

Advanced vocabulary development

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Word list 9

Group 1		<u>Notes</u>
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	.....

Group 2		<u>Notes</u>
Bard	poet	.....
Condoning	overlooking; disregarding; ignoring	.....
Edifice	building; structure; construction	.....
Germane	relevant	.....
Ire	anger [<i>irate (a) = very angry</i>]	.....
Munificent	generous; charitable	.....
Perpetuity	eternity	.....
Rant	use bombastic language	.....
Stupefying	astonishing; shocking; stunning into silence	.....
Voluminous	very large; spacious	.....

Group 3		<u>Notes</u>
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	.....

Group 4		<u>Notes</u>
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	.....

Group 5		<u>Notes</u>
Begrudge	resent	.....
Congeat	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	.....

Group 6		<u>Notes</u>
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	.....

Group 7		<u>Notes</u>
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	.....

Group 8		<u>Notes</u>
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	.....

Group 9		<u>Notes</u>
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	.....

Group 10		<u>Notes</u>
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	.....
Whelp	young dog	.....