

## Vocabulary Definitions and Sentences

So you found the words and now you're ready to define them and write sentences for each word. Let me help you so we can make sure it's done right every time.

**First and foremost - Follow these directions.  
If you don't...you won't get credit. Period. End of story.**

**Remember, it must be turned in ON time, EVERY time or you WON'T get credit.**

To help, we are going to use the same example that you will find when you find the actual word list.

<b>1</b>	<b>Week 3</b>		
<b>2</b>	<b>9/10/14</b>		
<b>3</b>	Incandescent	LT	<b>4</b>
	Adagio	MT	
	Ensembles	MT	
	Opera	MT	
	Chief Electrician	TJ	
	Adept	SAT	
	Eulogy	SAT	
	Jocular	SAT	
	Pacifist	SAT	
	Sporadic	SAT	

1. The first thing we need is the VOCABULARY FORM that is found on the website under YOUR class.
  - a. You will need to TYPE the sentences and definitions on this form. Handwritten is NOT accepted.
2. Our first word is *Incandescent* so you need to look that word up.
  - a. First - find the LT definition page. Again, located on the website under YOUR class.
  - b. Second - open that file
  - c. Third – find the word *Incandescent* and type the definition from that file on to the Vocab form.
  - d. Fourth - now write a sentence for that word.

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## Sample 1 & 2

1	<b>Definition</b>	Word	Incandescent	Light source consisting of a metal filament (Tungsten) which glows white hot when current is passed through.
	<b>Sentence</b>	Incandescent light bulbs were replaced by the more eco-friendly halogen lights all around the United States.		
2	<b>Definition</b>	Word	Incandescent	Light Bulb
	<b>Sentence</b>	I turned the incandescent light on.		

### 3. Sample 1

- a. The word is written inside the box.
- b. Notice that the FULL definition is typed out.
- c. Also notice that the sentence is COMPLETE.
  - i. It shows a complete understanding of the word AND is consistent with the ability and intellect of a high school student.

### 4. Sample 2

- a. The word is written inside the box
  - b. The definition is NOT complete and only gives a partial idea of what the word is or means.
  - c. Is the sentence complete? Yes. Is the word used in the sentence? Yes. Is it consistent with the intellect of a high school student? Absolutely not. That is a sentence I might expect from an elementary student.
5. Simply writing a sentence DOES NOT get you credit.
  6. If you copy and paste your friend's sentence you will BOTH get ZERO credit for the work. Even if the sentences are great, you still plagiarized the work so NEITHER of you will get credit.
  7. This is a very easy assignment. All you have to do is DO IT and do it correctly. That's it.

## SAT Words

**abate:** subside; decrease; become less in amount or intensity

**aberration:** deviation, not normal

**abhor:** fill with horror and loathing; horrify; hate

**abstruse:** obscure; profound; difficult to understand.

**accost:** approach and speak to boldly or aggressively, as with demand or request

**acrimony:** bitter animosity

**acumen:** mental keenness; quickness of perception

**adamant:** extremely hard; inflexible; stubbornly unyielding

**adept:** expert at; very skilled; having or showing knowledge and skill and aptitude

**adroit:** skillful and adept under pressing conditions

**affected:** speaking or behaving in artificial way; emotionally stirred or moved; infected or attacked

**alacrity:** cheerful promptness or willingness; eagerness; speed or quickness

**allocate:** assign, portion

**altruistic:** unselfishly generous; concerned for others

**amenable:** responsive to advice or suggestion; responsible to higher authority; willing to comply with; agreeable

**amiable:** good-natured and likable; lovable; warmly friendly

**amicable:** exhibiting friendliness or goodwill; not quarrelsome

**antediluvian:** antiquated; extremely old and ancient; belonging to very ancient times

**anthropology:** social science that studies origins and social relationships of human beings

**antipathy:** strong feeling of aversion; dislike

**apathetic:** feeling or showing a lack of interest or concern; indifferent

**apt:** likely; exactly suitable; appropriate; quick to learn or understand

**arcane:** secret; mysterious; known only to the initiated

**ascendancy:** superiority or decisive advantage; domination

**ascetic:** leading a life of self-discipline and self-denial; austere

**aspire:** seek to attain; long for; strive toward an end

**assail:** assault; attack with or as if with violent blows

**assiduous:** constant in application or attention; diligent; unceasing or persistent

**assuage:** ease or lessen pain; satisfy or appease

**atrophy:** wasting away; decrease in size; reduction in the functionality of an organ caused by disease

**attenuate:** make slender, fine, or small; weaken; lessen density of

**august:** impressive; majestic; inspiring awe or admiration

**aura:** air, feeling

**auspicious:** attended by favorable circumstances; marked by success; prosperous

**autocrat:** dictator; ruler having unlimited power

**automaton:** mechanism that imitates actions of humans

**avarice:** greediness for wealth; insatiable desire of gain

**banal:** obvious and dull; commonplace; lacking originality

**barrage:** artificial obstruction; heavy curtain of artillery fire; rapid, concentrated discharge of missiles

**belie:** contradict; give a false impression

**belligerent:** inclined or eager to fight; aggressive

**benevolent:** generous in providing aid to others; charitable

**bequeath:** leave to someone by a will; hand down

**berate:** rebuke or scold angrily and at length

**bipartisanship:** supported by two opposing parties

**blighted:** suffering from a disease; destroyed, ruined, or spoiled

**bog:** marsh, swamp

**bolster:** support or prop up with or as if with a long narrow pillow or cushion

**bombastic:** pompous; using inflated language; high-sounding but with little meaning

**boorish:** rude and clumsy in behavior; ungentlemanly; awkward in manners

**buoyant:** able to float; cheerful and optimistic

**burgeon:** grow forth; send out buds; grow or develop rapidly

**buttress:** support physically; prop up; support something or someone by supplying evidence

**byzantine:** convoluted, complex

**cacophonous:** discordant; inharmonious; sounding harshly; ill-sounding

**cajole:** influence or urge by gentle urging or flattering

**callous:** emotionally hardened; unfeeling

**cantankerous:** ill humored; irritable; marked by ill-tempered contradiction or opposition; ugly; malicious

**capricious:** fickle; impulsive and unpredictable; apt to change opinions suddenly

**castigate:** criticize severely; punish; revise or make corrections to publication

**caustic:** capable of burning, corroding, dissolving, or eating away by chemical action

**ensorious:** critical; addicted to censure; severe in making remarks on others, or on their writings or manners; implying or expressing censure

**censure:** expression of strong disapproval or harsh criticism; blame

**cerebral:** relating to the brain or cerebrum; intellectual rather than emotional

**chagrin:** anxiety caused by humiliation or injured pride; disappointment

**charlatan:** quack; one who pretends to knowledge, skill, or importance

**chastise:** punish, as by beating; criticize severely; rebuke

**chide:** scold mildly so as to correct or improve; express disapproval

**churlish:** difficult to work with; rude; unyielding; unmanageable

**circuitous:** being or taking a roundabout, lengthy course; going round in a circuit; not direct

**circumscribe:** limit narrowly; confine; draw a line around; encircle

**circumvent:** surround; enclose or entrap/outwit; beat through cleverness and wit

**clandestine:** secret; conducted with or marked by hidden aims or methods

**coalesce:** combine; fuse; grow together; come together so as to form one whole; unite

**compendious:** succinct

**complacency:** feeling of contented self-satisfaction, especially when unaware of upcoming trouble

**compliant:** yielding to request or desire; ready to accommodate; disposed or willing to comply;

**conciliate:** compromising, apologizing

**concur:** agree

**conflagration:** large destructive fire; burning; large-scale military conflict

**confluence:** act of two things flowing together; junction or meeting place where two things meet

**congenial:** compatible

**conscientious:** diligent; responsible; reliable

**consternation:** intense state of fear or dismay; astonishment combined with terror

**contempt:** state of being despised or dishonored; disgrace; disobedience to, or open disrespect of

**contemptible:** worthy of contempt; deserving of scorn or disdain; mean

**contentious:** quarrelsome; disagreeable; marked by heated arguments or controversy

**convivial:** festive; occupied with or fond of the pleasures of good company

**copious:** plentiful; containing plenty; affording ample supply

**corroborate:** establish or strengthen as with new evidence or facts; support with evidence

**cosmopolitan:** sophisticated; of worldwide scope

**credulity:** readiness of belief; disposition to believe on slight evidence

**culpable:** blameworthy

**cursory:** casual; brief or broad; not cautious, nor detailed

**dauntless:** bold; incapable of being discouraged; fearless

**dearth:** scarcity; shortage of food; famine from failure or loss of crops

**debacle:** sudden downfall; complete disaster

**debilitate:** make weak; enfeeble; impair the strength of

**debunk:** expose as false, exaggerated, worthless; ridicule

**decimate:** destroy or kill a large part of; select by lot and kill one in every ten of

**decorum:** propriety in manners and conduct; good taste in manners; conventions or requirements of polite behavior

**deference:** willingness to carry out the wishes of others; great respect

**degredation:** humiliation

**deleterious:** having harmful effect; injurious; having quality of destroying life; noxious; poisonous

**delineate:** portray; depict; draw or trace outline of; sketch out

**demonstrative:** openly emotional

**demure:** modest and reserved in manner or behavior

**demytify:** clarify; free from mystery or obscurity

**denigrate:** blacken; defame; attack reputation of; degrade

**depose:** force to leave; remove from office

**depravity:** extreme corruption or degradation; wickedness

**deprecate:** express disapproval of; protest against; belittle

**depreciation:** devaluation; decrease in price or value

**deride:** ridicule; make fun of; laugh at with contempt

**derivative:** unoriginal; derived from another source

**derogatory:** expressing low opinion; disparaging; belittling

**desecration:** violate the sacredness of

**despondent:** in low spirits from loss of hope or courage

**despot:** tyrant; harsh, authoritarian ruler; eastern Orthodox bishop

**destitute:** extremely poor; utterly lacking; devoid

**deterrent:** something that discourages; tending to deter

**devoid:** completely lacking; barren or empty

**didactic:** excessively morally instructive

**diffident:** shy

**diffuse:** spread out widely; scatter freely; pour out and cause to spread freely

**digress(ion):** stray from the subject at hand

**dilatory:** tending to waste time

**diminutive:** below the average size; very small; little

**dire:** urgent, dreadful

**discern:** detect; perceive

**discomfited:** disappointed, defeated

**discount:** give reduction in price on

**disheartening:** discouraging

**disillusionment:** disenchantment, disappointment

**disingenuous:** giving a false appearance of frankness; insincere

**disparage:** belittle; speak of in a slighting or disrespectful way; reduce in esteem or rank

**dispassionate:** calm; impartial; unaffected by strong emotion or prejudice

**dispel:** scatter; drive away; cause to vanish

**disputatious:** argumentative; fond of arguing; inclined to dispute

**disquiet:** make uneasy or anxious; trouble

**disseminate:** distribute; spread; scatter like seeds

**distaste:** dislike, aversion

**divergent:** differing; tending to move apart in different directions

**divisive:** creating conflict

**divulge:** reveal; make known to public

**doctrine:** principles presented for belief, as by religious; principle of law; act of teaching; instruction

**dormant:** sleeping; not active but capable of becoming active

**dupe:** easily deceived person; duplicate of photographic image

**duplicitous:** deliberately deceptive

**ebullient:** showing excitement; overflowing with enthusiasm

**eclectic:** composed of elements from a variety of sources

**efface:** rub or wipe out; make indistinct as if by rubbing

**effervesce:** bubble, fizz

**egalitarian:** belief in equality

**elated:** overjoyed; extremely happy and excited

**elicit:** draw out; bring forth or to light; generate or provoke as response or answer



**elucidate:** make clear or plain, especially by explanation; clarify

**elude:** avoid cleverly; escape perception of

**elusive:** difficult to describe; difficult to detect or grasp by mind

**embitter:** make worse

**embroiled:** throw into confusion; deeply involved especially in something complicated

**empathetic:** compassionate

**empirical:** derived from experiment and observation rather than theory

**encompass:** surround; form a circle or ring around; enclose; envelop

**encroaching:** intrusive

**encumbrance:** burden

**enigma:** puzzle; difficult problem

**enumerate:** list each one; mention one by one

**ephemeral:** short-lived; enduring a very short time

**epiphany:** sudden realization

**epitome:** representative or perfect example of a class or type; brief summary, as of a book or article

**equanimity:** calmness of temperament; steadiness of mind under stress.

**equitable:** marked by or having equity; just and impartial

**equivocal:** open to two or more interpretations and often intended to mislead

**erudite:** learned; scholarly, with emphasis on knowledge gained from books

**esoteric:** hard to understand; known only in a particular group

**estrangle:** alienate

**eulogy:** expression of praise, often on the occasion of someone's death

**evoke:** bring out; arouse; call forth

**exacting:** making severe demands; rigorous; requiring great care, effort, or attention

**excavate:** unearth; dig out; make a hole in; hollow out

**exemplar:** representative example

**exhibitionist:** deliberately behaving a certain way to attract attention

**exhort:** urge on or encourage, especially by shouts

**exorbitant:** greatly exceeding bounds of reason or moderation; exceeding proper limits

**expedient:** suitable; appropriate to a purpose; serving to promote your interest

**expose:** set forth; set out to public view

**extol:** praise highly; glorify; celebrate

**extricate:** free, as from difficulties or perplexities; cause to be emitted or evolved

**facile:** done or achieved with little effort or difficulty; ready or fluent

**faction:** a party of persons having a common end in view

**fallacious:** false; tending to mislead; deceptive

**fallacy:** deceptive or false appearance; false notion; deception

**fanaticism:** excessive zeal; extreme devotion to a belief or cause

**fastidious:** difficult to please; having complicated requirements; excessively particular demanding about details

**fathom:** measure the depth; come to understand

**felicitious:** well-suited, happy

**finesse:** refinement and delicacy of performance; skillful, subtle handling

**flagrant:** obvious and offensive, blatant, scandalous; flaming into notice

**flippant:** lacking proper seriousness; speaking freely; talkative; communicative

**florid:** reddish; elaborately or excessively ornamented

**flummox:** confuse

**folly:** foolishness; lack of good sense, understanding, or foresight

**foolhardy:** rash; marked by unthinking boldness

**forlorn:** sad and lonely; wretched; abandoned or left behind

**fortitude:** bravery; force; power to attack or to resist attack

**fortuitous:** accidental; by chance; coming or occurring without any cause

**fraudulent:** cheating; deceitful; planning or using fraud; given to practice of fraud

**frugal:** sparing; economical; costing little; inexpensive

**furor:** great excitement; public disorder or uproar

**furtive:** marked by quiet and caution and secrecy

**futile:** useless; having no useful result; vain

**gait:** manner of walking or stepping; bearing or carriage while moving; walk; rate of moving

**gallant:** courtly; lively and spirited; having or displaying great dignity or nobility

**gargantuan:** huge; of a tremendous size, volume, degree

**garish:** over-bright in color; tastelessly showy

**genial:** friendly; cordial; having a pleasant or friendly disposition or manner

**germinate:** cause to sprout or grow; come into existence

**glutton:** person who eats too much food and drink

**grandiose:** impressive from inherent grandeur; large and impressive, in size, scope or extent

**hackneyed:** repeated too often; over familiar through overuse

**hamper:** put at disadvantage; prevent progress or free movement of

**hardy:** in robust and good health; able to survive under unfavorable conditions

**hasten:** accelerate; quicken

**heresy:** opinion contrary to popular belief; opinion contrary to accepted religion

**histrionic:** characteristic of acting or stage performance

**hubris:** excessive pride or self-confidence

**idiosyncrasy:** behavioral attribute that is distinctive and peculiar to an individual

**idyllic:** excellent and delightful in all respects

**ignominy:** deep disgrace; shame or dishonor

**illicit:** illegal; unlawful; not authorized or permitted

**impasse:** road or passage having no exit; deadlock

**imperious:** urgent or pressing; able to deal authoritatively; dictatorial

**impetuous:** marked by sudden and violent force; hasty; impulsive and passionate

**impudence:** offensively bold behavior; trait of being rude

**inane:** silly; senseless; unconsciously foolish; void

**incongruity:** quality of disagreeing; being unsuitable and inappropriate

**incredulous:** difficult to believe; incredible; skeptical

**incriminate:** accuse of a crime or other wrongful act; suggest that someone is guilty

**incubate:** hatch; develop under favorable conditions

**indeterminate:** uncertain; not clearly fixed; indefinite

**indictment:** formally accuse of a crime

**indigenous:** native to a region

**indignant:** affected with indignation; wrathful; passionate; irate; feeling wrath by unworthy or unjust treatment

**indiscriminate:** choosing at random; not marked by fine distinctions

**indolent:** lazy; slow to heal, grow, or develop; inactive

**indomitable:** unconquerable; incapable of being overcome

**induce:** persuade; bring about; reason or establish by induction

**indulgent:** yielding; lenient; forbearing or tolerant

**ineffable:** unutterable; cannot be expressed in speech

**ineptitude:** incompetence

**inert:** inactive; lacking power to move; unable to move or act

**ingenuous:** naive and trusting; young; unsophisticated

**inherent:** firmly established by nature or habit

**inhibit:** restrain; prevent or forbid; hold back

**innate:** possessed at birth; inborn

**innocuous:** having no adverse effect; harmless

**innuendo:** hint; indirect implication, usually malicious

**inscrutable:** impenetrable; not readily understood; mysterious

**insipid:** lacking flavor or zest; not tasty; dull

**insolence:** scornful treatment; insulting speech or conduct

**instigate:** goad or urge forward; provoke; incite

**insular:** of isolated people, especially having a narrow viewpoint

**intrepid:** fearless; indicating or springing from courage

**inundate:** overwhelm; cover with water, especially floodwaters

**invoke:** call upon; ask for; request earnestly

**irate:** feeling or showing extreme anger; enraged

**irony:** expression by deliberate contrast between apparent and intended meaning; witty language used to insult

**irreverent:** disrespectful; showing lack of due respect; not revering god

**jaded:** fatigued dulled by surfeit; exhausted; worn out; wearied

**jocular:** humorous, amusing or joking; sportive; not serious

**jovial:** good-natured; marked by good cheer; cheerful and good-humored

**judicious:** exhibiting good judgment or sound thinking; prudent

**lackadaisical:** lacking purpose or zest; halfhearted; lacking spirit or liveliness

**laconic:** brief; effectively cut short; marked by use of few words

**laggard:** slow; sluggish; wasting time

**languid:** lacking energy or vitality; weak; sluggish; lacking spirit or liveliness

**latent:** present or potential but not evident or active; dormant; hidden

**laud:** give praise to; glorify; celebrate or honor

**listless:** lacking in spirit or energy to exert effort

**lithe:** flexible; moving and bending with ease

**lucid:** easily understood; clear; intelligible

**lucrative:** profitable; producing good profit

**lull:** moment of calm; a period of calm weather; temporary quiet and rest

**lurid:** causing shock or horror; gruesome

**luxuriant:** abundant; rich and splendid; fertile

**magnanimous:** generous; high-minded or great-souled; chivalrous

**malleable:** capable of being shaped by pounding; impressionable

**marred:** damaged or disfigured by injury or rough wear

**maudlin:** tearfully sentimental; over-emotional; sickly-sentimental

**melancholy:** gloomy; feeling of thoughtful sadness; affected by depression

**mercenary:** interested in making money; profit oriented; hired for service in foreign army

**mercurial:** capricious; liable to sudden unpredictable change; quick and changeable in temperament

**miserly:** indicative of lack of generosity; cautious with money

**mitigate:** make less severe or harsh; moderate

**modicum:** limited quantity; small or moderate amount; any small thing

**morose:** ill humored; sullen; depressingly dark; gloomy; persistent

**motley:** multi-colored; mixed; having elements of great variety

**multifarious:** varied; greatly diversified; made up of many differing parts

**nebulous:** lacking definite form or limits; hazy; cloudy

**nefarious:** very wicked; infamous by being extremely wicked

**neophyte:** recent convert to a belief; one newly initiated

**notoriety:** known for some unfavorable act or quality; bad or ill fame

**noxious:** harmful to living things; injurious to health

**nuance:** subtle or slight degree of difference

**obdurate:** hardened in wrongdoing or wickedness; not giving in to persuasion

**obstinate:** stubbornly adhering to an attitude or opinion; hard to control or treat

**officious:** marked by excessive eagerness in offering unwanted services or advice to others

**onerous:** burdensome or oppressive; not easily borne; wearing

**opportunist:** one who takes advantage of any chance to achieve an end, with no regard for principles or consequences

**oracle:** answer of god; communications, revelations, or messages delivered by god to the prophets

**orthodox:** traditional; conservative in belief; adhering to established faith, especially in religion

**ostensible:** put forth or held out as real, actual, or intended; proper or intended to be shown

**oversight:** unintentional omission or mistake; watchful care or management; supervision

**pacifist:** one opposed to force; antimilitarist

**pacify:** ease anger or agitation of; make calm or quiet; end war or violence

**painstaking:** extremely careful and diligent work or effort; taking of pains

**palliate:** lessen violence of disease; moderate intensity; gloss over with excuses

**paradigm:** one that serves as a pattern or model; system of assumptions, concepts, values, and practices that constitutes a way of viewing reality

**parch:** burn surface of; roast over fire, as dry grain; dry to extremity

**parody:** work or performance that imitates another work or performance with ridicule or irony; make fun of

**partisan:** one-sided; prejudiced; committed to a party

**patronize:** act as a patron to; support or sponsor

**paucity:** scarcity; smallness of number; fewness

**pedant:** one who is overly concerned with formal rules and trivial points of learning

**peevish:** unpleasant

**penchant:** strong inclination; definite liking

**penurious:** cheap, stingy

**peremptory:** offensively self-assured; dictatorial; not allowing contradiction or refusal

**perfunctory:** done routinely and with little interest or care; acting with indifference

**peripheral:** located in outer boundary; unimportant; auxiliary

**perquisite:** any gain above stipulated salary; extra payment

**petulant:** easily irritated or annoyed; unreasonably irritable or ill-tempered

**philanthropist:** person who loves mankind in general; very generous person or institution

**piety:** religious devotion and reverence to God; devout act, thought, or statement; godliness

**placate:** appease or pacify; bring peace to

**placid:** peaceful; tranquil; calm or quiet

**plasticity:** ability to be molded, formed, or modeled; quality or state of being plastic

**plausible:** likely but not certain to be or become true or real

**plethora:** excess; overfullness in any respect; superabundance

**pliable:** flexible; yielding; easily bent or shaped

**polemical:** aggressive in verbal attack; disputatious

**prattle:** speak about unimportant matters rapidly and incessantly; talk artlessly and childishly

**precarious:** uncertain; risky; dangerously lacking in security or stability

**precipitate:** rash; moving rapidly and heedlessly; speeding headlong; occurring suddenly

**preclude:** make impossible, as by action taken in advance; prevent; eliminate

**precocious:** advanced in development; appearing or developing early

**presumptuous:** overconfident; going beyond what is right or proper; excessively forward

**pretext:** excuse; something serving to conceal plans; fictitious reason

**prevaricator:** liar

**procure:** bring into possession; cause to accrue to, or to come into possession of; cause to come; bring

**prodigious:** impressively great in size, force, or extent; enormous

**profound:** deep; not superficial; far-reaching

**profuse:** in great quantity or abundance; bountiful; exceedingly liberal

**prohibitive:** tending to discourage; prohibiting; forbidding

**proliferate:** grow rapidly; propagate; reproduce

**prolific:** producing offspring or fruit in great abundance; fertile

**pronouncement:** formal declaration

**propensity:** natural inclination; tendency or preference; predilection

**proponent:** one who argues in support of something; advocate; backer

**prosaic:** dull and unimaginative; matter-of-fact; factual

**prospective:** being within view or consideration, as a future event or contingency; relating to the future: expected

**provident:** displaying foresight; providing carefully for future; preparing for emergencies

**provincial:** relating to a province; limited in outlook; unsophisticated

**punctillious:** meticulous, attentive to detail

**pundit:** authority on a subject; learned person; expert

**quell:** extinguish; put down forcibly; suppress; pacify or quiet



**quixotic:** idealistic without regard to practicality

**rampant:** unrestrained and violent; occurring without restraint

**ramshackle:** of very poor quality or condition; loose-jointed; ill-made; out of gear or repair

**rancor:** bitter, long-lasting resentment; deep-seated ill will; hatred

**rapport:** emotional closeness; harmony; relationship of mutual trust or emotional affinity

**ratify:** approve formally; confirm; verify

**raucous:** harsh and rough-sounding; disturbing public peace; loud and rough

**ravenous:** extremely hungry; voracious; eager for prey

**raze:** destroy completely; scrape or shave off

**reap:** gain; harvest a crop from; get or derive; obtain as a result of effort

**rebuttal:** proving to be false or incorrect; response with contrary evidence

**recalcitrant:** obstinately stubborn; determined to resist authority

**recant:** retract a previous statement; sing over again; utter repeatedly in song

**recessive:** tending to go backward

**recluse:** one who lives in solitude; withdrawn from the world; reclusive

**rectify:** set right; correct by calculation or adjustment

**redolent:** fragrant; odorous; suggestive of odor

**refutation:** arguing that a claim is false

**regressive:** tending to return or revert

**relegate:** assign to obscure place, position, or condition; delegate; assign

**relinquish:** give up something with reluctance; retire from; give up or abandon

**renounce:** abandon; disown; turn away from; give up

**repertory:** place, such as a storehouse, where a stock of things is kept; storage; entire range of skills or aptitudes

**reprehensible:** deserving blame; admonition; blameworthy

**reprimand:** reprove severely, especially in a formal or official way; rebuke formally

**reproach:** express disapproval or disappointment; bring shame upon; disgrace

**repudiate:** disown; refuse to acknowledge; reject validity or authority of

**repugnant:** arousing disgust or aversion; offensive or repulsive; hateful

**rescind:** cancel; make void; repeal or annul

**reticent:** inclined to keep silent; reserved; uncommunicative.

**reverent:** respectful; worshipful; impressed with veneration or deep respect

**rhetorical:** relating to skill of using language effectively and persuasively; insincere in language

**rouse:** pull or haul strongly and all together, as upon a rope, without the assistance of mechanical appliances

**sage:** one celebrated for wisdom, experience, and judgment; various plants of the genus *Salvia*

**sanctimonious:** excessively or hypocritically pious; possessing sanctity; sacred; holy; saintly; religious

**sanction:** give authorization or approval to something; penalize a state, especially for violating international law

**sanctity:** holiness

**sanguine:** cheerfully confident; optimistic; of healthy reddish color; ruddy

**satiate:** satisfy fully; overeat or eat immodestly; make a pig of oneself

**satire:** form of literature in which irony and ridicule are used to attack human vice and folly

**saturate:** soak, fill, or load to capacity; cause to unite with the greatest possible amount of another substance

**scanty:** somewhat less than needed in amplitude or extent; insufficient

**scathing:** harshly critical

**scintillating:** lively, effervescent

**scope:** range of one's perceptions, thoughts, or actions; extent; bound

**scrupulous:** exactly and carefully conducted; by extreme care and great effort; cautious

**scrutinize:** examine closely and critically

**self-righteous:** smug, holier-than-thou

**self-serving:** selfish

**serendipity:** gift for finding valuable or desirable things by accident; accidental good fortune or luck

**servile:** slavish; suitable to slave or servant; relating to servitude or forced labor

**shrew:** astute, smart

**shroud:** hide from view; wrap for burial; shut off from sight; shelter

**simile:** comparison of one thing with another, in English generally using like or as

**slight:** almost no; very little; deliberate discourtesy

**slipshod:** untidy or slovenly; shabby; great carelessness; done poorly or too quickly

**solace:** comfort or relieve in sorrow, misfortune, or distress

**solicitous:** worried or concerned; full of desire; expressing care or concern

**somber:** gloomy; depressing or grave; dull or dark in color

**sophistry:** argument for exercise merely; plausible but misleading argument; art or process of reasoning; logic

**spartan:** avoiding luxury and comfort; sternly disciplined

**sporadic:** occurring at irregular intervals; having no pattern or order in time

**spurious:** false; counterfeit; forged; illogical

**spurn:** reject disdainfully or contemptuously; scorn

**squander:** spend wastefully; fail to take advantage of; lose a chance for

**stagnant:** not moving

**stark:** bare; complete or extreme

**static:** having no motion; being at rest; fixed; stationary

**staunch:** strong and loyal

**steadfast:** firmly or constant loyal; fixed or unchanging

**stock:** certificate for shareholder of corporation; total amount of goods in a shop

**strident:** loud and harsh; insistent; high-pitched; rough-sounding

**stupefy:** make senseless or dizzy; be mystery or bewildering to

**subservient:** behaving like slave; subordinate in capacity or function

**substantiate:** establish by evidence; make firm or solid; support

**subversive:** tending to overthrow; in opposition to civil authority or government

**succulent:** full of juicy; full of richness; highly interesting or enjoyable; delectable

**supercilious:** arrogant; feeling or showing haughty disdain; overbearing

**superfluous:** being beyond what is required or sufficient

**supplant:** replace; usurp; displace and substitute for another

**surfeit:** eat until excessively full; be more than full; feed someone to excess

**susceptible:** easily influenced; having little resistance, as to a disease; receptive to

**sycophant:** one who attempts to win favor by flattering influential people; bootlicker; yes man

**tangential:** peripheral; only slightly connected; digressing

**teem:** be abuzz; be full of; move in large numbers

**temperamental:** of or pertaining to temperament; excessively sensitive or irritable; moody; likely to perform unpredictably; undependable

**temporize:** act evasively in order to gain time, avoid argument, or postpone a decision

**tenacious:** sticking together; stubbornly unyielding; holding together firmly

**tenuous:** long and thin; slender; having little substance

**tirade:** extended scolding; long angry or violent speech

**toady:** person who flatters or defers to others for self-serving reasons; yes man

**torpor:** state of mental or physical inactivity or insensibility; sluggishness; dormancy

**totalitarian:** undemocratic, rigid political control

**tout:** advertize in strongly positive terms; praise excessively; show off

**tractable:** easily managed or controlled; governable; easily handled or worked; docile

**transient:** momentary; temporary; staying for short time

**treatise:** systematic, usually extensive written discourse on a subject

**trepidation:** state of alarm or dread; nervous apprehension; involuntary trembling or quivering

**tribulation:** suffering

**trifling:** trivial; of slight worth or importance; frivolous or idle

**trite:** repeated too often; over familiar through overuse; worn out by use

**truculent:** disposed to fight; belligerent; aggressively hostile

**ubiquitous:** being or existing everywhere; omnipresent

**unabashed:** not embarrassed

**uncanny:** strange; mysterious; peculiarly unsettling, as if of supernatural origin or nature

**uncouth:** lacking refinement or cultivation or taste

**unfathomable:** difficult or impossible to understand; difficult or impossible to measure

**ungainly:** awkward; lacking grace in movement or posture

**unruly:** difficult or impossible to discipline, control, or rule; not according to rule; irregularly

**unwitting:** not intended; not knowing; unaware; ignorant

**urbane:** showing a high degree of refinement

**usurp:** seize and hold power or rights of another by force or without legal authority

**vacuous:** empty; showing lack of thought or intelligence; vacant

**vanquish:** conquer; overcome; come out better in a competition

**vapid:** dull and unimaginative; lacking taste or flavor

**venal:** capable of being bribed; for sale, available for a price; corrupt

**venerable:** deserving high respect; impressive by reason of age; profoundly honored

**verbose:** wordy; using or containing a great and usually an excessive number of words

**vigilant:** attentive to discover and avoid danger, or to provide for safety; wakeful; watchful; circumspect; wary

**vindicate:** clear from blame; exonerate; maintain, uphold, or defend

**vindictive:** seek revenge or intended for revenge; showing malicious will

**virtuoso:** highly skilled artist, as musician; one who is dazzlingly skilled in his field

**virulent:** extremely poisonous; hostile; bitter

**viscous:** sticky; gluey; having high resistance to flow

**vocation:** career; profession

**vying:** striving

**waning:** lessening

**wayward:** selfish, stubborn

**wrath:** forceful, often vindictive anger; fury; just punishment of an offense or crime

**wry:** turned to one side; twisted; marked by humorous twist, often with a touch of irony

**zealot:** fanatically committed person; person who shows excessive zeal