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Vocab 7: The End is in Sight

WORD	DEFINITION	IN A SENTENCE	SYNONYM	ANTONYM	REMINDS ME
Ardent (adj)	Having or showing very strong feelings; zealous	The ardent Tolkien fan has read <i>The Lord of the Rings</i> and <i>The Hobbit</i> five times each.			
Askance (adv)	Done with suspicion, disapproval or distrust; scornfully	We looked askance at the dealer's assertion that the car had never been in an accident.			
Astute (adj)	Mentally sharp or clever. Shrewdness	He is an astute observer of the current political scene.			
Capitulate (v)	To stop fighting an enemy/opponent. To surrender after negotiations	The country still refuses to capitulate despite a weakened army.			
Clemency (n)	Kind or merciful treatment who could be given harsh punishment.	The President granted clemency to several people at the end of his term.			
Debacle (n)	Great disaster or complete failure.	After the debacle of his first novel, he had trouble getting a publisher for his next book			
Deign (v)	To do something that is "beneath" you. To condescend reluctantly.	She wouldn't even deign to respond to the absurd accusation.			
Elucidate (v)	To make something difficult to understand clear or easy to understand.	When asked for details he declined to elucidate further, claiming that he was confused.			
Idiosyncrasy (n)	An unusual way in which someone thinks/behaves.	Her habit of pausing in the middle of sentences was one of her more normal idiosyncrasies.			
Incongruous (adj)	Inconsistent with itself; lacking congruity or compatibility.	His outburst seemed incongruous to those who know him well.			
Ineffable (adj)	Incapable of being expressed in words; to great/powerful/beautiful to be described	An ineffable beauty descended upon the canyon as the sun began to set.			

Megalomania (n)	Delusional belief that one has unlimited power or importance; mania for great/grandiose performance.	The CEO had an arrogance that bordered on megalomania.			
Nascent (adj)	Coming/having recently come into existence.	The actress is now focusing on her nascent singing career.			
Pallid (adj)	Very pale in a way that suggest poor health. Dull or uninteresting	The pallid man looked as though he'd never seen the sun.			
Pedantic (adj)	Having a very narrow focused knowledge on a subject and tending to show it off by pointing out small details/mistakes on the subject.	It may seem pedantic to harp on what seems like mere procedure, but we are wasting a lot of money here.			
Perfunctory (adj)	Done without energy or enthusiasm because it is expected or routine; lacking interest	The violinist delivered a perfunctory performance that displayed none of the passion he once played with.			
Platitude (n)	a trite/stale remark; an overused saying or cliché	His speech was filled with familiar platitudes about the value of hard work.			
Quixotic (adj)	Foolishly impractical, especially in pursuit of ideals; romantic.	They had quixotic dreams about the future.			
Seminal	Having a strong influence on ideas, work, events to come; influential, important	He was awarded the Nobel Prize for his seminal work in chemistry.			
Supplant (v)	To take the place of someone/thing that is old, unused. Supersede, substitute	Old traditions often fade and are supplanted by modern ways and methods.			
Surmise (v)	Thought or idea based on scanty evidence.	I surmise by the crease across your face, that you've been sleeping.			
Uncouth (adj)	Behaving in a socially unacceptable or impolite manner	We will not tolerate any uncouth behavior, such as eating with one's mouth open.			
Verdant (adj)	Green with growing plants.	Verdant forests stretched to the coast and seemed to plummet into the cool, mountain lake.			
Visage (n)	The face, countenance or appearance of a person	An old man with a noticeably happy visage opened the door for me.			
Winsome (adj)	Cheerful, pleasant, appealing often because of a childlike charm/ innocence	She was a bright, winsome child who could draw a smile out of anyone.			

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