

13. **Dictum**- an authoritative statement
- The *dictum* from the Pope does not allow for divorce to be recognized by the Catholic church.
- SYN**= saying, maxim
14. **Diminution**- diminishing, reducing
- The *diminution* of nuclear weapons is a goal of arms control.
- ANT**= escalation
15. **Disapprobation**- disapproval, condemnation
- The unruly child faced the *disapprobation* of his parents when they learned of his behavior.
16. **Domicile**- home or residence
- Because he works on both coasts, he has two *domiciles*.
17. **Drone**- speaking in a monotonous tone, a continuous low humming sound.
- I could hardly endure the constant *drone* of the speaker's voice.
18. **Edifying**- instructing and improving spiritually and morally
- Visiting the cathedral was an *edifying* experience.
- SYN**= educate, edit
19. **Elucidate**- make clear. Explain
- I will try to *elucidate* some of the important changes in the tax code.
- SYN**= explicate, expound
20. **Enunciate**- pronounce clearly
- Please *enunciate* your response so that everyone can understand you.
- SYN**= articulate
21. **Fanaticism**- excessive irrational enthusiasm or zeal
- The Nazis engendered *fanaticism* among their followers.
- SYN**= zeal
22. **Formidable**- menacing, causing fear or awe
- Muhammad Ali was a *formidable* opponent in his time.
23. **Fractious**- unruly
- The *fractious* students started a food fight.
24. **Fraudulent** (fraud)- deceitful, portraying as genuine with an impostor
- The lawyer used the *fraudulent* document as proof the client was lying.
25. **Frivolous, frivolity**- lacking in seriousness or importance
- A teacher should limit *frivolous* behavior in the classroom.
- SYN**= trivial
26. **Furtive**- secret in a underhanded way, stealthy
- During the test, he made some *furtive* glances at other classmates' paper.

SYN= clandestine, covert, stealth, surreptitious

27. **Guile**- deceitfulness, duplicity, trick

- He achieved his high position by dishonesty and *guile*.

SYN= duplicity (lying)

ANT= candor (honesty)

28. **Guileless**- without deceit

- It would be nice to elect a trustworthy politician that is *guileless*.

ANT= deceitful, guile

29. **Hone** (sharpen)- to sharpen, to make more intense, to make more effective

- I am going to the golf course to *hone* my putting skills.

30. **Impertinent**- insolent rudeness, not within the proper bounds of good taste or manners

- His *impertinent* remarks did not help his case in the eyes of the jury.

SYN= obtrusive, officious, impudent

31. **Impudent**- disrespectful improper bold behavior

- The student's *impudent* act of using profanity toward Mrs. Dove caused him to be expelled.

SYN= impertinent

32. **Indigenous**- native to a certain area

- Many types of cacti are *indigenous* to the desert southwest part of the United States.

SYN= aboriginal, endemic

33. **Infallible**- incapable of error

- Since everyone makes mistakes, no human is *infallible*.

ANT= erroneous, fallacious

34. **Ingenuity**- cleverness, inventiveness, resourcefulness

- He showed much *ingenuity* in his unique way of solving the problem.

SYN= adroit, cunning, deft, dexterous

35. **Innate**- existing from birth, inborn

- He has *innate* athletic talents that cannot be taught.

SYN= congenital

36. **Inordinate**- exceeding reasonable limits, excessive
 • It is a sign of trouble when a student has an *inordinate* amount of absences.
SYN = excessive, exorbitant, extravagant, extreme, immoderate
37. **Irascible**- irritable, easily angered, cranky, cross
 • Just about anything could set off his *irascible* temper.
ANT= impassive, imperturbable
38. **Lament**- mourn or express sorrow in a demonstrative manner—such as wailing (dramatic)
 • She *lamented* the death of her father in a very lachrymose manner.
SYN= bemoan, bewail, melancholy **ANT**= rejoice
39. **Malevolence**- wishing ill will or evil on someone
 • The old man's *malevolence* was obvious when he took the girl out of his will and she inherited nothing.
SYN = malice, malignity, spite, spleen **ANT**= benevolence
40. **Melancholy**- depression of spirits, sad
 • After his dad lost his job, he was in a state of *melancholy*.
SYN= lament
41. **Oblique**- slanting, indirect, evasive, devious, misleading
 • Because of the suspect's *oblique* answers, our interrogation of him led us in the wrong direction.
SYN= biased
42. **Oblivion**- state of being forgotten
 • Until George Harrison's recent hit, his singing career had fallen into a state of *oblivion*.
43. **Ominous**- threatening
 • The *ominous* clouds were harbingers of the tornado.
SYN= portentous (portent)
44. **Palette**- board on which painters mix paints
 • The artist mixed her colors on the *palette* rather than on the canvas.
45. **Palliate**- easing of pain or guilt or intensity
 • The doctor attempted to *palliate* the patient's suffering by prescribing drugs.
SYN= assuage **ANT**= intensity
46. **Piety**- devotion and reverence to God (very religious)
 • The man was noted for his *piety* and devotion to the church.
SYN= revere **ANT**= irreverence
47. **Placid**- peaceful, calm
 • The wilderness is usually a *placid* place where one can relax.
SYN= serene, tranquil

61. **Stealth**- acting in a secret and sneaky way—this is a negative term
• Secret agents move by *stealth* to gather information to spy on others and sell secrets.
SYN= clandestine, covert, furtive, surreptitious, underhanded **ANT**= overt, obvious
62. **Succinct**- brief, compact, to the point
• Her comments were *succinct* and to the point.
SYN= concise, laconic, summary, terse
63. **Taciturn (tacit- unspoken)** - quiet, not verbose, not talkative
• A shy person is usually *taciturn*.
SYN= reticence **ANT**= verbose, loquacious, talkative
64. **Temerity**- boldness that is foolhardy
• I can't believe he has the *temerity* to talk back to his commanding officer.
SYN= audacity, chutzpah, effrontery, gall, nerve
65. **Tentative**- not fully worked out, provisional, uncertain, not permanent
• We have a *tentative* arms-control agreement.
ANT= permanent
66. **Terrestrial**- of the earth or pertaining to the earth
• Human beings are *terrestrial* beings.
SYN= terrain **ANT** = extra-terrestrial
67. **Tranquil**- peaceful, calm
• Weather in Texas can quickly change from *tranquil* to turbulent.
SYN= placid, serene
68. **Turbulence**- wild or disturbing activity
• There is a lot of *turbulence* during a hurricane.
ANT= tranquil
69. **Unmitigated**- not made less severe or intense
• The witness exhibited the most *unmitigated* contempt in the courtroom.
ANT= mitigate, assuage
70. **Unobtrusive**- not readily noticeable, inconspicuous
• He is very *unobtrusive* sitting over there in the corner.
SYN= stealth
71. **Vivid**- bright, distinct, and clear
• I have *vivid* memories of my trip to Europe.
SYN= graphic **ANT**= lackluster

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Additional Vocabulary Words

These words should become part of your Personal Vocabulary Enhancement

- Define these words
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