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Vocab 6: More Fun Words

WORD	DEFINITION	IN A SENTENCE	SYNONYM	ANTONYM	REMINDS ME
Absolve (v) Absolution (n)	To make (someone) free from guilt; to give forgiveness. To set free from an obligation.	No amount of remorse will absolve shoplifters, who will be prosecuted.			
Adroit (adj)	Very clever or skillful; resourceful.	With an adroit flick of the wrist, he flipped the pancake into the air and caught it in the pan.			
Amalgamate (v)	To unite two or more things into one. To merge into a single form, entity or body	The new band amalgamated different musical styles to create a new genre.			
Antiquated (adj)	Very old fashioned, old; no longer useful or accepted.	He has antiquated opinions about politics.			
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.			
Clairvoyant (adj) Clairvoyance (n)	Able to see beyond the range of ordinary perception.	She was a mystic, with remarkable clairvoyance, and did great service as a spy in the Civil War.			
Clandestine (adj)	Done in secret or secretive manner.	The clandestine meetings ensured that they were able to carry out the mission.			
Coalesce (v)	To come together to form one group/mass	The ice masses coalesced into a glacier over time.			
Detritus (n)	The pieces that are left when something breaks/falls apart/ is destroyed; loose material	The detritus of ancient civilizations actually reveals a lot of information about them.			
Disparate (adj)	Different from each other; markedly distinct in quality or character.	Disparate ideas about behavioral expectations cause many fights between adults and teens.			
Enervate (v)	To make very weak or tired. To reduce mental/moral vigor.	A lifetime of working in dreary jobs enervated his soul.			
Equanimity (n)	Calm emotions when dealing with problems or pressure; evenness of mind even under stress.	Olympic champions have a certain equanimity right before and during their competition.			
Fracas (n)	Noisy argument or fight.	The police broke up the fracas in the street before any serious bodily damage occurred.			

Iconoclast (n)	A person who criticizes/ opposes beliefs / practices that are widely accepted.	The iconoclast was often criticized by mainstream media.			
Irascible (adj)	Becoming angered easily; having a bad temper.	The irascible old football coach surprised everyone by volunteering at the children's hospital and showing his softer side.			
Largess (n)	Generosity of spirit or attitude; charitable	We relied on our grandma's largess the year our father was out of work.			
Odious (adj)	Causing hatred or strong dislike.	It was one of the most odious crimes of recent history.			
Ostensible (adj)	Seeming or said to be true but very possibly not true or real; intended for display	The ostensible reason for the meeting was to make new policy, but really we wanted free breakfast.			
Ostentatious (adj)	Designed to get noticed or draw attention in an inappropriate, showy manner. Often behavior or dress.	Her ostentatious display of wealth attracted the anger and jealousy of many.			
Parsimony (n) Parsimonious (adj)	Being unwilling to spend money; stingy	The charity was surprised by some large corporations' parsimonious attitude near Christmas.			
Privation (adj)	Lack of or loss of the basic things that people need; state of being deprived	During the Great Depression the country suffered through years of privation.			
Unconscionable (adj)	Extremely bad, unfair, wrong; shockingly unjust	She endured unconscionable teasing by her sisters.			
Vacillate (v)	To waver in mind, will or feeling; to hesitate in making choices.	She vacillated so long on the issue that the opportunity passed her by.			
Venerate (v) Venerable (adj)	(v): to feel or show deep respect for someone/thing. (adj): old and respected; valued and respected because of age.	She is a venerated saint.			
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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