

Advanced vocabulary development

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Word list 6

Group 1		<u>Notes</u>
Antiquated	outdated; old fashioned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)	.....

Group 2		<u>Notes</u>
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	.....
Profundity	depth	.....
Skeptical	doubting; not gullible	.....
Utilitarian	useful	.....

Group 3		<u>Notes</u>
Apathy	lack of interest or emotion	.....
Circuitous	indirect	.....
Disapprobation	disapproval	.....
Fervor	passion; enthusiasm	.....
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	.....

Group 4		<u>Notes</u>
Apocryphal	of doubtful origin	.....
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	.....

Group 5		<u>Notes</u>
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	.....
Smelt	refine an ore	.....
Vacuous	empty; silly; meaningless	.....

Group 6		<u>Notes</u>
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	.....
Smorgasbord	a Swedish buffet of cold dishes	.....
Vagrant	person wandering without a home	.....

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

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

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

Group 10		<u>Notes</u>
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	.....