

accountant	A person whose job it is to keep track of a person's or business's finances
ajar	Slightly open
appellation	A name
astonishing	Surprising and amazing
butterscotch	A candy made from sugar and corn syrup
capacious	Able to hold a lot; roomy
cogitation	Thinking or pondering; contemplation
coherence	Being logical and making sense
compelled	Forced to do something
compress	To flatten or to press

concussion	A brain injury caused by a blow or hit to the head
cryptic	Mysterious or puzzling
cynic	A person who distrusts people
depleted	Used up the supply of
dictation	The action of typing or writing down words said out loud
documented	Recorded proof of something usually in written or photographic form
en route	On the way
eons	Ages of very long time (usually exaggerated)
euphemism	A gentle way of saying something that is normally unpleasant (For example, saying "passed away" instead of saying that someone has died.)
exhilarating	Exciting and thrilling

foreboding	A feeling that something bad will happen
hallucination	Seeing something that is not real (usually the result of a sickness or a medicine side effect)
hyperbole	An exaggerated claim not meant to be taken literally (For example, saying "Mile-high ice cream cones" to describe very tall cones)
incite	To encourage or stir up
indomitable	Unconquerable or impossible to defeat
inept	Lacking skill or ability
installment	One part of something (like a news article or book) published in several parts over time
irrevocable	Not able to be changed
knell	The sound of a bell (especially one rung for a death or a funeral)
leisure	Free time away from work

loamy	Loose and rich (as in soil); made from equal parts of clay, silt, and sand
loath	Reluctant or unwilling to do something
locusts	Grasshoppers that swarm and eat up all the plants in their path
malfeasance	Wrong or dishonest activity
navigate	To plan and direct the route of a vehicle
nearsighted	Unable to see things far away; only able to see things clearly when they are close
neurotic	Relating to minor mental disorders like anxiety
obfuscation	Hiding or obscuring something to make it unclear
overwhelm	To cause someone to have too many things to deal with
pervasive	Spread throughout so well that it is seen and felt everywhere

pillar	Something supportive and reliable (like pillars or columns that hold up a building)
polyester	A man-made fabric material
port	A place where ships can anchor to either transfer cargo or stay safe in a storm
posit	To suggest something
protestation	A strong declaration that something is true or not true
provoke	To excite to anger or action
record	A round plastic disc once used to record and play music (a broken record would repeat the same music again and again)
redolent	Full of fragrance or odor
seizure	A sudden attack of abnormal brain activity that can cause uncontrollable muscle spasms
slander	A false statement that can harm a person's reputation

stout	Strong
submerge	To put underwater or to go underwater
surreptitious	Done in secret
symbolism	The use of symbols or objects to represent ideas
tentative	Not certain
threshold	A strip of material like wood or stone on the floor of a doorway separating two areas
unanticipated	Not expected
unremitting	Never relaxing or stopping
vaguely	Not clearly understood or expressed
vehemently	With great force or energy