

SAT Vocabulary List — 354 Words

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A

aberrant *adj.* deviating from the normal or expected course; atypical or abnormal

abscond *v.* to leave hurriedly and secretly, typically to avoid detection or arrest

abstain *v.* to deliberately choose not to do or have something, especially something considered...

admonish *v.* to warn or reprimand someone firmly but kindly

aesthetic *adj.* concerned with or appreciating the nature and beauty of art, taste, or sensory experiences

affable *adj.* friendly, easy to talk to, and pleasant in manner

alleviate *v.* to make something less severe or burdensome; to ease or relieve

ambiguous *adj.* open to more than one interpretation; unclear or inexact in meaning

ambivalent *adj.* Having mixed or contradictory feelings about someone or something; being unable to choose...

ameliorate *v.* to make something bad or unsatisfactory better or more tolerable

anachronistic *adj.* belonging to a period other than that being portrayed; outdated or chronologically misplaced

analogous *adj.* similar or comparable in certain respects, typically in a way that makes clearer the nature...

anomaly *n.* something that deviates from what is standard, normal, or expected

antipathy *n.* a deep-seated feeling of aversion or strong dislike

apathy *n.* a lack of interest, enthusiasm, or concern

appease *v.* to pacify or placate someone by acceding to their demands or to relieve a negative feeling

arbitrary *adj.* Based on random choice or personal whim rather than any reason or system; seemingly...

archaic *adj.* marked by characteristics of an earlier period; no longer in ordinary use; antiquated

arduous *adj.* involving or requiring strenuous effort; difficult and tiring

articulate *adj.* able to express ideas and feelings clearly and effectively in speech or writing; to...

ascetic *n.* a person who practices severe self-discipline and abstinence from indulgence, often for...

assiduous *adj.* showing great care, attention, and perseverance; diligent and persistent

assuage *v.* to make an unpleasant feeling less intense; to soothe or alleviate

astute *adj.* having or showing an ability to accurately assess situations or people and turn this to...

audacious *adj.* showing a willingness to take surprisingly bold risks; daring and fearless

austere *adj.* severe or strict in manner, attitude, or appearance; having no comforts or luxuries; harsh...

autonomous *adj.* acting independently or having the freedom to govern oneself

avarice *n.* an insatiable desire for wealth or material gain; extreme greed

B

banal *adj.* lacking originality, freshness, or novelty; trite and predictable

belie *v.* to give a false impression of; to contradict or show to be false

benevolent *adj.* well-meaning and kindly; showing goodwill or a desire to help others

bias *n.* a tendency or inclination, especially one that prevents impartial judgment; a prejudice

brevity *n.* concise and exact use of words in writing or speech; shortness of duration

C

candid *adj.* truthful and straightforward; frank

With this self-explanatory word, no account needed: pursu.io/sat/vocabulary/candid

capricious *adj.* characterized by sudden and unaccountable changes of mood or behavior; unpredictable

castigate *v.* to reprimand or criticize severely and formally

catalyst *n.* a person or thing that precipitates or speeds significant change or action without being...

caustic *adj.* able to burn or corrode organic tissue by chemical action; also, marked by incisive sarcasm...

censure *v.* To express strong disapproval or official reprimand; a formal statement of blame or...

chicanery *n.* the use of trickery or deception to achieve a purpose, especially in legal or political contexts

circumspect *adj.* wary and unwilling to take risks; careful to consider all circumstances and possible...

clandestine *adj.* kept secret or done secretly, especially because illicit or unauthorized

coalesce *v.* to come together to form one mass or whole; to unite or merge

cogent *adj.* appealing forcibly to the mind or reason; convincing and well-structured

commensurate *adj.* corresponding in size, extent, amount, or degree; proportionate

compendium *n.* A concise yet comprehensive summary or collection of information on a particular subject

complacent *adj.* showing smug or uncritical satisfaction with oneself or one's achievements

conciliatory *adj.* intended or likely to placate or pacify; showing willingness to reconcile or make peace

concur *v.* to agree or have the same opinion

condone *v.* to overlook or allow behavior that is considered wrong or offensive

conflagration *n.* a large and destructive fire that causes extensive damage

connoisseur *n.* An expert judge in matters of taste, especially in the fine arts, cuisine, or other refined...

contentious *adj.* causing or likely to cause disagreement or argument; involving heated disputes

contrite *adj.* feeling or expressing sincere remorse or penitence; affected by guilt

conundrum *n.* a confusing and difficult problem or question

converge *v.* to come together from different directions and meet at a common point

convivial *adj.* friendly, lively, and enjoyable; relating to social events characterized by feasting and...

copious *adj.* abundant in supply or quantity; large in number or amount

corroborate *v.* to provide evidence or information that supports or strengthens a statement, theory, or finding

cosmopolitan *adj.* familiar with and at ease in many different countries and cultures; belonging to or...

craven *adj.* lacking courage; cowardly

credulous *adj.* having or showing too great a readiness to believe things; gullible

cryptic *adj.* having a meaning that is mysterious or obscure; difficult to understand

culpable *adj.* deserving blame or responsibility for a fault or wrong

cursor *adj.* done quickly and without thoroughness or attention to detail; superficial

D

dearth *n.* a scarcity or lack of something; an inadequate supply

debacle *n.* a sudden and complete failure or collapse; a disastrous fiasco

decorum *n.* behavior in keeping with good taste and propriety; proper etiquette

deference *n.* respectful submission or yielding to the judgment, opinion, or will of another

delineate *v.* to describe, portray, or set forth with accuracy and in detail; to delineate precisely

denigrate *v.* to criticize unfairly or disparage

derivative *adj.* Something that is based on or derived from another source; lacking originality.

desiccate *v.* to remove moisture from; to dry out

desultory *adj.* lacking a definite plan, purpose, or enthusiasm; occurring randomly or sporadically

detrimental *adj.* causing harm or damage; harmful

diatribe *n.* a forceful and bitter verbal attack against someone or something

dichotomy *n.* a division or contrast between two things that are represented as being entirely different...

diffident *adj.* modest or shy because of a lack of self-confidence

digress *v.* to deviate or stray temporarily from the main subject in speaking or writing

discern *v.* To perceive or recognize something clearly, especially by careful observation or insight

disparage *v.* to speak of or treat slightly; to belittle

disparate *adj.* fundamentally different or distinct in kind; essentially dissimilar

disseminate *v.* to spread or scatter information, knowledge, or ideas widely

dissonance *n.* a lack of harmony or agreement, especially in sound or ideas; a harsh or unpleasant...

diverge *v.* to move or extend in different directions from a common point; to differ in opinion,...

docile *adj.* easily taught, led, or managed; obedient and submissive

dogmatic *adj.* asserting opinions in an authoritative or arrogant manner, often without consideration of...

dubious *adj.* hesitating or doubting; not to be relied upon; questionable in nature

duplicity *n.* deceitfulness in speech or conduct; the act of being deliberately deceptive

E

ebullient *adj.* overflowing with enthusiasm or excitement; exuberant

eclectic *adj.* deriving ideas, style, or taste from a broad and diverse range of sources

efficacy *n.* the ability to produce a desired or intended result; effectiveness

egregious *adj.* outstandingly bad; shocking in a negative way

elicit *v.* to draw out or bring forth a response, answer, or reaction, often through questioning or...

elucidate *v.* to make something clear; to explain thoroughly and clearly

eminent *adj.* famous and respected within a particular sphere or profession; standing out prominently

empirical *adj.* based on observation or experience rather than theory or pure logic

emulate *v.* to strive to equal or excel, especially through imitation

enervate *v.* to weaken or drain of energy or vitality

enigma *n.* a person, thing, or situation that is mysterious, puzzling, or difficult to understand

entrenched *adj.* firmly established and difficult or unlikely to change; deeply ingrained

ephemeral *adj.* lasting for a very short time; transitory

equivocal *adj.* open to more than one interpretation; ambiguous or uncertain in meaning

erudite *adj.* having or showing extensive knowledge gained chiefly from books; scholarly

esoteric *adj.* intended for or likely to be understood by only a small number of people with specialized...

eulogy *n.* a speech or piece of writing that praises someone highly, typically someone who has just died

euphemism *n.* a mild or indirect word or expression substituted for one considered too harsh or blunt when...

evanescent *adj.* Soon passing out of sight, memory, or existence; quickly fading or disappearing.

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exacerbate *v.* to make a problem, situation, or feeling worse or more intense

exculpate *v.* to clear from alleged fault or guilt; to free from blame

exemplary *adj.* serving as a desirable model; representing the best of its kind

exhort *v.* to strongly encourage or urge someone to do something

exigent *adj.* demanding immediate attention or action; urgent

exonerate *v.* to clear from blame or fault; to absolve

expedient *adj.* convenient and practical, although possibly improper or immoral; a means to an end

extant *adj.* still in existence; surviving

extraneous *adj.* irrelevant or unrelated to the subject being dealt with; not essential

F

facetious *adj.* treating serious issues with deliberately inappropriate humor; flippant

fallacious *adj.* based on a mistaken belief or unsound reasoning; logically misleading or deceptive

fastidious *adj.* showing or demanding excessive care, attention to detail, or delicacy; difficult to please

fatuous *adj.* silly and pointless; showing a lack of intelligence or thought

fervor *n.* intense and passionate feeling

flout *v.* to openly disregard a rule, law, or convention in a contemptuous or defiant manner

foment *v.* to instigate or stir up (usually something undesirable or violent)

fortuitous *adj.* happening by chance, often with a positive or fortunate outcome

frivolous *adj.* Not having any serious purpose or value; trivial or superficial

frugal *adj.* characterized by or reflecting economy in the use of resources; sparing or economical with...

furtive *adj.* done in a quiet and secretive way to avoid being noticed, often because of guilt or a belief...

G

garrulous *adj.* excessively talkative, especially on trivial matters

germane *adj.* closely related and relevant to the subject at hand

gregarious *adj.* fond of the company of others; sociable

guile *n.* sly or cunning intelligence used to deceive or manipulate

H

hackneyed *adj.* lacking significance through having been overused; unoriginal and trite

harangue *n.* a lengthy and aggressive speech or lecture; to deliver such a speech

hegemony *n.* dominance or leadership, especially by one state or social group over others

heretical *adj.* holding or expressing opinions that are at odds with established or orthodox beliefs,...

hubris *n.* excessive pride or self-confidence that often leads to downfall

I

iconoclast *n.* a person who attacks or challenges cherished beliefs, traditional institutions, or...

idiosyncratic *adj.* peculiar or individualistic in nature; distinctive in behavior or characteristic unique to a...

ignominious *adj.* deserving or causing public disgrace or shame; humiliating

imminent *adj.* about to happen very soon; impending

immutable *adj.* not subject or susceptible to change; unchangeable

impartial *adj.* treating all rivals or disputants equally; fair and unbiased

impasse *n.* a situation in which no progress is possible, especially because of disagreement; a deadlock

impeccable *adj.* faultless; free from any flaw or error

impecunious *adj.* Having little or no money; penniless

imperative *adj.* of vital importance; crucial; expressing a command or an urgent request

imperious *adj.* assuming power or authority without justification; arrogant and domineering

imperturbable *adj.* incapable of being upset or agitated; calm and composed

impervious *adj.* Not allowing fluid to pass through; unable to be affected or influenced.

impetuous *adj.* acting or done quickly and without thought or care; characterized by sudden or rash action

implacable *adj.* unable to be appeased, calmed, or satisfied; relentless and unyielding

implicit *adj.* implied though not plainly expressed; understood or inferred without being directly stated

impudent *adj.* showing a lack of respect and boldness; offensively rude or shamelessly disrespectful

inadvertent *adj.* not resulting from or achieved through deliberate planning; unintentional or accidental

inchoate *adj.* just begun; in an initial or rudimentary stage; not fully formed or developed

incongruous *adj.* not in harmony or keeping with the surroundings or other aspects; out of place

incumbent *adj.* necessary as a duty or responsibility; currently holding an office or position

indifferent *adj.* showing no particular interest, concern, or preference; neither good nor bad; mediocre

indigenous *adj.* originating or occurring naturally in a particular place; native

indolent *adj.* habitually lazy or disinclined to exert effort; causing little or no pain

ineffable *adj.* too great or extreme to be expressed or described in words

inert *adj.* lacking the ability or strength to move; chemically inactive or unreactive

inevitable *adj.* certain to happen and impossible to avoid

inexorable *adj.* impossible to stop, prevent, or persuade; relentless

ingenuous *adj.* innocent and unsuspecting; showing childlike simplicity and candidness

inimical *adj.* hostile, unfriendly, or harmful; tending to obstruct or harm

innocuous *adj.* not harmful or offensive; producing no injury or ill effect

insidious *adj.* proceeding in a gradual, subtle way but with harmful effects

insipid *adj.* lacking flavor, zest, or interest; dull or bland

insolent *adj.* showing a rude and arrogant lack of respect

insular *adj.* characterized by a narrow or limited perspective; isolated or detached from outside influences

intractable *adj.* difficult to manage, control, or solve; stubborn or unyielding

intransigent *adj.* unwilling or refusing to change one's views or to agree about something; uncompromising

intrepid *adj.* fearless and adventurous; showing resolute courage

inveterate *adj.* firmly established by long persistence; habitual or deeply ingrained

irascible *adj.* easily provoked to anger; characterized by a quick temper

irreverent *adj.* showing a lack of respect for people or things that are generally taken seriously

L

laconic *adj.* using very few words; concise to the point of seeming terse or mysterious

languid *adj.* Displaying or having a disinclination for physical exertion or effort; slow and relaxed;...

laudable *adj.* deserving praise and commendation

lethargic *adj.* affected by lethargy; sluggish and apathetic, showing a lack of energy or enthusiasm

levity *n.* lack of seriousness; lightness of manner or speech, especially when inappropriate

loquacious *adj.* tending to talk a great deal; talkative

lucid *adj.* expressed clearly; easy to understand; showing clarity of thought

lugubrious *adj.* looking or sounding sad and dismal; excessively mournful or gloomy

M

magnanimous *adj.* generous or noble in spirit, especially in forgiving others; showing a lofty and courageous...

malevolent *adj.* having or showing a desire to cause harm to others; evil-intentioned

malleable *adj.* capable of being shaped or bent without breaking; easily influenced or adaptable

maverick *n.* an independent individual who does not conform to a group or party; a nonconformist

mendacious *adj.* given to or characterized by deception or falsehood; lying or untruthful

mercurial *adj.* characterized by rapid and unpredictable changes in mood or mind; volatile

meticulous *adj.* showing great attention to detail; very careful and precise

misanthrope *n.* a person who dislikes or distrusts humankind and tends to avoid human society

mitigate *v.* to make less severe, serious, or painful

mollify *v.* To soften in feeling or temper, to appease or calm someone's anger or anxiety.

morose *adj.* sullen, gloomy, or ill-tempered in mood or disposition

mundane *adj.* lacking interest or excitement; dull and ordinary; relating to the earthly world rather than...

N

nebulous *adj.* vague, unclear, or ill-defined; lacking definite form or limits

nefarious *adj.* wicked or criminal; flagrantly evil or villainous

negligent *adj.* Failing to take proper care or to give proper attention; characterized by neglect.

neophyte *n.* a person who is new to a subject, skill, or belief; a beginner or novice

O

obdurate *adj.* stubbornly refusing to change one's opinion or course of action; unyielding

obfuscate *v.* to deliberately make something unclear or difficult to understand

obsequious *adj.* excessively eager to please or obey; overly submissive or servile

obstinate *adj.* stubbornly refusing to change one's opinion or chosen course of action, despite...

obviate *v.* to prevent or eliminate a problem or difficulty

occlude *v.* to block or obstruct a passage or opening

onerous *adj.* involving a great deal of effort, difficulty, or burden; oppressive

opaque *adj.* Not allowing light to pass through; difficult to understand or explain; obscure.

opprobrium *n.* harsh criticism or public disgrace arising from shameful conduct

oscillate *v.* to move or swing back and forth at a regular speed; to waver between different opinions,...

ostentatious *adj.* characterized by vulgar or pretentious display intended to attract notice or impress others

P

pacify *v.* to calm the anger, agitation, or excitement of; to bring peace to

palliate *v.* to make a disease or its symptoms less severe or unpleasant without removing the cause; to...

panacea *n.* a solution or remedy for all difficulties or diseases

paradigm *n.* a typical example or pattern of something; a model or framework that serves as a standard or...

paradox *n.* A statement or proposition that, despite apparently sound reasoning from acceptable...

paragon *n.* a person or thing regarded as a perfect example of a particular quality

paramount *adj.* more important than anything else; supreme

parochial *adj.* narrowly restricted in scope or outlook; limited or provincial

parsimony *n.* extreme unwillingness to spend money or use resources; excessive frugality or stinginess

partisan *n.* a strong supporter of a party, cause, or person, often showing biased allegiance

patent *n.* a government authority or license conferring a right or title for a set period, especially...

paucity *n.* The presence of something in only small or insufficient quantities or amounts; scarcity.

pedantic *adj.* Excessively concerned with minor details or rules; overly academic or nitpicky in tone or...

pejorative *adj.* expressing disapproval or contempt; having a negative or derogatory connotation

pendant *n.* a strong or habitual liking for something or tendency to do something

penurious *adj.* extremely poor; miserly or excessively unwilling to spend money

perfidious *adj.* deliberately faithless, treacherous, or deceitful; characterized by betrayal of trust

perfunctory *adj.* done merely as a routine or duty, with minimal effort or reflection; superficial

periphery *n.* the outer boundary or edge of an area or object; the outskirts or less important part of...

pernicious *adj.* Having a harmful effect, especially in a gradual or subtle way

perpetuate *v.* to cause something to continue indefinitely or to preserve from extinction

pervasive *adj.* spreading widely throughout an area or a group of people; existing or spreading everywhere

phlegmatic *adj.* Having an unemotional and stolidly calm disposition; not easily excited or disturbed.

pithy *adj.* concise and forcefully expressive; full of meaning in few words

placate *v.* to make someone less angry or hostile, especially by yielding concessions or soothing their...

platitude *n.* a banal, trite, or stale remark, especially one expressed as if it were original or significant

plethora *n.* an excessive amount or overabundance of something

polemical *adj.* relating to or involving strongly critical, controversial, or disputatious writing or speech

pragmatic *adj.* dealing with problems or situations in a practical and realistic way rather than by using...

precarious *adj.* not securely held or in position; dangerously likely to fall or collapse

precipitate *v.* to cause something to happen suddenly or unexpectedly

preclude *v.* to prevent something from happening or make it impossible

precocious *adj.* Exhibiting unusually early development or maturity, especially in mental aptitude or talent

predilection *n.* a strong liking or preference for something

prescient *adj.* having or showing knowledge of events before they take place; prophetic

presumptuous *adj.* excessively forward or confident in a way that is disrespectful or inappropriate

prevail *v.* to prove more powerful or superior; to be widespread or current; to succeed after struggle

prevaricate *v.* to speak or act in an evasive or misleading way; to avoid telling the truth by being...

prodigal *adj.* wastefully extravagant; recklessly spending resources, especially money

prodigious *adj.* remarkably or impressively great in extent, size, or degree

profligate *adj.* recklessly extravagant or wasteful in the use of resources; excessively immoral or licentious

proliferate *v.* to increase rapidly in numbers or to multiply

prolific *adj.* producing abundant works, results, or offspring; highly productive

propensity *n.* a natural inclination or tendency to behave in a particular way

propitiate *v.* to win or regain the favor of someone, especially a deity, by doing something that pleases them

propriety *n.* the state or quality of conforming to accepted standards of behavior or morals; appropriateness

prosaic *adj.* lacking poetic beauty; commonplace or dull; unimaginative

proscribe *v.* to forbid or prohibit, especially by law or official decree; to denounce or condemn as...

provincial *adj.* relating to a province or regions outside the capital city; having a narrow or limited...

prudent *adj.* acting with or showing care and thought for the future; wise and judicious in practical affairs

pugnacious *adj.* inclined to quarrel or fight; combative and eager to argue or contend

pulchritude *n.* physical beauty or attractiveness

punctilious *adj.* showing great attention to detail or correct behavior; very careful and precise

Q

quandary *n.* a state of uncertainty or perplexity, especially as to what to do; a difficult or perplexing...

querulous *adj.* habitually complaining or inclined to find fault; petulantly whining

quixotic *adj.* exceedingly idealistic; unrealistic and impractical

quotidian *adj.* occurring every day; daily; ordinary or commonplace

R

rancorous *adj.* characterized by bitterness or resentment; deeply hateful and spiteful

rebuke *v.* to express sharp disapproval or criticism of someone because of their behavior or actions;...

recalcitrant *adj.* Having an obstinately uncooperative attitude toward authority or discipline; stubbornly...

recant *v.* to formally withdraw or renounce a previously held belief, statement, or opinion

reciprocate *v.* to respond to an action or feeling by making a corresponding one; to give or take mutually

recluse *n.* a person who lives a solitary life and tends to avoid other people

recondite *adj.* difficult to understand; obscure or abstruse, often because it pertains to specialized or...

redolent *adj.* having a strong pleasant smell; strongly suggestive or reminiscent of something

redundant *adj.* exceeding what is necessary or natural; superfluous; characterized by unnecessary repetition

refute *v.* to prove a statement or theory to be wrong or false, especially by presenting evidence or...

relegate *v.* to assign to a lower position or rank

relinquish *v.* to voluntarily give up, surrender, or release possession or control of something

remonstrate *v.* to make a forcefully reproachful protest or objection

renounce *v.* to formally declare one's abandonment of a claim, right, or possession; to reject or...

reprehensible *adj.* deserving condemnation or criticism; morally wrong or objectionable

reprobate *n.* a morally unprincipled person; someone who is depraved or wicked

repudiate *v.* to reject, disown, or refuse to accept or be associated with something

rescind *v.* to revoke, cancel, or repeal a law, order, or agreement

reticent *adj.* not willing to speak or express thoughts and feelings readily; reserved or restrained

reverent *adj.* feeling or showing deep respect or solemn admiration

rhetoric *n.* the art of effective or persuasive speaking or writing, often characterized by the use of...

S

sagacious *adj.* having or showing keen mental discernment and good judgment; wise

salient *adj.* most noticeable or important; prominent

sanctimonious *adj.* Making a show of being morally superior to other people; hypocritically pious or self-righteous.

sanguine *adj.* optimistic or positive, especially in a difficult situation; also, having a ruddy or flushed...

satiate *v.* to satisfy (a desire or appetite) fully or to the point of excess

scrupulous *adj.* extremely attentive to detail and moral integrity; very careful and precise

scrutinize *v.* to examine or inspect closely and thoroughly

sedentary *adj.* characterized by much sitting and little physical activity

soporific *adj.* tending to induce sleep or drowsiness; causing lethargy or dullness

specious *adj.* superficially plausible or attractive but actually wrong or misleading

sporadic *adj.* occurring at irregular intervals; scattered or isolated in occurrence

spurious *adj.* not genuine, authentic, or true; false or counterfeit

squander *v.* to waste something, especially money, time, or opportunities, in a reckless or foolish manner

staid *adj.* characterized by dignity and propriety; serious, reserved, and unadventurous

stolid *adj.* showing little or no emotion or sensibility; unemotional and impassive

subjugate *v.* to bring under control or domination; to conquer

substantiate *v.* to provide evidence or proof to support or verify a claim or statement

subversive *adj.* intended to undermine or overthrow established authority or institutions

succinct *adj.* expressed clearly and briefly; concise and to the point

supercilious *adj.* behaving or looking as though one thinks one is superior to others; arrogantly disdainful or...

superfluous *adj.* exceeding what is sufficient or necessary; unnecessary or redundant

supplant *v.* to take the place of someone or something by force, strategy, or deceit

surfeit *n.* an excessive amount or overabundance of something

surreptitious *adj.* kept secret, especially because it would not be approved of; stealthy or clandestine

sycophant *n.* A person who acts obsequiously toward someone important in order to gain advantage; a...

T

tacit *adj.* understood or implied without being stated openly

taciturn *adj.* habitually silent or reserved; inclined to talk very little

tangential *adj.* relating to or along a tangent; only slightly or indirectly related to the main point;...

tantamount *adj.* Equivalent in value, significance, or effect; virtually the same as.

temerity *n.* excessive confidence or boldness; audacity

temperance *n.* the practice of self-control or moderation, especially with regard to alcohol or other appetites

tenacious *adj.* holding fast; persistent, determined, and unwilling to give up

tenuous *adj.* very weak or slight; insubstantial or fragile in strength

terse *adj.* brief and to the point; effectively concise

tirade *n.* a long, angry speech of criticism or accusation

torpid *adj.* mentally or physically inactive; lethargic; sluggish

tractable *adj.* easily managed, controlled, or influenced; docile or obedient

transient *adj.* lasting only for a short time; brief or temporary

trepidation *n.* a feeling of fear or agitation about something that may happen

trite *adj.* overused and consequently of little import; lacking originality or freshness

truculent *adj.* eager or quick to argue or fight; aggressively defiant

U

ubiquitous *adj.* existing or being everywhere at the same time; constantly encountered; widespread

umbrage *n.* offense or annoyance; a feeling of being insulted or resentful

unscrupulous *adj.* having or showing no moral principles; not honest or fair

untenable *adj.* not able to be maintained or defended against attack or objection

V

vacillate *v.* to waver between different opinions or actions; to be indecisive

venerate *v.* to regard with great respect, reverence, or awe

veracity *n.* conformity to facts; accuracy or truthfulness

verbose *adj.* using or expressed in more words than necessary; wordy

vex *v.* to annoy, frustrate, or worry someone, especially with trivial matters

vicarious *adj.* experienced through the feelings or actions of another person

vilify *v.* to speak or write about someone in an abusively disparaging manner

vindicate *v.* to clear someone of blame or suspicion; to show or prove to be right, reasonable, or justified

virulent *adj.* extremely harmful or poisonous; bitterly hostile or antagonistic

viscous *adj.* Having a thick, sticky consistency between solid and liquid; resistant to flow.

vitriolic *adj.* filled with bitter criticism or malice; harshly caustic or scathing

vituperate *v.* to blame or insult someone in strong or violent language; to berate harshly

vociferous *adj.* expressing opinions or feelings loudly and forcefully

volatile *adj.* liable to change rapidly and unpredictably, especially for the worse; easily evaporated at...

voracious *adj.* having an insatiable appetite or desire for something, especially food or knowledge

W

wanton *adj.* deliberate and unprovoked; showing no regard for what is right, humane, or just; reckless...

whimsical *adj.* characterized by playful or fanciful behavior or ideas; unpredictably quaint or fanciful

Z

zealous *adj.* having or showing great enthusiasm or passion for a cause or objective