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Vocab 4: Words from *Into Thin Air*

WORD	DEFINITION	IN A SENTENCE	SYNONYM	ANTONYM	REMINDS ME
AESTHETIC (adj)	Of, relating to or dealing with artistic or attractive matters	There are practical as well as aesthetic reasons for planting trees.			
AGGREGATION (n) AGGREGATE (v)	A group, body or mass composed of many distinct parts; to group or gather together	Aggregates of students in the hall make navigation difficult.			
CIRCUMSPECT (adj)	Thinking carefully about possible risks before doing/saying; to consider all circumstances	Scientists are circumspect about such claims because no one else has produced similar results.			
COGNIZANT (adj)	Aware of something; knowledgeable or mindful of something	He is cognizant of his duties as a father.			
DENIZEN (n)	Inhabitant; one who lives in or frequents a place	Denizens of such place are usually unable to save enough to live elsewhere.			
DIVESTITURE (n)	The act of divesting or selling stock, property on compulsion-usually from the government	Divestitures are used to break up monopolies.			
EFFUSIVE (adj)	Expressing a lot of emotion; great or excessive emotion or enthusiasm	They offered effusive thanks for our aid.			
ERUDITE (n)	Having or showing knowledge gained by study; knowledgeable	The most erudite people in the medical community attended the conference.			
ESOTERIC (adj)	Only taught to or understood by members of a special group; requiring knowledge only available to a restricted group	Metaphysics is such an esoteric subject that most people are content to leave it to philosophers.			
HARANGUE (v) or (n)	Ranting speech or writing; forceful or angry speech.	My brother harangued me for not washing his car before returning it.			
HUBRIS (n)	A foolish or exaggerated pride or self-confidence	Villains often fail because of their hubris.			
INDOLENT (adj)	Averse to activity, effort or movement; habitually lazy	She is indolent and irresponsible. She refuses to earn a living.			
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.			
MALIGN (v)	To slander or defame; to make harmful often untrue statements; causing or intending to cause harm.	Maligned by her former supporters, she refused to give up and went elsewhere for help.			

MODICUM (n)	A small portion or limited quantity	Only a modicum of skill is necessary to put the kit together.			
MOOT (adj) (read full definition)	Not certain—open to question but not possible to prove Not worth talking about or debating; no longer of importance	The point is moot; their decision has been made and cannot be changed. Stop complaining.			
MYRIAD (adj)	Various. Very large number or variety.	The car can be outfitted with a myriad of upgrade options.			
OPULENT (adj)/ OPULENCE (n)	Very wealthy; having a large estate or property	I toured the opulent mansion and marveled at the antiques and painted ceilings.			
PREVARICATE (v)/ PREVARICATION (n)	To avoid telling the truth by not directly answering a question. To deviate from the truth.	Government officials prevaricated about the real costs of the project.			
PROLIFERATE (v)/ PROLIFERATION (n)	To increase in number or amount quickly; rapid growth	Rumors about the incident proliferated online in mere hours.			
REDOLENT (adj)	Causing thought or memories of something; full of a specific fragrance	Her attire is redolent of the late 1960s.			
SPURIOUS (adj)	1. Not genuine, sincere, or authentic. 2. Based on false ideas or bad reasoning.	A spurious Picasso painting fooled art experts for years before someone realized it was a fake.			
SUPINE (adj)	Lying on the back, facing upward. Marked by showing lethargy or great indifference	Her workout was so hard that when she got home she lay supine for an hour.			
VENEER (n)	A thin layer [of wood/ other material] attached to the surface to make it look better. A way of behaving that gives a false idea of your situation	The dresser is made of composite wood but has a mahogany veneer.			
VISCERAL (adj)	Coming from strong emotion rather than logic;	Her visceral reaction was to yell at the other driver.			

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