

1. acrimonious – ADJ - bitter and sharp in language or tone
2. allay – VERB - to put (fear, doubt, anger, etc.) to rest
3. amalgamate – VERB - to combine into a unified or integrated whole
4. articulate – VERB – to express well in words; to pronounce distinctly
5. astute – ADJ – clever; ingenious
6. atrophy – VERB – to waste away from disuse
7. belabor – VERB – to explain or worry about something more than necessary
8. bemoan – VERB - to express distress or grief over; lament
9. callous – ADJ - insensitive; indifferent; unsympathetic
10. cognizant – ADJ – having awareness
11. commiserate – VERB – to sympathize with
12. conundrum – NOUN – a complex and difficult problem
13. deride - VERB - to laugh at in scorn or contempt
14. diatribe – NOUN - a bitter, sharply abusive denunciation, attack, or criticism
15. digress – VERB – to turn away from the main subject of attention
16. disconcerting – ADJ – upsetting; confusing
17. disseminate – VERB - to scatter widely
18. duplicitous – ADJ - deliberately deceptive
19. egregious – ADJ - blatantly bad or reprehensible
20. elicit – VERB – to bring out; to draw forth
21. emulate – VERB – to imitate
22. epitome – NOUN – an instance that represents a larger reality
23. equivocate – VERB – to mislead by using ambiguous language
24. exacerbate – VERB – to make worse; to aggravate
25. expedient – ADJ - serving to promote one's selfish interest
26. feckless – ADJ – incompetent; ineffective
27. fetter – VERB – to confine; to restrain
28. flippant – ADJ – showing inappropriate casualness
29. foible - NOUN - a personal weakness or failing
30. garner – VERB – to acquire; to gather
31. germane – ADJ – relevant, appropriate
32. gist – NOUN - the main or essential part of a matter
33. histrionic – ADJ – deliberately overly dramatic
34. inadvertent – ADJ - unintentional
35. inculcate – VERB – to teach persistently and earnestly
36. indignant – ADJ – angered at something unjust or wrong
37. indubitable – ADJ - unquestionable
38. ingratiate – VERB - to deliberately establish (oneself) in the favor or good graces of others
39. inordinate – ADJ – not within proper or reasonable limits; excessive
40. insipid – ADJ – very dull
41. insolent – ADJ – blatantly rude or disrespectful
42. languish – VERB - to exist or continue in miserable or disheartening conditions
43. mundane – ADJ – common; ordinary
44. murky – ADJ – lacking in clarity and precision
45. nebulous – ADJ – vague
46. ostentatious – ADJ – intending to attract notice and impress others
47. penchant – NOUN – a strong inclination, taste, or liking for something
48. permeate – VERB – to pass into or through every part
49. pertinacious – ADJ - holding tenaciously to a purpose
50. pique – VERB – to arouse interest
51. preposterous – ADJ - contrary to nature, reason, or common sense
52. prolific – ADJ - intellectually productive
53. propensity – NOUN - a natural inclination or tendency
54. propound – VERB – to put forward for consideration
55. prudent – ADJ - using good judgment or common sense
56. qualms – NOUN - uneasy feelings about the propriety or rightness of a course of action
57. repudiate – VERB - to reject emphatically as unfounded, untrue, or unjust
58. sanctimonious – ADJ - making a hypocritical show of religious devotion, piety, righteousness
59. scathing – ADJ – criticizing or denouncing severely
60. slovenly – ADJ – severely untidy
61. sordid – ADJ – depressingly squalid; wretched
62. stringent – ADJ - restrictive
63. surmise – VERB – to infer; to guess
64. susceptible – ADJ – vulnerable; easily influenced
65. tactful – ADJ - skillful in avoiding offense to others
66. tawdry – ADJ – of little value, gaudy
67. ubiquitous – ADJ - existing everywhere
68. umbrage – NOUN - offense; resentment
69. unwieldy – ADJ – not easily handled or managed because of size or complexity
70. verbiage – NOUN - an excess of words for the purpose; wordiness