

Life Principle of the Week – as used on the home page of
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Life Principle: Attitude

Definition: A feeling or emotion to a fact.

Related Quote: "I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it. And so it is with you.. We are in charge of our attitudes."- Charles Swindoll

Related Fable: The Gardner and His Dog (P: 65)

Literature Connection: The Hat by Jan Brett
Bravo, Livingstone Mouse by Pamela Edwards

Life Principle: Character

Definition: What you are/do when no one is watching

Related Quote: "Ability will enable a man to get to the top. But it will take character to keep him there." -Author Unknown

Related Fable: The Boasting Traveler (P: 76)

The Boy and the Almonds (P: 26)

Literature Connection: Tales From a Duck Named Quacker by Ricky VanShelton

Life Principle: Charity

Definition: Kindness or help for the needy or suffering

Related Quote: "You can not live a perfect day without doing something for someone who will never be able to repay you." -John Wooden

Related Fable: Androcles and the Lion (P: 28)

Literature Connection: The Kissing Hand by Audruy Penn
All You Ever Need by Max Lucado
Berestain Bears: Lend a Helping Hand

Life Principle: Commitment

Definition: The keeping of a promise or pledge

Related Quote: "Go put your creed into a deed." -Ralph Emerson

Related Fable: The Travelers and the Bear (P: 67)

Literature Connection: Kiss Goodnight by Amy Hest
I'm Not Going to Get Up Today by Dr. Seuss

Life Principle: Common Sense

Definition: Thinking before acting; using good judgment

Related Quote: "Do not go through life like a leaf blown from here to there believing whatever you are told." -Socrates

Related Fable: The Sick Lion (P: 64)

Literature Connection: The King's Wish by Benjamin Elkin
The Rooster, The Mouse, and The Little Red Hen

Life Principle: Compassion

Definition: Ability to share another's feeling or ideas

Related Quote: "Never judge another man until you have walked a mile in his moccasins." -Native American Proverb

Related Fable: The Children and the Frogs (P: 74)

Literature Connection: Hug by Jez Alborough
If You Hold My Hand by Jillian Harker

Life Principle: Cooperation

Definition: Working together

Related Quote: "We must all live together as brothers or perish alone as fools." -Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Related Fable: The Rooster and the Eagle (P: 37)

Literature Connection: Don't Wake Up Mama! By Eileen Christelow
A Cloak for the Dreamer by Aileen Friedman

Life Principle: Courage

Definition: Strength to act even when afraid or uncertain

Related Quote: "Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen." -Unknown Author

Related Fable: The Lobster and the Crab (L: 8)

Literature Connection: All Stuck Up by Linda Haywood
Goggles by Ezra Keats
Will You Forgive Me? by S. Grindley and P. Dann

Life Principle: Courtesy

Definition: Considerate and mannerly behavior

Related Quote: "Politeness costs nothing and gains everything." - Lady Mary Montague

Related Fable: The Pelican and the Crane (L: 35)

Literature Connection: Clifford's Manners by Norman Bridwell
Please found in the Book of Virtues on pg. 24

Life Principle: Dependability

Definition: Reliable; trustworthy

Related Quote: "The right man in the right place at the right time doing the right thing in the right way." -from the poem "Efficiency"

Related Fable: The Boy Who Cried Wolf (P: 11)

Literature Connection: Miss Malarkey Won't Be in Today by Judy Finchler

The Wolf Who Cried Boy by Bob Hartman
The Dog Who Cried "Woof" By the Clifford series

Life Principle: Diligence

Definition: Steady and energetic effort

Related Quote: "All things are difficult before they are easy." -
Thomas Fuller

Related Fable: The Grasshopper and the Ant (P:12 Y:13)

Literature Connection: Walking Through the Jungle by Debbie Harter
Who Took the Cookies from the Cookie Jar by Bonnie Lass

Life Principle: Empathy

Definition: The ability to feel what others are feeling

Related Quote: "We share pain, we share in the triumph over pain." -
Author Unknown

Related Fable: The Boy Who Went Swimming (P:65)

Literature Connection: Farm Flu by Teresa Bateman
Dogger by Shirley Hughes

Life Principle: Excellence

Definition: To stand out with valuable qualities

Related Quote: "Excellence is a habit. The things you do the most are
the things you'll do the best." -Author Unknown

Related Fable: The North Wind and the Sun (P:16)

Literature Connection: Just the Way You Are by Max Lucado
Oh, The Places You'll Go! By Dr. Seuss

Life Principle: Flexibility

Definition: The ability to make adjustments or alter plans

Related Quote: "If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a
great way." -Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Related Fable: The Ducks and the Fox (L:5)

Literature Connection: Froggy Eats Out by Jonathan London
Huggly and the Toy Monster by Tedd Arnold

Life Principle: Fortitude

Definition: Strength of mind that enable a person to encounter
danger or bear pain or adversity with courage

Related Quote: "If you made up your mind you can do something,
you're absolutely right." -Author Unknown

Related Fable: The Hen and the Apple Tree (L:11)

Literature Connection: Tiger is a Scardy Cat by Joan Phillips
Stand Tall Molly Lou Melon by Patty Lovell

Life Principle: Friendship

Definition: Caring for and trusting others

Related Quote: "Be genuinely interested in people. Just try, and you can like almost everyone." -Author Unknown

Related Fable: The Lion and the Mouse (P: 41 Y: 7)

Literature Connection: Harold Finds a Friend by Liza Baker

My Teacher's My Friend by P.K. Hallinan

Best Friends by Steven Kellogg

Life Principle: Generosity

Definition: Willingness to give or share

Related Quote: "The manner of giving is worth more than the gift." - Pierre Corneille

Related Fable: The Poor Old Dog (L: 25)

Literature Connection: Baa, Baa Black Sheep by Iza Trapani

The Relatives Came by Cynthia Rylant

Life Principle: Giving

Definition: To care for and devote oneself to another

Related Quote: "We make a living by what we get and a life by what we give." -Winston Churchill

Related Fable: Little Sunshine (Book of Virtues pg.111)

Literature Connection: Duck In a Truck by Jez Alborough

The Living Tree by Shel Silverstein

Life Principle: Honesty

Definition: Truthfulness

Related Quote: "Honesty is the first chapter in the book of wisdom." - Thomas Jefferson

Related Fable: The Mermaid and the Woodcutter

Literature Connection: Jamaica's Find by Juanita Havill

Berestain Bears and the Truth

Life Principle: Humility

Definition: Being humble, not proud or haughty, not arrogant or assertive

Related Quote: "Being fashioned of the self-same dust, let us be merciful as well as just." -Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Related Fable: The Peacock's Tail

Literature Connection: The Principle's New Clothes by Stephanie Calmenson

Life Principle: Initiative

Definition: Taking action, originating new ideas

Related Quote: "If you are not afraid to face the music, you may some day be the leader of the band." -Author Unknown

Related Fable: The Crow and the Pitcher (P: 72)

Literature Connection: The Big Fire with King's Wish
Chester's Way by Kevin Henkes

Life Principle: Integrity

Definition: Acting according to a sense of right and wrong (being strong enough to do what you know is right even when it is difficult)

Related Quote: "In matters of style, swim with the current. In matter of principle, stand like a rock." -Thomas Jefferson

Related Fable: The Travelers and the Gold Coins (P: 75)

Literature Connection: Hey, Little Ant by Phillip Hoose
Anansi the Spider by Gerald McDermott

Life Principle: Justice

Definition: Being fair, right, and upholding what is right

Related Quote: "The ones that you should try to get even with are the ones who have helped you." -Author Unknown

Related Fable: The Wolf in Sheep's Clothing (P: 22)

Literature Connection: Cuddley Duddley by Jez Alborough
What if Zebra's Lost Their Stripes by John Reitano

Life Principle: Loyalty

Definition: Faithfulness to another

Related Quote: "Greater love has no man than this, that he lay down his life for another." -John 15: 13

Related Fable: The Shepard and the Wolf (P: 52)

Literature Connection: What Do You Love? By Jonathan London
The Little Red Hen

Life Principle: Optimism

Definition: To anticipant the best possible outcome

Related Quote: "Some men see things as they are and say "Why?" I dream things that never were and say, "Why Not?" -Robert F. Kennedy

Related Fable: The Cat and His Vision (L: 19)

Literature Connection: The Little Engine That Could by Watty Piper
Smudge's Grumpy Day by Miriam Moss

Life Principle: Patriotism

Definition: Love for or devotion to one's country

Related Quote: "Ask not what your country can do for you. Ask, what you could do for your country." -John F. Kennedy

Related Fable: The Bundle of Sticks (P: 53)

Literature Connection: We the Kids by David Catrow
The Pledge of Allegiance photo journal by Scholastic

Life Principle: Perseverance

Definition: The Ability to persist or continue striving

Related Quote: "It's not where you start, it's where you end up. You haven't failed until you've stopped trying." -Author Unknown

Related Fable: The Tortoise and the Hare (P: 19)

Literature Connection: I Can't Get My Turtle to Move by Elizabeth Lee O'Donnell

The First Bear in Africa by Satomi Ichikawa

Life Principle: Propriety

Definition: Standard of what is socially acceptable in conduct or speech

Related Quote: "Etiquette is behaving yourself a little better than is absolutely essential." -Will Cuppy

Related Fable: The Fox and the Stork (P: 46 Y: 21)

Literature Connection: Mice Squeak, We Speak by Tommi de Paola
The Red Sweater by Peter Maloney

Life Principle: Resiliency

Definition: Recovering from or adjusting easily to misfortune or change

Related Quote: "Consider the postage stamp: It secures success by sticking to one thing until it gets there." -Author Unknown

Related Fable: The Oak and the Reeds (P: 80)

Literature Connection: Comet's Nine Lives by Jan Brett
Seven Chinese Brothers by Margaret Mahy

Life Principle: Respect

Definition: Showing or feeling honor

Related Quote: "I will speak ill of no man and speak the good I know of everybody." -Benjamin Franklin

Related Fable: The Elephant and His Son (L: 32)

Literature Connection: No One Like You by Jillian Harker
Chrysanthemum by Kevin Henkes

Life Principle: Responsibility

Definition: Making the choice to be reliable and dependable

Related Quote: "No one can make you feel inferior without your consent." -Eleanor Roosevelt

Related Fable: The Lark and Her Children (P: 23)

Literature Connection: I Lost My Bear by Jules Feiffer
Pigsty by Mark Teaque

Life Principle: Self-Discipline

Definition: The ability to choose and control one's own actions

Related Quote: "If we were supposed to talk more than we listen, we would have two mouths and one ear." -Mark Twain

Related Fable: The Pig and the Candy Store (L:31)

Literature Connection: Salt in His Shoes by Deloris Jordan
Ox-Cart Man by Donald Hall

Life Principle: Service

Definition: Giving of one's time and energies to help others

Related Quote: "Serving the needs of others is the light that brighten each day." -Douglas M. Lawson

Related Fable: The Young Rooster (L:37)

Literature Connection: Hedgie's Surprise by Jan Brett
Mrs. Toggie's Zipper by Robin Pulver

Life Principle: Temperance

Definition: Moderation in action, thought, or feeling

Related Quote: "The key to everything is patience. You get the chicken by hatching the egg, not by smashing it." -Arnold H. Glasow

Related Fable: The Goose and the Golden Eggs (P:50)

Literature Connection: Duncan and Delores by Barbara Samuels
Thy Friend, Obadiah by Brinton Turkle

Life Principle: Tenacious

Definition: Persistent, never give up

Related Quote: "The man who removes mountains begins by carrying away small stones." -Chinese Proverb

Related Fable: The Mouse at the Seashore (L:40)

Literature Connection: Have You Got My Purr by Judy West
Uncle Jed's Barbershop by Margaree King Mitchell

Life Principle: Thankfulness

Definition: The act of being grateful; glad

Related Quote: "The most important prayer in the world is two words long-Thank You." -Meister Eckehart

Related Fable: The Wolf and the Crane (P:69)

Literature Connection: Thanksgiving Day by Gail Gibbons
Bernstein Bears: Count Their Blessings

**Quote of the Week – as used on the home page of
<http://www.greatexpectationsok.org>**

Good manners are made up of petty sacrifices.

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

There can be no defense like elaborate courtesy.

- E.V. Lucas

At a dinner party one should eat wisely but not too well, and talk well but not too wisely.

- Somerset Maugham

You can't be truly rude until you understand good manners.

- Rita Mae Brown

Manners are a sensitive awareness of the feelings of others. If you have that awareness, you have good manners, no matter what fork you use.

- Emily Post

Etiquette is behaving yourself a little better than is absolutely essential.

- Will Cuppy

Good breeding consists in concealing how much we think of ourselves and how little we think of the other person.

- Mark Twain

Friends and good manners will carry you where money won't go.

- Margaret Walker

Mediocrity requires aloofness to preserve its dignity.

- Charles G. Dawes

In the republic of mediocrity, genius is dangerous.

- Robert G. Ingersoll

There is nothing so useless as doing efficiently that which should not be done at all.

- Peter F. Drucker

Mediocrity is climbing molehills without sweating.

- Icelandic Proverb

Only the mediocre are always at their best.

- Jean Giraudoux

Not doing more than the average is what keeps the average down.

- William M. Winans

All good is hard. All evil is easy. Dying, losing, cheating, and mediocrity are easy. Stay away from easy.

- Scott Alexander

Mediocrity does not inspire men to greatness.

- Zarlenga

The man who makes no mistakes does not usually make anything.

- Bishop W.C. McGee

A man of genius makes no mistakes. His errors are volitional and are the portals of discovery.

- James Joyce, Ulysses

A hundred mistakes are an education if you learn something from each one.

- Unknown

A man may make mistakes, but he is not a failure until he starts blaming someone else for them.

- Unknown

We are all faced with a series of great opportunities brilliantly disguised as impossible situations.

- Charles Swindoll

You can measure a man by the opposition it takes to discourage him.

- Robert C. Savage

The greater the difficulty, the greater the glory.

- Cicero

Genius is 1 % inspiration, 99 % perspiration " I never did anything worth doing by accident "

- Thomas Edison

Consider the postage stamp. Its usefulness consists in the ability to stick to one thing 'til it gets there.

- Josh Billings

He who conquers others is strong; he who conquers himself is mighty.

- Lao-Tzu (The first Chinese Taoist philosopher, 6th century B.C.)

Some men see things as they are and say, "Why?", I dream things that never were and say, "Why not?"

- Robert F. Kennedy

Fortune favors the bold.

- Virgil

Destiny is not a matter of chance, it is a matter of choice; it is not a thing to be waited for, it is a thing to be achieved.

- William Jennings Bryan

It is not your aptitude, but your attitude, that determines your altitude.

- Jesse Jackson

To reach the port of heaven we must sail, sometimes with the wind and sometimes against it B but we must sail, not drift or lie to anchor.

- Oliver Wendell Holmes

The rung of a ladder was never meant to rest upon, but only to hold a man's foot long enough to put the other somewhat higher.

- Thomas Henry Huxley

Perfection is attained by slow degrees; it requires the hand of time.

- Voltaire

The difference between the possible and the impossible lies in one's determination.

- Tommy Lasorda

Life maroons the hesitant but inspires the brave.

- Thomas Dooley

For the very true beginning of wisdom is the desire of discipline; and the care of discipline is love.

- Wisdom of Solomon 6:17

Cogito ergo sum. (Latin - I think, therefore, I am.)

- Rene Descartes, French philosopher

I will study and get ready and maybe my chance will come.

- Abraham Lincoln

We don't receive wisdom; we must discover it for ourselves after a journey that no one can take for us or spare us.

- Marcel Proust

Those who don't read have no advantage over those who can't.

- Mark Twain

Education is not received, it is achieved.

- Unknown

As long as one keeps searching, the answers come.

- Joan Baez

Knowledge is proud that he has learned so much; wisdom is humble that he knows no more.

- William Cowper

Success is never final, and failure is never fatal. It is courage that counts.

- Winston Churchill

If better is possible, good is not enough

- Garry Jirnez

If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a great way.

- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Begin to be now what you will be hereafter.

- St. Jerome

Well done is better than well said.

- Benjamin Franklin

The world is moving so fast these days that the man who says it can't be done is generally interrupted by someone doing it.

- Elbert Hubbard

Men are born to succeed, not to fail.

- Henry David Thoreau

I find the great thing in this world is not so much where we stand as in what direction we are moving.

- Oliver Wendell Holmes

A man of words, and not of deeds, is like a garden full of weeds.

- English proverb

No bird soars too high if he flies on his own wings.

- William Blake

The actions of men are the best interpreters of their thoughts.

- John Locke

If we were supposed to talk more than we listen, we would have two mouths and one ear.

- Mark Twain

The key to everything is patience. You get the chicken by hatching the egg, not by smashing it.

- Arnold H. Glasow

Men, in teaching others, learn themselves.

- Seneca

Each man must work for himself, and unless he so works, no outside help can avail him.

- Theodore Roosevelt

Hope is wishing for a thing to come true. Faith is believing it will come true. Work is making it come true.

- Dr. Norman Vincent Peale

We will not waver. We will not tire. We will not falter and we will not fail.

- President George W. Bush

One of the most difficult things to give away is kindness, it is usually returned.

- Cort Flint

Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen.

- Winston Churchill

I will speak ill of no man and speak all the good I know of everybody.

- Benjamin Franklin

Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless.

- Mother Teresa

We must all live together as brothers or perish alone as fools.

- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Go put your creed into your deed.

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

If one will not, two cannot quarrel.

- Thomas Fuller

We shouldn't teach great books; we should teach a love of reading.

- B.F. Skinner

I cannot teach anybody anything, I can only make them think.

- Socrates

The authority of those who teach is often an obstacle to those who want to learn.

- Cicero

Teaching is the achievement of shared meaning.

- D.B. Gowin

The secret of education is respecting the pupil.

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

A mind is a fire to be kindled, not a vessel to be filled.

- Plutarch

Setting an example is not the main means of influencing another, it is the only means.

- Albert Einstein

Ye great teachers: listen to what you say!
- Goethe

It is what we think we know already that often prevents us from learning.

- Claude Bernard

**Word of the Week – As used on the homepage of
<http://www.greatexpectationsok.org>**

Equivocal "adj" 1: ambiguous 2: uncertain, undecided 3: suspicious, dubious

Baleful "adj" 1: deadly or pernicious in influence 2: foreboding evil: ominous

Presentiment "n" 1: a feeling that something will or is about to happen: premonition

Qualm "n" 1: a sudden attack (as of nausea) 2: a sudden feeling of doubt, fear, or uneasiness especially in not following one's conscience or better judgment

Unabashed "adj" 1: not disconcerted: undisguised, unapologetic

Destitute "adj" 1: lacking something needed or desirable 2: lacking possessions and resources; especially: suffering extreme poverty

Orotund "adj" 1: marked by fullness, strength, and clarity of sound: sonorous 2: pompous, bombastic

Sisyphean "adj" 1: of, relating to, or suggestive of the labors of Sisyphus; specifically: requiring continual and often ineffective effort

Dudgeon "n" 1: a fit or state of indignation

Acquiesce "v" 1: to accept, comply, or submit without open opposition

Foursquare "adj" 1: square 2: marked by boldness and conviction: forthright

Inviolable "adj" 1: secure from violation or profanation 2: secure from assault or trespass: unassailable

Raillery "n" 1: good-natured ridicule: banter 2: jest

Gesundheit "interj" 1: used to wish good health especially to one who sneezed

Tractable "adj" 1: capable of being easily led, taught, or controlled: docile 2: easily handled, managed, or wrought: malleable

Paste "v" 1: to strike hard at 2: to beat or defeat soundly

Benison "n" 1: blessing, benediction

Myopic "adj" 1: affected by nearsightedness: of, or relating to, or exhibiting nearsightedness 2: lacking in foresight or discernment: limited in outlook

Implacable "adj" 1: not placable: not capable of being appeased, significantly changed, or mitigated

Kerfuffle "n" 1: chiefly British: disturbance, fuss

Envisage "v" 1: to view or regard in a certain way 2: to have a mental picture of especially in advance of realization

Abyssal "adj" 1: impossible to comprehend: unfathomable 2: of or relating to the bottom waters of the ocean depths

Valhalla "n" 1: the great hall in Norse mythology where the souls of heroes slain in battle are received

Caparison "n" 1a: an ornamental covering for a horse b: decorative trappings and harness 2: rich clothing: adornment

Succinct "adj" 1: marked by compact, precise expression without wasted words: concise

Facetious "adj" 1: joking or jesting often inappropriately: waggish 2: meant to be humorous or funny: not serious

Leviathan "n" 1: a large sea animal 2: capitalized: the political state; especially: a totalitarian state having a vast bureaucracy 3: something large or formidable

Proffer "v" 1: to present for acceptance: tender, offer

Redoubtable "adj" 1: causing fear or alarm: formidable 2: illustrious, eminent; broadly: worthy of respect

Snivel "v" 1: to run at the nose: snuffle 2: to cry or whine with snuffling 3: to speak or act in a whining, sniffing, tearful, or weakly emotional manner

Magniloquent "adj" 1: speaking in or characterized by a high-flown often bombastic style or manner

Nudnik "n" 1: a person who is a bore or nuisance

Plethora "n" 1: an excessive quantity or fullness; also: profusion

Imprimatur "n" 1: a license to print or publish 2: official approval or sanction

Marplot "n" 1: one who frustrates or ruins a plan or undertaking by meddling

Cerulean "adj" 1: resembling the blue of the sky

Demarche "n" 1a: a course of action: maneuver b: a diplomatic or political initiative or maneuver 2: a petition or protest presented through diplomatic channels

Obdurate "adj" 1a: stubbornly persistent in wrongdoing b: hardened in feelings 2: resistant to persuasion or softening influence

Temporize "v" 1: to act to suit the time or occasion: yield to current or dominant opinion: compromise 2: to draw out discussions or negotiations so as to gain time

Epithet "n" 1: a characterizing word or phrase accompanying or occurring in place of the name of a person or thing 2: a disparaging or abusive word or phrase

Emblazon "v" 1a: to inscribe or adorn with or as if with heraldic bearings or devices b: to inscribe (as heraldic bearings) on a surface 2: to celebrate, extol

Croesus "n" 1: a very rich man

Utopia "n" 1: an imaginary and indefinitely remote place 2: often capitalized: a place of ideal perfection especially in laws, government, and social conditions 3: an impractical scheme for social improvement

Disremember "v" 1: to forget

Gadfly "n" 1: any of various flies (as a horsefly, botfly, or warble fly) that bite or annoy livestock 2: a person who stimulates or annoys especially by persistent criticism

Perspicuous "adj" 1: plain to the understanding especially because of clarity and precision of presentation

Aught "pron" 1: anything 2: all, everything

Superannuated "adj" 1: incapacitated or disqualified for active duty by advanced age

Muckety-muck "n" 1: an important and often arrogant person

Tome "n" 1: a volume forming part of a larger work 2: book; especially: a large or scholarly book

Bucolic "adj" 1: of or relating to shepherds or herdsmen: pastoral 2: relating to or typical of rural life

rrant "adj" 1: wandering 2: straying outside proper bounds 3: deviating from an accepted pattern or standard

Omnipotent "adj" 1: having virtually unlimited authority or influence

Mulct "v" 1: to punish by a fine 2a: to defraud especially of money: swindle b: to obtain by fraud, duress, or theft

Disabuse "v" 1: to free from error, fallacy, or misconception

Surly "adj" 1: irritably sullen and churlish in mood or manner: crabbed 2: menacing or threatening in appearance

Proliferate "v" 1: to grow or increase in number rapidly

Cryptic "adj" 1: secret, occult 2a: having or seeming to have a hidden meaning b: marked by an often perplexing brevity 3: serving to conceal

Remuneration "n" 1: compensation, payment

Flagrant "adj" 1: conspicuously offensive; especially: so obviously inconsistent with what is right or proper as to appear to be a flouting or law or morality

Henotheism "n" 1: the worship of one god without denying the existence of other gods.

Jocose "adj" 1: given to joking: merry 2: characterized by joking: humorous

Williwaw "n" 1a: a sudden violent gust of cold land air common along mountainous coasts of high latitudes b: a sudden violent wind 2: a violent commotion

Mollify "v" 1: to soothe in temper: appease 2: to soften 3: to reduce in intensity: assuage

Cajole "v" 1: to persuade with flattery or gentle urging especially in the face of reluctance: coax 2: to deceive with soothing words or false promises

Euphuism "n" 1: an elegant Elizabethan literary style 2: artificial elegance of language

Augur "v" 1: to foretell especially from omens 2: to give promise of: presage

Nemesis "n" 1: one that inflicts retribution or vengeance 2: a formidable and usually victorious rival 3: an act or effect of retribution; also: a source of harm or ruin: bane, curse

Espresso "n" 1: coffee brewed by forcing steam through finely ground darkly roasted coffee beans 2: a cup of espresso

Ignominious "adj" 1: marked with or characterized by disgrace or shame: dishonorable 2: deserving of shame or infamy: despicable 3: humiliating, degrading

Reticent "adj" 1: inclined to be silent or uncommunicative in speech: reserved 2: restrained in expression, presentation, or appearance 3: reluctant

Arriviste "n" one that is a new and uncertain arrival (as in social position or artistic endeavor)

Two-bit "adj" 1: of the value of two bits 2: cheap or trivial of its kind: petty, small-time

Conurbation "n" 1: an aggregation or continuous network of urban communities

Voracity "n" 1: the quality of state of being ravenous or insatiable

Totem "n" 1: a usually carved or painted figure used as a family or clan emblem 2: something that service as an emblem or revered symbol

Maitre d' "n" 1: majordomo 2: headwaiter

Solon "n" 1: a wise and skillful lawgiver 2: a member of a legislative body

Rectitudinous "adj" 1: characterized by straightness or moral integrity 2: piously self-righteous

Chthonic "adj" 1: of or relating to the underworld: infernal

Enjoinder "n" 1: an authoritative request: command 2: interdiction, prohibition; often: injunction

Pied-a-terre "n" 1: temporary or second lodging

Links "n pl" 1: Scottish: sand hills especially along the seashore 2: golf course

Belvedere "n" 1: a structure (as a cupola or a summerhouse) designed to command a view

Fealty "n" 1a: the fidelity of a vassal or feudal tenant to his lord b: the obligation of such fidelity 2. intense fidelity

Habiliment "n" 1: plural: characteristic apparatus: fittings 2a: the dress characteristics of an occupation or occasion-usually used in plural b: clothes-usually in plural

Mantic "adj" 1: of or relating to the faculty of divination: prophetic

Jeopardize "v" 1: to expose to danger or risk

Complaisant "adj" 1: marked by an inclination to please or oblige or by courteous agreeability 2: marked by a willingness to consent to others' wishes or to lend oneself compliantly to their purposes

Assail "v" 1: to attack violently with blows or words

Penchant "n" 1: a strong and continued inclination; broadly: liking

Eschew "v" 1: to avoid habitually especially on moral or practical grounds: shun

Lachrymose "adj" 1: given to tears or weeping: tearful 2: tending to cause tears: mournful

Diligent "adj" 1: characterized by steady, earnest, and energetic effort: painstaking

Pelagic "adj" 1: of, relating to, living, or occurring in the open sea: oceanic

Nonpareil "adj" 1: having no equal

Lalapalooza "n" 1: something superior or unusual: an outstanding example

Brigadoon "n" 1: a place that is idyllic unaffected by time, or remote from reality

Forswear "v" 1: to make a liar of (oneself) under or as if under oath 2a: to reject or renounce under oath b: to renounce earnestly 3: to deny under oath

Pleonasm "n" 1: the use of more words than those necessary to denote mere sense: redundancy 2: an instance or example of pleonasm

Schadenfreude "n" 1. often capitalized: enjoyment obtained from the troubles of others

Bumptious "adj" 1. presumptuously, obtusely, and often noisily self-assertive: obtrusive

Upbraid "v" 1: to criticize severely: find fault with 2: to reproach severely: scold vehemently

Scrupulous "adj." 1: having moral integrity: acting in strict regard for what is considered right or proper 2: punctiliously exact: painstaking

Rantipole "adj" 1: characterized by a wild unruly manner or attitude: rakish

Aerie "n" 1: the nest of a bird on a cliff or a mountaintop 2: an elevated often secluded dwelling, structure, or position

Fountainhead "n" 1: a spring that is the source of a stream 2: principal source: origin

Obverse "n" 1: the side (as of a coin) bearing the chief device and lettering 2: a front or principal surface 3: a counterpart having the opposite orientation or force; also: opposite

Meticulous "adj": marked by extreme or excessive care in the consideration or treatment of details

Diadem "n" 1: crown; specifically: a royal headband 2: something that adorns like a crown

Steadfast "adj" 1a: firmly fixed in place: immovable b: not subject to change 2: firm in belief, determination, or adherence: loyal

Appreciable "adj" 1: capable of being perceived or measured

Immure "v" 1a: to enclose within or as if within walls b: to imprison 2: to build into a wall; especially: to entomb in a wall

Neophilia "n" 1: love of or enthusiasm for what is new or novel

Swivet "n" 1: a state of extreme agitation

Vulnerable "adj" 1: capable of being physically wounded 2: open to attack or damage

Plenitude "n" 1: the quality or state of being full: completeness 2: a great sufficiency: abundance

Gingerly "adj" 1: very cautious or careful

Invidious "adj" 1: tending to cause discontent, animosity, or envy 2: envious 3a: of an unpleasant or objectionable nature b: of a kind to cause harm or resentment

Parry "v" 1: to ward off a weapon or blow 2: to evade especially by an adroit answer

Sub Rosa "adv" 1: in confidence: secretly

Limpid "adj" 1a: transparent b: clear and simple in style 2: absolutely serene and untroubled

Anent "prep" 1: about, concerning

Fallible "adj" 1: liable to be erroneous 2: capable of making a mistake

Bodacious "adj" 1: outright, unmistakable 2: remarkable, noteworthy

Rescind "v" 1: to take away: remove 2: to take back: annul, cancel 3: to do away with by legislative action: repeal

Xylography "n" 1: the art of making engravings on wood especially for printing

Claque "n" 1: a group hired to applaud at a performance 2: a group of servile, self-seeking flatterers

Somnolent "adj" 1: of a kind likely to induce sleep 2a: inclined to or heavy with sleep: drowsy b: sleepy

Onus "n" 1: burden 2: a disagreeable necessity: obligation 3: blame

Orchidaceous "adj" 1: of, relating to, or resembling the orchids 2: showy, ostentatious

Receipt "n" 1: recipe 2: the act of receiving 3: something received—usually used in plural 4: a writing acknowledging the receiving of goods or money

Prognosticate "v" 1: to foretell from signs and symptoms: predict 2: to presage

Gambol "v" 1: to skip about in play: frisk, frolic

Verbiage "n" 1: a profusion of words usually of little or obscure content
2: manner of expressing oneself in words: diction

Pantheon "n" 1: a temple dedicated to all the gods; also: the gods of a people
2: a group of illustrious persons

Hoodwink "v" 1: to deceive by false appearance: dupe

Peruse "v" 1a: to examine or consider with attention and in detail b: to look over or through in a casual or cursory manner
2: to read

Scuttlebutt "n" 1: rumor, gossip

Abide "v" 1a: to endure without yielding: withstand b: to bear patiently: tolerate
2: to accept without objection 3: to dwell, remain, or last

Petulant "adj" 1: insolent or rude in speech or behavior 2: characterized by temporary or capricious ill humor: peevish

Restaurateur "n" 1: the operator or proprietor of a restaurant

Sound "adj" 1a: free from injury or disease b: free from flaw or defect
2: firm or hard 3: showing good judgment

Hypocorism "n" 1: a pet name 2: the use of pet names

Matriculate "v" 1: to enroll as a member of a body and especially of a college or university

Enthrall "v" 1: to hold in or reduce to slavery 2: to hold spellbound: charm

Tempestuous "adj" 1: of, relating to, or resembling a tempest: turbulent, stormy

Dorsal "adj" 1: relating to or situated near or on the back especially of an animal or of one of its parts

Judgment "n" 1: a formal utterance of an authoritative opinion 2: the capacity for judging or an exercise of this capacity

Lackadaisical "adj" 1: lacking life, spirit, or zest: languid

Saguaro "n" 1: a cactus of desert regions of the southwestern U.S. and Mexico that has a spiny branched trunk of up to 18 meters and bears white flowers and edible fruit

Eupeptic "adj" 1: of, relating to, or having good digestion 2: cheerful, optimistic

Wistful "adj" 1: full of yearning or desire tinged with melancholy; also: inspiring such yearning 2: musingly sad: pensive

Precipitate "adj" 1a: falling, flowing, or rushing with steep descent b: precipitous, steep 2: exhibiting violent or unwise speed

Forebear "n" 1: ancestor, forefather; also: precursor—usually used in plural

Innocuous "adj" 1: producing no injury: harmless 2: not likely to give offense or to arouse strong feelings or hostility: inoffensive, insipid

Obtuse "adj" 1a: not pointed or sharp b: exceeding 90 but less than 180 degrees 2: not quick or keen of understanding or feeling 3: difficult to comprehend

Ergonomics "n" 1: an applied science concerned with designing and arranging things people use so that the people and things interact most efficiently and safely.

Ilk "n" 1: sort, kind

Approbation "n" 1: an act of approving formally or officially 2: commendation, praise

Parlous "adj" 1: full of danger or risk: hazardous

Catachresis "n" 1: use of the wrong word for the context 2: use of a forced and especially paradoxical figure of speech

Palooka "n" 1: an inexperienced or incompetent boxer 2: oaf, lout

Paucity "n" 1: smallness of number: fewness 2: smallness of quantity: dearth

Factitious "adj" 1: produced by humans rather than by natural forces
2a: formed by or adapted to an artificial or conventional standard b:
produced by special effort: sham

Longueur "n" 1: a dull and tedious passage or section (as of a book)

Underwhelm "v" 1: to fail to impress or stimulate

Contumacious "adj" 1: stubbornly disobedient: rebellious

Tare "n" 1: a deduction from the gross weight of a substance and its
container made in allowance for the weight of the container; also: the
weight of the container

Descry "v" 1: to catch sight of 2: to find out, discover

Hastilude "n" 1: a medieval joust: spear play

Crux "n" 1: a puzzling or difficult problem: an unsolved question 2: a
crucial point

Imperturbable "adj" 1: marked by extreme calm, impassivity, and
steadiness: serene

Fractious "adj" 1: tending to be troublesome: unruly 2: quarrelsome,
irritable

Sesquipedalian "adj" 1: having many syllables: long 2: using long
words

Perforce "adv" 1: by force of circumstances

Debacle "n" 1: a tumultuous breakup of ice in a river 2: a violent
disruption (as of an army): rout 3a: a great disaster b: a complete
failure: fiasco

Virtuoso "n" 1: a person who excels in the performance of an art;
especially: a skilled musician 2: a person who has great skill at some
endeavor

Abusage "n" 1: improper or incorrect use of language

Rife "adj" 1: prevalent especially to an increasing degree 2: abundant,
common 3: copiously supplied: abounding

Tchotchke "n" 1: knickknack, trinket

Natatorial "adj" 1: of or relating to swimming 2: adapted to or characterized by swimming

Condign "adj" 1: deserved, appropriate

Synchronicity "n" 1: simultaneity 2: the coincidental occurrence of events that seem related but are not explained by conventional mechanisms of causality

Expatriate "n" 1: one who lives in a foreign country; specifically: one who has renounced his native country

Broadside "n" 1: a sheet of paper printed usually on one side 2: all the guns on one side of a ship; also: their simultaneous discharge 3: a volley of abuse or denunciation

Esoteric "adj" 1: designed for or understood only by the specially initiated 2: private, secret

Roustabout "n" 1a: a deckhand b: longshoreman 2: an unskilled or semiskilled laborer especially in an oil field or refinery 3: a circus worker who erects and dismantles tents.

Aesopian "adj" 1: conveying an innocent meaning to an outsider but a hidden meaning to a member of a conspiracy or underground movement

Improvident "adj" 1: not provident: not foreseeing and providing for the future

Tintinnabulation "n" 1: the ringing or sounding of bells 2: a jingling or tinkling sound as if of bells

Etiolate "v" 1: to bleach and alter the natural development of (a green plant) by excluding sunlight 2a: to make pale b: to deprive of natural vigor

Callow "adj" 1: lacking adult sophistication: immature

Orientate "v" 1: to point or turn toward the east 2: to set in a definite position especially in relation to the points of the compass; also: to ascertain the bearings of 3: to acquaint with a situation

A cappella "adv or adj" 1: without instrumental accompaniment

Banausic "adj" 1: relating to or concerned with earning a living – used pejoratively; also: utilitarian, practical

Proselytize "v" 1: to induce someone to convert to one's faith 2: to recruit someone to join one's party, institution, or cause

Mayhap "adj" 1: perhaps

Campestral "adj" 1: of or relating to fields or open country: rural

Divest "v" 1a: to deprive or dispossess especially of property, authority, or title b: to undress or strip especially of clothing, ornament, or equipment c: rid, free 2: to take away from a person

Comptroller "n" 1: public official who audits government accounts and sometimes certifies expenditures 2: the chief accounting officer of a business or institution

Etymology "n" 1: the history of a word shown tracing its development and relationships 2: the study of etymologies

Wooden "adj" 1: made or consisting of wood 2: lacking ease or flexibility: awkwardly stiff

Fortuitous "adj" 1: occurring by chance 2a: fortunate, lucky b: coming or happening by a lucky chance

Impervious "adj" 1a: not allowing entrance or passage: impenetrable b: not capable of being damaged or harmed 2: not capable of being affected or disturbed

Travesty "n" 1: an imitation that makes crude fun of something; also: an inferior imitation

Exculpatory "adj" 1: tending or serving to clear from alleged fault or guilt

Grand Guignol "n" 1: dramatic entertainment featuring the gruesome or horrible

Misconstrue "v" 1: to understand or explain wrongly: misinterpret

Enclave "n" 1: a distinct territorial, cultural, or social unit enclosed within or as if within foreign territory

Oaf "n" 1: a stupid person 2: a big clumsy slow-witted person

Regardless "adv" 1: despite everything

Philippic "n" 1: a discourse or declamation full of bitter condemnation: tirade

Borne "adj" 1: transported or transmitted by – used in combination

Invective "n" 1: an abusive expression or speech 2: insulting or abusive language: vituperation

Permeable "adj" 1: capable of being permeated: penetrable

Infix "n" 1: a derivational or inflectional affix appearing in the body of a word

Chockablock "adj" 1: brought close together 2: very full

Sinuous "adj" 1a: of a serpentine or wavy form: winding b: marked by strong lithe movements 2: intricate, complex

Rodomontade "n" 1: a bragging speech 2: vain boasting or bluster: rant

Posse "n" 1: a large group often with a common interest 2: a body of persons organized to assist a sheriff in an emergency 3: a number of people organized to make a search

Eventuate "v" 1: to come out finally: result

Veld "n" 1: a grassland especially of southern Africa usually with scattered shrubs or trees

Rectilinear "adj" 1: moving in or forming a straight line 2: characterized by straight lines

Bildungsroman "n" 1: a novel about the moral and psychological growth of the main character

Fastidious "adj" 1: having high and often unpredictable standards 2: showing a meticulous or demanding attitude

Visage "n" 1: the face, countenance, or appearance of a person or sometimes an animal 2: aspect, appearance

Magnanimous "adj" 1: showing or suggesting a lofty and courageous spirit 2: showing or suggesting nobility of feeling and generosity of mind

Chagrin "n" 1: disquietude or distress of mind caused by humiliation, disappointment, or failure

Fugacious "adj" 1: lasting a short time: evanescent 2: disappearing before the usual time – used chiefly of plant parts

orpor "n" 1: mental or spiritual sluggishness: apathy, lethargy 2: a state of mental and motor inactivity with partial or total insensibility

Auriferous "adj" 1: containing gold

Belfry "n" 1: a bell tower; especially: one surmounting or attached to another structure 2: a room or framework for enclosing a bell 3: head

Uncanny "adj" seeming to have a supernatural character or origin: eerie, mysterious; also: being beyond what is normal or expected: supernatural powers

Hypothecate "v" 1: to hypothesize

Dolorous "adj" 1: causing, marked by, or expressing misery or grief

Sanction "v" 1: to make valid or binding usually by a formal procedure (as ratification) 2: to give effective or authoritative approval or consent to

Loquacious "adj" 1: given to fluent or excessive talk 2: full of excessive talk: wordy

Yahoo "n" 1: a boorish, crass, or stupid person

Crepuscular "adj" 1: of, relating to, or resembling twilight: dim 2: active in the twilight

Winsome "adj" 1: generally pleasing and engaging often because of a childlike charm and innocence 2: cheerful, gay

Rationale "n" 1: an explanation of controlling principles of opinion, belief, practice, or phenomena 2: an underlying reason: basis

Svengali "n" 1: one who attempts usually with evil intentions to persuade or force another to do his bidding

Inexorable "adj" 1: not to be persuaded or moved by entreaty: relentless

Penury "n" 1: a cramping and oppressive lack of resources (as money); especially: severe poverty 2: extreme frugality

Diminution "n" 1: the act, process, or an instance of diminishing: decrease

Zillionaire "n" 1: an immeasurably wealthy person

Tenet "n" 1: a principle, belief, or doctrine generally held to be true; especially: one held in common by members of an organization, movement, or profession

Gratuitous "adj" 1: done or provided without recompense: free 2: not called for by the circumstances

Impunity "n" 1: exemption or freedom from punishment, harm, or loss

Pinchbeck "adj" 1: made of an alloy of copper and zinc used especially to imitate gold 2: counterfeit, spurious

Challah "n" 1: egg-rich yeast-leavened bread that is usually braided or twisted before baking and is traditionally eaten by Jews on the Sabbath and holidays

Dilettante "n" 1: an admirer or lover of the arts 2: a person having a superficial interest in an art or a branch of knowledge: dabbler

Omnibus "adj" 1: of, relating to, or providing for many things at once 2: containing or including many items

Congenial "adj" 1: having the same nature, disposition, or tastes: kindred 2: existing or associated together harmoniously

Recuse "v" 1: to disqualify (oneself) as a judge in a particular case; broadly: to remove (oneself) from participation to avoid a conflict of interest

Toothsome "adj" 1: agreeable, attractive 2: of palatable flavor and pleasing texture: delicious

Epigram "n" 1: a short often satirical poem ending with a clever turn of thought 2: a terse, sage, or witty saying

Spumescent "adj" 1: frothy, foamy

Maunder "v" 1: to wander slowly and idly 2: to speak indistinctly or disconnectedly

Plaintive "adj" 1: expressive of suffering or woe: melancholy

Nonage "n" 1: minority 2a: a period of youth b: lack of maturity

Infantilize "v" 1: to make or keep infantile 2. to treat as if infantile

Laudable "adj" 1: worthy of praise: commendable

Testimonial "n" 1: evidence, testimony 2a: a statement testifying to benefits received b: a character reference 3: an expression of appreciation: tribute

Arcadia "n" 1: a region or scene of simple pleasure and quiet

Dauntless "adj" 1: fearless, undaunted

Sophistry "n" 1: subtly deceptive reasoning or argumentation 2: an argument apparently correct in form but actually invalid

Burgle "v" 1: to break into and steal from 2: to commit burglary against

Prestigious "adj" 1: having an illustrious name or reputation: esteemed in general opinion

Gruntle "v" 1: to put in a good humor

Eponymous "adj" 1: of, relating to, or being one for whom something is named 2: being or having a name derived from the name of one associated with it

Demure "adj" 1: reserved, modest 2: affectedly modest, reserved, or serious: coy

Mea culpa "n" 1: a formal acknowledgement of personal fault or error

Efficacious "adj" 1: having the power to produce a desired effect

Vapid "adj" 1: lacking liveliness, tang, briskness, or force: flat, dull

Acceptation "n" 1: acceptance 2: the generally accepted meaning of a word or understanding of a concept

Beleaguer "v" 1: to surround with an army so as to prevent escape: besiege, beset 2: to hem in: bottle up 3: to subject to oppressive or grievous forces: harass

Portentous "adj" 1: of or constituting a portent 2: eliciting amazement or wonder 3: self-consciously solemn or important: pompous

Clerisy "n" 1: intelligentsia

Simplistic "adj" 1: excessively simple: tending to overlook complexities

Jehu "n" 1: a driver especially of a cab or coach; specifically: one who drives fast or recklessly

Frenetic "adj" 1: frenzied, frantic

Ex parte "adv or adj" 1: on or from one side or party only – used of legal proceedings 2: from a one-sided or partisan point of view

Collywobbles "n" 1: a bellyache

Infotainment "n" 1: a television program that presents information (as news) in a manner intended to be entertaining

Cosmeticize "v" 1: to make (something unpleasant or ugly) superficially attractive

Miasma "n" 1: a vaporous exhalation formerly believed to cause disease 2: a harmful influence or atmosphere; also: fog

Asperse "v" 1: to sprinkle; especially: to sprinkle with holy water 2: to attack with evil reports or false or injurious charges

Visceral "adj" 1: felt in or as if in the viscera 2: not intellectual: instinctive 3: of or relating to the viscera

Hew "v" 1: to cut or fell with blows (as of an ax) 2: to give shape to with or as if with an ax 3: to confirm, adhere

Importunate "adj" 1: troublesomely urgent: overly persistent in request or demand 2: troublesome

Eyas "n" 1: an unfledged bird; specifically: a nestling hawk

Postlude "n" 1: a closing piece of music 2: a closing phrase (as of an epoch or a literary work)

Cronyism "n" 1: partiality to cronies specially as evidenced in the appointment of political hangers-on to office without regard to their qualifications

Liminal "adj" 1: of or relating to a sensory threshold 2: barely perceptible

Tocsin "n" 1: an alarm bell or the ringing of it 2: a warning signal

Ostensible "adj" 1: intended for display: open to view 2: being such in appearance: plausible rather than demonstrably true or real

Gauche "adj" 1: lacking social experience or grace; also: not tactful 2: crudely made or done

Reiterate "v" 1: to state or do over again or repeatedly sometimes with wearying effect

Nyctalopia "n" 1: night blindness

Quash "v" 1: to nullify especially by judicial action

Ponderous "adj" 1: of very great weight 2: unwieldy or clumsy because of weight and size 3: oppressively or unpleasantly dull: lifeless

Benedict "n" 1: a newly married man who has long been a bachelor

Chapel "n" 1: a building or a place for prayer or special religious services 2: a religious service or assembly at a school or college

Plaintiff "n" 1: a person who brings a legal action

Supersede "v" 1: to cause to be set aside 2: to take the place, room, or position of 3: to displace in favor of another

Adamantine "adj" 1: made of or resembling adamant 2: rigidly firm: unyielding 3: resembling the diamond in hardness of luster

Devolve "v" 1: to pass (as rights or responsibility) by transmission or succession 2: to come by or as if by flowing down 3: to degenerate through a gradual change or evolution

Weltschmerz "n" 1: depression or apathy caused by comparing the state of the world to an ideal state 2: a mood of sentimental sadness

Exponent "n" 1: one that expounds or interprets 2: one that champions, practices, or exemplifies

Hors de combat "adj" 1: out of combat: disabled

Hierophant "n" 1: a priest in ancient Greece; specifically: the chief priest of the Eleusinian mysteries 2a: a person who explains b: advocate

Expatriate "v" 1: to move about freely or at will: wander 2: to speak or write at length or in detail

Kapellmeister "n, often cap" 1: the director of a choir or orchestra

Nomenclator "n" 1: a book containing collections or lists of words 2: one who gives names to or invents names for things

Distract "adj" 1: apprehensively divided or withdrawn in attention: distracted

Prescience "n": foreknowledge of events a: divine omniscience b: human anticipation of the course of events: foresight

Quietus "n" 1: final settlement (as of a debt) 2: removal from activity; especially: death 3: something that quiets or represses

Circadian "adj" 1: being, having, characterized by, or occurring in approximately 24-hours periods or cycles (as of biological activity or function)

Transpontine "adj" 1: situated on the farther side of the bridge 2: British: situated on the south side of the Thames

Peccant "adj" 1: guilty of a moral offense: sinning 2: violating a principle or rule: faulty

Lampoon "v" 1: to make the subject of a lampoon: ridicule

Inveterate "adj" 1: firmly established by long persistence 2: confirmed in a habit: habitual

Sapient "adj" 1: possessing or expressing great sagacity: wise

Kinetic "adj" 1: of or relating to the motion of material bodies and the forces and energy associated therewith 2a: active, lively b: dynamic, energizing

Adulate "v" 1: to flatter or admire excessively or slavishly

Soiree "n" 1: a party or reception held in the evening

Coterie "n" 1: an intimate and often exclusive group of persons with a unifying common interest or purpose

Whelm "v" 1: to cover or engulf completely with usually disastrous effect 2: to overwhelm 3: to pass or go over something so as to bury or submerge it

Paronomasia "n" 1: a play on words: pun

Fungible "adj" 1: being of such a nature that one part or quantity may be replaced by another equal part or quantity in the satisfaction of an obligation 2: interchangeable

Purloin "v" 1: to appropriate wrongfully and often by a breach of trust

Gravitate "v" 1: to move under the influence of gravitation 2a: to move toward something b: to be drawn or attracted especially by natural inclination

Irascible "adj" 1: marked by hot temper and easily provoked anger

Stellar "adj" 1a: of or relating to the stars: astral b: composed of stars 2: of or relating to a theatrical or film star 3a: principal, leading b: outstanding

Engender "v" 1: beget, procreate 2: to cause to exist or to develop: produce 3: to assume form: originate

Cynosure "n" 1: capitalized: the northern constellation Ursa Minor; also: North Star 2: one that serves to direct or guide 3: a center of attraction or attention

Regale "v" 1: to entertain sumptuously: feast with delicacies 2: to give pleasure or amusement to

Acerbic "adj" 1: acid in temper, mood, or tone

Sacrilegious "adj" 1: of, relating to, or being a violation of something consecrated to God 2: of, relating to, or being gross irreverence toward a hallowed person, place, or thing

Effusive "adj" 1: excessively demonstrative

Promethean "adj" 1: of, relating to, or resembling Prometheus, his experiences, or his art, especially: daringly original or creative

Stalwart "adj" 1: marked by outstanding strength and vigor of body, mind, or spirit

Delectation "n" 1: delight, enjoyment