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| WORD | DEFINITION | IN A SENTENCE | SYNONYM | ANTONYM | REMINDS ME OF… |
| Abscond (v) | To escape from a place secretly, often with something that doesn’t belong to you. | The suspect absconded to Canada with ten million dollars. |  |  |  |
| Aesthetic (adj) | Of or relating to art or beauty | There are practical as well as aesthetic reasons for planting trees. |  |  |  |
| Arduous (adj) | Very difficult; hard to achieve; marked by great labor or effort. | He went through a long and arduous training program. |  |  |  |
| Auspicious (adj) | Showing or suggesting that future success is likely | His acclaimed first novel was an auspicious debut. |  |  |  |
| Austere (adj)  Austerity (n) | Simple or plain, often harsh or cold in manner | They lived through years of austerity after the war. |  |  |  |
| Candor (n)  Candid (adj) | The quality of being open, sincere, honest;  Expressing opinions in an honest, sincere way | He was candid about his past, letting us know about the hardest struggles that he endured. |  |  |  |

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| Catharsis (v)  Cathartic (adj) | The act/process of releasing a strong emotion, especially in art form. (often has a “healing” or purging feel) | She found that burning a copy of her master’s thesis was cathartic. |  |  |  |
| Despondent (adj) | Feeling or showing extreme discouragement, dejection or depression | The fans grew despondent when their team lost by 10 runs. |  |  |  |

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| Discrepancy (n) | A difference, especially in things that should be the same. | Discrepancies in the firm’s financial statements led to an investigation. |  |  |  |

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| Enigmatic (adj)  Enigma (n) | Of, resembling or relating to a mystery or mysterious element | The lady in red had an enigmatic smile that made many men curious about her. |  |  |  |

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| Expedient (adj)  Expediency | Suitable for achieving a particular end/ goal.  --also, done in haste | They found it expedient to negotiate with the terrorists. |  |  |  |

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| Frenetic (adj) | Filled with excitement, activity or confusion; wild or frantic. | The celebration was noisy and frenetic with children running around and teenagers dancing to loud music. |  |  |  |
| Gregarious (adj) | Enjoying the company of other people; tending to live in groups | She is outgoing and gregarious, always around her friends. |  |  |  |

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| Inept (adj) | not suitable or capable, unqualified | He was completely inept at sports. Couldn’t kick a ball to save his life. |  |  |  |

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| Innocuous (adj) | Causing/producing no injury or harm; not likely to bother or offend | He told a few innocuous jokes at the beginning of his speech. |  |  |  |
| Mellifluous (adj) | Having a smooth, flowing sound. | I fell asleep listening to mellifluous music to drown out the noise of my roommate snoring. |  |  |  |
| Myriad (n) | Various. Very large number or variety. | The car can be outfitted with a myriad of upgrade options.  The girl had myriad options for studying abroad but chose a university in Spain. |  |  |  |

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| Savvy | Practical understanding or knowledge of something; also, understanding (especially, checking for understanding) | A savvy speaker, she had the audience waiting for her every word.  The man growled, “Don’t ever date my daughter again—you savvy?” |  |  |  |
| Tenuous | Uncertain; flimsy or weak. | He has a tenuous grasp on reality, often believing that magical things happen. |  |  |  |

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| Virulent (adj) | Full of hate or anger; extremely harsh or strong | The country seemed to be returning to the virulent nationalism of its past. |  |  |  |

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