



Earnest (adj.)

Serious; intentional

syn.: diligent; assiduous;
committed



Solemn (adj.)

**Serious, formal, and
grave**

syn.: dignified; portentous



Deferential (adj.)

Showing respect towards others

syn.: civil; obsequious; reverent



Deny (v.)

to think deeply about; turn something over in one's mind

syn.: resist; oppose; thwart



Placid (adj.)

Calm, peaceful

syn.: tranquil; serene



Authentic (adj.)

**traditional; based on facts;
pure and honest; of
undisputed origin**

syn.: bona fide; veritable; legitimate;
genuine



Hoax (n.)

**a humorous or malicious
deception**

***syn.: jest; prank; jape; ruse**

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Equivocal (adj.)

**unclear; open to more than
one interpretation; vague**

***syn.: ambiguous; cryptic; enigmatic**



Denounce (v.)

To complain about publicly

***syn.:** criticize; censure; castigate;
condemn



Cower (v.)

**draw back in fear or
servility; shrink away from**

***syn.: cringe; recoil**



Muse (v.)

1. To think about deeply
2. a person-especially a woman-who is a source of artistic inspiration; source of genius or inspiration

***syn.:** contemplate; ponder; ruminate; reflect; daydream; inspiration; influence



Adversary (n.)

**an opponent or
enemy**

***syn.:** rival; antagonist; nemesis; foe



Revere (v.)

**to deeply respect and
worship; to be in awe of**

***syn.: exalt; cherish; adore; venerate**



Harangue (n.)

1. **noisy, attacking speech; lengthy and aggressive speech; a verbal attack**
2. **lecture at length in an aggressive and critical manner**

***syn.:** tirade; diatribe; censure; berate; castigate



Fabricate (v.)

1. to make up from thin air
2. build; create

***syn.:** prevaricate or falsify; forge; manufacture, brainstorm, or erect



Ubiquitous (adj.)

appearing to be everywhere

***syn.:** omnipresent; pervasive;
universal



Disdain (n.)

an intense dislike

***syn.:** contempt; scorn; derision



Benevolent (adj.)

**well-meaning and
charitable**

***syn.:** altruistic; benign; compassionate



Acrid (adj.)

**strong and sharp, as a taste;
unpleasant taste or smell**

***syn.: pungent; acerbic**



Mar (v.)

**to impair or damage and
therefore make less than
perfect**

***syn.:** disfigure; deface; mutilate;
blemish



Confidant (n.)

**someone you can trust and
share secrets with**

***syn.: ally; mentor; crony**



Genesis (n.)

**the origin or mode of
formation**

***syn.:** yield; succumb; cede; relinquish



Irrefutable (adj.)

**impossible to deny or
disprove**

***syn.:** inception; provenance; advent



Harbinger (n.)

an indicator; bringer of warnings; a forerunner of something; something that foreshadows a future event

***syn.:** herald; prelude; portent;
precursor



Pragmatic (adj.)

dealing with things sensibly and realistically in a way that is based on practical rather than theoretical considerations

***syn.:** rational; reasonable;
unsentimental



Flagrant (adj.)

**obviously offensive;
clearly wrong**

***syn.: blatant; glaring; overt;
conspicuous**



Exemplary (adj.)

**serving as a model; represent
the best of its kind**

***syn.:** ideal; consummate; laudable;
meritorious



Impugn (v.)

dispute the truth, validity, or honesty of a statement or motive; call into question; oppose or attack as false or lacking integrity

***syn.: challenge; assail; contravene**



Ephemeral (adj.)

lasting a very short time

***syn.:** transitory; fleeting; evanescent;
brevity



Subtle (adj.)

making use of clever and indirect methods to achieve something; not obvious

***syn.:** indirect; understated



Suffrage (n.)

the right to vote in political elections

***syn.:** franchise; rights; vote; participation



Entrenched (adj.)

**deeply established;
difficult or unlikely to
change**

***syn.:** ingrained; fortified; intrinsic



Uniform (adj.)

same; alike; unchanging in form or character

***syn.:** constant; consistent; stable; static



Vanquish (v.)

**to defeat and conquer,
especially in a war**

***syn.:** trounce; annihilate; overwhelm;
subjugate



Impunity (n.)

**freedom from punishment, harm
or loss for a wrongdoing or
crime**

***syn.:** immunity; amnesty; reprieve



Audacious (adj.)

- a. bold; openly showing a desire to take risks
- b. showing a shocking lack of respect

***syn.:** intrepid, mettlesome, or gutsy;
impertinent; insolent; irreverent;
insubordinate; brazen



Onerous (adj.)

**difficult to carry out or
complete**

***syn.:** arduous; cumbersome;
oppressive; laborious



Pernicious (adj.)

**creating enormous harm,
especially when done gradually
or gone unnoticed**

***syn.: detrimental; adverse;
deleterious; iniquitous; maleficent**



Empirical (adj.)

based on experiment; based on or verifiable by observation or experience rather than theory or pure logic

***syn.: centenary**



Ascertain (v.)

**to find out for certain;
make sure of**

***syn.:** establish; discern



Supersede (v.)

to become outdated; to be replaced

***syn.:** supplant; displace; substitute



Enfranchisement (n.)

**granting of a right or privilege;
becoming free from political
subjugation**

***syn.:** emancipation; liberation;
autonomy; self-determination



Transient (adj.)

**impermanent; lasting only
a short time**

***syn.:** transitory; ephemeral;
changeable



Blatant (adj.)

completely obvious

***syn.:** flagrant; conspicuous;
unmistakable



Abate (v.)

**to become less strong;
become less severe; to
subside**

***syn.:** moderate; alleviate; mitigate;
allay; assuage; temper



Incongruous (adj.)

out of place or keeping with the surroundings; inappropriate; not harmonious

***syn.:** discordant; dissonant; disparate



Perennial (adj.)

**lasting for a long time;
enduring; timeless**

***syn.:** perpetual; recurrent; annual



Consensus (adj.)

general agreement; collective opinion among a group

***syn.:** concurrence; accord; solidarity; concert



Irreproachable (adj.)

**beyond criticism;
faultless**

***syn.:** impeccable; exemplary; model;
consummate; ideal



Feasible (adj.)

**possible to do easily or
conveniently; likely; probable**

***syn.: expedient; viable; attainable**



Clandestine (adj.)

secretive and hidden; hard to see; sneaky

***syn.:** covert; furtive; surreptitious; stealthy



Thwart (v.)

**to prevent from
accomplishing**

***syn.:** circumvent; curb; impede; foil



Contingent (adj.)

- a. **subject to change; dependent on or conditioned by something else.**
- b. **a group of people united by some common feature or chosen as representatives of a larger group**

***syn.:** fortuitous or conditional;
delegation, detachment, or cohort



Evanescent (adj.)

**quickly leaving sight or
memory; fleeting**

***syn.:** diminishing; ephemeral;
transitory



Proscribe (v.)

**forbid or condemn as
harmful or unlawful**

***syn.:** disallow; interdict; ban; enjoin



Rapacious (adj.)

**forbid or condemn as
harmful or unlawful**

***syn.:** disallow; interdict; ban; enjoin



Aspiration (n.)

**a desire to achieve
something**

***syn.:** ambition; determination; goals



Homogenous (adj.)

being of a similar kind or nature

***syn.:** analogous; congruent;
comparable



Incredulous (adj.)

skeptical; unbelieving

***syn.:** suspicious; dubious; wary



Fetid (adj.)

smelling very bad; stinking

***syn.:** malodorous; pungent; reeking;
acrid



Enigmatic (adj.)

**difficult to interpret or
understand; mysterious**

***syn.:** cryptic; inexplicable; inscrutable



Baseless (adj.)

not grounded in fact

***syn.:** unsubstantiated;
uncorroborated; irrational



Replete (adj.)

**filled or well-supplied with something;
abundantly supplied or provided; very
full or sated, especially by food**

***syn.:** copious; abounding; surfeit



Plaudit (n.)

**statement giving strong
praise; approval**

***syn.:** acclaim; approbation;
accolades; encomiums; kudos



Reprehensible (adj.)

**shameful; very bad;
deserving censure or
condemnation**

***syn.:** deplorable; despicable; ignoble



Obdurate (adj.)

**stubborn; refusing to
change one's opinion or
course of action**

***syn.:** obstinate; intransigent;
implacable; intractable



Blithe (adj.)

free-spirited; carefree; showing a casual and cheerful indifference considered to be callous or improper

***syn.: heedless; nonchalant; blasé**



Bombast (n.)

arrogant, pompous language; high-sounding language with little meaning, used to impress people

***syn.:** bluster; grandiloquence; claptrap



Lampoon (v.)

**to publicly criticize
(someone or something)
by using ridicule, irony, or
sarcasm**

***syn.: parody; satirize**



Gravity (n.)

seriousness; extreme or alarming importance

***syn.:** significance; consequence; magnitude; acuteness



Fervor (n.)

**intense feelings of
passion**

***syn.:** ardor; zeal; vehemence



Bellicose (adj.)

**having or showing a ready
disposition to fight;
aggressive**

***syn.: belligerent; pugnacious;
truculent**



Lassitude (n.)

**a feeling of weariness;
listlessness; lack of
energy**

***syn.:** languor; enervation; lethargy



Sanguine (adj.)

- a. of a healthy red color
- b. Cheerful and optimistic

***syn.:** ruddy or florid; buoyant or animated



Inundate (v.)

- a. to overwhelm (someone) with things or people to be dealt with**
- b. flood**

***syn.:** besiege or bombard; deluge, engulf, or submerge



Malleable (adj.)

**capable of being
changed or influenced**

***syn.: pliable; pliant; tractile**



Cavalier (adj.)

**showing a lack of proper
concern; offhand; dismissive**

***syn.:** nonchalant; insouciant;
supercilious; haughty



Effulgence (n.)

**radiance; splendor;
brilliance**

***syn.:** sheen; luminosity; lucent;
resplendent



Miscreant (n.)

a villain or criminal

***syn.:** culprit; malefactor; brute; rascal



Broach (v.)

to bring up a subject in conversation

***syn.:** introduce; interject; propose;
voice



Peccadillo (n.)

a minor fault; a petty offense

***syn.:** indiscretion; faux pas;
transgression; foibles



Curt (adj.)

**brief and to the point;
rudely brief**

***syn.:** terse; brusque; clipped; abrupt



Thespian (n.)

an actor or actress

***syn.:** performer



Caustic (adj.)

**harsh or corrosive in
tone; sarcastic in a
scathing and bitter way**

***syn.:** mordant; sardonic; acerbic;
vitriolic



Imminent (adj.)

**about to happen;
immediate**

***syn.:** impending; inevitable



Supplicate (v.)

**ask or beg for
something earnestly or
humbly**

***syn.:** entreat; beseech; implore;
petition



Temporize (v.)

**avoid deciding or
committing oneself to
gain time**

***syn.:** balk; equivocate; procrastinate



Apprise (v.)

**inform or tell
(someone); make
(someone) aware**

***syn.:** update; notify; enlighten;
acquaint



Surge (n.)

**a sudden, powerful
movement; a sudden
large increase**

***syn.: escalation; heaving**