adj.* widely accepted, favored or practiced

Probity - *noun* complete and confirmed integrity; having strong moral principles

Proclivity - *noun* a natural inclination

Prodigal - *noun* a recklessly extravagant consumer; *adj.* marked by rash extravagance; very generous

Prodigious - *adj.* so great in size or force or extent as to elicit awe; far beyond what is usual

Proximity - *noun* the property of being close together

Prudence - *noun* discretion in practical affairs; knowing how to avoid embarrassment or distress

Profuse - *adj.* produced or growing in extreme abundance

Provoke - *verb* provide the needed stimulus for; evoke or provoke to appear or occur; call forth emotions or feelings

Pugnacious - *adj.* ready and able to resort to force or violence; tough and callous by virtue of experience

Pulverize - *verb* make into a powder by breaking up or cause to become dust; destroy completely

Puerile - *adj.* juvenile and immature

Q

Quagmire - *noun* in a tough position; mired with difficulty

Queasy - *adj.* causing or fraught with or showing anxiety; feeling nausea; feeling about to vomit

Querulous - *adj.* habitually complaining

Quip - *noun* witty remark; *verb* make jokes

Quirk - *noun* a strange habit; *verb* twist or curve abruptly

Quixotic - *adj.* foolishly impractical; often unpredictable

R

Rant - *verb* talk in a noisy, excited, or declamatory manner; *noun* pompous or pretentious talk or writing

Recalcitrant - *adj.* marked by stubborn resistance to authority; stubbornly resistant to authority or control

Recant - *verb* formally reject or disavow a formerly held belief, usually under pressure

Reciprocal - *adj.* shared or felt on both sides

Reclusive - *adj.* providing privacy or seclusion; withdrawn from society; seeking solitude

Remedy - *noun* a medicine or therapy that cures disease or relieve pain; *verb* provide relief for; *noun* act of correcting an error or a fault or an evil; *verb* set straight or right

Replete - *verb* fill to satisfaction; *adj.* filled or permeated; filled to satisfaction with food or drink

Rescind - *verb* annul by recalling or rescinding

Resolute - *adj.* firm in purpose or belief; characterized by firmness and determination

Respite - *noun* a pause from doing something; a pause for relaxation; the act of relieving

Reserve - *noun* the trait of being uncommunicative; not volunteering anything more than necessary; something kept back or saved for future use or a special purpose;

Rhetoric - *noun* study of the technique and rules for using language effectively; using language effectively to please or persuade; loud and confused and empty talk; high-flown style; excessive use of verbal ornamentation

Ruffle - *verb* pleat or gather into a ruffle; disturb the smoothness of; erect or fluff up; trouble or vex

Rupture - *noun* the act of making a sudden noisy break; a personal or social separation

S

Saccharine - *adj.* overly sweet

Salubrious - *adj.* favorable to health of mind or body; promoting health; healthful

Sardonic - *adj.* disdainfully or ironically humorous; scornful and mocking

Scrutinize - *verb* examine carefully for accuracy with the intent of verification; to look at critically or searchingly, or in minute detail

Sedulous - *adj.* marked by care and persistent effort

Seditious - *adj.* in opposition to a civil authority or government; arousing to action or rebellion

Skepticism - *noun* doubt about the truth of something; the disbelief in any claims of ultimate knowledge

Somber - *adj.* grave or even gloomy in character; lacking brightness or color; dull

Sovereign - *noun* a nation's ruler or head of state usually by hereditary right; *adj.* greatest in status or authority or power; not controlled by outside forces

Sparse - *adj.* not dense; not thickly settled

Specify - *verb* decide upon or fix definitely; be specific about; determine the essential quality

Spontaneous - *adj.* happening or arising without apparent external cause; said or done without having been planned or written in advance

Spurn - *verb* reject with contempt

Squander - *verb* spend extravagantly; spend thoughtlessly; throw away or waste

Stimulus - *noun* any stimulating information or event; acts to arouse action

Stringent - *adj.* demanding strict attention to rules and procedures

Stymie - *noun* a thwarting and distressing situation; *verb* hinder or prevent the progress or accomplishment of

Subtle - *adj.* faint and difficult to analyze; able to make fine distinctions

Succinct - *adj.* briefly giving the gist of something

Summary - *noun* a brief statement that presents the main points in a concise form;

Summon - *verb* call in an official matter, such as to attend court; ask to come; gather or bring together

Sumptuous - *adj.* rich and superior in quality

Surreptitious - *adj.* conducted with or marked by hidden aims or methods; marked by quiet and caution and secrecy;

Sycophant - *noun* a servile, self-seeking flatterer

Symbiotic - *adj.* used of organisms living together but not necessarily in a relation beneficial to each; cooperative relationship

T

Taciturn - *adj.* disinclined to talk or speak

Tangent - *noun* often unrelated; a straight line or plane that touches a curve or curved surface at a point but does not intersect it at that point

Tantamount - *adj.* being essentially equal to something

Tawdry - *adj.* cheap and shoddy; tastelessly showy

Tenacious - *adj.* sticking together; good at remembering; stubbornly unyielding

Tenuous - *adj.* very thin in gauge or diameter; having thin consistency; having little substance or significance

Tranquil- *adj.* free from agitation or worry; calm

Transient - *noun* in Physics, a short-lived oscillation in a system caused by a sudden change of voltage or current or load; lasting a very short time

Truculence - *noun* obstreperous and defiant aggressiveness

Truncate- *verb* to shorten

Turbulence - *noun* unstable flow of a liquid or gas; a state of violent disturbance and disorder; instability

U

Usurp - *verb* to seize or hold in possession by force without right

V

Venturesome - *adj.* disposed to venture or take risks

Venality - *noun* prostitution of talents or offices or services for reward; associated with bribery

Venerable - *adj.* impressive by reason of age; profoundly honored

Verbose - *adj.* using or containing too many words

Vex- *verb* to bring trouble to, or annoy

Viable - *adj.* capable of life or normal growth and development; capable of being done with means at hand and circumstances as they are

Vibrancy - *noun* having the character of a loud deep sound; the quality of being resonant

Vilification - *noun* a rude expression intended to offend or hurt; slanderous defamation

Virulence - *noun* extreme hostility; extreme harmfulness

W

Wanton - *noun* lewd or lascivious woman; *verb* behave extremely cruelly and brutally

Wary - *adj.* marked by keen caution and watchful prudence; openly distrustful and unwilling to confide

Willful - *adj.* habitually disposed to disobedience and opposition; done by design

Wily - *adj.* marked by skill in deception

Whet - *verb* make keen or more acute; sharpen by rubbing

Wont - *noun* a pattern of behavior acquired through frequent repetition; an established custom

Whittle - *verb* cut small bits or pare shavings from

Z

Zany - *noun* a buffoon in one of the old comedies; *adj.* like a clown; ludicrous, foolish

Zealot - *noun* a fervent and even militant proponent of something

Zenith - *noun* the point above the observer that is directly opposite the nadir on the imaginary sphere against which celestial bodies appear to be projected

Zephyr - *noun* (Greek mythology) the Greek god of the west wind; a slight refreshing wind

Zest - *verb* add herbs or spices to; *noun* vigorous and enthusiastic enjoyment

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