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"Vocabulary"

- 1) **absurd**: ridiculous; unreasonable
- 2) **access**: ability to enter; approach; make use of
- 3) **acclaim**: to approve; to praise
- 4) **acquiesce**: to agree; to accept passively
- 5) **advocate**: to support; to be in favor of
- 6) **affirmation**: a positive statement that raises self-image
- 7) **aloof**: distant or removed in interest or feeling; disinterested
- 8) **ambiguous**: having two or more possible meanings; unclear; vague
- 9) **analogy**: similarity in some respects between things otherwise unlike
- 10) **analysis**: examination of something by studying its smaller parts
- 11) **anarchy**: absence of government; lawlessness; disorder
- 12) **apathy**: lack of feeling, emotion, interest, or concern
- 13) **arbitrary**: based on one's preference; whimsical
- 14) **architecture**: the science of building
- 15) **arrogant**: overly proud
- 16) **articulate**: to speak distinctly; expressing oneself clearly
- 17) **assuage**: to make less severe; to satisfy or appease
- 18) **augment**: to add to; to make greater in size, quality, or strength
- 19) **authentic**: genuine; not fake, false, or an imitation
- 20) **baffle**: to confuse; to perplex
- 21) **barter**: to trade by exchanging things without money
- 22) **benevolence**: kindness
- 23) **benevolent**: intending to do good for others
- 24) **bias**: prejudice; preference

- 25) **brevity**: concise expression; to the point
- 26) **cavalier**: casual or indifferent
- 27) **cancel**: to delete material that is forbidden
- 28) **censure**: an official reprimand or criticism
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- 30) **circumlocution**: using more words than necessary; to evade with words; to talk around
- 31) **coherent**: sticking together; logical; connected
- 32) **competent**: fit; suitable; able
- 33) **compulsory**: mandatory; required
- 34) **contempt**: disdain; intense dislike
- 35) **culture**: the way of life of a group of people
- 36) **deference**: courteous; respectful
- 37) **demeanor**: manner; behavior
- 38) **democracy**: a government in which the citizens have the power
- 39) **denounce**: condemn; inform against
- 40) **deter**: discourage; restrain
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- 42) **deviate**: to turn aside from established ways
- 43) **dictator**: a ruler who has absolute power
- 44) **discern**: to see or understand clearly; distinguish
- 45) **discriminate**: to make a distinction; to distinguish accurately
- 46) **disdain**: to look upon with scorn; despise
- 47) **disparage**: to lower in esteem; discredit; to show disrespect for
- 48) **dispute**: to engage in an argument; to call into question
- 49) **distort**: to twist out of the true meaning or proportion
- 50) **diverse**: differing from one another; having various forms or qualities

- 51) **dogma**: an established opinion or belief; doctrine
- 52) **eccentric**: peculiar; odd; unusual
- 53) **effect**: to produce; to make happen
- 54) **emulate**: to imitate; to try to equal or surpass
- 55) **endorse**: approve, support, or sustain; write or sign the back of a document
- 56) **enhance**: to raise the value of; to make more desirable
- 57) **enigma**: mystery; something puzzling
- 58) **enlighten**: to inform or instruct
- 59) **ephemeral**: lasting a short time; fleeting
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- 61) **epidermis**: the top layer of skin
- 62) **equine**: relating to horses
- 63) **erratic**: wandering; not predictable or following a pattern
- 64) **etiquette**: manners; proper behavior
- 65) **exaggerate**: to magnify beyond the truth
- 66) **expedite**: to speed up the process; to complete quickly
- 67) **extol**: to praise highly; glorify
- 68) **fallacy**: false or misleading notion or character
- 69) **fanatic**: one who is excessively and unreasonably enthusiastic
- 70) **finite**: having a definite limit
- 71) **flatter**: to praise excessively; to portray too favorably
- 72) **fluctuate**: to shift back and forth uncertainly
- 73) **futile**: serving no purpose that is useful; frivolous
- 74) **hostile**: unfriendly; antagonistic
- 75) **hypocrite**: one who fakes virtue or pretends to have qualities that he does not really have
- 76) **hypothesis**: a tentative assumption made in order to draw out and test its consequences

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- 78) **immense**: great in size or degree; enormous
- 79) **impose**: to force something on others
- 80) **indifferent**: not mattering one way or the other; without interest or concern
- 81) **indulge**: pamper; to give in to another's wishes
- 82) **inevitable**: incapable of being avoided or evaded
- 83) **infer**: to derive as a conclusion from facts or premises; imply; hint
- 84) **initial**: first; beginning
- 85) **innocuous**: not causing harm; inoffensive
- 86) **innovate**: to introduce something new
- 87) **intense**: extreme; deeply felt
- 88) **intricate**: very complicated and detailed
- 89) **kleptomaniac**: someone who has the compulsion or urge to steal
- 90) **liable**: likely to happen
- 91) **manifesto**: a public declaration
- 92) **manipulate**: to manage or utilize skillfully
- 93) **maudlin**: very emotional or sentimental
- 94) **miser**: one who lives measurably to save or hoard money
- 95) **novel**: new; unusual; strange
- 96) **obscure**: remote; not distinct; vague
- 97) **optimism**: looking at things in a positive way
- 98) **overt**: obvious; not hidden
- 99) **pandemonium**: chaos; confusion
- 100) **paradox**: a statement that is opposed to common sense yet perhaps is true
- 101) **partial**: biased; favoring one over the other
- 102) **permanent**: stable; long-lasting

- 103) **persist**: to proceed stubbornly, despite opposition
- 104) **photogenic**: suitable for being photographed
- 105) **polytheism**: belief in many gods
- 106) **pretentious**: making claims; ostentatious
- 107) **prominent**: famous or well known
- 108) **prosaic**: commonplace; dull
- 109) **provincial**: not sophisticated; narrow-minded; confined to a region
- 110) **punctual**: prompt; pointed
- 111) **pyrotechnics**: fireworks; spectacular display
- 112) **rational**: sensible; having reason or understanding
- 113) **reciprocate**: to give and get in return
- 114) **redundant**: unnecessary repetition
- 115) **rend**: separate into parts by force
- 116) **repository**: a place where things may be kept for safe keeping
- 117) **reprove**: to call attention to a misbehavior in a mild manner
- 118) **republic**: a government run by elected officials
- 119) **revere**: to honor or worship
- 120) **revive**: to come back to life; to return to health and vigor
- 121) **sentiment**: opinion, emotion, feeling
- 122) **servile**: lacking independence; servant-like
- 123) **skeptic**: one who has or shows doubt; one who questions validity
- 124) **slovenly**: untidy or careless in appearance or work
- 125) **static**: showing little or no change; stationary
- 126) **stigmatize**: to label something as unfavorable
- 127) **subtle**: hardly noticeable; clever or sly
- 128) **superficial**: near or on the surface; outward; not thorough

