

Page(s)	Word	pos	Definition
3	protean	adj	variable or continually changing in nature, appearance, or behavior
3	malaise	n	a general feeling of worry, discontent, or dissatisfaction, often resulting in lethargy
4	obsolete	adj	out-of-date; superseded by something newer, though possibly still in use
6, 138, 150	serenity	n	calmness; lack of worry, stress, or disturbance
6	imbue	v	to fill something with a particular quality
6, 172	benign	adj	having a kind and gentle disposition or appearance
10	hypocrisy	n	the false claim to or pretense of having admirable principles, beliefs, or feelings
12, 36	etymology	n	the study of the origins of words and how they have arrived at their current form and meaning
14	coherence	n	logical consistency
16, 24, 147	contentment	n	a feeling of calm satisfaction
16, 62	modicum	n	a small amount, especially of something abstract such as a quality
20	confines	n	the boundaries, limits, or scope restricting somebody or something
23	incensed	adj	enraged; extremely angry
23	carping	n	complaining or fault-finding
23, 112	acquiesce	v	to agree or comply with something in a passive or reserved way
23	chastise	v	to punish or scold somebody
24	restraint	n	an act or the quality of holding back, limiting, or controlling something
24	unfettered	adj	not subject to limits or restrictions
26	pluck	n	bravery; courage and determination in meeting danger or difficulty
26	swankiness	n	high-class stylishness
26	self-effacement	n	modesty and reservation; avoidance of drawing attention to oneself; minimizing of accomplishments
29, 168	insurgence	n	rebellious uprising; attack
36	patina	n	a thin or superficial layer on something; surface layer
43	beget	v	to cause something

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50; various	interlocutor	n	a participant in a discussion or conversation; the person with whom one is speaking
53	judiciously	adv	sensibly and wisely; without trouble or waste
56	recur	v	to happen or appear once again or repeatedly
58, 83, 99, 120, 162	elicit	v	to cause or produce something as a reaction or response to a stimulus of some kind
61	glib	adj	superficial; shallow and lacking thought or preparation
61	pretentious	adj	acting as though more important than is warranted, appearing to have an unrealistically high self-image
61	sedately	adv	unhurriedly; in a dignified, subdued way which lacks a sense of urgency
62	paramount	adj	greatest in importance or significance
62	respite	n	a brief period of rest and recovery between periods of exertion or after something disagreeable
63	relinquish	v	to give something up or put something aside
65	complicity	n	involvement with another in doing something illegal or wrong
68	stolid	adj	solemn, unemotional, and not easily excited or upset
68	torpor	n	lack of mental or physical energy
68	inertia	n	apathy; inability or unwillingness to move or act
69	magnanimous	adj	very generous, kind, or forgiving
71	patronize	v	to treat somebody as if he or she were less intelligent or knowledgeable than yourself
73	ineffectual	adj	not competent, decisive, or authoritative enough to achieve desired aims
79	presumptive	adj	probable; based on what is thought most likely or reasonable
79	semblance	n	a trace; a small amount of something
79	jeremiad	n	lengthy complaint; a long recitation of mournful complaints
79	disconsolate	adj	extremely sad; miserable or disappointed and unable to be cheered up
79	lamentations	n	sorrows, regrets
79	fulminations	n	forceful criticisms of somebody or something
79	cohort	n	a supporter, accomplice, or associate of a leader

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83	disabuse	v	to tell somebody or make somebody realize that an idea is not true
83, 128	slovenliness	n	lack of concern about conventional standards of personal hygiene and tidiness
84	unobtrusively	adv	not conspicuous, blatant, or assertive
86	frank	adj	open, honest, and sometimes forceful in expressing true feelings and opinions
86, 117	malicious	adj	motivated by or resulting from a desire to cause harm or pain to another
87	dissent	n	disagreement with a widely held or majority opinion
89	endearing	adj	producing feelings of affection or fondness
89	begrudgingly	adv	showing unwillingness to give somebody something or to let somebody be admired or praised
89, 133	entail	v	to involve or result in something inevitably
90	reconcile	v	to persuade somebody or yourself to accept that something undesirable cannot be changed
90	dismissive	adj	indicating rejection, especially in a contemptuous or indifferent way
90	dogmatic	adj	prone to expressing strongly held beliefs and opinions
90	alienate	v	to cause somebody to change his or her previously supportive attitude and become unsympathetic or hostile
90	myriad*	adj	so many that they cannot be counted; NOTE: non-standard use on page 90 - "myriad of"
90	inane	adj	irritatingly silly or time-wasting; insubstantial, empty, or void
90	compelling	adj	necessitating action or belief
90	disputation	n	argumentation or disagreement
92	proficient	adj	having a high degree of skill in something
93	bestow	v	to present something, especially something valuable or undeserved, to somebody
93	exuberant	adj	lavish or elaborate, often to the point of being excessive
93	moderation	n	the limiting, controlling, or restricting of something so that it becomes or remains reasonable and unexcessive
93, 180	pervasive	adj	spreading widely or present throughout something
93	veritable	adj	absolute; used to emphasize a figurative concept
93, 104	prevalent	adj	occurring, accepted or practiced commonly or widely

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93	virtuoso	n	a musician who shows exceptional ability, technique, or artistry
94	reveler	n	one who is taking great pleasure in the company of others; especially at a party
94	inflict	v	to be the cause of something harmful or unpleasant such as loss, injury, or damage to somebody or something
94, 176	irrespective	adv	without taking something into account; <i>usually followed by "of"</i>
94	pummel	v	to hit somebody or something repeatedly
94	demeanor	n	somebody's behavior, manner, or appearance, especially as it reflects on character
94	inquisitive	adj	eager for knowledge; too curious about other people's business
95	plea	n	an urgent, often emotional, request
95	altercation	n	a heated argument, quarrel, or confrontation
95	accusatory	adj	containing or making an accusation; blaming
95	inure	v	to make somebody used to something unpleasant over a period of time
95	immaculate	adj	absolutely clean, neat, and free from blemishes
95, 124, 167	sundry	adj	assorted, but considered as a single category or group, usually for the sake of convenience
97	punctuality	n	the act of keeping to or arriving at the arranged time
98	brevity	n	shortness in time
98	titillate	v	to excite or stimulate somebody pleasurably
98	subsequent	adj	later in time or order than something else
99	commiseration	n	a feeling of sympathy for and understanding of the troubles of somebody else
100, 150, 183	fervor	n	ardent or extremely passionate enthusiasm
100	sermonize	v	to give somebody a long tedious talk about how or how not to behave
102, 183	valiant	adj	brave and steadfast
102, 110	discreet	adj	careful to avoid embarrassing or upsetting others
103	precedence	n	priority; the right or need to be dealt with or to be treated as more important than somebody or something else
104	insinuate	v	to introduce yourself gradually and cunningly into a position, especially a place of confidence or favor

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104	manifold	adj	of many different kinds
104	quandary	n	a state of uncertainty or indecision as to what to do in a difficult situation
105	inclination	n	a feeling that pushes somebody to make a particular choice or decision
106, 129	laboriously	adv	requiring much unwelcome, often tedious effort
107	exculpate	v	to prove somebody innocent; to free somebody from blame or accusation of guilt
108	veneer	n	a superficial appearance or show put on to please or impress others
108	disingenuous	adj	giving a false impression of sincerity or simplicity
108	cathartic	adj	producing a feeling of being purified emotionally, spiritually, or psychologically
110	dextrous	adj	characterized by ease and skill in physical movement, especially in using the hands
111	unequivocal	adj	unambiguous; allowing for no doubt or misinterpretation
111	aptly	adv	appropriately; especially suited to the circumstances
111	submissive	adj	giving in or tending to give in to the demands or authority of others
111	antagonize	v	to cause a person or animal to become hostile; to arouse somebody's hostility
112, 138, 152, 154	obfuscate	v	to make something obscure or unclear, especially by making it unnecessarily complicated
112, 167	entitled	adj	possessing the right to have or to do something
112, 175	expenditure	n	the consuming or using up of something
112	elation	n	a feeling of great happiness and excitement
113	disclosure	n	the revelation of information that was previously kept secret
114	suffice	v	to be enough for somebody or something
114	obstinate	adj	unwilling to change or give up something such as an idea or attitude
117	penchant	n	a strong liking, taste, or tendency for something
117, 119	tactful	adj	having or showing concern about upsetting or offending people
118	ineptitude	n	a lack of competence or skill for a particular task
118, 167	contention	n	an opinion or claim stated in the course of an argument

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119	prudent	adj	having good sense; using good judgment to consider likely consequences and act accordingly
119	unduly	adv	to a very great extent, or to an excessive, improper, or unjustifiable degree
126	prerogative	n	an individual right or privilege that allows a particular person to make decisions or judgments
128	porous	adj	permeable; easy to cross
128	remnant	n	a small part of something that remains after the rest has gone
129	affluent	adj	rich; having an abundance of material wealth
131	ambivalent	adj	having mixed, uncertain, or conflicting feelings about something
131, 133	imposition	n	extra trouble; a request or task, especially a time-consuming one, that is unreasonably expected of somebody
131, 135	beholden	adj	under an obligation to somebody because of something helpful that person has done
136	remonstration	n	a forceful argument
136	morose	adj	having a withdrawn gloomy personality
136	incompetent	adj	lacking the skills, qualities, or ability to do something properly
136	truant	adj	somebody who is absent without permission or good reason
137	pessimism	n	a tendency to see only the negative or worst aspects of all things and to expect only bad things to happen
137	tirade	n	a long angry speech
137	futile	adj	useless; having no practical effect or useful result
138	expunge	v	to delete or blot out something unwanted
138	repertoire	n	the range of techniques, abilities, or skills that somebody or something has
138	discontent	n	a feeling of mild unhappiness and dissatisfaction
139, 150	reciprocal	adj	mutual; given or shown by each of two sides or people to the other
140	litigation-prone	adj	tending to bring about a lawsuit
142	privy	adj	sharing knowledge of something secret or private
142	broach	v	to introduce a subject for discussion, usually one that is awkward
142	imminent	adj	about to occur; about to happen, or threatening to happen

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142	reprehend	v	to criticize or reprove somebody or something
142	reprove	v	to speak to somebody in a way that shows disapproval of something he or she has done
142	cholar	n	<i>archaic</i> anger, bad temper, upset
143	empathic	adj	able to identify with and understand somebody else's feelings or difficulties
145	liability	n	disadvantage; something that holds somebody back or causes trouble
145	adversity	n	misfortune; hardship and suffering
147	subjugation	n	the act or process of bringing somebody or something under the control of a person or people
149	entrenched	adj	firmly held and hard to change
149	precedent	n	an action or decision that has existed before and can be used as an example or justification for a similar case
149	indignation	n	anger because something seems unfair or unreasonable
150	reconcile	v	to end conflict and make two things more compatible
150	fervent	adj	showing ardent or extremely passionate enthusiasm
156	salvo	n	a vigorous verbal or written attack
156	exasperation	n	extreme anger or frustration resulting from repeated annoyances
156	abstain	v	to choose not to do something
157	cad	n	a man whose conduct is considered unscrupulous or dishonorable
157, 171	boor	n	somebody who behaves in a crass, insensitive, or ill-mannered way
163	unflagging	adj	remaining strong and unchanging
163, 173	egalitarian	n	believing that all people are equal and should enjoy equal social, political, and economic rights and opportunities
163	evade	v	to escape or avoid somebody or something, usually by ingenuity or guile
164	predilection	n	a special liking or preference for something
164	ubiquitous	adj	present everywhere at once, or seeming to be
164	aberration	n	a deviation; a departure from what is considered normal or desirable
164	pragmatic	adj	more concerned with practical results than with theories and principles

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164	forgery	n	shaper
165	inevitable	adj	something that is certain to happen
165	maverick	n	an independent thinker who refuses to conform to the accepted views on a subject
165	extol	v	to praise somebody or something with great enthusiasm and admiration
167	erosion	n	the gradual destruction or reduction and weakening of something
167	disdain	n	extreme contempt or disgust for something or somebody
168	discerning	adj	very selective; showing good judgment and good taste
168	deference	n	polite respect, especially putting another person's interests first
168	entrusted	adj	given responsibility for something
168	prosocial	adj	for the good of others or society
168	authenticity	n	the genuineness or truth of something
168	aversion	n	a strong feeling of dislike of somebody or something
168	repressive	adj	severely restrictive; exerting strict control on the freedom of others
168	bourgeois	adj	associated with affluent middle-class people, who are often considered conventional, conservative, or materialistic
169	idolatry	n	excessive admiration or love shown for somebody or something
169	altruistic	adj	having an attitude or way of behaving marked by unselfish concern for the welfare of others
169	attuned	adj	adjusted or accustomed to be receptive or responsive to something
171	cohesive	adj	unified; sticking, holding, or working together as a united whole
172	dissonance	n	lack of consistency or compatibility between actions or beliefs
172	jostle	v	to knock or bump against somebody deliberately, sometimes as an expression of aggression or hostility
172	vie	v	to strive for superiority or compete with somebody or something
172	reminiscent	adj	suggesting similarities or comparisons with something or somebody else
172	defuse	v	to make a situation less tense, dangerous, or uncomfortable
172	volatility	n	instability and danger

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172	entity	n	something that exists as or is perceived as a single separate object
172	cipher	n	a person of no influence
173	scant	adj	scarce; inadequate; not sufficient
174	irretrievable	adj	impossible to find or recover
174	frenzy	n	a state of uncontrolled activity, agitation, or emotion; a burst of energetic activity
179	epidemic	n	a rapid and extensive development or growth, usually of something unpleasant
180	irreverent	adj	disrespectful
180	provenance	n	origin or source
181	deploy	v	to put something to use
181	brusque	adj	abrupt, blunt, or curt in manner or speech
181	despot	n	somebody who behaves toward other people as though s/he has absolute power
181	perfunctory	adj	done as a matter of routine, duty, or custom, without thought, attention, or genuine feeling
183	abate	v	to lessen or make something lessen gradually
183	apparent	adj	clearly seen or understood
183	searing	adj	extremely intense or strong
183	epithet	n	an abusive insulting word or phrase
183	narcissistic	adj	displaying excessive self-admiration and self-centeredness
183	surly	adj	bad-tempered, unfriendly, rude, and somewhat threatening
183	rampant	adj	happening in an unrestrained manner, usually so as to be regarded as a menace; occurring unchecked
183	concerted	adj	planned or carried out by two or more people working together or with the same goal
183	prospect	n	a chance or the likelihood that something will happen in the near future, especially something desirable
183	disenfranchised	adj	without privilege, immunity, or legal rights
184	intent	adj	having full attention or effort concentrated or focused on one thing
184	glean	v	to obtain in small amounts, usually over a period of time

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185	enthrall	v	to delight or fascinate somebody thoroughly, engaging that person's attention completely
185	resonate	v	to produce a response in somebody, especially by reminding that person of something

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