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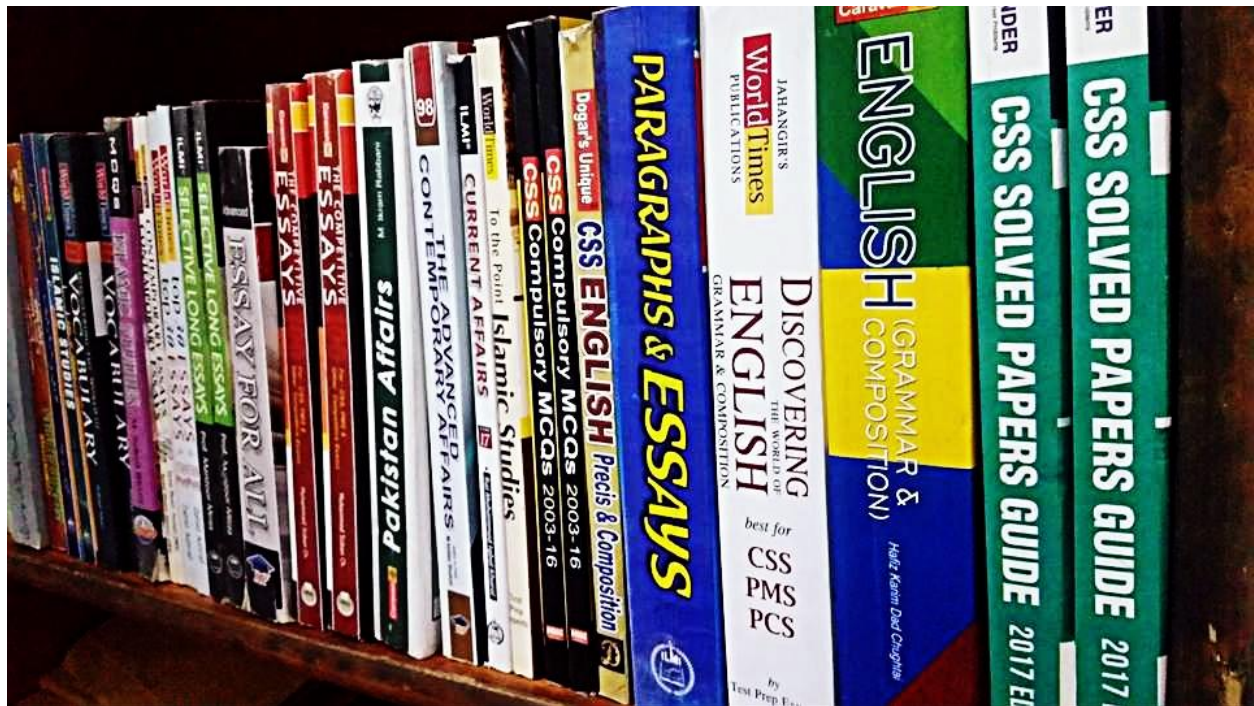
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## Dawn Word List

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Aberration: deviation; abnormality

Abstruse: Difficult to comprehend

Acumen: sharpness of mind

Adroit: skill-ful (Maladroit = clumsy)

Adulation: worship; great praise

Advocate: support

Affability: friendliness; cordiality

Affinity: kinship

Affluence: wealth; opulence

Agnostic: unsure of the existence of god

Alacrity: speed & eagerness; promptness

Alleviate: make less serve; reduce

Altruism: self-sacrifice

Amalgam: mixture

Amassed: accumulated

Ambiguous: vague; doubtful; equivocal

Ameliorate: make better; improve

Amiable: friendly; lovable

Anachronistic: out of normal time range (Root -- chron always implies the time)

Animosity: hostility; hatred; ill-will

Apathetic: lacking energy or interest; indifference

Arable: cab be cultivated; fit for pillowing (example: arable land)

Arbitration: mediating between disputing sides  
Arboreal: living in trees (Root -- Arbor always relates to trees)  
Arcane: esoteric; obscure; known only to few people  
Archaic: old-fashioned  
Articulation: joining; speaking clearly; distinct  
Ascertain: find out; make sure  
Astute: wise; mentally sharp  
Augment: increase in size or number  
Aural: through the sense of hearing  
Autocrat: absolute ruler; dictator  
Autonomy: self-government  
Barrage: bombardment; stream (of abuse etc.); continuous attack  
Belabor: over-emphasizing  
Belied: contradicted  
Belitters: people who criticize/disparage  
Benevolent: kindly; charitable  
Boorishness: rudeness; ill-mannered behavior  
Bountiful: generous  
Brevity: briefness  
Bypass: avoid; find a way around  
Byzantine: excessive; decadent  
Cacophony: noise; din  
Callous: cruel & unfeeling  
Candid: truthful; straight forward; free from prejudice  
Capricious: whimsical; changeable  
Censure: criticize; blame  
Cerebral: concerned with thinking  
Circumstantial: accidental; indirect  
Insightful: perceptive; can be understood

Inspid: flavourless; bland

Insolence: lack of respect; rudeness; impudence

Insolvent: bankrupt

Insufferable: can not be tolerated

Insular: narrow-minded

Insurrectionist: rebel; combative

Integrity: honor; honesty

Intemperate: not moderate; excessive

Intermittent: on & off; not continuous; spasmodic

Intonation: tone of voice

intrigued: interested and curious

Intuition: sixth sense; gut feeling

Invocation: prayer

Irony: something unexpected; words to convey opposite meaning

Irreproachable: can not be criticized; blameless (Reproach = criticize)

Irresolute: lacking firmness of purpose; hesitant

Irreverence: lack of respect

Jaded: tired; bored

Jeopardize: put at risk; endanger

Judicious: fair; wise

Juxtaposition: placing two things next to each other

Knack: trick; skill

Lackadaisical: lazy; careless; lax

Lamentable: regrettable

Languid: Lacking energy; weak

Lavish: to spend freely(v); costing alot; opulent(adj)

Legitimate: to make legal; give approval to

Libelous: open to prosecution forr libel (libel = written slander)

Lithe: flexible; supple

Litigious: seeking legal remedies

Lobby: to try to persuade; entrance hall

Lucid: clear; explained

Magnanimous: generous minded; big-hearted

Mandate: permission

Mandatory: compulsory

Manifesto: statement of values

Manipulative: deceptive; skill-ful at handling people

Marred: spoiled; ruined

Meager: small; scanty; unimportant

Mercenary: seeking money above all else; interested in money and gain

Meticulous: thorough; taking care of details

Miffed: annoyed; vex

Mitigate: moderate; reduce intensity

Modicum: tiny amount

Momentous: of great importance

Monotonous: dull; repetitive

Morbidity: concern with death and disease

Motley: varied; miscellaneous

Circumvent: avoid; outwit; baffle

Coalition: a union of two parts

Ceorce: compel; force

Cognitions: mental knowledge

Compendious: containing a lot in a small space/few words

Conciliatory: bringing together; ending a dispute; soothing

Concord: agreement

Condone: tolerate

Conflagration: great fire

Congenial: friendly; sociable; suitable

Connoisseur: expert with good taste/ judgement

Consecrate: dedicate; make holy

Consummate: supremely good

Contagious: passed on through touch; infectious

Convergence: coming together

Convivial: sociable

Copious: in large amount

Corollary: consequence; inference

Corpulence: very fat-ness

Corroborated: supported; given supporting evidence

Credulity: belief on slight evidence

Cumulative: building up

Cursory: superficial

Curtail: cut short

Dalliance: non-serious involvement; toying or playing

Dearth: shortage; lacking

Debacle: disaster

Debilitate: weaken

Debunk: throw out old ideas

Deferment: putting off

Deleterious: harmful

Deliberation: careful thought

Delineate: outline

Demagogue: mob leader; agitator

Demonstrative: expressing emotions freely

Denuded: stripped

Depreciatory: devaluing; criticizing

Derelict: rundown; abandoned

Derided: mocked



Despoiled: plunder; rob; deprive

Devious: cunning

Didactic: intending to preach or teach; an act of teaching

Dilatory: slow; sluggish

Disarming: charming; unthreatening

Discernment: judgement

Discrepancy: inconsistency

Disillusioned: freed from wrong ideas

Disingenuous: crafty; double dealing

Disparaging: critical

Distension: swelling; distend; expand

Multifarious: having many aspects

Myopic: short-sighted (literal or metaphoric)

Naivete: innocence; lack of wordliness

Nefarious: infamous; very wicked

Negate: wipe out; nullify

Nemesis: fate; doom

Nihilism: belief in nothing; anarchy

Nondescript: having no special qualities; ordinary

Notoriety: infamy

Obsequious: slavish; fawning

Occlusion: shutting out

Officious: interfering

Onerous: burdensome

Opacity: lack of transparency; being opaque

Opportunism: grabbing opportunities

Opting: choosing

Opulence: lavish display of wealth

Ornate: extremely decorated

Overhaul: renovate; examine  
Palliative: sth that makes better but doesn't cure; easy pain  
Pathos: sadness; stirring the emotions; gloomy  
Paucity: scarcity; shortage  
Peer: An equal; to look closely at  
Peevishness: childish sullenness; irritability  
Penchant: tendency; leaning toward; liking  
Penurious: miserly  
Perquisites: perks; sth you receive for your job  
Petulant: touchy; sulky; peevish  
Phlegmatic: calm; imperturbable  
Phobic: fearful (Root phobia always implies fear)  
Pilfer: steal; filch; rustle  
Placid: peaceful; calm; serene  
Plaudits: praise  
Pliant: flexible  
Polarized: divided into two extremes  
Pragmatism: practicality  
Preclude: prevent; make impossible  
Precursor: forerunner; sth comes before  
Predilection: liking for; penchant  
Presumption: assuming too much  
Profundity: depth (of ideas/thoughts)  
Propensity: tendency; leaning predilection  
Proponent: supporter  
Prosaic: ordinary; dull  
Prospectus: brochure  
Prudent: wise; cautious  
Punctilious: meticulous

Purportedly: apparently claiming

Quell: suppress; to stop sth such as protests

Quixotic: idealistic; impractical

Radical: revolutionary

Docile: obedient; subservient

Dubious: doubtful

Eclectic: taking things from different sources; selective

Effacement: wiping out; rub out; (self-effacement = excessive modesty)

Egotistical: selfish

Elitist: favoring top group; snob

Elusive: difficult to pin down

Emancipators: those who set others free

Embellished: adorned; decorated

Embittered: full of bitter feelings

Embodiment: living example of

Empathetic: exhibiting deep emotional understanding

Empiric: found by experiment/practice

Encompassed: included; surrounded

Encroach: trespass; violate

Endorsed: supported

Entourage: group of followers; retinue; cortege

Envisioning: imagining; predicting

Epitome: essence; typical example or symbol of

Equanimity: peace of mind; balance; calm

Equitable: fair and equal

Eradicate: wipe out; remove

Erudition: learning; scholarly knowledge

Esoteric: obscure; arcane; known to few

Estrangement: separation

Eulogy: praise

Exacerbate: make worse

Exasperation: frustration and annoyance

Excise: cut out

Exemplar: excellent example of

Exonerated: proved not guilty; acquit

Exorbitant: excessive

Exotic: strange; foreign

Expeditious: speedy; hasten

Extant: still in existence; opposite of extinct

Extirpation: destruction

Extol: praise; glorify

Extrapolate: predict on the basis of existing data; extended

Facile: over simplified

Faction: section; group with common interests

Fastidious: very fussy; excessively concerned (esp. about cleanliness)

Fawning: groveling; slavish; obsequious

Fidelity: faithfulness; loyalty

Finagle: wheedle; wangle; trick

Finesse: skill

Fitful: intermittent; on and off; not continuous

Flabbergast: shock; make speechless

Flag: to lose energy; to signal

Rambunctious: boisterous; highly exuberant; unruly

Rancor: bitterness and bad feeling

Ratify: give approval to (official)

Raze: known down, destroy

Reclusive: Avoid other people; solitary

Recrimination: blame

Rectitude: uprightness

Redolent: smelling of (literal or metaphoric)

Regressive: moving backwards (literal or metaphoric)

Rehash: revamp hurriedly/carelessly; to arrange in new form without improvement

Remiss: neglectful

Repertoire: range; set of skills

Reprehensible: very bad; culpable; blame worthy

Relieve: let off (atleast temporarily); delay; cancel

Reprimanded: scolded

Resilience: strength; ability to withstand

Resolute: firm of purpose

Retraction: removal; taking back

Rhetoric: persuasive language

Robust: strong and sturdy

Rousing: stirring; full of enthusiasm

Rudimentary: elementary; basic; not developed

Salvageable: can be saved

Sanctity: holiness

Sarcasm: sneering; bitter remarks; ironic or taunting

Scouring: cleaning thoroughly; thorough searching; comb

Scrutinize: examine carefully

Scuttled: sunk; foil

Secluded: lonely; isolated

Sedate: calm; placid

Seditious: causing division or rebellion

Sedulous: thorough; eager

Serene: peaceful

Sermonize: give moral lecture

Shroud: a cover for dead body; to cover  
Slipshod: careless; untidy  
Solace: comfort  
Solicitous: expressing care and concern  
Somber: gloomy  
Sophistry: devious logic  
Soporific: sleep inducing; sleep producer  
Sporadic: intermittent; not continuous; short stayed  
Spurned: shunned; rejected  
Squander: waste  
Squelch: suppress; crush  
Steadfastness: loyalty; firmness of purpose  
Stifling: suppressing  
Stipulated: insisted  
Substantiate: give supporting evidence  
Floridity: floweriness in language; redness  
Foil: frustrate; battle; defeat  
Formidable: inspiring awe; impressive and powerful difficulty  
Foster: support; encourage  
Foundered: sank; failed; stumbled  
Fraudulent: crooked; intending to cheat  
Frugal: economical; parsimony  
Furtive: secretive  
Futile: useless; waste of time and effort  
Gestures: signals  
Glacial: icy; unfriendly  
Glutton: greedy; spearing in eating and drinking  
Grating: harsh; rasping; irritating  
Gratuitous: free; unwarranted

Grimy: dirty

Hackneyed: commonplace; banal; over-used

Heterogeneity: variety; non-uniformity

Hilarity: great laughter

Histrionic: melodramatic; expressing exaggerated emotion

Holistic: whole; entire

Hubris: excessive pride; haughtiness

Husbandry: careful management of resources

Idiosyncratic: quirky; eccentric; unique to an individual

Igomy: shame

Imperious: in a commanding manner

Impetuosity: impulsiveness; rash

Impudent: cheeky; disrespectful

Inane: silly

Incoherence: lack of clarity

Inconsequential: unimportant

Inconspicuous: not easily seen; indiscernible

Indiscriminate: without thought; random; careless

Indomitable: unshakeable; fearless

Indulgent: kindly; pampering

Ineffable: cant be expressed in words

Ineptitude: lack of ability

Infelicity: unsuitability; inappropriateness

Infusion: influx; addition

Ingenuous: naive

Indigenous: native to a locality

Indictment: charge; legal accusation

Innocuous: harmless

Inscrutable: not easy to comprehend

Subversive: intending to overthrow; seditious; split

Succulent: juicy

Supplant: replace; usurp

Supple: flexible; pliant; lithe

Surfeit: excess

Sustain: support; experience

Sycophant: toady; servile flatterer

Tactile: through the sense of touch

Tangential: off the point; irrelevant

Temper: moderate

Temperamental: volatile; changeable

Temporize: put off; procrastinate; delay

Tenacious: holding firmly to idea or purpose

Therapeutic: medicinal

Thwarted: prevented

Transitory: short-lived; not continuous

Teacly: too sweet; over sentimental

Tremulous: hesitant

Tribulation: trouble

Truculence: stubbornness

Undermine: weaken

Unequivocal: certain; undoubtful

Unwitting: not deliberated

Unyielding: not giving up

Vacillate: waver; hesitate

Validated: proved right

Valor: bravery

Venality: corruption

Versatility: ability to do many things



Vex: annoy

Vicarious: experience indirectly; at secondhand

Vigilant: wary; watchful

Vindication: proving right; acquittal

Vindictive: seeking revenge

Viscous: thick and sticky

Volatile: evaporates easily; mercurial; easily angered; emotional

Voluminous: large; bulky; extensive

Vulnerable: open to attack; susceptible

Waning: declining

Warped: twisted; distorted

Wary: cautious

Wannow: sift; separate good from bad

Wistful: sad; yearning; longing in a thoughtful way

Wrath: anger

## Important word-list

I have selected these words for maximum usefulness. all have appeared in recent years on the SAT, GMAT and GRE tests. I am not wasting your time on obscure words that you will never hear again. The following words are also taken from various english magazines, articles and newspapers.

Abhor: hate

Bigot: narrow-minded, prejudiced person

Counterfeit: fake; false

Enfranchise: give voting rights

Hamper: hinder; obstruct

Kindle: to start a fire

Noxious: harmful; poisonous; lethal

Placid: calm; peaceful

Remuneration: payment for work done

Talisman: lucky charm

Abasement: humiliation; degradation

Billowing: swelling; fluttering; waving

Cower: recoil in fear or servility; shrink away from

Enhance: improve; make better or clearer

Harangue: noisy, attacking speech

Labyrinth: a maze

Nullify: to counter; make unimportant

Plaintiff: petitioner (in court of law)

Replete: full

Tangible: can be touched

Plagiarism: taking credit for someone else's writing or ideas

Knotty: complex; difficult to solve

Engender: cause

Covert: hidden; undercover

Abrogate: cancel; deny; repeal

Blasphemy: speech which offends religious sentiments

Credible: believable

Enigma: puzzle; mystery

Harbingers: indicators; bringers of warnings

Labyrinthine: complicated; highly convoluted

Plaudit: statement giving strong praise

Reprehensible: shameful; very bad

Tardy: slow; late; overdue; delayed

Creditable: praiseworthy

Hasten: hurry; accelerate; rush

Laceration: a cut

Obdurate: stubborn

Plausible: can be believed; reasonable

Reprieve: a respite; postponement of a sentence

Tawdry: of little value; gaudy

Abstain: desist; go without; withdraw

Blighted: damaged; destroyed; ruined

Credulous: gullible; ready to believe anything

Enshroud: cover

Haughtiness: arrogance; pride

Lachrymose: tearful; sad

Obfuscate: deliberately make something difficult to understand

Plethora: an excess

Repudiate: shun; eschew; back from statement

Tedium: boredom

Abstemious: self denying; refraining from indulging

Enunciation: clear pronunciation; accent; articulation

Headstrong: stubborn; willful

Lackluster: dull; monotonous; bland  
Objective: unbiased; not subjective  
Pliable: flexible; not stubborn  
Rescind: retract; repeal  
Temper: to moderate; soften  
Abstruse: difficult to understand; obscure  
Cringe: recoil; flinch; shy away  
Envenom: to cause bitterness and bad feeling  
Hedonism: self indulgence; pleasure-seeking  
Laconic: using few words; brief; to the point  
Oblique: indirect; slanting  
Tenacious: stubborn; resolute; holding firm to a purpose  
Accolade: tribute; honor; praise  
Bolster: support; prop up  
Cryptic: puzzling; enigmatic  
Ephemeral: short-lived  
Lamentation: expression of regret or sorrow  
Obliterate: destroy; demolish; eradicate  
Plummet: fall suddenly and steeply  
Resolution: determination  
Tentative: not certain  
Acquiesce: to agree to; give in to  
Bombast: arrogant, pompous language  
Curtail: cut short  
Heed: listen to  
Lampoon: ridicule; spoof  
Oblivious: totally unaware  
Podium: raised platform  
Resonant: echoing

Tenuous: flimsy; not solid

Acrid sharp; pungent (used of smells and tastes) Boorish ill-mannered

Cynical believing that people act only out of selfish motives

Heresy against orthodox opinion

Obscure difficult to understand; partially hidden Poignant deeply moving; strongly affecting the emotions Respite a break; intermission Terse concise; to the point

Debility weakness; incapacity

Hiatus interruption; pause

Languid tired; slow

Obscured: hidden; covered; buried

Poised: calm; collected; self-possessed

Resplendent: shining; glowing

Therapeutic: medicinal; curative

Acuity: sharpness (mental or visual)

Braggart: someone who boasts

Debunking: exposing false claims or myths

Hidebound: rigid in opinions

Languish: decay; fade away; get weaker

Obsequious: servile; submissive

Polemical: causing debate or argument

Restorative: a tonic

Thwart: prevent; frustrate

Adamant: forceful; inflexible

Brawny: muscular

Equivocate: speak ambiguously; avoid telling the truth

Hieroglyphics: 1. picture writing; 2. writing which is difficult to read or enigmatic

Larceny: theft; robbery; stealing

Ponderous: weighty; slow and heavy

Retention: preservation; withholding

Timorous: cowardly; fearful

Adroit: skilful Brevity being brief

Decorum: dignified, correct behavior [decorous (a)]

Err: make a mistake

Hinder: obstruct

Largess: generosity

Obsolete: no longer valid

Reticent: restrained; holding something back; uncommunicative

Tirade: stream of verbal abuse

Adulation: strong admiration; worship

Bristle: to show irritation

Erratic: wandering; irregular

Histrionic: theatrical; exaggerated

Laud: praise

Portend: foretell

Retraction: withdrawal; cancellation of a statement

Titter: giggle quietly

Adversity: hardship

Broach: start to discuss; approach

Deference: respect

Esoteric: obscure and difficult to understand

Hoary: old; white with old age

Lavish: on a grand scale; wasteful

Obtuse: mentally dull

Portent: a warning sign; omen

Revere: worship

Advocate: support

Brusque: blunt; abrupt

Espouse: promote; take up; support

Hone: sharpen; increase; whet

Lax: careless; not strict

Obviate: avoid; make unnecessary

Poseur: someone who puts on an act

Riddled: full of (usually full of holes)

Torpid: inactive; lazy; stagnant

Defunct: no longer in existence

Etymology: the study of word origins

Legend: 1. key to map; 2. myth or story

Odious: hateful Posterity future generations

Rife: common

Torpor: dormancy; sluggishness; inactivity

Affable: friendly; social; easygoing

Bureaucracy: officialdom

Degradation: deprivation; poverty; debasement

Eulogy: praise

Hypochondriac: a person obsessed with health; having imaginary illnesses

Legion: in large numbers

Officious: domineering; intrusive; meddlesome

Posthumous: after death

Rigor: thoroughness

Totter: walk unsteadily

Alacrity: eagerness; enthusiasm; quickness

Deleterious: harmful

Euphemism: a polite phrase to cover something unpleasant

Hypocritical: insincere

Lethargic: tired; without energy

Ogle: stare at; observe in an obvious manner

Robust: strong; healthy; tough

Tractable: obedient; dutiful; polite

Deliberate: to think over deeply

Euphony: pleasant sounds

Iconoclast: person who opposes orthodoxy

Levity: flippancy; joking about serious matters; lightness

Olfactory: concerned with the sense of smell

Alibi: an excuse that shows someone was not at a crime scene

Buttress: strengthen; support

Delineation: demarcation; explanation; definition; outlining

Evacuate: vacate; empty; abandon

Idiosyncrasy: a personal peculiarity; something unique to an individual

Libertarian: someone who opposes tyranny

Ominous: threatening

Potent: powerful; compelling; strong

Ruminate: think over something; ponder

Transcribe: copy

Allay: to lessen

Byline: the line that tells you who wrote an article

Demur: hesitate; refuse

Exacerbate: make worse

Ignominious: shameful

Omnipotent: all-powerful

Pragmatic: practical Ruse trick; stratagem

Transgress: go astray; disobey; commit a sin

Alleviate: make less severe

Cacophony: discordant loud noises

Denounce: condemn; speak out against



Exasperated: frustrated; annoyed

Ignominy: shame [ignominious (a) = shameful]

Lithe: flexible; supple

Omniscient: all-knowing

Pragmatist: practical person; one who is concerned with usefulness

Saccharin: falsely sweet

Transient: short-lived; ephemeral

Aloof: distant; detached; cold

Cajole: coax; wheedle; deceive by flattery

Deplete: use up; lessen

Exceptionable: very bad (something which we should object to)

Illuminate: to light up or make clear

Livid: very angry

Onerous: burdensome; hard to undertake

Preamble: introductory material

Sacrosanct: very holy; inviolable

Traverse: to move across

Altruism: putting others first; being self-sacrificing

Deplore: regret

Exculpate: free someone from blame; pardon; acquit

Illusory: deceptive; false; misleading

Lobbyist: person who tries to persuade someone to support a particular cause

Onus: burden

Precarious: unstable; risky

Sagacious: wise

Trepidation: fear

Amass: accumulate

Callow: immature

Depravity: moral corruption

Execrable: very, very bad

Immoderate: excessive; extreme

Lofty: snooty; arrogant; haughty

Opaque: does not let light through

Precedent: a previous occurrence used as a guide

Sage: a wise person; person celebrated for wisdom

Trinket: something of little value; knick-knack

Ambiguity: uncertainty; vagueness

Candid: frank; honest

Deprecate: criticize; denounce

Immutable: unchanging; permanent

Longevity: long life

Opulent: wealthy; rich; magnificent

Precept: guiding principle

Salacious: lecherous; erotic

Trite: unoriginal; dull

Ambiguous: unclear in meaning; can be interpreted in different ways

Candor: frankness; openness

Deride: ridicule; make fun of; mock

Exemplary: outstandingly good; setting a fine example

Impartial: unbiased; neutral

Loquacious: talkative

Sallow: yellowish

Trivial: unimportant

Ambivalence: lack of clarity; wavering; being undecided

Cantankerous: bad-tempered; quarrelsome

Exemplify: to serve as a good example

Impecunious: having no money

Lucid: clear

Ornate: highly decorated

Salubrious: health-giving

Truant: shirker; someone absent without permission

Ambulatory: able to walk around (used of hospital patients)

Capacious: spacious

Desecrate: to damage or pollute a holy place

Exhaustive: complete and thorough Impious wicked; profane

Ludicrous: ridiculous; silly

Orthodox: conventional

Precipitous: done in a hurry

Salutary: something which teaches you a lesson; beneficial

Truncate: cut short

Ameliorate: make better

Capitulate: surrender; give in to

Exonerates: acquits; absolves; removes blame

Impoverished: destitute; poor

Ossify: 1. turn to bone; 2. become fixed and rigid

Preclude: prevent or make impossible

Sanctimonious: hypocritically holy

Tumult: uproar; noise

Amelioration: improvement

Carping: constant criticism; finding faults

Desist: stop; discontinue; cease

Exorcism: getting free/rid of; eliminating (especially demons)

Impromptu: unrehearsed; spontaneous

Lummox: clumsy person

Ostentatious: showy

Precocious: developing early

Sanction: give approval to

Turpitude: depravity

Amiable: friendly; lovable

Cartographer: person who makes maps

Despondent: having no hope; miserable

Expatriate: refugee; emigrant; someone living away from his own country

Inadvertent: not intentional

Luscious: juicy; moist; succulent

Oust: push out of a position

Predecessor: one who came before

Sanguinary: bloodthirsty; bloody

Tyro: novice; beginner

Amity: friendship

Castigate: scold strongly

Destitution: hardship; poverty; misery

Expedient: convenient; practical

Lynch: assassinate; kill; illegal hanging

Overt: obvious; not hidden

Predicament: dilemma; difficult situation

Sanguine: optimistic; cheerful

Ubiquitous: found everywhere; omnipresent

Amorphous: lacking in shape

Deter: put off; prevent

Expedite: make faster

Incarceration: putting in prison

Machinations: plots and plans

Preeminent: famous; outstanding

Sardonic: mocking

Unalloyed: undiluted; total

Analgesic: medicine to combat pain

Caucus: type of private political meeting

Deteriorate: worsen; decline

Exposition: clear explanation

Incessant: without stopping

Maelstrom: whirlpool; storm in the ocean

Prerogative: right or privilege

Savant: person with knowledge

Unctuous: oily; using excessive flattery

Analogous: comparable

Caustic: burning

Detrimental: harmful

Extol: praise

Incipient: just beginning

Magnanimous: generous; big-hearted

Prescient: having fore-knowledge

Scale: to climb

Undermined: damaged; attacked

Anarchy: chaos; lack of government

Devoured: greedily eaten/consumed

Extradite: deport from one country back to the home country

Inclination: tendency; a leaning toward

Palliative: a remedy that improves but doesn't cure

Presentiment: a feeling that something might happen

Scapegoat: person on whom blame is placed for faults of others

Underscore: emphasize

Dexterous: skilful with hands

Extraneous: irrelevant

Incoherent: not clear

Maladroit: clumsy; unskillful

Pallid: pale

Presumptuous: assuming too much; arrogant

Scrupulous: careful; diligent; painstaking

Unequivocal: clear; obvious

Animosity: hatred; antagonism

Censorious: disapproving; critical

Dichotomy: a division into two parts

Extrapolate: extend; predict on the basis of known data

Incongruous: not fitting in; out of place

Malady: illness

Palpable: easily felt; easily perceived

Pretentious: pompous; self-important

Scrutinize: examine carefully

Unfetter: set free

Censure: blame; criticize

Extrinsic: irrelevant; on the outside

Inconsequential: unimportant; insignificant; negligible

Malediction: a curse Panacea remedy for all ills

Prevaricate: speak misleadingly and evasively

Cerebral: intellectual

Diffident: lacking confidence

Fallacious: false

Inconspicuous: not easily seen; subtle; not noticeable

Malefactor: a wrong-doer

Paradigm: 1. example; 2. model; 3. way of looking at things

Pristine unspoiled

Unprecedented: never having happened before

Anomaly: something which does not fit in a pattern; irregularity

Certitude: certainty

Digress: wander off the subject

Falter: hesitate; waver

Indelible: cannot be wiped out

Malingering: deliberately avoid work; shirk

Paradox: apparently contradictory statement

Sensuous: appealing to the senses

Unscathed: unharmed; intact; without a scratch

Antagonism: hostility; strong opposition

Charlatan: trickster who claims knowledge he doesn't have

Indifferent: 1. neutral; 2. not outstanding

Malingeringer: person who deliberately tries to avoid work

Paragon: a perfect example

Procrastinate: delay; put off

Unwitting: not deliberate; unconscious

Antagonistic: opposed; hostile; aggressive

Chary: watchful; wary of; cautious about; reluctant to give

Dilatory: slow; falling behind with one's work

Fanaticism: passion; excessive devotion

Indigenous: native to a particular area

Malleable: flexible; can be shaped

Paramount: of supreme importance

Prodigal: wasteful; extravagant

Sequester: isolate

Upbraid: scold; tell off; reprimand

Antediluvian: outdated; prehistoric; very old-fashioned

Dilemma: puzzling situation

Fastidious: overly particular; finicky

Indolence: laziness

Prodigious: very large

Serendipity: fortunate coincidence; unsought discovery

Uproarious: hilarious; hysterical; very funny

Dilettante: person who dabbles in a subject without serious study

Inductee: novice; beginner

Manipulatable: influencable; controllable

Profane: unholy

Serene: calm; peaceful

Upshot: outcome

Diligent: hard-working

Feasible: possible and practicable

Indulgent: pampering; satisfying desires

Marred: damaged; spoiled

Pariah: an outcast from society

Urbane: sophisticated; suave; refined

Antiquated: outdated; old fashioned

Choleric: easily angered

Diorama: model of a scene

Fecund: fertile Inebriation drunkenness; intoxication

Marshal: to gather together

Parity: equality

Profound: having deep meaning

Servile: overly submissive; groveling

Usurp: take someone's position (usually by force)

Apathetic: indifferent; uninterested; lethargic

Chronicler: person who records historical information

Dirge: mournful song

Felicitous: apt

Ineffable: cannot be expressed in words



Marsupial: pouched mammal (like a kangaroo)  
Parochial: narrow-minded; concerned only with local matters  
Skeptical: doubting; not gullible  
Utilitarian: useful  
Apathy: lack of interest or emotion  
Circuitous: indirect; roundabout (circuitous statement)  
Disapprobation: disapproval  
Fervor: passion; enthusiasm; zeal  
Inept: incompetent; unskilled; useless  
Martinet: person who believes in strict discipline  
Parody: a mockery; imitation for ridicule; spoof  
Proletarian: member of the working class  
Skirmish: minor battle  
Utopian: a believer in an ideal world  
Apocryphal: of doubtful origin; not original  
Circumlocution: using too many words; long-windedness  
Discern: to distinguish one thing from another  
Fickle: unpredictable; whimsical; easily swayed  
Inertia: inactivity; lethargy  
Masochist: person who intentionally inflicts pain on himself  
Parry: ward off; avoid  
Prolific: producing a lot  
Sluggard: slow-moving; lethargic person  
Vacillate: waver; hesitate  
Appease: pacify; soothe; calm down; make peace with  
Circumscribe: limit  
Discord: disagreement  
Finesse: skill  
Inevitable: cannot be avoided

Matriarchy: society governed by women

Parsimonious: economical; frugal; thrifty

Proponents: promoters; supporters

Vacuous: empty; silly; meaningless

Apprehensive: worried; fearful

Circumspect: cautious; considering all sides

Discordancy: cacophony; harshness; jarring

Fitful: not continuous; stopping and starting

Inexorable: relentless

Maverick: a loner

Parsimony: stinginess; frugality; cost-cutting

Prosaic: dull; boring; ordinary

Vagrant: person wandering without a home

Arable: can be cultivated

Circumvent: avoid

Discrepancy: something which does not match up; inconsistency

Flagrant: clearly wrong

Inexpedient: not advisable

Meager: in short supply

Partisan: biased; one-sided; committed to one group

Proscribe: forbid

Solace: comfort for grief

Vapid: dull; uninspiring

Arbitrary: random; for no definite reason

Clairvoyant: psychic; mystic

Discriminate: to make a clear distinction; see the difference

Flamboyant: showy; ornate Infallible perfect; flawless; cannot make mistakes

Meander: wander from side to side

Pathos: evoking sadness or pity

Prosody: study of versification

Solicit: to ask for; seek

Variegated: multicolored; speckled

Arcane: obscure; known only to a few people

Clamor: shout; scream

Discursiveness: long windedness; indirectness

Flaunt: show off; display in a showy manner

Infamous: famous for something bad

Mellow: soft; melodious; ripe

Patron: one who give support (usually financial)

Prostration: 1. lying face down; 2. be overcome with extreme weakness

Somnambulist: sleepwalker

Vehemence: violence; fervor; forcefulness

Archaic: ancient; outdated; old fashioned

Clandestine: secret; covert; stealthy

Disdain: contempt; strong dislike

Flippant: making jokes about serious matters Infer deduce; conclude

Menagerie: collection of animals

Patronize: condescend to; behave in an arrogant manner towards

Protagonist: main character in film, book, play etc.

Soothsayer: fortuneteller

Vehement: forceful

Archetype: classic example of

Clemency: mercy

Disinterested: unbiased

Flout: defy; reject

Ingénue: naïve, unsophisticated person

Mendacious: given to lying

Paucity: shortage

Protean: changeable

Sophomoric: juvenile; immature

Venal: corrupt; can be bribed

Archives: collections of old records; place of storage of old documents

Cliché: overused expression; something unoriginal

Disparage: criticize; belittle

Flustered: worked-up; not calm Ingrate ungrateful person

Mercenary: concerned only with money

Peccadillo: minor weakness; trivial offence

Protégé: person under protection of, or guided by another

Soporific: inducing sleep; sleep producer

Veneer: surface coating

Articulate: clear; lucid; eloquent

Clientele: customers

Disparity: an inequality

Fly-by-night: unreliable; disreputable

Inimical: hostile

Mercurial: volatile; changeable

Pedant: person who insists on strict adherence to rules or narrow learning

Protocol: procedure; code of behavior

Sparse: spare; bare; meager Venerate revere; worship

Artifice: deception; trickery

Coalesce: come together; merge

Dispassionate: neutral; objective

Forensic: concerned with argument or debate (esp. for legal evidence)

Innate: inherited; inborn

Merge: come together

Pedestrian: common; mundane; banal

Provincial: unsophisticated; narrow-minded

Specious: false

Venial: minor; unimportant

Artisan: craftsman

Coddle: pamper; fuss over; indulge

Disseminating: circulating; broadcasting; spreading (information)

Fortitude: bravery Innocuous harmless; inoffensive

Metaphorically: symbolically; figuratively Peerless without equal

Prudent: cautious; wise

Speckled: spotted; freckled; dotted

Veracity: truthfulness

Ascetic: without luxuries; severely simple

Coercion: force

Diurnal: active in daytime

Fortuitous: happening by chance

Innovate: create; introduce something new

Meticulous: very careful; painstaking

Pejorative: derogatory

Puerile: childish

Sporadic: not continuous; intermittent

Verbose: talkative; long-winded; rambling

Assiduous: thorough; diligent

Cogent: lucid; well argued

Divert: 1. entertain; 2. distract; 3. cause a detour

Fractious: irritable; difficult to control

Inscrutable: mysterious; impenetrable

Mettle: courage; bravery; valor

Pellucid: transparently clear

Punctilious: paying attention to small details

Spurious: false

Assuage: to calm

Cogitate: think over something; ponder

Docile: gentle and easily lead

Fraudulent: fake; false

Insentient: unfeeling

Milieu: environment

Pensive: in a thoughtful mood; thinking deeply

Purloin: steal

Stagnant: still; not moving

Vertigo: dizziness

Astute: perceptive; sharp-witted

Collage: picture made from fragments of other pictures

Dogmatic: having stubbornly held opinions

Frivolous: not serious Insipid dull; bland; boring

Mire: swamp; muddy ground

Penury: poverty

Pusillanimous: cowardly

Staid: dull; sober; serious

Vestigial: not developed

Asylum: place of refuge or safety

Collate: arrange in order

Dolt: stupid person

Frugal: economical; not wasting anything

Instigate: to start; provoke

Misanthrope: hater of the rest of mankind

Perceptive: observant

Pyromania: compulsion to start fires

Stanza: section of a poem

Vignette: small sketch

Atheist: person who does not believe in God

Colloquial: local and informal (used of language)

Dotard: foolish old man

Furrow: groove

Instigator: troublemaker; person who entices others to do something

Misnomer: wrong name

Percipient: perceptive; insightful

Quaff: drink down quickly

Staunch: loyal; faithful; dependable

Vilification: blackening someone's name

Atrophy: waste away from lack of use

Collusion: plotting and planning

Drawl: speak slowly with words running together

Furtive: hidden and secret

Insurgent: a rebel

Misogynist: hater of women

Perdition: damnation

Quagmire: marsh; bog

Stereotype: fixed image

Vindicate: prove right; remove blame

Attenuate: weaken

Commandeer: take possession of

Drivel: nonsense

Futile: useless; hopeless

Interminable: never-ending

Misrepresentation: deliberately deceiving

Peremptory: in a commanding manner

Virtuoso: an accomplished musician

Augment: increase; make bigger

Complacent: self-satisfied; smug

Droll: dryly amusing

Galleon: ancient type of sailing ship

Intermittent: sporadic; irregular

Mitigate: lessen; make less severe

Perfidy: treachery

Quandary: dilemma; puzzle

Stifle: suppress

Virulent: dangerous; harmful

Auspicious: favorable; promising to turn out well

Compliant: easy to control; submissive

Drone: 1. monotonous noise (n); 2. to speak with no emotion (v); 3. male bee

Gambol: frolic; leap; bound Intransigence stubbornness

Modicum: small amount

Perfunctory: superficial; cursory

Quarantine: isolation to prevent the spread of disease Stoic known for fortitude; indifferent to pleasure or pain

Vital: essential; alive; important

Austere: severely plain; strict

Concatenate: link together

Dubious: doubtful Garble distort; confuse; muddle

Intransigent: stubborn; unyielding

Momentous: very important

Peripatetic: nomadic; moving from place to place Quarry 1. something that is hunted; 2. mine for stone

Stoke: add fuel to; strengthen

Vitriolic: corrosive; strongly attacking



Aversion: a dislike of  
Concatenation: linking into chains  
Dupe: to fool someone  
Garish: gaudy Intrepid brave  
Monotonous: dull; unvarying  
Peripheral: on the edge; not important  
Querulous: always complaining  
Stolid: impassive; dull; indifferent  
Vivacity: liveliness; animation  
Balk: hinder and prevent; hesitate over  
Conciliate: to bring together; end a dispute  
Dynamic: lively; vibrant; energetic  
Garner: gather; collect Inveterate habitual  
Moratorium: temporary prohibition or halt to activity  
Perjury: telling lies under oath  
Quirk: oddity  
Stratagem: plot; plan; trick  
Vivify: enliven  
Banal: common; dull  
Concise: stated in few words  
Ebullient: very lively; cheerful; jovial; happy  
Garrulous: talkative Invidious arousing envy  
Moribund: on the point of death  
Pernicious: destructive; harmful  
Ramble: wander aimlessly  
Strident: loud and harsh  
Vociferous: noisy; loud in speech  
Condescend: talk down to  
Eccentric: unusual; quirky; odd

Gaunt: emaciated; bony and angular

Inviolable: cannot be invaded

Morose: gloomy; bad tempered

Persnickety: fastidious; fussy

Ramifications: branches; subdivisions of a complex system; outcomes

Stringent: strict or severe

Volatile: dangerously unstable; evaporates easily

Bane: troublesome influence

Condone: tacitly support; overlook

Eclectic: taking things from different sources

Genre: a category; type Irascible easily angered

Mundane: ordinary; worldly

Perpetuated: caused to continue

Rancor: resentment; animosity; bad feeling

Strut: swagger; show off

Voluble: talkative

Germane: relevant Ire anger [irate (a) = very angry]

Munificent: generous; charitable

Perpetuity: eternity

Rant: use bombastic language

Stupefying: astonishing; shocking; stunning into silence

Voluminous: very large; spacious

Bastion: fortress; stronghold

Conflagration: big fire

Efface: wipe out; remove all trace of

Germinal: just growing; not developed; immature

Irksome: annoying; infuriating

Mutinous: very rebellious

Personable: attractive

Ratify: approve; consent

Subpoena: summons to court

Voracious: ravenous

Befuddle: confuse

Confound: confuse

Effigy: a model of a person

Gibbering: making meaningless noises

Ironic: satiric; unexpected

Myriad: in large numbers

Perspicacious: insightful; sharp; wise

Raucous: rough and unpleasant (of sounds)

Substantiate: give supporting evidence

Waive: surrender; give up

Begrudge: resent

Congeval: to solidify

Effusive: gushing; demonstrative

Glacial: hostile; unfriendly; cold; icy

Irrational: unreasonable; absurd

Navigable: suitable for sailing

Perspicacity: insight Raze destroy; demolish; tear down

Subterfuge: a trick

Wane: grow less

Beguile: mislead; lure

Congenital: present from birth

Egalitarianism: belief in equality

Goad: prod; urge

Irreproachable: cannot be criticized; perfect

Nebulous: vague

Pertinent: relevant

Rebuttal: denial

Subtle: not obvious

Wary: hesitant; cautious

Belabor: explain in unnecessary detail

Connoisseur: person with refined taste and good judgment

Egregious: outstandingly, obviously bad

Grate: (v) 1. to annoy; aggravate; vex; 2. shred

Irrevocable: cannot be cancelled; unchangeable

Nefarious: wicked; immoral; disreputable

Peruse: read carefully

Recant: disclaim; retract statement

Subversive: rebellious; revolutionary

Wax: to increase; to grow

Beleaguer: besiege; attack

Consecrate: dedicate

Egress: exit

Gratis: free of charge; without payment

Itinerant: nomadic; wandering from place to place

Negate: cancel; deny

Pervasive: spreading everywhere

Recapitulate: summarize

Succinct: concise

Waylay: accost; stop; approach; hinder

Belie: contradict

Consensus: general agreement

Eloquent: fluent and persuasive in speech

Gratuitous: unwarranted

Jaded: tired; bored; worn out

Negligence: carelessness

Petrify: 1. terrify; 2. turn to stone

Receptacle: container; vessel; holder

Suffragist: someone who campaigns for voting rights

Weighty: serious

Belittle: to demean

Conspicuous: easily seen; prominent

Elucidate: make clear

Gravity: seriousness

Jargon: specialized language used by experts

Neologism: newly coined word

Petulant: sulky; peevish

Recluse: someone who cuts himself off from life

Supercilious: proud and haughty

Bellicose: war-like; aggressive

Consummate: complete; total; supremely good

Elusive: hard to pin down

Gregarious: extroverted; sociable; outgoing

Jaundiced: cynical; pessimistic

Nettle: annoy

Phenomenon: an event or happening (plural: phenomena)

Recuperate: get better after illness

Superlative: extremely good; the best

Whet: sharpen

Belligerent: aggressive; ready to fight

Contemporary: living or happening at the same time

Emaciated: very thin; withered

Gritty: coarse; granular

Jaunt: short pleasure trip

Niggardly: miserly; stingy

Philanthropy: charity; love of mankind  
Red tape: formalities; paperwork; official procedure  
Surly: grumpy; rude  
Whimsical: capricious; changeable  
Bemoan: complain about  
Contrite: sorry  
Emancipate: set free  
Guffaw: sudden loud laughter  
Jeopardize: put at risk; endanger  
Nomadic: wandering from place to place  
Philistine: uncultured person  
Redolent: smelling of; giving off odors  
Surreptitious: secret; sneaky; stealthy  
Willful: stubborn  
Benevolent: kindly  
Contrition: sorrow and repentance  
Embezzle: defraud; steal  
Guile: cunning; craftiness  
Jingoistic: extremely patriotic; nationalistic  
Nonchalance: an appearance of indifference; calm and composed  
Phlegmatic: calm; imperturbable  
Redress: put right something that was wrong  
Surreptitiously: secretly; furtively; stealthily  
Wily: cunning  
Benign: kindly; harmless  
Contumacious: stubborn  
Embroid: involve in hostility or argument  
Guileless: frank; straightforward; honest  
Jocular: in a joking manner

Nondescript: having no special features; dull and ordinary

Pillage: plunder

Redundant: unnecessary; superfluous

Susceptible: vulnerable

Wispy: flimsy; frail; delicate

Benignity: compassion; gentleness; fondness

Contusion: a bruise

Emerge: come out; appear

Gullibility: unwariness; trustfulness; being easily fooled

Jollity: gaiety; happiness

Nonentity: a person of no importance; not famous

Pinnacle: topmost point

Referendum: public vote

Suspect: doubtful

Wistful: melancholy; pensive; expressing a longing for

Bequeath: leave something in one's will to be given after one's death

Conundrum: a puzzle

Emulate: to imitate something admired

Gullible: easily fooled

Jubilant: ecstatic; delighted; rejoicing

Nostalgia: longing for the past

Pious: very religious

Refute: disprove

Sybarite: lover of luxury

Zany: crazy; wacky

Berate: scold; criticize

Conventional: usual; customary; common

Endorse: give support or approval to

Gustatory: concerned with the sense of taste

Judicious: correct in judgment; wise

Notoriety: infamy; known for wrong doing

Pivotal: of central importance

Regale: entertain

Sycophant: bootlicker; flatterer

Zeal: enthusiasm

Beret: type of cap

Corpulent: fat

Endurance: staying power; patience; stamina

Hackneyed: common and over-used

Jurisprudence: science or study of law

Novel: new; unusual

Placate: pacify; soothe; calm

Relegate: dismiss to a lower position

Taciturn: quiet; saying little

Zealot: fanatic

Bestial: behaving like a beast; brutal

Corrugated: highly folded

Enduring: lasting

Hallowed: worshipped; consecrated

Juxtapose: place next to

Novice: a beginner; tyro

Placebo: harmless medicine with no effect; dummy medicine

Remorse: regret; sorrow; contrition

Tactile: concerned with the sense of touch

Zenith: summit

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consensus : Hum ahngi : Agreement

invasions :Charhai : The act of invading

Insurgent: Baghi: A person who rises in revolt against civil authority

Bid: Boli Lagana: To invite; to call in; to request to come.

Plunder: Lot Mar: robbery

Sculpture: Mujasma Sazai: The art of carving, cutting, or hewing wood, stone, metal

Novelty: Anokhi: strange thing.

Briskly: Taizi Say:

Utilitarian : Faيدا Mand : Useful,

Attire : Labas: To dress; to array; to adorn

Stifling: Gala Ghontna: To stop; to extinguish

Pragmatic : Nataiji: One skilled in affairs.

Sanction : Tasdeeq, Jawaz, Hillat: Anything done or said to enforce the will

Decree: Digri, Hukam: A determination

Alleged: Mansoob Karna: Supposed,

Allege: Ilzam Dayna, Biyan Dayna: To bring forward with positiveness

Disruptive: Tafarqa Dalnay Wala: Causing, or tending to cause, disruption

Deferred: Maltawi, Moakhar : Postponed,

Nullify: Rad Karna : To make void

Strife: Ikhtalaf: Exertion or contention for superiority

Poise: Wazan Karna: The weight, or mass of metal

Rival : Mukhalif : To stand in competition with

Inception: Aghaz: Beginning

Divulge: Fash Karna : To make public; to reveal or communicate to the public, Disclose

Immunity : Nijat : Freedom or exemption from any charge

Tenor : Qareena : The higher of the two kinds of voices usually belonging to adult males, Strain

Complicity : Saaz Baaz : The state of being an accomplice; participation in guilt.

Ditch: Garha : Chuck, Dump, Trench,

Endorse : Taid Karna, Tasdeeq Karna : Back, Certify, Indorse, Second, Support,

Barring : Nakablay Tawajah : To restrict or confine