

CLASSIC CLASSES (ANKUL SIR)

We stress learning, not teaching..... (500 WORDS)

Synonym Set - I

ABANDON: To give up completely, relinquish, forgo, forsake

ABASH: To lose self-confidence; to confuse, put to shame, fluster, disconcert, discomfit, discompose.

Antonym: (adj.) self-possessed

ABDICATE: To give up claim to, renounce, abandon, relinquish

ABET: To encourage or support, spur, incite.

Antonym: deter

ABRIDGE: To shorten, curtail, diminish, retrench.

Antonyms: protract, elongate, amplify

ABROGATE: To abolish or render, void, annul, nullify, rescind, void.

ABSTEMIOUS: Moderate in the use of food or drink, temperate

ACADEMIC: Pertaining to school; theoretical academic interests; an academic discussion, with no practical implications. Synonym: scholastic

ACCEDE: To agree to, assent.

Antonym: demur

ACCELERATE: - To quicken, speed up, expedite (adj. expeditious).

Antonym: retard.

ACCOLADE: An award or salute, tribute, ovation

ACCORD: Agreement or harmony, concord, concurrence.

Antonyms: dissension, discord

ACRIMONIOUS: Sharp or harsh in language or temper, caustic, acerb, pungent, tart, mordant, acrid; (noun) asperity.

Antonyms: suave, affable,

ACUMEN: Keeness of mind or insight, perspicacity, discernment, perception. Antonym: obtuseness.

ADMONISH (noun: ADMONITION): To warn or find fault gently, chide, caution, reprimand, reprehend, reproach.

ADVERSARY: (adj.: ADVERSE): An opponent, antagonist. Antonyms: cohort, confederate, ally, accomplice.

ADVERSITY: Misfortune, affliction, mischance, reverses.

AESTHETIC: Pertaining to the beautiful, interested in aesthetic values rather than in purely practical affairs.

AFFABLE: Sociable, courteous, and agreeable, civil, complaisant, benign, gracious, genial, urbane, cordial. *Antonyms:* curt, brusque, rude, boorish, surly.

AFFLUENT: Prosperous, flourishing; copious, opulent, profuse.

Antonyms: destitute, impecunious.

AGGRESSIVE (noun: AGGRESSION. an unprovoked attack): self-assertive; attacking, offensive, bumptious, officious, obtrusive.

Antonyms: meek, humble, retiring, diffident.

ALACRITY: Eagerness; cheerful promptness, celerity, briskness, energy, animation.

Antonyms: apathy, nonchalance, sluggishness, lethargy, phlegmatism.

ALIENATE: To estrange.

ALLAY: To calm; to lessen in severity, appease, alleviate, pacify, assuage, abate, mitigate, propitiate, mollify,

placate. *Antonyms:* intensify, aggravate.

ALLUDE (noun: ALLUSION): To refer to indirectly, insinuate, intimate, imply.

Antonyms: refer, cite.

ALLURE: To tempt by flattery or an attractive offer, lure, decoy, inveigle, entice, seduce, wheedle, beguile, cajole.
Antonym: repel.

AMBIGUOUS: Uncertain, vague, capable of being interpreted, hazy, obscure, equivocal, dubious, nebulous.
Antonyms: explicit, unquestionable.

AMENABLE: Obedient; willing to submit, tractable, docile, responsive. *Antonyms:* intractable, refractory, recalcitrant.

AMIALE: Good-natured; friendly, complaisant.

ANACHRONISM: A thing placed or occurring out of its normal time

ANALOGY (adj.: ANALOGOUS): A relation between two things shown in the resemblance not of the things themselves but of their characteristics, correspondence, affinity.
Antonym: anomaly (a deviation from the general rule).

ANARCHY: State of confusion or lawlessness, chaos, pandemonium.

ANIMUS: A feeling of hatred, enmity, rancor, malevolence, animosity. *Antonym:* amity.

ANNALS: Historical records.

ANONYMOUS: Of unknown authorship

ANTHOLOGY: A collection of choice literary works.

ANTITHESIS (adj.: ANTITHETICAL): Contrast; the direct opposite.

APATHY (adj.: APATHETIC): Lack of feeling, emotion, or

interest, torpor, lethargy, sluggishness, listlessness, languor, lassitude, dispassion; (verb) languish.

Antonyms: zeal, animation.

APPREHENSIVE (verb: APPREHEND): Fearful, Being unprepared.

APPRISE: To inform.

APPROBATION: Approval; praise, sanction, commendation. *Antonym:* disapprobation.

APT (noun: APTITUDE, APTNESS): ((1) Likely; inclined or disposed, prone. (2) Fit, suitable, appropriate, felicitous. (3) Skillful, expert, deft, dextrous, adept.
Antonym: inept.

ARBITER: A person who has authority to decide matters in dispute, mediator, arbitrator

ARCHETYPE: An original pattern, prototype. *Antonyms:* Stereotype, facsimile, replica.

ARID: Dry; barren
Antonyms: arable, fertile.

ARISTOCRACY: Government by the best people; a privileged class, oligarchy. *Antonym:* democracy.

ARMISTICE: A temporary suspension of hostilities, truce

ARTFUL: Sly; crafty, cunning, wily, adroit, ingenious, guileful. *Antonyms:* guileless, ingenuous, artless.

ARTICULATE (verb): To speak clearly or distinctly, (adj.): Capable of speech; distinct, clear

ASCETIC: Rigorously self-denying, austere, abstinent. *Antonyms:* wanton, self-indulgent.

ASKANCE: With distrust

ASSEVERATE: To declare positively; to confirm, assert, avouch, aver, avow, allege.

Antonyms: gainsay, controvert, recant, rescind, abjure, disavow.

ASSIDUOUS: Industrious, sedulous, attentive, diligent, indefatigable.

Antonyms: indolent, slothful.

ASYLUM: A place offering shelter and retreat, sanctuary, refuge.

ATHEIST: One who denies that God exists, infidel, agnostic, skeptic.

ATTRIBUTE (verb): Assign, ascribe (noun): An inherent quality

AUGMENT: To increase or enlarge, enhance, amplify.
Antonyms: abate, curtail.

AUSPICIOUS: Indicating a happy outcome, propitious, fortunate.

Antonyms: ominous, foreboding.

AUTHENTIC: Genuine, veritable, bona fide.

Antonyms: apocryphal, counterfeit, spurious, bogus.

AUTOCRATIC: Despotic, tyrannical. Antonym: benevolent.

AVARICE: Excessive greed, covetousness, cupidity, avidity.
Antonym: magnanimity.

AWRY: Unsymmetrical; not straight, askew.

BANAL: Lacking in freshness, originality, or vigor-bored by his banal remarks, commonplace, hackneyed, prosaic, trite, stereotyped, vapid.

Antonyms: racy, original, vivid.

BANEFUL (noun: BANE: poison; source of harm): Destructive, poisonous, deleterious, pernicious, virulent, noxious, toxic.

Antonym: beneficent.

BANTER: Good-natured teasing or ridicule, raillery, chaff

BATON: A stick or staff.

BELIE: To give a false idea of, misrepresent

BELLICOSE; Inclined to quarrel; warlike, pugnacious, contentious, disputatious. *Antonyms:* pacific, conciliatory.

BELLIGERENT: Engaged in war

BENEVOLENT: Kindly; charitable, benign, benignant, gracious, magnanimous.

Antonyms: malevolent, malignant.

BEREAVE: To deprive or leave desolate by loss.

BESMIRCH: To soil or dirty, stilly, defile, smirch, bespatter.

BIASED: Prejudiced, bigoted, arbitrary, partial, partisan.
Antonyms: disinterested, equitable.

BIBLIOPHILE: A lover of books - The bibliophile fingered the old book fondly. Antonym: bibliophobe.

BIZARRE: Queer; unusual in appearance, odd, fantastic, grotesque, eccentric.

BLAND: Gentle; polite; agreeable, mild, suave (affable or persuasive in manner), soothing, non-irritating.

Antonyms: piquant, tart, racy, caustic, acrid, pungent.

BLANDISHMENT: A flattering speech or act.

BLEMISH (verb): To scar or spoil (noun): A disfigurement, defect - a character without a blemish.

BLIGHT: To ruin or decay, wither, blast

BLITHE: Gay and light, jocund, merry, joyous.

Antonyms: dejected, forlorn, abject.

candid reply that could hardly be more forthright, artless, ingenuous, unbiased. Antonyms: guileful, evasive.

BOG: A swamp, morass, fen, quagmire, mire.

BOMBASTIC (noun: BOMBAST): High-sounding; pretentious in language, ranting, pompous, fustian.

CANTANKEROUS: Ill-natured; quarrelsome, petulant, peevish, contentious, pugnacious, testy, choleric, fretful. *Antonyms:* amiable, affable, equable.

BOORISH: Unrefined in speech or manners, churlish, uncouth, uncultured, crass.

Antonym: suave.

CAPRICIOUS: Inclined, through some whim or fancy change the mind, purpose, or actions suddenly, fickle, fitful, changeable, erratic, inconstant, crotchety, whimsical, mercurial.

Antonyms: steadfast, constant, even-tempered.

BUCOLIC: Pertaining to the country, pastoral, rustic, rural.

BUFFOON: A clown, harlequin.

CAPTIOUS: Quick to find fault about trifles, hypercritical, carping, carviling, censorious.

BULWARK: (1) An embankment used as a fortification, rampart. 2) A person, idea, or object serving as a protection

CARICATURE: A picture or other description of a person which exaggerates ludicrously one or more of his distinctive features.

BUMPTIOUS: Obnoxiously conceited or self-assertive, aggressive, arrogant, contumelious, overbearing.

CASTIGATE: To punish or criticize severely, reprove, upbraid, reprehend, censure, reprimand, chasten. *Antonyms:* commend, eulogize, laud.

CABAL: A small group of persons engaged in plotting, junto, faction.

CELESTIAL: Pertaining to the sky; heavenly, ethereal; (noun) firmament.

CACOPHONOUS: Unharmonious sounding, dissonant, discordant, blatant, strident, raucous.

Antonyms: mellifluous, euphonious, dulcet.

CHAUVINIST. An extreme patriot, jingoist.

CADAVEROUS: Corpse-like; hence, haggard, pale, ghastly, gaunt, pallid (noun: pallor), wan, ashen.

Antonyms: rubicund, florid.

CHICANERY: Trickery, deception, duplicity, craft, stratagem, wile, subterfuge.

CALLOUS: Unfeeling or insensitive, insensible, obdurate.

CHRONIC: Continuing a long time; habitual, persistent, unremitting, inveterate, incessant, constant.

Antonyms: intermittent, sporadic, infrequent.

CALUMNIATE: To accuse falsely or maliciously in order to injure another's reputation; slander, asperse, vilify, defame, scandalize.

CIRCUMSPECT: Cautious, prudent, vigilant, discreet, wary. *Antonyms:* rash, indiscreet, reckless, precipitate, foolhardy, temerarious, headstrong.

CANDID (noun: CANDOR): Frank, outspoken; impartial a

CIRCUMVENT: To gain an advantage by the use of trick to evade by the use of deception; to go around, thwart, balk, outwit, delude.

CIVIL: (1) Of or having to do with citizens or the state 2) Polite, courteous, respectful, gracious.

CLAMOROUS: Loud and noisy, vociferous, obstreperous, blatant, raucous, strident. Antonyms: muted, quiet.

CLANDESTINE: Secret; stealthy, furtive, covert, surreptitious.

Antonyms: overt, manifest, above-board.

CLEMENT: Merciful; gentle, compassionate, forbearing. Antonyms: relentless, ruthless.

COALITION (verb: COALESCE): Alliance; merging of various units into one unit, amalgamation, consolidation, fusion.

COERCION: Compelling a person by physical force or other means to do something against his will, constraint, restraint, impelling.

COGENT: Having the force to compel, usually by appealing to reason, persuasive.

COLLUSION: Working together secretly for an evil purpose, collaboration, conspiracy, conniving, machination.

COMMODIOUS: Roomy, spacious, capacious, ample.

COMPATIBLE: Harmonious; able, to get along together parted company because they were not compatible, congruous, consistent.

Antonyms: incongruous, discordant, incompatible.

COMPENDIUM (adj.: COMPENDIOUS): A brief summary of the main ideas of a larger work, synopsis, digest, precis, abstract, epitome.

COMPENSATION: Payment for services, stipend, remuneration, recompense, emolument.

COMPLACENT: Self-satisfied, smug.

COMPUNCTION: Regret for wrongdoing, contrition, penitence, atonement, remorse, qualm.

CONCEDE: To yield; to admit as true; to grant, acquiesce, capitulate.

CONDIGN: Well-deserved (applied chiefly to punishment) - received condign punishment for his crime.

CONDOLE (noun: CONDOLENCE): To express sympathy with another in sorrow, pain, or misfortune, commiserate, show compassion, solace.

CONDONE: To forgive or overlook (an offense), extenuate, palliate, mitigate, gloss.

CONFEDERATE (noun): A person allied with others for a special purpose (frequently a bad one), collaborator, accomplice. (adj.): United or allied in a conspiracy.

CONGENIAL: ((1) Possessing similar interests and tastes; able to get on well with others, compatible. (2) Agreeable.

CONJECTURE: To guess, surmise, presume.

CONSECRATE: ((1) To set apart as sacred, hallow, sanctify.

Antonym: desecrate. (2) To devote or dedicate to some aim

CONSENSUS. General agreement, accord.

CONSTERNATION: Amazement; lack of courage caused by fearful prospect, dismay, bewilderment.

Synonym Set - II

CONSTRUE (noun: CONSTRUCTION): To interpret, explain the sense of, or analyze.

CONSUMMATE (adj.): Perfect or highly accomplished - achieved with consummate skill.

Antonyms: botched, bungled, inept (verb): To complete, bring to perfection.

CONTEMPTUOUS: Expressive of contempt (an emotion involving anger and disgust), supercilious, scornful, disdainful, contumelious.

CONVIVIAL: Festive; gay, jovial, jocund, mirthful.

Antonyms: lugubrious, dolorous, mirthless.

COPIOUS: Plentiful, profuse, bountiful, abundant.

Antonyms: meager, scant.

CORPULENT: Fat, obese, portly. *Antonyms:* gaunt, lank, emaciated, peaked.

COSMOPOLITAN (noun): One who is at home in all countries, Catholic. *Antonyms:* parochial, provincial.

COTERIE: A group of people joined by common interests a coterie of select friend, clique.

COUNTENANCE (noun): A face, visage. (verb): To approve, sanction.

CRASS: Coarse and stupid, gross.

CRAVEN (noun): Coward, Poltroon. (adj.): Cowardly, pusillanimous, dastardly.

Antonyms: stalwart, intrepid, valiant, stout-hearted.

CREDENCE: Trust or belief - gave little credence to the rumor. *Synonym:* conviction.

Antonym: skepticism.

CREDIBLE: Worthy of belief, true to life.

Antonym: incredible.

CREDITABLE: Deserving or reflecting Credit or honor, praiseworthy, meritorious, commendable.

Antonyms: discreditable, infamous, opprobrious, ignominious.

CREDULOUS: Inclined to believe anything; easily imposed upon, gullible.

Antonyms: incredulous, skeptical.

CRINGE: To shrink in fear cower, flinch, fawn, truckle, wince.

CRUCIAL: Decisive or critical; difficult

CRYPTIC: Containing hidden meaning, occult, enigmatic.

Antonyms: palpable, manifest.

CULPABLE: Deserving blame or censure, censurable, reprehensible.

CUMBROUS: Burdensome and clumsy, cumbersome, unwieldy, bulk.

CURB: To control, check, or restrain, repress, subdue.

CURSORY: Hurried; hence, superficial.

Antonyms: painstaking, meticulous.

CURT: Rudely abrupt, blunt, brusque, bluff.

Antonyms: affable, civil.

CYNICAL: Sneeringly distrustful of the good motives or conduct of others, sarcastic, surly.

DEARTH: Scarcity - a dearth of news, brought about by censorship.

Antonyms: plethora, abundance.

DEFERENCE: Submitting to the wishes or judgment of another, respect, complaisance, veneration.

Antonym : recalcitrance.

DEITY: A god -The sun was a deity to ancient peoples.
Synonym: divinity.

DELECTABLE: Very pleasing - a delectable meal, tastefully prepared.

DELETE: To erase or cancel, take out or remove, expunge, censor, efface, eradicate.

DELINEATE: To sketch or portray.

DELINQUENT (noun): An offender, (adj.): Failing to fulfill an obligation, derelict.

DELUGE: A great flood; downpour.

DEMAGOGUE: A leader who tries to stir the passions of people for his own purposes.

DEMEANOR: Behavior; bearing, deportment, mien.

DEMURE: Affectedly or falsely modest or prim; serious demure as a Victorian maiden, sedate, staid, decorous, prudish, coy.

Antonyms: immodest, frivolous.

DENOUNCE (noun: DENUNCIATION): To speak against, stigmatize, censure, reprehend, castigate

Antonyms: laud, eulogize.

DEplete: To empty or to use up, exhaust, drain.
Antonyms: replenish; (adj.) replete.

DEPLORE: To express sorrow or grief over, lament, decry, grieve.

DEPRAVED: Of low morals; corrupt, debased, wicked, vicious, perverted.

DEPRECATE: To plead or argue against a certain course of action, remonstrate, protest, decry, expostulate.

Antonym: sanction.

DEPRECIATE: To belittle or speak slightly of, disparage, derogate (adj. derogatory).

Antonyms: enhance, magnify, extol, laud, eulogize.

DEVASTATION: Widespread ruin, destruction, desolation.

DEVIous: ((1) Winding; indirect, circuitous. (2) Straying from the right course, crooked, erring.

DEVOID: Lacking in; not possessing, destitute.

Antonyms: abounding, prevalent.

DEVOUT: Devoted to religious observances, pious, religious. Antonym impious.

DICTION: Art authoritative statement; a saying.

DIDACTIC: Designed to teach, imparting a lesson, pedagogical.

DIFFIDENT: Lacking in self-confidence, shy, timid, reserved, reticent, retiring.

Antonyms: forward, aggressive.

DILEMMA: A situation calling for a choice between two equally difficult alternatives; hence, a difficult or perplexing situation, predicament, quandary, plight.

DILETTANTE: One who dabbles in the fine arts for amusement only and without concentrated study, amateur, connoisseur.

DISCONCERT: To confuse; to embarrass, perturb, discomfit, discompose, abash, disquiet, fluster.

DISCONSOLATE: Depressed; without hope or possibility of consolation, inconsolable, dejected.

Antonyms: blithesome, carefree.

DISCOURSE: To converse or talk; to discuss.

DISCRETE: Separate - two discrete issues, totally unrelated.

DISCURSIVE: Rambling from one subject to another, desultory, digressive.

DISPARITY (adj.: DISPARATE): Inequality; difference in image, quantity, character, or rank.

DISPASSIONATE: Free from feeling or partiality, calm, impartial. Antonym: partial.

DISPATCH (verb): To do speedily; to send off, expedite. (noun): A speedy performance; the sending off of something, celerity, alacrity.

DISPEL: To drive away; to scatter, dissipate, disperse, diffuse.

DISSENT (noun: DISSENSATION): To disagree; to differ in opinion, rejecting compromise.

DISSOLUTE: Living loosely; unrestrained in conduct or morals, debauched, dissipated, profligate.

DISTRAUGHT: Mentally distressed; distracted, harassed.

DIVERSE: (verb: DIVERSIFY; noun: DIVISIBILITY): Varied; different, multifarious.

DIVERTING: Entertaining.

DIVULGE: To make public or reveal, disclose, impart.

DOGMATIC: Positive in expressing an opinion; asserting an opinion as though it were an undisputed fact, overbearing, opinionated, peremptory, dictatorial.

DOLOROUS: Sorrowful; mournful, doleful, lugubrious, grievous.

Antonyms: jocund, blithe, mirthful.

DYNAMIC: Forceful, energetic. Antonyms: static, inert, dormant, torpid, sluggish, quiescent.

ECCLESIASTIC (adj.): Pertaining to the clergy or the church

Antonyms: secular, lay. (noun): A clergyman.

EDICT: A public command or proclamation issued by an authority, decree.

EDIFY: To instruct or uplift, particularly in morals or religion.

EFFETE: No longer productive; hence, lacking in or, worn out.

EGOTISTIC: Conceited, egocentric, vain. Antonym: altruistic.

EGREGIOUS: Outstandingly bad an egregious mistake with serious implications.

EJACULATE: To exclaim or utter suddenly.

ELICIT: To draw out, evoke, extract, extort.

ELUCIDATE: To make clear; to explain, clarify.

EMISSARY: A person sent on an errand or mission.

ENGENDER: To cause, produce, or stir up.

ENNUI: Boredom; weariness of mind.

ENSUE: To follow or result.

ENTREAT: To beg earnestly, solicit, supplicate, beseech, implore, importune; (adj.) importunate, mendicant, suppliant

EPHEMERAL: Very short-lived, fleeting, transitory, transient, evanescent.

Antonym: eternal

EPICUREAN (noun): A person devoted to luxurious living and pleasure, (adj.): Pleasure-loving.

EPIGRAM: A brief pointed saying, maxim proverb, adage.

EPITAPH: A tombstone inscription.

EPITHET: A phrase that describes a quality (good or bad) in a person or thing, characterization, appellation

EQUANIMITY (adj.: EQUABLE): Evenness of temper or mind, serenity, composure, imperturbability, aplomb.

ERR (noun: ERRATUM): To be mistaken or go, stray, blunder.

ERRATIC: Irresponsible, eccentric; lacking a fixed purpose erratic behavior, reflecting his queer ideas.

ERUDITE: Learned - an erudite person, an editor of many books. Synonyms: scholarly, knowing.

ESOTERIC: Understood by only a select few, abstruse, recondite.

EXCEPTIONABLE: Objectionable, questionable, reprehensible, censurable.

Antonym: laudable.

EXCULPATE: To free from blame, vindicate, exonerate, absolve, acquit.

Antonyms: arraign, indict, inculcate.

EXEMPLARY (noun: EXEMPLAR): Serving as a model; commendable, illustrative, typical; praiseworthy, laudable.

EXODUS: Departure, emigration.

EXOTIC: Strange and foreign.

EXPATiate: To speak or write at great length, dilate.

EXPATRIATE (verb): To banish or exile; to withdraw from one's country, (noun): An expatriated person.

EXPEDIENT (adj.): Convenient in helping to attain some purpose, opportune, seasonable. (noun): A means to accomplish something.

EXPLOIT (verb): To use for one's selfish purpose, (noun): A brilliant deed.

EXPOUND (noun: EXPOSITION): To set forth in detail; to explain.

EXPURGATE: To purify (usually a piece of writing) of offensive material, purge, delete.

EXTEMPORANEOUS: Done or spoken on the spur of the moment or without preparation, impromptu, offhand.

EXTINCT: No longer existing or active, defunct.

Antonym: extant.

EXTIRPATE: To root out, destroy totally, eradicate, exterminate, efface, obliterate.

EXTRANEOUS. Not essential; foreign; irrelevant, extrinsic, adventitious.

Antonyms: germane, intrinsic, inherent, relevant, pertinent.

EXULTATION: Great rejoicing, jubilation.

FACADE: Front or face, especially of a building.

FACETIOUS: Given to joking or inappropriate gaiety; said in fun, jocose, droll, flippant, frivolous.

Antonyms: solemn, grave, saturnine.

FALLACIOUS (noun: FALLACY): Unsound; misleading; deceptive.

FALLIBLE: Liable to make mistakes or be deceived.

Antonyms: infallible, unerring.

FATHOM: To penetrate and understand.

FATUOUS: Foolish; silly, inane, vacuous, puerile.

Antonyms: judicious, sagacious, sage.

FEALTY: Faithfulness, allegiance, constancy, fidelity.
Antonyms: disloyalty, infidelity, treachery.

FEASIBLE: Workable - a feasible plan, proved practical by - previous experience.

Antonym: impracticable.

FEIGN (noun: FEINT): To pretend, dissemble, sham, dissimulate, affect.

FELICITY (adj.: FELICITOUS): (1) A state of happiness, bliss.

(2) A high ability.

FERVID: Spirited; ardent, fervid, impassioned, zealous, fervent, vehement.

FESTOON (noun): A garland of flowers, leaves, etc. hung between two points, (verb): To hang with festoons.

FETISH: (1) Something that is believed to have magical powers, charm, talisman, amulet. (2) An object of unreasoning devotion and worship.

FIASCO: A ludicrous and complete failure, debacle.

FICTITIOUS: Unreal; made-up, fabricated.

FLACCID: Lacking firmness - muscles grown flaccid after the illness. Synonyms: flabby, limp.

FLAGRANT: Outstandingly bad, glaring, scandalous, notorious, conspicuous, gross.

FLAMBOYANT: Elaborately showy, florid, ornate, resplendent, embellished, garish, gaudy, gorgeous, rococo. *Antonym:* somber.

FLAUNT: Display or wave boastfully.

FLEETING: Passing swiftly, transitory, fugitive.

FLUCTUATE: To waver from one course to another; to vary irregularly, oscillate, vacillate, undulate, sway.

FORBEAR (noun: FORBEARANCE): To exercise self control; to keep from, restrain, abstain.

FORENSIC: Pertaining to public discussion or law courts, rhetorical, oratorical.

FORTUITOUS: Accidental, casual, incidental, adventitious, random.

FRACAS: A disorderly quarrel, brawl, altercation, fray, wrangle, imbroglio.

FRUSTRATE: To prevent (the attainment of an object); to defeat or render ineffectual, balk, thwart, foil, baffle, obstruct, discomfit.

Antonym: abet.

FULSOME: Disgustingly excessive.

GARNISH: To trim or decorate, adorn, deck.

GENEALOGY: A record of a person's or a family's ancestors or relatives, lineage.

GENESIS: Origin, inception.

GESTICULATE: To make gestures, or indicate feelings by motions.

Synonym Set - III

GHASTLY: Horrible, deathlike, gruesome, grisly, pallid, macabre, grim, lurid.

GIBE (variant spelling: JIBE): To laugh at; to utter with scorn, mock, sneer, jeer, scoff, flout, deride (adj.: derisive), rail, taunt.

GLIB: Smooth-spoken, fluent.

GLUTTONOUS (noun: GLUTTON; verb: GLUT): Inclined to eat to excess, voracious, intemperate.

GOSSAMER (noun): A very thin gauzelike fabric or structure. (adj.): Thin and light, diaphanous, flimsy, gauzelike *Antonyms:* substantial, ponderous.

GREGARIOUS: Habitually fond of associating in a company or herd.

Antonyms: lone, aloof.

GRIMACE: A distortion of the face to express an attitude or feeling.

HAIL: To greet - The crowd hailed the returning hero, accost, salute.

HARANGUE (verb): To deliver a long, noisy speech, rant, declaim. (noun): A loud, tiresome speech, tirade.

HARBINGER, A forerunner; ail announcer, precursor, herald.

HAUGHTY: Proud; looking down with contempt on others.

HEEDLESS: Thoughtless; taking little care, inadvertent, rash, incautious.

Antonyms: prudent, circumspect, mindful, wary.

HEINOUS: Wicked; hateful, atrocious, outrageous, monstrous, odious, nefarious, abominable.

HERESY: An opinion held in opposition to the traditional view, heterodoxy. Antonym: orthodoxy.

HIATUS: A gap or vacancy; break, breach.

HISTRIONIC: Pertaining to the theater; designed for show, dramatic, theatrical.

HOAX (noun): A trick or deception; a practical joke, canard. (verb): To play a trick on; to deceive.

HOMONYM: Two words having the same sound but different meanings.

HOVEL: A dirty or wretched dwelling.

HYPERBOLE: Extravagant exaggeration for effect, overstatement.

Antonym: understatement.

HYPOTHESIS: An assumption made for the sake of argument, supposition.

IDIOSYNCRASY: A. personal peculiarity, eccentricity, foible, mannerism, crotchet, aberration, quirk, singularity.

IGNOMINIOUS (noun: IGNOMINY): Incurring public disgrace, infamous, degrading, opprobrious, odious.

Antonyms: illustrious, renowned, preeminent.

IMMACULATE: Spotless; pure, undefiled, unsullied, unblemished, untarnished.

Antonyms: defiled, sullied, blemished.

IMMINENT: Likely to occur soon, impending.

IMMUNE (verb: IMMUNIZE): Exempt from; protected from, unsusceptible.

IMPALE: To pierce through with a pointed instrument.

IMPEACH: (1) To accuse (a public official) of wrongdoing, arraign. (2) To cast discredit upon, call in question, discredit.

IMPECCABLE: Faultless, consummate, irreproachable, unerring, infallible.

Antonyms: culpable, fallible.

IMPERVIOUS: Incapable of being penetrate, impermeable, impenetrable.

Antonyms: permeable, pervasive.

IMPLACABLE: Incapable of being soothed, made peaceful, or forgiving, unrelenting, inexorable, unappeasable.

Antonyms: placable, forbearing.

IMPLICIT: (1) Implied but not clearly expressed. (2) Unquestioning, tacit, implied.

Antonym: explicit.

IMPORT (noun): Meaning; significance or importance, purport, moment, consequence.

IMPOSTOR (noun: IMPOSTURE): One who pretends to be what he is not unmasked as an impostor, quack, mountebank, charlatan, bogus, fraud.

IMPRECATION: A curse, execration, malediction, anathema. *Antonyms*: benediction, benison.

IMPREGNABLE: Unconquerable, invincible.

Antonym: vulnerable.

IMPROPRIETY: Improper act, manners, or expression, indecency, indecorum.

Antonym: amenity.

IMPROVIDENT: Lacking in thrift; not providing for future needs, prodigal, shiftless.

IMPUGN: To attack or criticize as false; to call in question - impugned his honesty.

INCARCERATE: To imprison, intern, immure. Antonyms: emancipate, enfranchise.

INCISIVE: Cutting, penetrating, sarcastic, mordant, trenchant, acute.

INCOGNITO. With one's identity.

INCONTROVERTIBLE: Indisputable, irrefutable, indubitable.

INCREMENT: An increase, accrual.

INCUMBENT (noun): An officeholder. (adj.): Obligatory, mandatory, imperative.

INDEFATIGABLE: Untiring, unflagging, unremitting, persevering.

INDIGENOUS: Native, innate, inborn.

INDOOMITABLE: Stubborn in determination not to be subdued, insuperable, irrepressible, invincible, unyielding.
Antonyms: tractable, amenable, docile, submissive.

INFERENCE: A conclusion reached by reasoning from data or premises, deduction, implication.

INGENIOUS: Demonstrating originality, skill, or resourcefulness, dextrous, inventive, adroit.

Antonyms: maladroit, gauche.

INGENUOUS: Simple and straightforward; concealing nothing, unsophisticated, naive, candid.

Antonym: sophisticated.

INGRATIATE: To win another's favor or good opinion tried to ingratiate himself with the politician.

INHIBIT: To check or hinder, restrain, curb.

Antonym: promote.

INNOCUOUS: Harmless; inoffensive.

INNUENDO: An indirect reference or suggestion (frequently derogatory), (verb) intimate, insinuate.

INORDINATE: Excessive, immoderate, intemperate, extravagant.

INSATIABLE: Unable to be satisfied, unappeasable, unquenchable, insatiate.

INSCRUTABLE: Incapable of interpretation or understanding, unfathomable, cryptic, enigmatic.

INSIDIOUS: Working secretly or slyly, wily, crafty, furtive, treacherous, artful, guileful, perfidious.

INSTIGATE: To stir up, foment, incite.

INTEGRITY: Honesty, moral soundness, probity, uprightness, incorruptibility.

INVEIGH (noun-. INVECTIVE): To speak angrily or bitterly, rail, denounce, fulminate, vituperate.

IRASCIBLE: Easily angered, choleric, petulant, testy, peevish, sullen, touchy.

Antonyms: placid, equable.

IRE: Anger, resentment; (adj.) irate, incensed.

IRKSOME: Tedious, monotonous.

ITINERANT: Traveling about; wandering, nomadic.

JARGON: Confused, unintelligible, meaningless talk; special vocabulary used only by members of a group or trade, gibberish, argot, cant.

JAUNTY: Having an air of easy carelessness or liveliness, sprightly, airy, gay, nonchalant, debonair.

Antonyms: somber, staid.

JEOPARDY: Danger, hazard, peril.

JETTISON: To throw overboard (as cargo); to throw off (as a burden or something in the way) - jettisoned their old candidate as a political liability.

JUDICIOUS: Wise; using or exhibiting good judgment, discreet, politic, discerning.

KALEIDOSCOPIC: Constantly changing or varying in pattern or scenes.

KEN: Range of sight or understanding, insight.

LABYRINTH (adj.: LABYRINTHINE): A structure or intricate passage out of which it is difficult to find one's way (also applied to spiritual and intellectual complexities), maze.

LACHRYMOSE: Causing or given to shedding tears.

LACONIC: Saying much in few words, concise, pithy, terse, succinct, taciturn, reticent.

Antonyms: verbose, prolix, redundant, diffuse, tautological, turgid, garrulous, voluble.

LARCENY: Theft.

LATENT: Hidden; present but not fully developed, dormant, quiescent, covert, potential.

Antonyms: apparent, patent.

LAVISH: (1) Profuse or generous, ample, superabundant. (2) Given to extravagance, prodigal, munificent, magnanimous. *Antonyms:* parsimonious, niggardly, frugal, penurious.

LETHAL: Deadly - a lethal weapon, mortal, fatal.

LONGEVITY: Prolonged duration of life.

LOW: To bellow softly like cattle, moo.

LUCID: Clear; transparent; easily understood, pellucid, perspicuous, intelligible, limpid, luminous, translucent.

Antonyms: abstruse, obscure.

LUDICROUS: Ridiculous; producing laughter, mirthful, droll, comical, absurd.

Antonyms: doleful, lugubrious, dismal.

LUMINARY: An eminent person; a celestial body.

MACHIAVELLIAN: Sacrificing moral principles in order to attain power; politically cunning; crafty, unscrupulous.

MALICIOUS (noun: MALICE): Bearing, or acting with, deliberate ill-will or spite, rancorous, malignant, malevolent, virulent, vindictive.

Antonym: benign.

MASQUERADE (verb): To assume a deceptive appearance or character, dissemble, feign. (noun): A disguise; a group of people in disguise or fancy costumes.

MAUDLIN: Sentimental to the point of tears, mawkish, lachrymose.

MEANDER: To walk about (or talk) aimlessly; to wind about (as a stream), ramble.

MEDIOCRE: Average in quality, a mediocre performance, unworthy of his talents.

MERCENARY: Acting solely from a consideration of reward or profit, venal.

MERETRICIOUS: Attracting in a false, cheap, or showy manner, tawdry, specious.

METICULOUS: Fussy about minute details, fastidious, punctilious, overscrupulous, finical, methodical.

Antonyms: desultory, perfunctory, slovenly.

METTLE (adj.: METTLESOME: high-spirited): Disposition; spirit; courage, Idiom: to be on one's mettle (meaning, "ready to do one's best"), temperament, ardor.

MICROCOSM: A little world, or a universe in miniature this village, a microcosm of the great outside world.

Antonym macrocosm (world on a large scale).

MIMIC: To make fun of or copy by imitating.

MISANTHROPIC (noun: MISANTHROPE): Hating or distrusting mankind, philanthropic, altruistic.

MISNOMER: A name or term that describes wrongly.

MONOLOGUE: A speech by one person, soliloquy.
Antonyms: colloquy (adj. colloquial): conversation between two or more persons; dialogue: conversation between two persons.

MOROSE: Gloomy; ill-humored, sulky, crabbed, sullen, splenetic, saturnine.

Antonyms: blithe, genial.

MOTLEY: Of various colors; of mixed ingredients, checkered (referring to a varied career), piebald, variegated, diverse, heterogeneous.

Antonym: homogeneous.

MOTTLED: Spotted or streaked with varied colors, blotched, dappled.

MUNDANE: Of, or pertaining to, the world, as contrasted with the spirit, earthly, terrestrial, secular, temporal.

MURKY: Dark; cloudy, dismal, tenebrous, fuliginous.

Antonyms: resplendent, glowing, lustrous, luminous, fulgent, coruscating.

MUTABLE: Given to frequent change in nature, mood, or form, vacillating, fickle, inconstant, fitful, mercurial, wavering, capricious.

Antonyms: constant, steady.

MYRIAD: Innumerable.

NAUTICAL: Pertaining to ships or navigation, marine, naval, maritime.

NETTLE: To irritate or provoke, vex, pique, goad.

NOCTURNAL: Pertaining to, or occurring in, the night.

Antonym: diurnal.

NOISOME: Foul-smelling; harmful, malodorous, fetid, disgusting; noxious, deleterious.

Antonym: salubrious.

NONCHALANT: Unmoved or indifferent; casual, apathetic.

Antonyms: enthusiastic, zealous.

NOSTALGIA: Homesickness.

NOTRIOUS: Widely known (in a bad sense).

NOVICE: A beginner, tyro, neophyte. *Antonym*: virtuoso.

OBDURATE: Hard-hearted; stubborn, adamant, unyielding, inflexible.

Antonyms: submissive, docile, compliant.

OBLIVIOUS (noun: OBLIVION): Forgetful; absent-minded, unmindful, heedless, abstracted.

OBSESSION: A persistent feeling, idea, activity, etc., which dominates a person; the state of being exclusively preoccupied by a fixed idea, mania, infatuation (a foolish passion), monomania.

OBSOLETE: No longer in use, archaic, antiquated.

OBTRUSIVE (verb: OBTRUDE): Thrusting oneself or itself into undue prominence, intrusive, aggressive.

OBVIATE: To prevent, dispose of, or make unnecessary by appropriate actions, preclude, forestall.

OMNIPOTENT: All-powerful - an omnipotent despot.

ONUS: Burden; duty; obligation.

OSTENSIBLE: Apparent; pretended, professed, plausible (that is, appearing true, reasonable, or fair), specious.

OSTRACIZE: To banish; to exclude from public favor or privileges, outlaw.

PANACEA: A remedy for all ills, nostrum.

PANEGYRIC: A speech or writing of extravagant praise,

eulogy, adulation, tribute, laudation (adj. laudatory), encomium.

Antonyms: censure, disparagement, derogation, castigation, depreciation.

PARADOX: A self -contradictory statement; something 'that appears to be absurd and yet may be true, anomaly.

PARAPHRASE: To restate the meaning of a passage in other words.

PARODY (noun): A humorous imitation of an author's style and mannerisms, burlesque. (verb): To write a parody, Mimic.

PECCADILLO: A petty fault, frailty, foible, flaw, blemish.

PECUNIARY: Pertaining to money, financial, fiscal, monetary.

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PEDANT (adj.: PEDANTIC): One who proudly shows off his learning or who overrates his knowledge.

PENSIVE: Sadly thoughtful, reflective, meditative, contemplative, musing.

PEREMPTORY: Positive in expressing an opinion, decisive, resolute, imperious, positive, dogmatic.

Antonyms: indecisive, tentative.

PERTINACIOUS: Clinging doggedly to an opinion or purpose, obdurate, tenacious, persistent, persevering, intractable, inflexible.

PERUSE: To read carefully.

PERVERSE: Willfully bent on doing the wrong thing, headstrong, forward, refractory, wayward, fractious.

PETRIFY: To paralyze with horror, fear, or surprise, stupefy, stun, bewilder, amaze.

PLAGIARISM. Adopting and reproducing, without acknowledgment, the writings or ideas of another and passing them off as one's own.

PLATITUDE: A dull and commonplace remark, bromide, truism, axiom.

PLEBEIAN: Pertaining to the common people; hence, common or vulgar, patrician, aristocratic.

PLEBISCITE. A direct vote by the people.

POIGNANT: (1) Gripping and moving the feelings powerfully - a poignant grief. (2) Piercing, biting, pointed - a poignant cry; poignant wit.

PONDEROUS: Very heavy; clumsy; dull - a ponderous speech, extremely boring.

PRECARIOUS: Uncertain or risky - earning a precarious livelihood, providing no luxuries.

PRECIPITOUS: (1) Very steep - a precipitous cliff. (2) Descending rapidly.

PRELUDE: An introduction, forerunner, or preliminary step, preface, prologue, preamble.

Antonym: epilogue.

PREROGATIVE: A privilege or power attaching to a position, license.

PRESTIGE: Esteem or influence accorded for recognized achievements or reputation, distinction.

PRESUMPTION: (1) Something taken for granted - acted on a reasonable presumption. (2) Going beyond proper bounds; impudent boldness, effrontery, forwardness, arrogance.

PREVARICATE: To disguise or conceal the truth to lie, quibble, equivocate; (adj.) mendacious.

Antonyms: (noun) veracity, verity; (adj.) forthright.

PROCRASTINATE: To postpone or put off to another time, defer, delay.

PROGNOSTICATE (noun: PROGNOSIS): To forecast, presage, portend, augur, forebode.

PROLETARIAT: The wage-earning class.

PROMONTORY: A cliff, headland, precipice.

PROMULGATE: To publish or proclaim; to spread abroad, disseminate.

PROTUBERANT: Bulging or swelling out - a protuberant jaw. *Antonyms:* receding, recessive.

PROVISIONAL: Temporary; for the time being, tentative.

PROXIMITY: Nearness, propinquity, vicinity.

Antonym : remoteness.

PSEUDONYM: A false name assumed by a writer, alias, pen name, nom de plume.

PUNITIVE: Inflicting, or concerned with, punishment.

QUASH: To crush; to render void, suppress, extinguish, quell; annul.

QUERULOUS: Given to fault-finding and complaining, fretful, whining, captious, carping, peevish, petulant.

Antonym: affable.

QUIXOTIC: Extravagantly romantic or idealistic; highly impractical, utopian, visionary, fantastic.

RACONTEUR: A skilled storyteller.

RADICAL (noun): One who advocates extreme basic changes. (adj.): Thorough, extreme.

Antonym (noun and adj.): conservative.

RAMIFICATION: A branching; sub-division.

RAZE: To tear down completely, level.

Antonym: rear.

RECAPITULATE: To restate in a brief, concise form; to sum up.

RECIPROCAL: Mutual; done in return for something received.

RECUMBENT: Lying down; leaning back or down.

REDOLENT: (1) Fragrant, aromatic. (2) Reminiscent of.

REDOUBTABLE: Commanding fear or respect, formidable.

REFUTE: To prove incorrect or false, rebut, confute.

Antonyms: substantiate, confirm, corroborate.

REITERATE: Repeat (several times).

REMUNERATIVE: Profitable, lucrative, gainful.

RENEGADE: One who forsakes political or party principles or his religious faith, turncoat, apostate, recreant, traitor.

REPRISAL: Injury inflicted in turn for one received, retaliation.

RESENTMENT: Feeling of displeasure or indignation resulting from mistreatment or abuse, umbrage, dudgeon, animosity.

RESILIENT: Elastic; light-hearted; possessing power of recovery, flexible, pliable, supple, limber.

RESPITE: (1) Temporary deferment or cessation of work or pain, surcease. (2) A temporary delay in the execution of -a sentence, reprieve.

RETRIBUTION: The reward or punishment exacted for an injury, wickedness, or other action, requital, nemesis.

RETRIEVE: (1) To make good. (2) To recover. (3) To restore.

REVERBERATE: To echo, resound.

RUDIMENTARY: In an early stage of development, incipient.

RUE (adj.: RUEFUL): To be sorry for, regret, repent.

SACROSANCT: Very holy, consecrated, inviolable, hallowed.

SAGACIOUS (noun: SAGACITY): Wise; shrewd, perspicacious, astute, sapient, discerning, sage.

SALLOW: Sick, pallid.

Antonyms: rubicund, ruddy, florid.

SALLY: (verb): To rush forth suddenly. (noun): A Witty remark, quip, banter.

SANCTIMONIOUS: Pretending to be religious.

SANGUINARY: Bloody, gory.

SANGUINE: Of a hopeful disposition; blood-red in color, buoyant, ardent.

SARTORIAL: Pertaining to a tailor or clothes.

SATELLITE: (1) An attentive or flattering follower, lackey, toady, disciple, adherent; adj., fawning, obsequious, partisan. (2) A country influenced or controlled by another. (3) A body (natural or artificial) which revolves around a larger body, generally a planet.

SCINTILLA: A trace; a particle, iota; vestige.

SCOURGE (verb): To punish severely; to afflict; to whip, excoriate, flay. (noun). A whip or other means of punishment; a cause of affliction, tribulation.

SCRUTINIZE: To examine carefully.

SHIBBOLETH: A party slogan.

SIMPER (verb): To smile in a silly or affected way simpered as he greeted each guest. (noun): An affected or silly smile, (verb and noun) smirk.

SINECURE: Employment entailing little or no responsibility or labor.

SINISTER: Threatening or showing evil; dishonest.

SLEAZY: Flimsy and cheap, unsubstantial.

SLOVENLY: Untidy, slipshod, slatternly, frowzy.

SOPORIFIC: Tending to induce sleep.

SORDID: Mean and base; filthy, degraded, vile, ignoble.

SOVEREIGN: Supreme in power and authority; independent of the control of any other government, autonomous, imperial, majestic, paramount.

SPORADIC: Occurring singly, at irregular intervals; scattered.

SPURN: To refuse or reject with contempt, repel, snub.

STOIC: Indifferent, calm in bearing pain or pleasure; practising remarkable self-control over emotions, stolid, impassive.

STRINGENT: Strict; compelling, constraining stringent regulations; stringent requirements, exacting, rigid.
Antonym: lax.

STUPENDOUS: Amazing by, virtue of its immense size, force, or any quality in exceptional degree, astounding, prodigious, monstrous, marvelous, colossal, awful.

SUCCULENT: juicy.

Antonyms: desiccated, vapid.

SULTRY: Close, hot, and moist - sultry tropical weather.

SUPINE: (1) Lying flat on the back.

Antonym: erect.

(2) Inert, inactive, averse to taking action, listless, torpid.

TANGIBLE: Real; actual, material, veritable, perceptible, substantial.

TANTAMOUNT: Equivalent.

TAUNT (verb). To reproach with contempt, mock, twit, gibe, sneer, deride. (noun): An insulting, jeering, or bitter remark.

TEEMING: In abundance, fertile, highly productive, swarming, fruitful, fecund, abounding.

TEMERITY: Unwise or reckless boldness, audacity, presumptuousness, effrontery, rashness; (adj.) temerarious, foolhardy, venturesome.

Antonyms: prudence, circumspection, wariness.

TEMPORAL: Worldly, as opposed to spiritual; existing for a time only, mundane, secular, civil.

TEMPORIZE: To delay or refuse to commit oneself in order to gain time, equivocate.

TENET: A principle of belief held as true, creed, doctrine, dogma.

TENUOUS: Slender; not substantial; of slight importance.

TRANQUIL: Calm; peaceful, placid, serene.

Antonyms: perturbed, ruffled, turbulent.

TRANSGRESS: To break a law or command; to violate a moral principle; to overstep a moral bound or limit.

TREMULOUS: Trembling, quivering.

TRIVIAL: Of little - importance.

Antonyms: gross, momentous.

TRUCULENT (noun: TRUCULENCE): Cruel, fierce; harsh; threatening or intimidating savagely.

TURGID: (1) Swollen, inflated, bloated, distended. (2) Using big or high-sounding words pompous, bombastic, prolix.

UBIQUITOUS: Existing everywhere, omnipresent, universal.

UNTENABLE: Incapable of being defended or held.

UTILITARIAN (adj.): Materially or practically useful.

VANQUISH: To subdue or conquer.

VAUNT: To boast, brag (noun: braggadocio, braggart), proclaim.

VENEER: A superficial appearance or show designed to impress one with superiority, gloss.

VENERABLE: Deserving respect or reverence because of age.

VERNAL: Pertaining to spring.

Antonym: hibernal (wintry).

VERSATILE: Able to do many things skillfully.

VICARIOUS: Taking the place of another; felt, received, or done in place of another.

VICISSITUDE: A change from one condition to another, often unexpected.

VIRAGO: A scolding or ill-tempered woman, shrew, termagant, vixen.

VITUPERATE (noun: VITUPERATION; adj.: VITUPERATIVE): To scold or blame loudly, find fault with in abusive language, berate, revile.

WAIVE: To give up (privileges, etc.); to do without - waived his rights to the property. Synonyms: relinquish, forgo, forsake.

WHIM (adj.: WHIMSICAL): A sudden notion or passing fancy, caprice, vagary, crotchet.

WRITHE: To twist about (usually with pain), contort, squirm.

ZEALOUS (noun: ZEALOT: fanatic): Full of enthusiasm or eagerness.

Antonym: perfunctory.

ZENITH: The highest point, acme, apex, culmination, summit.

Antonym: nadir.