

Charge

assign a duty,
responsibility
or obligation to

pursue

**follow or
chase**

reside

live (in a
certain
place)

compel

force
somebody to
do something

imperial

relating to or associated with an empire

primary

of first rank or importance or value; direct and immediate rather than secondary

revive

cause to regain consciousness

eventual

expected to follow future from causes already operating

melancholy

to be
gloomy and
depressed

comparison

the act of
examining
resemblances

concede

give up or
surrender

contrive

make or work
out a plan for;
devise

harbor

a sheltered port
where ships can
take on or
discharge cargo

fatigue

temporary loss of
strength and
energy resulting
from hard physical
or mental work

poll

the counting
of votes (as in
an election)

indignant

angered at
something
unjust or wrong

picturesque

suggesting or
suitable for a
picture; pretty
as a picture

canvas

a heavy, closely
woven fabric (used
for clothing or
chairs or sails or
tents)

alleged

doubtful
or suspect

invariable

not liable to
or capable
of change

forge

create by
hammering

tyrant

a cruel and
oppressive
dictator

enlighten

make free from
confusion or
ambiguity;
make clear

discretion

the power of
making free
choices
unconstrained by
external agencies

assertion

a declaration that is made emphatically (as if no supporting evidence were necessary)

antiquity

the historic period preceding the Middle Ages in Europe

attentive

taking heed; giving close and thoughtful attention

diverse

distinctly dissimilar or unlike

assess

evaluate or estimate the nature, quality, ability, extent, or significance of

chivalry

the medieval principles governing knighthood and knightly conduct

ecstasy

a state of elated bliss

detest

dislike intensely; feel antipathy or aversion towards

preface

a short
introductory
essay preceding
the text of a book

exhort

spur on or
encourage
especially by
cheers and shouts

authentic

not
counterfeit
or copied

conjure

summon into
existence, often as
if by magic

arrogant

having or showing
feelings of
unwarranted
importance out of
overbearing pride

discord

lack of
agreement
or harmony

improbable

not likely to be
true or to occur
or to have
occurred

heresy

a belief that
orthodox tenets
of a religion

impede

be a
hindrance or
obstacle to

impartial

free from bias
or
preconceived
opinions

malicious

**bad
intentions**

advisable

worthy of being
recommended
or suggested;
prudent or wise

allure

the power to
entice or attract
through
personal charm

deter

try to prevent;
show
opposition to

applicable

capable of
being applied;
having
relevance

abyss

a bottomless
pit; a cavity
or chasm

yarn

a cord used
in sewing
and weaving

theoretical

concerned primarily
with theories or
hypotheses rather
than practical
considerations

myriad

a large
indefinite
number

sprawl

sit or lie with
one's limbs
spread out

seminary

a theological
school for training
ministers or
priests

benefactor

a person who
helps people or
institutions
(especially with
financial help)

dilemma

state of uncertainty
requiring a choice
between equally
unfavorable
options

wager

a bet

context

the set of facts or
circumstances
that surround a
situation or event

sequel

something that
follows
something else

solace

comfort in
disappointment
or misery

drone

an
unchanging
intonation

incite

**provoke
or stir up**

repugnant

**offensive
to the mind**

enigma

**something that
baffles
understanding and
cannot be
explained**

brazen

**face with
defiance or
impudence**

clerical

**engaged in
office work**

inquisitive

inquiring

betrothed

**engaged to
be married**

submerge

**put under
water**

fallacy

a misconception
resulting from
incorrect
reasoning

abashed

feeling or
caused to feel
uneasy and
self-conscious

stint

supply
sparingly and
with restricted
quantities

belligerent

characteristic of
an enemy or
one eager to
fight

vacuum

an empty
area or
space

affluent

having plenty of
money or
possessions of
value

guile

shrewdness as
demonstrated
by being skilled
in deception

saga

a story telling
of a hero or a
family

parry

impede the
movement of
(an opponent
or a ball)

scrutinize

examine carefully
for accuracy with
the intent of
verification

hapless

deserving
or inciting
pity

squander

spend
thoughtlessly;
throw away

inflexible

**resistant to
being bent**

supple

**moving and
bending
with ease**

engender

**make
children**

promulgate

**state or
announce**

vigil

to watch; be
on guard or
observe

extol

praise,
glorify, or
honor

antipathy

a feeling of
intense
dislike

eccentric

strange or
unconventional
behavior

tenacious

**stubbornly
unyielding**

eddy

a miniature whirlpool
or whirlwind resulting
when the current of
fluid doubles back on
itself

oblivious

**not
awareness
of**

tenet

doctrine that is
proclaimed as
true without proof

philanthropist

someone who
makes charitable
donations intended
to increase human
well-being

nocturnal

belonging to or
active during
the night

dislodge

remove or force
from a position of
dwelling previously
occupied

palatable

acceptable
to the taste
or mind

amplify

increase
the volume
of

quirk

twist or
curve
abruptly

tincture

a substance
that colors
metals

lunge

the act of
moving forward
suddenly

paraphrase

express the
same message
in different
words

illustrative

clarifying
by use of
examples

meager

small
amount;
not enough

portly

A nice way of
saying 'fat'

principled

based on or
manifesting
objectively defined
standards of
rightness or morality

tabloid

newspaper
with half-size
pages

girth

the distance
around a
person's body

foment

try to stir
up public
opinion

assuage

**provide
relief from
pain**

adamant

**impervious to
pleas,
persuasion,
requests, reason**

dregs

**sediment that
has settled at
the bottom of a
liquid**

miscreant

**a person
without moral
scruples**

incubate

grow under
conditions that
promote
development

atoll

an island
consisting of a
circular coral reef
surrounding a
lagoon

alcove

a small recess
opening off a
larger room

reprieve

postpone the
punishment of a
convicted criminal,
such as an
execution

ingratiate

gain favor with
somebody by
deliberate
efforts

porous

full of pores
or vessels
or holes

negligible

so small as to
be
meaningless;
insignificant

minion

a servile or
fawning
dependent

pronouncement

an
authoritative
declaration

sedentary

sitting or
little
activity

fiasco

a sudden
and violent
collapse

domineering

tending to
domineer

predestined

established
or
prearranged

spry

moving
quickly and
lightly

nuance

a subtle
difference in
meaning or
opinion or attitude

illegible

(of handwriting,
print, etc.) not
legible

putter

do random,
unplanned work
or activities or
spend time idly

squeamish

excessively
fastidious and
easily
disgusted

impugn

attack as
false or
wrong

zealot

a fervent and
even militant
proponent of
something

trounce

come out better
in a
competition,
race, or conflict

intransigent

impervious to
pleas,
persuasion,
requests, reason

cacophony

loud confusing
disagreeable
sounds

ostracize

expel from a
community
or group

purview

the range of
interest or
activity that can
be anticipated

lackadaisical

idle or
daydreaming

nemesis

something
causing misery
or death

leery

Openly,
distrustful,
unwilling to
confide