



acumen (noun)	keenness of perception or discrimination, especially in practical matters
affable, affability (noun)	friendliness, joviality
anathema (noun)	object of loathing, abomination, desire to keep away or exclude
ascetic (adj)	strict self-denial as a measure of personal and especially spiritual discipline
assuage (verb)	to lessen the intensity of something that pains or hurts
augment (verb)	to make greater, more numerous, larger or more intense
beguile (verb)	to trick, charm, enchant
behest (n)	- command, urgent prompting



brazen (adj)

brash, audacious, impudent

chagrin (noun)

displeasure, irritation, embarrassment

charlatan (n)

- fraud, faker

culpable (n)

- blameworthy

delude (verb)

cheat, mislead

destitute (adj.)

penniless, poor

disdain, disdained (noun)

a feeling of derision, scorn or hatred

endow, endowed (verb)

to provide, equip, supply



enigma, enigmatic (n, adj.)	a puzzle, juxtaposition, person or situation difficult to figure out
ferret (v)	- to find and bring to light by searching
gregarious (adj)	boisterous, outgoing, friendly
harangue (n)	- ranting speech or writing
haughty (adj.)	arrogant, conceited
impediment (noun)	something that gets in the way or obstructs, either physically or emotionally
imperious (adj)	commanding, dominant
impetuous (adj)	marked by impulsive behavior without thinking or evaluating both sides to a choice



incredulity (noun)

disbelief

industrious (adj)

constantly, regularly or habitually active or occupied

inextricable (adj)

- incapable of being disentragled or untied
- incapable of being solved

innate (adj.)

instinctive, inherent, natural

inopportune (adj.)

unfortunate, ill-timed

insipid (adj.)

dull, boring, flavorless

lassitude (adj)

weariness, indifference, languor

lugubrious (adj)

- exaggeratedly mournful



malady (n)

- an unwholesome or disordered condition

nonchalant (adj), nonchalantly (adv.)

to act coolly, without concern or awareness of others

propitious (noun)

promising, auspicious

quell (verb)

to put to rest, to suppress

resolute (adj.)

determined, confident to see something through to the end

salient (adj)

- prominent, of notable significance

salubrious (adj)

- favorable to or promoting health or well-being

sardonic (adj)

- derisively mocking
- sarcastic



sonorous (adj)

- full or loud in sound
- imposing or impressive in effect or style

soporific (adj)

- tending to dull awareness or alertness
- marked by sleepiness or lethargy

subvert (verb)

to challenge, undermine, sabotage

talisman (noun)

an object held to act as a charm to avert evil or bring good fortune

tenacious (adj.)

persistent to get what one wants

thwart (verb)

to defeat, circumvent, stop from happening

traverse (verb)

to go or travel across or over something

trepidation (noun)

a feeling of apprehension, fear



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truculent (adj)

- harsh, cruel

volatile (adj)

mercurial, fickle, ready to explode