

## Advanced vocabulary development

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## Word list 5

Group 1		<u>Notes</u>
Anecdote	a brief amusing story	.....
Celerity	speed	.....
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	.....

Group 2		<u>Notes</u>
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	.....

<b>Group 3</b>		<u>Notes</u>
Annex ( <i>n</i> )	a building which is an addition to an existing building	.....
Censure	blame	.....
Didactic	intended to teach; instructive	.....
Extrinsic	irrelevant; on the outside	.....
Inconsequential	unimportant; insignificant; negligible	.....
Malediction	a curse	.....
Panacea	remedy for all ills	.....
Prevaricate	speak misleadingly and evasively	.....
Scuttle	sink	.....
Unfrock	to remove a priest from his position	.....

<b>Group 4</b>		<u>Notes</u>
Annex ( <i>v</i> )	take possession of; seize; capture	.....
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	.....
Seminary	an institution in which priests are trained	.....
Unprecedented	never having happened before	.....

<b>Group 5</b>		<u>Notes</u>
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	.....
Proclivity	tendency towards	.....
Sensuous	appealing to the senses	.....
Unscathed	unharmed; intact; without a scratch	.....

<b>Group 6</b>		<u>Notes</u>
Antagonism	hostility; strong opposition	.....
Charlatan	trickster who claims knowledge he doesn't have	.....
Dike	dam; embankment	.....
Fanatical	obsessive; fixated	.....
Indifferent	1. neutral; 2. not outstanding	.....
Malingerer	person who deliberately tries to avoid work	.....
Paragon	a perfect example	.....
Procrastinate	delay; put off	.....
Sentinel	guard; sentry	.....
Unwitting	not deliberate; unconscious	.....

<b>Group 7</b>		<u>Notes</u>
Antagonistic	opposed; hostile; aggressive	.....
Chary	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	.....

<b>Group 8</b>		<u>Notes</u>
Antediluvian	outdated; prehistoric; very old-fashioned	.....
Chastises	punishes	.....
Dilemma	puzzling situation	.....
Fastidious	overly particular; finicky	.....
Indolence	laziness	.....
Mallet	1. wooden hammer; 2. stick used for polo	.....
Parasite	1. scrounger; 2. animal which takes digested food from another	.....
Prodigious	very large	.....
Serendipity	fortunate coincidence; unsought discovery	.....
Uproarious	hilarious; hysterical; very funny	.....

<b>Group 9</b>		<u>Notes</u>
Anthology	a book which is a collection of poems or stories	.....
Chicanery	trickery	.....
Dilettante	person who dabbles in a subject without serious study	.....
Fatuous	silly; foolish	.....
Inductee	novice; beginner	.....
Manipulatable	influencable; controllable	.....
Parched	dried up	.....
Profane	unholy	.....
Serene	calm; peaceful	.....
Upshot	outcome	.....

<b>Group 10</b>		<u>Notes</u>
Anthropocentrism	putting man at the center of one's philosophy	.....
Chimerical	changeable; unstable	.....
Diligent	hard-working	.....
Feasible	possible and practicable	.....
Indulgent	pampering; satisfying desires	.....
Marred	damaged; spoiled	.....
Pariah	an outcast from society	.....
Profanity	swearing; cursing	.....
Serrated	jagged; saw-like	.....
Urbane	sophisticated; suave	.....