

## REAL WORDS on DVD

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The following word list includes most of the words that are on the Real Words DVD. The definitions given with this list are brief and simplified. On the Real Words DVD the words are defined and used so as to cover many variations in their meanings. This is important because the usage of words on the S.A.T./A.C.T. may include some of the less commonly used meanings for a word.

As you read the word list cover the definitions so you can't see them and find out how many words you can give correct definitions for. If you are not getting most of them correct you will find Real Words DVD very beneficial, that is helpful.

Real Words DVD shows text with the words and their definitions and sentences using the word. Plus you hear the words, definitions and sentences spoken. Many words also have animations and illustrations to help explain the meanings.

The 1000+ words on Real Words DVD are listed alphabetically and divided into 32 sections, making it easier to find words you need to learn. Using the fast forward, pause or rewind on your remote control you can search for words or review words, pass quickly over words you already know and find the ones you need to learn. At the end of each of the 32 sections is a review quiz. Most of these review quizzes are somewhat amusing and thought provoking, which helps make it easier to remember the words and their meanings.

## **Section 1 Volume 1**

Abbreviate - *verb* – to shorten  
Aberration - *noun* – something that is not normal  
Abeyance – *noun* - temporary inactivity  
Abide – *verb* - to remain, to stay, to tolerate  
Abstain – *verb* - to not do something or to refrain  
Abstemious - *adj.* - to be sparing or moderate  
Abstract - *adj.* - intangible, not concrete  
Abstract - *verb* - to take away or remove  
Abstruse - *adj.* - difficult to understand or obscure  
Absurd - *adj.* - ridiculous, contrary to reason, illogical.  
Accolade - *noun* - award, commendation, praise.  
Accouterments - *noun* - accessories, equipment  
Acerbic - *adj.* - bitter or harsh.  
Acerbate - *verb* - to make bitter or exasperate  
Acquire - *verb* - to get or obtain.  
Acrimonious - *adj.* - biting, harsh, caustic  
Acuity - *noun* - sharpness or keenness.  
Acute - *adj.* - sharp, extremely severe, highly sensitive

## **Section 2 Volume 1**

Adaptable - *adj.* - able to change  
Adherent - *noun* - a person who follows (a belief system, teaching, group) or something or something that sticks or clings  
Adhere - *verb* - to be devoted or attached or sticking or clinging  
Adhesive - *noun* - something that is sticking or clinging.  
Adjunct - *adj.* - something joined to another thing but not essentially a part of it.  
Admirable - *adj.* - worthy, deserving of admiration.  
Admonish - *verb* - to caution, advise, to urge to duty or remind of an obligation  
Adroit - *adj.* - dexterous, proficient, skillful or shrewd, resourceful  
Adulation - *noun* - extreme admiration.  
Adulterate - *verb* -to make impure, pollute, contaminate  
Adversary - *noun* - an opponent or enemy.  
Adversity - *noun* - a condition of suffering or misfortune  
Advocate - *noun* - someone who pleads for or defends a cause  
Advocate - *verb* - to defend or support or plead for a cause  
Aeon - *adj.* - an immeasurably long period of time.  
Aesthete - *noun* - a person who has or affects sensitivity toward beauty.  
aestheticism - *noun* - devotion to the artistic or beautiful.  
Affable - *adj.* - pleasant and comfortable talking to people.  
Aggrandize - *verb* - to make something seem greater than it is, exaggerate  
Alacrity - *noun* - eagerness, briskness, speed.

### **Section 3 Volume 1**

Alien - *noun* - non terrestrial, from outer space, *adj.* - strange

Allege - *verb* - to assert without proof, or to declare before a court of law

Alleviate - *verb* - to mitigate, make easier to endure.

Alliance - *noun* - bonds, connections or associations.

Ambiguous - *adj.* - not clear, something that could be understood in two or more ways.

Ameliorate - *verb* - to make something better or to make an improvement.

Amenable - *adj.* - agreeable

Ample - *adj.* - more than adequate, plenty

Amorphous - *adj.* - lacking form or shape, without character

Anachronism - out of proper time, not in chronological order

Animate - *verb* - to energize, enliven

Anomaly - *noun* - a deviation from the general rules

Anonymous - *adj.* - unidentified, unnamed, unknown

Antediluvian - *adj.* - evolved long ago, fashioned

Anthology - *noun* - collection of literary works

### **Section 4 Volume 1**

Antipathy - *noun* - aversion or revulsion

Apathy - *noun* - lack of emotion or concern, indifference.

Aperture - *noun* - opening, gap

Apocryphal - *adj.* - false, spurious

Apparatus - *noun* - group of tools or equipment for a specific purpose.

Appease - *verb* - to pacify, to conciliate

Apprehension - *noun* - fear, act of understanding, act of arresting

Apprenticeship - *noun* - period of time a novice spends learning from an expert.

Approbation - *noun* - approval, especially a formal approval.

Arable - *adj.* - suitable for cultivation

Arbitrary - *adj.* - decision made by a judge, or a capricious decision

Aristocracy - *noun* - government by nobility or a select few.

Arrogant - *adj.* - exaggerating one's own importance

Artisan - *noun* - a skilled craft person

Ascetic - *noun* - person who practices extreme self denial

### **Section 5 Volume 1**

Assertion - *noun* - positive statement often without support or reason.

Assiduous - *adj.* - constantly attentive, persevering, diligent

Assimilate - *verb* - to absorb, make similar, bring into conformity

Assuage - *verb* - make less severe or mitigate, decrease or lessen

Associate - *verb* - to join, become connected, or bring together.

Astute - *adj.* - having keen discernment, wise or shrewd

Asylum - *noun* - safe place

Asymmetrical - *adj.* - not identical on both sides of a center line

Atrophy - *verb* - to waste away or degenerate.

Audacity - *noun* - boldness, reckless insolence.

Audible - *adj.* - loud enough to be heard.

Auditory – *adj.* - related to hearing..  
Auspicious - *adj.* - favorable or promising success  
Austere - *adj.* - harsh, severe  
Authoritarian - *noun* - tyrant, a dictator, *adj.* - dictatorial, tyrannical  
Avarice - *noun* - extreme greed  
Avian – *adj.* - bird like  
aviary - *noun* - large bird cage.  
Aviation - *noun* - related to flying  
Avow - *verb* - to affirm or to declare openly

### **Section 6 Volume 1**

Baleful – *adj.* - wretched, miserable, menacing, foreboding  
Balm - *noun* - ointment , soothing lotion  
Balmy - *adj.* - soothing, mild, or foolish, insane.  
Banal - *adj.* - trite, common, ordinary, insipid  
Bane - *noun* - something that ruins, destroys, or even causes death.  
Barbarian - *noun* - a primitive, uncivilized person  
Barbarity - *noun* - cruelty, inhumanity.  
Barren - *adj.* - unproductive or dull.  
Befuddle - *verb* - to confuse, stupefy, perplex  
Behavioral – *adj.* - having to do with the way people or animals act.  
Belated - *adj.* - delayed arrival, arriving after the expected time.  
Beleaguer - *verb* - to surround with an army or with annoyances  
Belittle - *verb* - to humiliate, disparage  
Bemoan - *verb* - to express grief, lament, regret, mourn.  
Bemused – *adj.* - confused, stupefied, muddled, preoccupied.  
Benevolent - *adj.* - kind, good, helpful.  
Beneficent - *adj.* - helpful and good.  
Benign – *adj.* - harmless or even good.  
Benefactor - *noun* - someone who helps others.  
Benediction - *noun* - a blessing  
Biased - *adj.* - prejudiced  
Bilk - *verb* - to cheat or avoid paying, defraud  
Blandishment - *noun* – flattery, coaxing.

### **Section 7 Volume 1**

Bliss - *noun* - complete happiness  
Blithely – *adv.* - to do something in a joyful manner  
Boisterous - *adj.* - rough, noisy, rowdy  
Bombastic - *adj.* - pompous, verbose grandiosity  
Boorish - *adj.* - ill mannered, rude, insensitive, uncouth.  
Brevity - *noun* - briefness, succinctness, conciseness  
Brittle - *adj.* - easily broken, inflexible, not adaptable.  
Broach - *verb* - to introduce, mention, bring up, open up  
Browbeat - *verb* - to intimidate, bully, dominate.  
Brusque - *adj.* - abrupt, rude, sharp, harsh.

Bungle - *verb* - to botch, to do something clumsily  
Buttress – *noun* - a projecting support, *verb* - to give support

### **Section 8 Volume 1**

Cacophonous - *adj.* - harsh sounding noise.  
Capricious – *adj.* - unpredictable, erratic  
Candid - *adj.* - frank, blunt, honest.  
Camaraderie - *noun* - fellowship, goodwill among friends  
Camouflage - *noun* - a disguise or a deception, *verb* - to disguise  
Capitulate - *verb* - to surrender, acquiesce  
Carnivorous - *adj.* - meat eating.  
Carouse - *verb* – to indulge in wild drunken partying.  
Cataloguing - *verb* - to create a list, classify systematically, *noun* – the act of classifying  
Cease - *verb* - stop, end, or even die out.  
Celerity - *noun* - swiftness, speed, alacrity.  
Censure - *noun* - strong criticism, disapproval, *verb* – to criticize strongly  
Censorious - *adj.* - disapproving  
Characterization - *noun* - an imitation, portrayal  
Charlatan - *noun* - a person who is a fake  
Chasten - *verb* -to punish, castigate, reprove.  
Chauvinism - *noun* - zealous devotion to your own group  
Cherubic - *adj.* - innocent looking  
Chimerical - *adj.* - fanciful, whimsical, imaginary  
Chronic - *adj.* - continuing a long time  
Churlish - *adj.* - selfish, rancorous  
Circuitous - *adj.* - indirect, rambling, winding.  
Circumlocution - *noun* - evasive speech.  
Circumnavigate - *verb* - to travel around the world  
Circumscribe - *verb* - to draw a line around on encircle  
Circumspect - *verb* - to look around, be cautious  
Circumvent - *verb* - to surround, hem in, out wit

### **Section 9 Volume 1**

Clamor - *noun* - a loud constant noise  
Clandestine - *adj.* - furtive, surreptitious or secretive.  
Clarity - *noun* - clearness, lucidity  
Clemency - *noun* - leniency, forgiveness  
Cloister - *noun* - a convent, a monastery, *verb* - to seclude  
Coagulate - *verb* - to change from a fluid into a thick mass.  
Coalesce - *verb* - to unite, come together, merge  
Coddle - *verb* - to pamper, baby, to treat with extreme care.  
Coercion - *noun* - the act of forcing or intimidation  
Cogent - *adj.* - convincing, believable, to the point.  
Cognition – *noun* - the act of knowing, perception.  
Coherent - *adj.* - logically connected.  
Cohesive - *adj.* - unified.

Colloquial - *adj.* - informal, conversational language.  
Commensurate - *adj.* - equal in measure, extent or duration.  
Communal - *adj.* - pertaining to a community  
Compile - *verb* - to put together material from many sources  
Comprehensive - *adj.* - inclusive, covering completely.  
Conception - *noun* - the act of becoming pregnant or the act of forming an idea.  
Conceive - *verb* - to form an idea or get pregnant  
Conciliatory - *adj.* - overcoming hostility, placating  
Concise - *adj.* - expressed briefly but clearly, succinctly.  
Concomitant - *adj.* - occurring with something else in a subordinate way.  
Concordance - *noun* - agreement or harmony  
Conditioned - *adj.* - trained, prepared, made suitable for a purpose.  
Condemn - *verb* - to disapprove, judge unfit for use.  
Condescending - *adj.* - treating others as inferior or less important.  
Condolence - *noun* - an expression of sympathy

### **Section 10 Volume 1**

Configuration - *noun* - arrangement of parts or a pattern.  
Confluence - *noun* - a flowing together  
Confound - *verb* - to confuse, perplex, baffle, or defeat.  
Conglomerate - *noun* - something made of parts  
Conjugal - *adj.* - related to marriage  
Conjure - *verb* - to produce as if by magic.  
Connoisseur - *noun* - an expert, qualified to judge.  
Consensus - *noun* - general agreement, solidarity.  
Constrict - *verb* - to squeeze, block, compress, obstruct.  
Contemporary - *adj.* - existing or living simultaneously, modern, *noun* - someone living at the same time as someone else  
Contemptuous - *adj.* - scornful, or expressing disdain  
Contentious - *adj.* - quarrelsome, pugnacious.  
Context - *noun* - environment, situation, circumstances, milieu.  
Contraband - *noun* - anything illegal to possess, export or import.  
Contrite - *adj.* - overcome by guilt, feeling remorse,  
Conundrum - *noun* - a riddle or difficult problem.

### **Section 11 Volume 1**

Convergence - *noun* - the act of coming together.  
Converse - *verb* - to hold a conversation or to maintain a connection.  
Converse - *adj.* - meaning opposite or contrary, *noun* - a thing that is the opposite of something else  
Conviction - *noun* - the act of being convicted of a crime, or a strongly held belief  
Convolutd - *adj.* - complex, intricate, very winding or twisting.  
Copious - *adj.* - plentiful, profuse, abundant  
Cordial - *adj.* - friendly, gracious, sincere, *noun* - a liqueur  
Corpulence - *noun* - obesity, fatness, portliness  
Coterie - *noun* - a small group of friends, who share interests,

Coveted - *adj.*- desired, wanted very much  
Crass - *adj.*- vulgar, indelicate , crude, nasty.  
Credulity - *noun* - willingness to believe without proof, gullibility  
Criterion - *noun* - a standard or measurement, an established rule for testing.  
Criteria - *noun* - the plural of criterion  
Cryptic - *adj.*- secret, occult, enigmatic, mysterious  
Culpable - *adj.*- guilty, deserving blame or censure.  
Cultivate – *verb* - to encourage or promote growth  
Cumulative - *adj.*- accumulating, growing by addition  
Curmudgeon - *adj.*- a grouchy irascible person  
Customary - *adj.*- commonly practiced, used or observed

### **Section 12 Volume 1**

Daub - *verb* - to apply, spread, smear with paint, plaster, etc.  
Daunting - *adj.*- overwhelming, disheartening, scary, intimidating  
Dawdle - *verb* - to procrastinate, put off, loiter, waste time  
Dearth - *noun* - a very limited amount, scarcity  
Debacle - *noun* - a disaster or failure  
Debased - *adj.*- lowered in status or dignity or value  
Decipher - *verb* - to make out the meaning, to decode  
Decorum - *noun* - proper conduct or etiquette  
Decorous - *adj.*- having good manners  
Decry - *verb* - to discredit, criticize or condemn publicly.  
Delectable - *adj.*- highly pleasing, delicious, delightful  
Delegate - *noun* - someone who is designated to represent others  
Delegate - *verb* - to give someone authority, to appoint  
Deleterious - *adj.*- having a negative impact, harmful  
Delineate - *verb* - to outline, describe  
Delineation - *noun* - the act of delineating or a chart or outline.  
Delusion - *noun* - an untrue belief, a hallucination  
Demagogue - *noun* - a leader who uses false claims to gain power.  
Demise - *noun* - death, termination, the end of something.  
Denigrate - *verb* - to put down, belittle, criticize  
Denounce - *verb* -to publicly announce an accusation.  
Depict - *verb* - to describe, represent with words or pictures.  
Depravity - *noun* - a wicked or corrupt character.  
Deprecatory - *adj.*- belittling, disapproving  
Deprecate - *verb* - to express disapproval, protest or belittle  
Depreciate - *verb* -to reduce the value of, decline in value  
Derivation - *noun* - the formation of a word from another word  
Desecrate - *verb* - to treat irreverently  
Desist - *verb* - to stop, quit  
Desolate - *adj.*- without inhabitants, lonely, barren.  
Desolate - *verb* - to devastate, destroy, depopulate.

### **Section 13 Volume 1**

Despair - *noun* - a loss of hope, hopelessness  
Despair - *verb* - to lose hope, give up.  
Despoil - *verb* - to strip of possessions, plunder, pillage.  
Despotic - *adj.*- all powerful, especially in an abusive way.  
Detached - *adj.*- not attached, separated, or disinterested  
Deter - *verb* - to discourage, to hinder, prevent  
Determined - *adj.*- won't be stopped, resolute.  
Determine - *verb* - to decide, to control.  
Deviate - *verb* - to not follow a route or course, to digress.  
Deviate - *noun* - someone who is different, or a sexual pervert.  
Devious - *adj.*- circuitous, shifty or crooked  
Diatribes - *noun* - a long bitter, abusive speech or denunciation.  
Dictatorial - *adj.*- bossy, overbearing, autocratic.  
Didactic - *adj.*-conveying instruction, tending to preach  
Diffidence - shyness, lack of confidence.  
Diffuse - *verb* - to pour out or spread like a fluid or scatter widely.  
Digress - *verb* - to wander or deviate from the main topic.  
Dilatory - *adj.*- causes or intends to cause delay or procrastination.  
Dilettante - *noun* - a person who takes up art for fun  
Diligent - *adj.*-assiduous, steady hard-working, industrious.  
Diminish - *verb* - to lessen, make smaller  
Diminutive - *adj.*- very small, tiny.  
Disaffected - *adj.*- alienated, discontented, disloyal  
Disband - *verb* - to break up, dismiss from service.  
Discern - *verb* - to see, perceive, distinguish between  
Discipline - *noun* - instruction, field of study, training or orderly conduct.  
Discipline - *verb* - to punish, to train to bring under control.  
Disclose - *verb* - to uncover, reveal, expose to view.  
Discontent - *noun* - lack of contentment, not satisfied  
Discourse - *noun* - communication of thoughts by words spoken or written.

### **Section 14 Volume 1**

Discredit - *verb* - to injure a reputation  
Discreet - *adj.*-prudent, circumspect.  
Discrete - *adj.* -separate or detached, distinct.  
Discrepancy - *noun* - an instance of differing or disagreeing  
Discursive - *adj.*- covering many topics or proceeding by reasoning.  
Disdain - *noun* - a feeling of contempt, extreme dislike  
Disdain - *verb* - to despise or look on with contempt.  
Disingenuous - *adj.*- false, lacking in candor or honesty.  
Disinter - *verb* - to take out of a grave, to bring out of obscurity.  
Disparage - *verb* - to discredit, belittle, put down  
Disparity - *noun* - different from each other, not alike  
Dispassionate - *adj.*- calm, not influenced by strong feelings, fair not biased  
Disproportionate - *adj.*-out of proportion, asymmetrical

Disputatious - *adj.*- inclined to argue, contentious.  
Dissemble - *verb* - to conceal, to disguise  
Dissension - *noun* - strong disagreement, difference of opinion.  
Dissipate - *verb* - to spread, scatter, disperse  
Dissonance - *noun* - discordant sounds  
Dissuade - *verb* - to change someone's mind, to deter  
Distend - *verb* - to expand, swell, stretch  
Distinctive – *adj.*- having characteristics that are unique  
Dither - *verb* - to act nervously or indecisively.  
Divination - *noun* - attempting to foresee the future  
Divulge - *verb* - to reveal or disclose something that was a secret.  
Dogged - *adj.*-meaning persistent, stubborn, tenacious  
Dogmatic - *adj.*- strongly opinionated  
Dubious - *adj.*- doubtful, questionable, wavering  
Duplicity - *noun* - deception, deceit  
Durable - *adj.*- lasting, able to endure  
Duress - *noun* - coercion, force by threat, oppression

### **Section 15 Volume 1**

Eclectic - *adj.*- choosing from various sources  
Ecumenical – *adj.* - pertaining to all Christian churches.  
Edify - *verb* - to instruct, improve spiritually  
Eerie – *adj.*- frightening, strange or weird.  
Efface - *verb* - to wipe out, erase, obliterate  
Effervescent - *adj.*-bubbling, lively  
Effervesce - *verb* - to bubble or foam, or to be lively.  
Effigy – *noun* - a representation of someone hated  
Effrontery - *noun* - shameless boldness, audacity, insolence  
Egregious - *adj.*- bad, notorious, flagrant  
Efficacious – *adj.* - having the desired result, effective  
Egalitarian –*adj.*- promoting a belief in the equality of all people, *noun* – someone who promotes a belief in equality  
Elevate - *verb* - to raise, promote, to improve  
Elliptical - *adj.*- egg shaped  
Elongate - *verb* -to make something longer  
Eloquent – *adj.* – speech, writing or expression that is forceful, moving  
Elucidate - *verb* - to make clear, explain, make lucid  
Elusive - *adj.*- tending to escape or not be caught  
Emanate - *verb* - to send forth, flow out, originate  
Emasculate - *verb* - to castrate, weaken  
Embellish - *verb* - to make beautiful by decorating  
Embody - *verb* - to give form to or put into a body  
Embodiment - *noun* - the act of embodying, the thing that embodies

### **Section 16 Volume 1**

Embroider - *verb* - to cause disorder or to involve in conflict  
Emcee - *noun* - a master of ceremonies, *verb* - to act as a master of ceremonies  
Emend - *verb* - to edit or to correct by removing errors.  
Emigrate - *verb* - to move from one country to another.  
Eminent - *adj.*- high ranking, distinguished, conspicuous  
Empathy - *noun* - to identify with the feelings of someone else  
Emphasis - *noun* - forcefulness or stress placed on a statement.  
Emphasize - *verb* - to place emphasis on something.  
Emphatic - *adj.*- spoken with emphasis, forcefully expressed  
Empirical - *adj.*- based on observation and experience  
Emulate - *verb* - to try to equal, to copy or imitate  
Encroach - *verb* - to gradually move in on the space or rights of another  
Encroachment - *noun* - an act of encroaching  
Encumber - *verb* - to hinder, block, impede, burden obstruct  
Encumbrance - *noun* - something that encumbers  
Enervate - *verb* - to weaken or take away energy or strength.  
Engage - *verb* - to occupy attention, to hire someone, to attract,  
to promise to marry, to entangle or involve, to interlock  
Engender - *verb* - to produce, cause or give rise to  
Enhance - *verb* - to improve, to raise the value of  
Enigma - *noun* - hard to understand or even mysterious.  
Enigmatic - *adj.*- puzzling.  
Enlighten - *verb* - to provide knowledge to someone or to instruct  
Enmity - *noun* - a feeling of hatred, antipathy, extreme dislike  
Enmesh - *verb* - to entangle, trap in net or web  
Ennui - *noun* - a feeling of tiredness and discontent or boredom  
Enthrall - *verb* - to captivate or charm, to hold spellbound  
Entice - *verb* - to encourage by causing desire, allure  
Enticement - *noun* - act of enticing or something that entices  
Entrench - *verb* - to dig trenches to place oneself in a strong  
defensive position.  
Enviably - *adj.*- desired or envied  
Envision - *verb* - to have a mental picture

### **Section 17 Volume 1**

Ephemeral - *adj.*- lasting only a short time.  
Epicure - *noun* – someone with refined tastes in food, music, art, a connoisseur  
Epithet - *noun* - word used instead of a name usually showing contempt  
Equanimity - *noun* - composure or calmness especially under stress.  
Equilibrium - *noun* - a state of balance between opposing forces  
Equivocate - *verb* - to avoid committing oneself.  
Equivocal - *adj.*- questionable, dubious  
Eradicate - *verb* - to destroy completely, exterminate, annihilate  
Erudition - *noun* - extensive knowledge acquired by study or research,

Erudite - *adj.*- possessing erudition, extensive knowledge acquired through study.  
Escapade - *noun* - reckless adventure  
Esoteric - *adj.*- understood by a select few.  
Espouse - *verb* - to support or take up the cause of  
Ethereal - *adj.*- extremely delicate or refined, heavenly  
Ethics - *noun* - a system of moral principles  
Ethical - *adj.*- related to ethics, a code of conduct based on moral principles.  
Eulogy - *noun* - a speech or writing in praise of someone  
Eulogize – *verb* - to praise in speech or writing.  
Euphonic - *adj.*- pleasant sounding, harmonious  
Evanescence – *adj.* - vanishing like vapor, disappearing  
Evident - *adj.*- clear to see or understand  
Evolve - *verb* - to develop gradually to a more organized, advanced state  
Exacerbate - *verb* - to make more angry, violent or bitter  
Excerpt - *verb* - to take out a passage from a book, speech, movie, etc.  
Excerpt – *noun* - a passage from a book, speech, movie etc.

### **Section 18 Volume 1**

Exculpate - *verb* - to clear from guilt, to exonerate  
Exert - *verb* - to put out effort, to put into action  
Exertion - *noun* - an effort that is put forth, an act of exerting  
Exhilaration - *noun* - a feeling of excitement, stimulation, invigoration  
Exigent - *adj.*- requiring immediate action  
Exonerate - *verb* - to relieve of an obligation, clear of blame.  
Exorcise - *verb* - to expel an evil spirit, free of bad influences.  
Expatriate - *verb* - to banish a person from his native country  
Expedite - *verb* - to speed up, facilitate, get something done quickly  
Exploit - *verb* - to take advantage of something in a selfish way  
Exploitation - *noun* - unfair use  
Expropriate - *verb* - to take property or any other possession  
Expunge - *verb* - to erase, wipe out, destroy  
Extant - *adj.*- something that exists, has not been lost or destroyed  
Extemporaneous - *adj.*- given without preparation, improvised, impromptu  
Extenuate - *verb* - to lessen, to represent as less serious,  
Extenuating - *adj.*- lessening the severity or mitigating  
Extol - *verb* - to praise highly, eulogize  
Extradite - *verb* - to give up to another country or authority.  
Extradition - *noun* - the surrender of an alleged criminal under a treaty, or by agreement between countries.  
Extricate - *verb* - to free or remove from entanglement or difficulty  
Extrinsic - *adj.*- outside of, not essential  
Exuberant - *adj.*- extremely joyful or unrestrained, profuse, excessive

## Section 19 Volume 1

Fabricate - *verb* - to make, construct, invent, create

Fabrication - *noun* - the act or process of making something, or making up something especially a story that is not true, a lie

Facile - *adj.*- proceeding with ease, lacking sincerity, easily influenced.

Facetious - *adj.*- frivolous, funny, amusing

Fallacy - *noun* – something that is not true, misleading or deceptive

Fallacious - *adj.*- misleading, deceptive, not true

Fallible - *adj.*- likely to make mistakes or be deceived.

Fastidious - *adj.*- difficult to please, demanding, showing excessive care

Fathom - *noun* - unit of length used for measuring the depth of water.

Fathom - *verb* - to understand something

Fatuous - *adj.*- silly, inane, dim-witted

Fecund – *adj.*- prolific, creative, or productive intellectually.

Fecundity - *noun* - productivity

Felicitous - *adj.*- well suited, appropriate, saying the right thing.

Felicity – *noun* - happiness, a pleasing ability in art or language

Feral - *adj.*- not domesticated, wild or having reverted to a wild state

Fetid - *adj.*- stinking, having a really bad odor.

Fickle - *adj.*- changeable, capricious, not loyal

Fledgling - *noun* - a baby bird, an inexperienced person.

Flippant - *adj.*- talkative, disrespectful, frivolous, silly

Florid - *adj.*- reddish or flowery, excessively flowery

Flout - *verb* - to mock or show disdain, contempt, scorn

Flout - *noun* - a disdainful, contemptuous remark or act.

Flexible - *adj.*- capable of bending, changing, adjusting

Flexibility – *noun* - ability to bend or adjust

Foible - *noun* - a minor flaw or weakness in a person's character.

Format - *noun* - the organization, plan or style of something, *verb* – to organize in in specific way

Formidable - *adj.*- intimidating, extremely powerful or greatly superior

Fortuitous - *adj.*- happening by chance, lucky, fortunate

Fractious - *adj.*- troublesome, irritable, difficult

Fragment - *noun* - a part that is broken off, a piece

Fragment - *verb* - to break into fragments

Fraternize – *verb* - to associate in a friendly way with an enemy.

Frenetic - *adj.*- frantic or frenzied, in a tizzy

Fulsome - *adj.*- offensive, disgusting, gross

Fume - *verb* - to emit smoke, to show irritation or anger, be fretful.

Fume - *noun* - something that is given off in a smoke like or vapor form

Furtive - *adj.*- done secretly, slyly

Furtiveness - *noun* - secretiveness, stealth

Futile - *adj.*- unable to succeed, useless, or unimportant

## Section 20 Volume 1

Gambol - *verb* - to skip, dance or frisk about

Garble - *verb* - to distort, jumble or confuse

Gargantuan - *adj.*- gigantic or enormous

Garish - *adj.*- over decorated, showy, excessively bright.

Garner - *verb* - to gather, accumulate, collect

Genial- *adj.*- cordial, comfortable, pleasant, warm, kindly

Genre - *noun* - of a certain kind or type, class, category

Giddy - *adj.*- dizzy, lighthearted, silly

Grandiloquence - *noun* - speech that is pompous, bombastic, lofty

Graft - *noun* - the act of getting something in a dishonest way

especially by using position in politics or business

Graft - *verb* - grow plants by attaching a bud or stem of one plant to another plant

Grandiose - *adj.*- grand in a very impressive way or pompous, exaggerated

Gratuitous – *adj.* - given without being earned, not requiring a return

Grisly – *adj.*- causing a feeling of horror, gruesome

Grotesque - *adj.*- odd or unnatural, extremely ugly.

Grovel - *verb* - to act in a humble or abject way.

Guile - *noun* - artful deception, cunning

Guileless - *adj.*- innocent, naïve, free from guile, sincere

Gullible - *adj.*- easily deceived, cheated or fooled

Hackneyed - *adj.*- common place, trite, banal

Harbinger - *noun* - something that comes before something else

Hardy - *adj.*- strong, robust, capable of enduring adversity

Haughty - *adj.*- arrogant, contemptuous, snobbish

Hearten - *verb* - to encourage, cheer

Hedge - *noun* - bushes that grow in a row to form a fence

Hedge - *verb* -enclose or fence in with a hedge (bushes) or a system of gambling or betting money in order to avoid a loss

Hedonism - *noun* - self indulgence

Heinous - *adj.*- hatefully evil, abominable

Herald – *verb* - to announce, give notice, publicize

Heretic - *noun* - a dissenter from a church or belief system

Hiatus - *noun* - an interruption, pause, break

Hierarchy - *noun* -a group organized by rank

Hilarity - *noun* - boisterous merriment, enjoyment

Histrionics - *noun* - a dramatic representation, deliberate display of emotion

Humility - *noun* - the condition of being humble, not proud

Hyperbole - *noun* - an obvious exaggeration not intended to taken literally

Hypocrisy - *noun* - the act of pretending to be something one is not, insincerity

Hypocrite - *noun* - someone who is a faker

## Section 21 Volume 1

Iconoclast - *noun* - someone who attacks established beliefs or institutions.

Idealize - *verb* - to consider something to be perfect

Idiosyncratic - *adj.*- peculiar, eccentric,

Idolatry - *noun* - the worship of something or someone as a god.

Ignoramus - *noun* - someone who is ignorant or foolish, a moron

Imminent - *adj.*- about to happen or occur.

Immutable - *adj.*- unchanging, enduring

Impartial - *adj.*- fair, not prejudiced, unbiased

Impeccable - *adj.*- perfect, without flaws

Impecunious - *adj.*- having no money, poor

Impede - *verb* - to interfere in progress, to block

Imperious - *adj.*- domineering, arrogant, commanding

Imperturbable - *adj.*- meaning calm, even tempered, steady

Impervious - *adj.*- impenetrable, not capable of being affected or disturbed.

Impetuous - *adj.*- hurried, impulsive, rash

Impinge - *verb* - to interfere with, to infringe

Imply - *verb* - to express indirectly

Implication - *noun* - the act of indication by indirect expression

Impose - *verb* - to put upon, to take advantage of

Impression - *noun* - a feeling or understanding that results from an experience

Impregnate - *verb* - to get someone pregnant, or to fill, permeate or saturate.

Impromptu - *adj.*- spontaneous, on the spur of the moment, improvised

Improvident - *adj.*- reckless, not thinking or providing for the future

Impugn - *verb* - attack by words or arguments, call into question, challenge as false

Impunity - *noun* - exemption or freedom from punishment, harm or loss

Impute - *verb* - to put the responsibility, blame or credit on someone or something.

Imputation - *noun* - the act of imputing, crediting or blaming

Inarticulate - *adj.*- unable to speak clearly and understandably.

Inauspicious - *adj.*- unfavorable, not auspicious

Inaudible - *adj.*-something that can't be heard or is very hard to hear.

Inception - *noun* - a beginning or start

Incipient - *adj.*- starting to exist or appear

Incisive - *adj.*- clear cut, expressed clearly

Inclination - *noun* - leaning or bending toward something, slanted

Inclusive - *adj.*- comprehensive, covering a lot, broad in scope

Incoherent - *adj.*- not logical, lacking consistency, not making sense

Incompatible - *adj.*- incapable of getting along together, conflicting.

Incongruous - *adj.*- contradictory, not conforming, inconsistent

Inconsequential - *adj.*- of little importance, trivial

Inconsistency - *noun* - not consistent, something that varies is irregular.

Incontrovertible - *adj.*- not open to question, indisputable

Incorrigible - *adj.*- incapable of being corrected or reformed.

Incremental - *adj.*-increasing by adding small amounts.

Indecorous - *adj.*- inappropriate, rude, improper

Indefatigable - *adj.*- untiring, incapable of being fatigued or tired

Indelible - *adj.*- permanent, something that can't be erased or deleted  
Indeterminate - *adj.*- uncertain, vague, undefined, not clear.  
Indicative - *adj.*- indicating, pointing out, suggesting  
Indifferent - *adj.*-unconcerned, apathetic, lacking interest.  
Indistinct - *adj.*- not clear, not defined.  
Indolent - *adj.*- lazy  
Indomitable - *adj.*- unable to be controlled or subdued.  
Induce - *verb* - to cause or influence.

## **Section 22 Volume 2**

Indulge - *verb* - to give in to a desire.  
Indulgence - *noun* - an act of indulging (giving in to desire)  
Indulgent - *adj.*- permissive, pampering, coddling  
Inebriation - *adj.*- drunkenness, intoxication  
Inevitable - *adj.*- unable to be avoided or escaped.  
Inexhaustible - *adj.*- can't be used up, doesn't run out  
Inexorable - *adj.*- can't be stopped, deterred, relentless.  
Influence - the power to produce effects by indirect means  
Influential - *adj.*- having or exerting influence  
Ingenuous - *adj.*- genuine, candid, honest  
Ingrate - *noun* – someone who is not grateful or not appreciative  
Inherent – *adj.*- an essential or intrinsic part  
Inimical - *adj.*- hostile, antagonistic, harmful, unfriendly  
Initiative - *noun* - a beginning or introductory step, start  
Initiate - *verb* - to begin, start, originate  
Innate - *adj.*- inborn, native, inherent  
Innocuous – *adj.* - not harmful, not dangerous.  
Innovative - *adj.*- new in design, idea or method  
Innovation – *noun* - a thing that is new in design, idea or method  
  
Inscrutable - *adj.*- not easy to understand, perplexing, mysterious  
Insecure - *adj.*- unsure, not safe, lacking stability  
Insipid - *adj.*- tasteless, uninteresting.  
Insist – *verb* - to assert or maintain firmly, refusing to give in.  
Insistence - *noun* - the act of standing firm or refusing to give in  
Insolent - *adj.*- insulting, arrogant, impudent  
Insolvent - *adj.*- bankrupt, unable to pay debts, no money  
Inspire - *verb* - to arouse a feeling or thought, to influence.  
Inspiration - *noun* - something that moves the emotions or intellect.  
Instinct - *noun* - a natural impulse or response that does not involve reason.  
Insular - *adj.*- isolated like an island.  
Integrity - *noun* - honesty, adhering to a code of values or the condition of being complete or undivided.  
Intensity - *noun* - concentrated force or power.  
Interaction - *noun* - mutual or reciprocal action

Intercede - *verb* - to act to reconcile differences, negotiate, intervene  
Interminable - *adj.*- endless or seeming to be endless.  
Interrogation - *noun* - formally and systematically questioning someone.  
Intimidating - *adj.*- threatening, frightening  
Intonate - *verb* - to speak in a monotone a steady tone of voice  
Intractable - *adj.*- out of control, not easily controlled, manipulated or cured  
Intransigent - *adj.*- refusing to compromise  
Intrepid - *adj.*- fearless and determined  
Intricate - *adj.*- complicated, having many complex interconnected parts  
Intrinsic - *adj.*- natural, innate, an essential or necessary part  
Intrusive - *adj.*- coming in without permission or without being welcome  
Intuitive - *adj.*- known without thought or reason.  
Intuition - *noun* - a way to know without thought, insight  
Inundate – *verb* -to flood, overflow, overwhelm  
Invariable – *adj.* - unchanging, staying the same  
Inveigh - *verb* - to abuse, criticize, protest, complain bitterly  
Inversion - *noun* - a reversal, turning inside out or upside down  
Inveterate - *adj.*- firmly established, persistent, habitual  
Invigorate - *verb* - to give energy to, animate  
Invincible - *adj.*- impossible to overcome or conquer  
Inviolable - *adj.*- safe from attack or trespass.  
Irascible - *adj.*- irritable, easily made angry or provoked  
Irresponsible - *adj.*- lacking a sense of responsibility  
Irresolute - *adj.*- not sure how to act.

### **Section 23 Volume 2**

Jeopardize - *verb* - to put in danger  
Jettison - *verb* - to throw out, discard  
Judicious - *adj.*-exercising or showing good, reasonable judgment  
Juncture - *noun* - an intersection, place of joining or it can mean a place in time made important by circumstances  
Juxtapose - *verb* - to put along side or side by side  
Kinetic - *adj.*- caused by motion, related to motion  
Kitsch - *adj.*- art or writing of low quality  
Kiosk - *noun* - a small building or structure  
Knave - *noun* -a deceitful, dishonest person  
Knoll - *noun* - a small hill or mound  
Kudos - *noun* - praise for an accomplishment.  
Laborious - *adj.*- involving hard effort  
Labyrinth - *noun* - a maze or anything that is confusing in its complexity  
Laconic - *adj.*- concise, terse, using few words  
Lamentation - *noun* - an expression of grief, or a complaint  
Lampoon - *noun* - a harsh satire or ridicule, *verb* - to ridicule, make fun of  
Languish – *verb* - to become weak or feeble, to lose energy  
Largess - *noun* - a generous or large gift

Lassitude - *noun* - fatigue, weariness, or being indifferent  
Latent - *adj.*- not obvious, hidden, dormant  
Laudable - *adj.*- admirable, worthy of praise  
Laxity - *noun* - carelessness, indifference  
Lenient - *adj.*- mild, tolerant, indulgent, forgiving  
Lethargy - *noun* - tiredness, sluggish inactivity, laziness  
Levity - *noun* - lightness, frivolity, silliness  
Liability - *noun* - debts, obligations, weaknesses, drawbacks  
Liberation - *noun* - the act of setting free  
Linger - *verb* - to hesitate, to be slow in leaving,  
Listless - *adj.*- lacking energy, showing no interest in anything  
Lithe - *adj.*- flexible, graceful, agile, able to bend  
Loutish - *adj.*- awkward, clumsy, dumb, boorish  
Lucid - *adj.*- easy to understand or sane, rational  
Ludicrous - *adj.*- funny because it is absurd, ridiculous, silly  
Luminous - *adj.*- emitting or reflecting light, shining  
Lurid - *adj.*- sensational, dramatic or gruesome and revolting  
Maladroit - *adj.*- clumsy, lacking skill, awkward  
Malapropism - *noun* - a humorous misuse of words  
Malevolence - *noun* - hatred, ill will, malice  
Malfeasance - *noun* - misconduct, especially by a public official  
Malice - *noun* - extreme hatred, ill will, spite  
Malingering - *verb* - to pretend to be ill in order to avoid something  
Malleable - *adj.*- easily shaped or influenced,  
Mandate - *verb* - to give orders or commands, *noun* - a command or order.

Masquerade - *verb* - to disguise oneself, pass oneself off as something one is not, *noun* - a disguise or costume  
Mastery - *noun* - possession of great skill or knowledge  
Maudlin - *adj.*- overly emotional or sentimental  
Maverick - *noun* - someone who does not belong to a group.  
Meander - *verb* - to wander, ramble zigzag  
Mediate - *verb* - to work out differences between parties.  
Medieval - *adj.*- something related to the Middle Ages, or old fashioned  
Mediocrity- *noun* - average to low quality  
Mediocre - *adj.*- of average to low quality.  
Meditative - *adj.*- contemplative, thoughtful, reflective  
Medley - *noun* - an assortment or mixture of musical pieces  
or a mixture of jumble of elements, a hodgepodge  
Menacing - *adj.*-threatening, dangerous, intending to harm  
Mendicant - *noun* - a beggar, someone who lives by begging  
Mercurial - *adj.*- meaning changing rapidly  
Mete - *verb* - to distribute, measure, dole out  
Meticulous - *adj.*- very careful, precise  
Mettle - *noun* - courage, stamina, endurance  
Mince - *verb* - to chop or divide into small pieces or parts

or to moderate one's words for the sake of being polite

Miniscule - *adj.*- meaning very tiny

Mire - *noun* - mud, to get stuck in mud or *verb* - to involve in difficulties

Misconception - *noun* - a mistaken belief or idea.

Mitigate - *verb* - to decrease, make less severe, relieve

Modest - *adj.*- humble, unassuming, not pretentious

Modicum - *noun* - a small amount or portion

Mollify - *verb* - to calm, soothe, appease, mitigate

Momentous - *adj.*- very important

Moribund - *adj.* - near death or not progressing, stagnant, failing

Mosaic - *noun* - a picture or design made of small colored pieces

or something that contains a lot of variety

Motley - *adj.*- made of mixed, diverse, incongruous parts

Multifarious - *adj.*- having great variety or diversity

Mundane - *adj.*- ordinary, usual, commonplace

Munificent - *adj.*- extremely generous

Mural - *noun* - a large painting covering a wall or other large area

Mutable - *adj.*- likely to change, or variable

Mutual - *adj.*- shared, reciprocated

Mythical - *adj.*- based on a myth or story that is not true, imaginary

## **Section 24 Volume 2**

Nadir - *noun* - the lowest point,

Naïve - *adj.*- lacking judgment or experience, childlike

Nascent - *adj.*- starting to exist or develop

Nebulous - *adj.*- not clear, vague indistinct

Nefarious - *adj.*- wicked, evil

Nemesis - *noun* - retribution or punishment

Neologism - *noun* - an expression, phrase or usage that is new

Nocturnal - *adj.*- active at night

Noisome - *adj.*- harmful, noxious, offensive, a disgusting odor

Notorious - *adj.*- famous or well known for evil or bad reasons

Novice - *noun* - a beginner

Noxious - *adj.*- harmful, destructive, distasteful, noisome

Nuance - *noun* - a subtle or slight difference or variation.

Nurture - *verb* - to help develop or grow

Obdurate - *adj.*- stubborn, unyielding,

Objective - *noun* - a goal, something to be accomplished, or a purpose

*adj.*-not affected by personal feelings, not prejudiced or biased,

dealing with facts rather than opinions

Oblivious - *adj.*- unaware, unconscious

Obsequious - *adj.*- submissive, servile, fawning, obedient

Obscure - *adj.*- not clear, hard to see, not well known, *verb* - to hide or conceal.

Obsolete - *adj.*- no longer used, out of style

Obsolescence - *noun* - the process or condition of no longer being in use

Obstinate - *adj.*- stubborn, unyielding, obdurate  
Obtrusive - *adj.*- undesirably obvious, protruding, impertinent  
Obviate - *verb* - to prevent or eliminate or to make unnecessary.  
Odious - *adj.*- deserving hatred, detestable, revolting, abominable  
Officiate - *verb* - to perform a ceremony, act in an official capacity  
Officious - *adj.*- offering unwanted help, impertinent, meddlesome.  
Oligarchy - *noun* - a government controlled by a small group of people  
Ominous - *adj.*- menacing, alarming, frightening, foreboding  
Omnipotent - *adj.*- all powerful, having unlimited authority  
Onerous - *adj.*- burdensome, oppressive, involving obligations  
Opaque - *adj.*- light can't penetrate, not reflecting or emitting light,  
or hard to understand, unintelligible.  
Opportunistic - *adj.*- a policy or practice of taking advantage of  
circumstances, especially without regard for morals or consequences.  
Optimum - *adj.*- an ideal or most favorable condition for obtaining a result  
Opulent - *adj.*- rich, affluent, plentiful  
Ornate - *adj.*- excessively or elaborately decorated.  
Ostentatious - *adj.*- showy, pretentious, conspicuous  
Ostracize - *verb* - to exclude by general consent, isolate  
Ostracism - *noun* - the act of excluding or the state of being excluded.  
Palatable - *adj.*- pleasing or acceptable to the palate, taste or mind  
Palatability - *noun* - the condition of being acceptable or pleasing  
Palpable - *adj.*- easily seen, heard, perceived, obvious, apparent  
Paltry - *adj.*- insignificant, inferior, trashy, trivial  
Panacea - *noun* - a remedy or cure of all diseases, or an answer or solution to all  
problems  
Panegyric - *noun* - formal, elaborate praise or eulogy  
Paradigm - *noun* - an example, model or pattern  
Paragon - *noun* - a model of excellence  
Paramount - *adj.*- superior to all others, supreme, dominant  
Pariah - *noun* - an outcast, someone that is generally despised  
Parochial - *adj.*- related to a church, narrow or limited in scope  
Parody - *noun* - humorous, satirical, funny imitation of something serious  
Parsimony - *adj.*- stinginess, excessive frugality  
Partisan - *adj.*- having strong allegiance to a particular party or cause.  
Paternal - *adj.*- fatherly, pertaining to a father, related on the father's side  
Paternity - *noun* - the state of being a father, fatherhood, *adj.*- related to fatherhood  
Pathology - *noun* - disease or the science or study of diseases, or  
sometimes it means a diseased, abnormal state  
Paucity - *adj.*- shortage, insufficient amount, dearth

## **Section 25 Volume 2**

Peccadillo - *noun* - a small sin or slight offense  
Pedantic - *adj.*- stuffy, unimaginative, dogmatic  
Peevish - *adj.*- grouchy, fretful, irritable  
Pejorative - *noun* - derogatory or negative effect

Pellucid - *adj.*- very clear, transparent or easy to understand  
Penitent - *adj.*- feeling or expressing great sorrow for wrongdoing  
Perceptive - *adj.*- observant, having keen insight or understanding  
Perception - *noun* - the act of understanding, cognition  
Perfidious - *adj.*- unfaithful, deceitful, treacherous  
Perfidy - *noun* - a deliberate breach of trust.  
Peripheral - *adj.*- related to something that is outside the center  
Permeate – *verb* -spread through, saturate, diffuse through  
Persevere - *verb* - to persist or continue despite difficulties  
Perspective - *noun* - a point of view, manner of drawing showing three dimensions.  
Perspicacity - *noun* - sharpness of observation, excellent perception  
Perspicacious - *adj.*- meaning perceptive, astute  
Peruse - *verb* - to read or examine carefully  
Perusal - *noun* - the action or perusing, reading carefully  
Pervasive - *adj.*- going through, spreading throughout  
Phenomenon - *noun* - something extraordinary  
Phenomena - *noun* - plural of phenomenon  
Pithy - *adj.*- full of meaning, profound, concise  
Placate - *verb* - to calm, soothe, appease  
Placid - *adj.*- pleasantly calm, peaceful  
Plagiarism - *noun* - using another's ideas or writings as one's own  
Plagiarize - *verb* -to copy and use someone else's writing as if it were yours  
Plaintive - *adj.*- expressing sorrow, sad, pathetic  
Platitude - *noun* - a trite remark or a condition of being dull and boring  
Plaudit - *noun* - an enthusiastic expression of approval  
Plausible - *adj.*- seeming to be true  
Pliable - *adj.*- flexible, easily bent, supple  
Poignant - *adj.*- deeply affecting, touching, to the point  
Polemical - *adj.*- controversial, debatable  
Porous - *adj.*- permeable, full of pores or holes  
Posthumous - *adj.*- arising, occurring or continuing after someone's death  
Potable - *adj.*- fit to drink

## **Section 26 Volume 2**

Pragmatism - *noun* - using a practical approach to problems  
Pragmatic - *adj.*- relating to fact or pertaining to a practical point of view.  
Prattle - *verb* - to babble or to talk in a simple minded way.  
Precision - *noun* - exactness, accurateness  
Precocious - *adj.*- developing earlier or sooner than normal  
Precursor - *noun* - something that comes before something else  
Prescient - *adj.*- knowing thing before they occur, foresight  
Predatory - *adj.*- living by killing or exploiting others  
Predilection - *noun* - a strong liking or preference  
Predominant - *adj.*- having superior strength, influence  
Premonition - *noun* - forewarning of what is about to happen  
Prepossessing - *adj.*- tending to create a favorable impression, attractive

Prerequisite - *noun* - something that is required to get something else.  
Presumptuous - *adj.*- overstepping bounds  
Pretentious - *adj.*- claiming excessive importance or  
Pretension - *noun* - a claim to excessive importance  
Primeval - *adj.*- belonging to an early primitive time  
Primordial - *adj.* - the first created or developed  
Proclivity - *noun* - a tendency or inclination  
Procrastinate - *verb* - to delay, postpone, put off  
Prodigious - *adj.*- a large amount, a huge quantity.  
Proficient - *adj.*- expert, adept, very skilled  
Profound - *adj.*- having great insight or depth or seriousness  
Progeny - *noun* - offspring, descendants,  
Proliferate - *verb* - to grow or produce by multiplication.  
Proliferation - *noun* - growth or rapid spread.  
Prolific - *adj.*- producing many offspring or abundant productivity  
Promulgate - *verb* - to make known, proclaim, teach publicly  
Propagate - *verb* - to grow, reproduce, spread.  
Propriety - *noun* - conformity to established standards of behavior  
Prosaic - *adj.*- common, dull, unimaginative  
Protract - *verb* - to draw out, lengthen, prolong, extend  
Provocative - *adj.*- likely to stimulate emotions or controversy  
Provocation - *noun* - something that incites or instigates anger or controversy.  
Proximity - *noun* - nearness, closeness in place or time or order  
Prudent - *adj.*- cautious, careful to provide for the future  
Pseudonym - *noun* - a made up, fictitious name used in place of a real name.  
Puerile - *adj.*- childish, foolish  
Pugilism - *noun* - the practice of fighting with fists, boxing  
Pugnacious - *adj.*- inclined to fight, combative  
Pugnacity - *noun* - eagerness to fight  
Pulchritude - *adj.*- physical beauty,  
Pulverize - *verb* - to smash, crush, grind, reduce to powder  
Punctilious - *adj.*- strict or exact observance of formalities.  
Pundit - *noun* - someone who makes comments in an authoritative manner  
Putrid - *adj.*- rotten, decaying or having the odor of decaying

## **Section 27 Volume 2**

Quandary - *noun* - a dilemma, entanglement, state of uncertainty  
Quell - *verb* - to suppress, subdue, quiet  
Querulous - *adj.*- whining, complaining, peevish  
Quintessential - *adj.*- the purest form of something  
Quixotic - *adj.*- romantic, whimsical, unrealistic, fanciful  
Rancorous - *adj.*- hostile, resentful  
Rarefy - *verb* - to make less gross, refine, purify, make less dense  
Rational - *adj.*- logical, reasonable, sensible, using sound judgment  
Rationale - *noun* - an explanation, list of reasons for an opinion, belief or practice

Raucous - *adj.*- unpleasantly harsh, grating, rough, boisterous, disorderly  
Raze - *verb* - to demolish, to destroy to the ground, level  
Reactionary - *adj.*- opposing progress  
Recalcitrant - *adj.*- resisting authority or control  
Recant - *verb* - to retract, take back, revoke  
Reciprocate - *verb* - to give or feel in return,  
Reciprocal - *adj.*- given, performed or felt in return for something received.  
Reclamation - *noun* - the act of restoring, making something useful again  
Reclusive - *adj.*- withdrawn from society.  
Recluse - *noun* - someone who is withdrawn from society  
Reconcile - *verb* - to make up, restore a friendship or harmony  
Reconciliation - *noun* - the act of restoring friendship or harmony.  
Reconstruct - *verb* - to rebuild  
Redundant - *adj.*-unnecessary repetition  
Refinement - cultivation, polish, a state of improvement  
Refractory - *adj.*- disobedient, resistant to treatment  
Refurbish - *verb* - to remodel, renovate, redecorate  
Refute - *verb* - to prove something is false, disprove  
Regimen - *noun* - a regulated course of diet, exercise, living  
Reincarnation - *noun* - rebirth in a new body or form.  
Relevance - *noun* - relationship or connection to the matter at hand.  
Relevant - *adj.*- having a connection or bearing on the matter at hand.  
Relinquish - *verb* - to give up possessions or control, to let go, release  
Remedial - *adj.*- intending to correct or improve skill in specific field  
Remuneration - *noun* - payment, wages, compensation  
Rend - *verb* - to separate using force or violence, rip, tear, divide  
Renovate - *verb* - to repair, rebuild, reconstruct, restore  
Renunciation - *noun* - the act of rejecting or refusing something  
Replete - *adj.* - abundantly supplied or filled  
Reprehensible - *adj.*- deserving blame or criticism  
Reprobate - *noun* - a depraved, unprincipled, wicked person  
Repudiate - *verb* - to renounce, reject as untrue or having no authority  
Reputable - *adj.*- respectable, or honorable

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Rescind - *verb* - revoke, repeal, invalidate by a higher authority  
Resilient - *adj.*- able to return to the original form, able to recover  
Resilience - *noun* - the ability to recover from difficulty, or return to an original form  
Resplendent - *adj.*- splendid, dazzling, glorious  
Restive - *adj.*- restless, impatient  
Resurrect - *verb* - to bring back to life, use or practice  
Retrospection - *noun* -the act of thinking about the past, surveying past events  
Retrospect - *noun* - contemplation of the past  
Reverent - *adj.*- meaning devout, deeply respectful  
Revitalize - *verb* - to give a new life or energy  
Rhetoric - *noun* - the skill of speaking or writing effectively

Ribald - *adj.*- lewd, obscene, irreverent, vulgar  
Rigorous - *adj.*- strict, severe, harsh or it can mean precise, accurate  
Romanticize - *verb* - to present people situations etc. in an idealized way  
Rudiment - *noun* - something unformed, undeveloped, a beginning  
Ruffian - *noun* - a brutal, cruel, tough person  
Ruminate - *verb* - to think things over, ponder  
Sanctimonious - *adj.*- showing false or hypocritical piety or righteousness.  
Sanction - *verb* - to give official approval, restriction or a method  
of enforcing laws or standards  
Savant - *noun* - someone who has extensive learning or knowledge  
Scrutinize - *verb* - to study closely, inspect  
Secrete - *verb* - to hide something, or to form and give off a secretion  
Sedation - *noun* - the act of calming or the state of being calmed  
Sedate - *verb* - to put under sedation, *adj.* - composed, unperturbed, calm  
Sedentary - *adj.* - characterized by sitting, moving about very little.  
Sequester - *verb* - to set apart, separate, isolate  
Serene - *adj.*- calm, tranquil  
Sermonizing - *verb* - to give a sermon or to preach  
Simulated - *adj.*- assuming the appearance of, imitating  
Slander - *verb* - to make false charge against someone, defame, malign  
Slander - *noun* - untrue statements  
Solace - *noun* - comfort, consolation, alleviation of sorrow, or anxiety  
Solvent - *adj.* - having money to pay one's debts, or a substance  
capable of dissolving or dispersing other substances  
Solvency - *noun* - the state of being able to pay one's debts.  
Sonorous - *adj.*- a deep, full, loud, resonant sound  
Sophistication - *noun* - worldly experience  
Sophisticated - *adj.*- complex or intricate, not naïve  
Soporific - *adj.*- causing sleepiness or dulling awareness  
Spontaneous - *adj.*- unplanned, unpremeditated, not contrived

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Spurious - *adj.*- fake, fraudulent, counterfeit, forged  
Spurn - *verb* - to reject with disdain or contempt  
Squalor - *adj.*-poverty (being poor) or very dirty conditions  
Stabilize - *verb* - to make stable, steady, firm  
Stabilization - *noun* - the act or process of making something stable or steady  
Stagnate - *verb* - to become stale, inactive or dull due to lack of movement or change.  
Stagnant - *adj.*- dull, inactive or doesn't flow.  
Staid - *adj.*- settled, fixed, serious, decorous, sedate  
Stimulus - *noun* - something that causes activity or response  
Stimuli - *noun* - the plural of stimulus.  
Stimulating - *adj.*- to excite to activity, animate, arouse.  
Stimulant - *noun* - something that produces an increase in activity.  
Stoic - *adj.*- showing little feeling or emotion, or response to pain or sorrow.  
Stratagem - *noun* - a plan, scheme to deceive an enemy or achieve a goal

Strenuous - *adj.*- requiring energy and strength and a lot of exertion  
Strident - *adj.*- harsh sounding  
Strife - *noun* - conflict, struggle, fight, dissension  
Sublimate - *verb* - to divert a sexual or biological impulse  
Sublime - *adj.*- elevated, lofty, grand, supreme or outstanding  
Substantiate - *verb* - to establish by proof or concrete evidence  
Substantial - *adj.*- real, important or essential  
Subtle - *adj.*- not obvious, refined or crafty in meaning  
Subtlety - *noun* - the condition of being subtle, not obvious, refined, crafty.  
Succumb - *verb* - to give in or yield, to die.  
Supercilious - *adj.*- egotistic, arrogant, haughty  
Superficial - *adj.*- shallow, without substance or significance  
Superfluous - *adj.*- excessive, unnecessary, extravagant  
Suppress - *verb* - to restrain, stop, prohibit, withhold from disclosure  
Surfeit - *noun* - an excessive amount  
Surreptitious - *adj.*- obtained, done or made secretly  
Surrogate - *noun* - a substitute  
Surveillance - *noun* - close watch kept over a person or group  
Svelte - *adj.*- slim, slender  
Sycophant - *noun* - someone devoted to luxury or pleasure  
Sycophant - *noun* - a self seeking, servile flatterer, a person who is a parasite  
Symmetrical - *adj.*- balanced proportions  
Synchronize - *verb* - to make happen at the same time

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Taciturn - *adj.*- speaking little, uncommunicative, stern and silent  
Tactile - *adj.*- relating to the sense of touch  
Tangential - *adj.*- touching lightly, diverging or digressing  
Tantamount - *adj.*- equal to something else in value, force or significance  
Taper - *verb* - get smaller toward one end or to diminish toward the end  
Tawdry - *adj.*- cheap, gaudy, overly showy in appearance or quality  
Tedium - *noun* - boredom, monotony  
Tedious - *adj.*- causing boredom  
Temerity - *adj.*- boldness, audacity, excessive daring  
Temperance - *noun* - moderation in action, thought or feeling, self-control  
Tenacious - *adj.*- persistent, stubborn or it can mean tending to adhere.  
Tenacity - *noun* - persistence,  
Tenuous - *adj.*-flimsy, slender, lacking a firm basis, poorly supported  
Terrestrial - *adj.*-of or relating to the earth  
Theory - *noun* - principals or propositions used to explain something  
Theoretical - *adj.* - speculative, abstract, pertaining to a theory  
Timorous - *adj.*- timid, fearful, afraid  
Tirade - *noun* - a long, angry speech  
Torpor - *noun* - apathy, sluggish inactivity  
Torpid - *adj.*- extremely sluggish or inactive, lethargic

Transcendent - *adj.*- exceeding usual limits  
Transgress - *verb* - to go beyond set limits, to violate a command or law  
Transient - *adj.*- passing quickly, or passing through with only a brief stay  
Transient - *noun* - someone who is transient  
Transition - *noun* - a change from one state or stage to another  
Transition - *verb* - to change from one state or stage to another  
Transitory - *adj.*- passing quickly, of brief duration  
Translucent - *adj.*- letting some light through  
Transmute - *verb* - to change or alter in form, appearance or nature.  
Trepidation - *noun* - anxiety, apprehension, fear  
Trite - *adj.*- uninteresting because of overuse or repetition, hackneyed  
Trivial - *adj.*- not important, insignificant  
Triviality - *noun* - something that is unimportant, of no significance  
Truism - *noun* - something that is obviously true, a cliché  
Truncate - *verb* - to shorten by cutting off  
Turbulent - *adj.*- disturbed, agitated, showing disorder  
Turgid - *adj.*- swollen, distended  
Turpitude - *noun* - depravity, shamefulness, immorality  
Tyrannical - *adj.*- cruel, harsh, severe, oppressive, despotic

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Uncouth - *adj.*- crude, not having good manners,  
Unctuous - *adj.*- oily or greasy pious or moralistic in a smug way.  
Uneasy - *adj.*- not comfortable, restless, not having a sense of security  
Unnerving - *adj.*- upsetting, taking away courage or strength  
Undulate - *verb* - to move in a wave like manner.  
Unfathomable - *adj.*- incomprehensible, unable to be understood  
Unkempt - *adj.*- messy, not neat  
Unpalatable - *adj.* - distasteful, unpleasant  
Unparalleled - *adj.* - having no equal or no match.  
Unscathed - *adj.* - uninjured, not hurt  
Unstinting - *adj.* - giving generously in any way.  
Untenable - *adj.* - impossible to defend, indefensible  
Untimely - *adj.* - not occurring at a proper, suitable or good time  
Unveiling - *noun* -- the act of uncovering, *verb* - to make something public or known.  
Unwieldy - *adj.* - awkward, not easily managed  
Unyielding - *adj.* - determined, intransigent, resolute  
Upbraid - *verb* -to criticize, scold, find fault  
Usurp - *verb* -to take power or an office by force, to take illegally  
Usurper - *noun* - someone who takes control or power  
Utilitarian - *adj.* - practical, useful rather than beautiful or luxurious  
Utilize - *verb* - to put to use, make use of  
Utilization - *noun* - the act of making use of something.  
Vacillate - *verb* - to waver, change, fluctuate  
Vacillation - *noun* - changing, fluctuating, wavering

Validate - *verb* - to support, or confirm, or even approve  
Vanity - *noun* - excessive pride in ones self.  
Vain - *adj.* - taking excessive pride in oneself  
Variegated - *adj.* - having many colors or varying in appearance  
Vehement - *adj.* - strong, intense, emphatic  
Venerate - *verb* - to honor, revere or admire  
Veneration - *noun* - the act of honoring or admiring.  
Veracity - *noun* - truthfulness, honesty, accuracy  
Verbose - *adj.* - wordy, using too many words  
Verdant - *adj.* - green with vegetation  
Vestige - *noun* - a remaining piece, a trace  
Vex - *verb* - to annoy, irritate, agitate  
Viable - *adj.* - able to live or grow, practicable or workable.  
Vigilance - *noun* - watchful careful  
Vigilant - *adj.* - watchfulness, carefulness, alertness

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Vilify - *verb* - to disparage, put down, slander  
Vindicate - *verb* - to clear from accusation or suspicion, absolve  
Virtually - *adv.* - almost all or essentially but not officially  
Virtuoso - *noun* - someone who has special knowledge or skill  
Virulent - *adj.* - toxic, very infective, deadly or spiteful and malicious  
Vitriolic - *adj.* - highly caustic or severe, scathing  
Vitality - *noun* - energy, lively and animated character  
Vivacious - *adj.* - lively, animated, spirited  
Vociferous - *adj.* - noisy, clamorous, outspoken  
Volatile - *adj.* - changing quickly, transitory, flighty  
Voluble - *adj.* - wordy, talkative, continuous flow of words  
Voluminous - *adj.* - huge, bulky  
Voracious - *adj.* - craving or consuming large amounts of food  
or it can mean eager to possess or gain, insatiable  
Vouchsafe - *verb* - to allow, permit, grant  
Vulnerable - *adj.* - open to injury, criticism, temptation, attack  
Waver - *verb* - to fluctuate, hesitate between choices, show doubt or indecision  
Whet - *verb* - to sharpen or make keen or eager  
Wield - *verb* - to exert or exercise power, or to handle a weapon.  
Whimsical - *adj.* - unpredictable, erratic, fanciful, capricious  
Wily - *adj.* - clever, cunning  
Wistful - *adj.* - yearning, pensive, full of unfulfilled longing or desire  
Woe - *noun* - grief, suffering, misfortune  
Writhe - *verb* - to squirm or twist about  
Xenophobe - *noun* - someone who dislikes or is afraid of strangers  
Zealot - *noun* - someone who is a fanatic, a person with strongly held  
Zenith - *noun* - highest peak, summit or point