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VOCAB III—WORDS THAT ARE FUN TO SAY

WORD	DEFINITION	IN A SENTENCE	SYN	ANT	REMINDS ME
ABDICATE (v)	To relinquish, cast off duty or responsibility (e.g. king/queen)	The king abdicated his throne so that he could marry a commoner.			
APOPLECTIC (adj)	Very angry and excited.	She was apoplectic with anger when she realized she'd been cheated.			
DELETERIOUS (adj)	Harmful, often in a subtle or unexpected way.	The drug has no deleterious effects on patients.			
DESPONDENT (adj)	Feeling or showing extreme discouragement, dejection or depression	The fans grew despondent when their team lost by 10 runs.			
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.			
FASTIDIOUS (adj)	Very careful about how you do something; hard to please	He was fastidious about keeping the house clean.			
FOIBLE (n)	A minor flaw or shortcoming in character or behavior; weakness	Her only foible was trusting people too much.			
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.			
ILK (n)	The same, sort, or kind (often negative connotation)	The club attracts punk rockers and other of that ilk.			
IMPECUNIOUS (adj)	(Habitually) having little or no money	They were so impecunious they couldn't afford gas to get to work.			
IMPUGN (v)	To criticize (a person's character/intention) by suggesting that someone is not honest	He did not impugn my honor by claiming I cheated.			
MELLIFLUOUS (adj)	Having a smooth, flowing sound.	I fell asleep listening to mellifluous music to drown out the noise of my roommate snoring.			
OBFUSCATE (v)	To make obscure, to confuse or darken	Politicians keep obfuscating the issue.			
OBTUSE (adj)	Unintelligent or stupid; not able to think clearly or understand the obvious.	He is too obtuse to take a hint.			
PALLIATIVE (n)	something that reduces negative effects; to lessen, to soothe	No cure exists but a number of palliatives will reduce the symptoms.			
PAUCITY (n)	A small amount of something; less than what is wanted/needed	The paucity of evidence made the task of finding the culprit difficult.			

PIQUE/PIQUED (v)	To cause/induce interest or curiosity. To make someone annoyed or angry	Brightly colored objects pique a baby's interest.			
PROCLIVITY (n)	A strong, natural liking for something; a tendency	She had a proclivity for reading the newspaper at breakfast.			
PUGNACIOUS (adj)	Having a quarrelsome, combative nature	There is one pugnacious member of the committee who won't agree to anything.			
REMUNERATION (n)	Money or other payment for the work a person has done.	She was given little remuneration for mowing the lawn and refused to do it again for that family.			
SALUBRIOUS (adj)	Healthy or promoting health or well-being.	Fresh air and exercise are always salubrious.			
SUNDRY (adj)	Made up of different things. Miscellaneous	The word has, however, undergone sundry modifications of meaning.			
VOCIFEROUS (adj)	Expressing feelings or opinions in a very loud/forceful way.	He was her most vociferous critic.			

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