SET 1

Word	Meaning
Abate	Reduce in amount and severity
Abstruse	Weird, complex, obscure
Advocate	To encourage something
Ambiguous	Not clear, not certain, can be interpretted in many ways
Antagonize	To make someone angry. Comes from Agony!
Apprehensive	To be afraid, think something bad may happen
Ardor	Strong and passionate feelings. Ardent
Banal	Boring, predictable
Brandish	To show, display, wave
Cadge	To beg for something
Caricature	Exaggerated, Satirical, Comical, Mimic
Castigate	To critize or punish severly
Chicanery	Commit a fraud via trickery
Crescendo	peak in intensity. similar to "ascend"
Debilitating	To make someone weak (usually due to a disease).
Deride	Speak with contempt and scourn. Ridicule
Dilate	To become bigger
Discern	To recognize, perceive. Notice a difference
Dissonance	harsh and disagreeable combination
Fomenting	To stir up and encourage
Forlon	No hope, expectations. Abandoned. Lonely
Frivolity	Lack of seroiusness, light hearted
Impetuous	To do something without thinking much about it.
Litigious	Ready to get into a lawsuit
Perusal	To read about something carefully
Stilted	unnatural, weird, self-concious
Substantiate	Provide proof about something. Give "substance" to a claim
Tantamount	Equivalent to something, same meaning
Tendentious	To advocate for a cause (especially controversial ones...those which have a "tendency" to way one side)
Timid	Low in confidence. Diffident
Whimsical	playful. or capricous (volatile, rapidly changing), strange

SET 2

Word	Meaning
Abscound	Leave secretly
Aesthetic	concerning beauty
Ameliorate	To make/become better
Antipathy	anti - opposite, path - like -> extreme dislike
Articulate	well written, composed and collected
Averring	Communicating, state a fact
Belligerent	Hostile, ready to fight, warlike
Bolster	Strengthen, support
Catalyst	Something that speeds up or sparks a change
Cogent	convincing, logical, strong (argument)
Contempt	feel that a person is worthless and beneath consideration. Lack respect. Dislike
Complacent	Really satisfied with yourself/ideas/careers/achievements
Desultory	Not connected, jumping from one thing to another
Dilatory	intended to delay something
Disparate	Contrasting, Different
Dogma	a firmly held (religious) belief
Elucidate	To explain something more clearly
Magnanimous	Generous and great soul. Generous when they really don't have to be.
Mendicant	To beg or begger
Pedantic	Too careful about details
Poring	To get absorbed in something. To "pour" (get inside) something
Pragmatism	To deal with things in a realistic way
Prolixity	To be verbose about something. long windidness
Prudent	Make careful decisions based on what you think will happen in the future
Repudiate	To reject or fail to support
Reversion	To revert back to something; go back
Scrupulous	Attentive to detail; Careful about not doing anything wrong
Sophistry	Clever argument which is false. Made to trick you.
Soporific	Inducing sleep or drowsiness
Virulent	Spreading like a virus. Corona man
Voluble	Loquacious, talkative, for write - publishing a lot of books

SET 3

Word	Meaning
Abstain	Stay away from something. Choose not to do something
Affliction	The cause of pain and harm; being in the state of pain
Aggrandize	To make bigger, greater. A + GRAND + ize
Allay	To reduce something in intensity (satiate). Reduce worry, suspicion and worry.
Anachronism	Out of place in time. Ana = Back, Chronos = time
Apathy	A -> no Pathy -> like => no like, no interest
Assuage	Lessen the intensity of something/ satisfy a desire
Bellicose	Warlike, willing to fight or aggresive
Bombastic	Pride, Pompous, Bosting
Caustic	Sarcastic comment which is supposed to hurt and burn
Circumscribe	Restricted. Limited by something
Complicit	get involved in an immoral act with someone else
Condone	To overlook, ignore, permit, allow
Coruscate	To give off a sharp light; to display a stroke of brilliance
Decorum	appropriate behavior or conduct.
Diatribe	Abusive speech, Strong negative comments
Dilettante	Having superficial and amateurish interests (in a specific topic). No serious interest and passion
Disposition	Inherent nature, quality of a person, character
Dissemble	To hide under a false appearence. Belie.
Dogmatic	dictorial/stubborn in one's opinions
Equivocal	Ambiguity. Equi = equal and Vocal = say. So say about both sides equally.
Fastidious	Scrupulous, be careful about details
Fractious	To be quarellsome, unruly, difficult to control. Imagine teaching fractions to children before summer break
Heresy	Refuse to believe something
Impugn	To question, challenge
Inscrutable	Unable to understand and comprehend someone
Laconic	To express something in very few words
Pellucid	Clear, Transparent, Obvious, Comes from Lucid (which also means clear)
Recondite	Complex, obscure
Sedulous	Diligent, hard working and persistant.
Unscrupulous	Immoral and doing illegal things. Not honest, fair and moral;

SET 4

Word	Meaning
Abyss	A very deep hole
Alleviate	To make bearable, better
Analogous	Alike, similar to something
Aniconic	Symbolism, amorphic. no literal representation. No human form
Antithetical	Exact opposite of something else
Arbitrate	Judge a dispute betwen two parties
Attenuate	To reduce in size, power or intensity
Cacophony	Cac -> like cactus? phony -> sound. harsh sound
Chaos	great disorder
Convoluted	Complex
Crestfallen	To be sad about something
Deference	Respect and courtesy (sometimes also pertaining to wishes)
Demur	To show reluctance and opposing view
Desolate	Barren, lifeless, devoid of people, habitants, hopeless
Diffident	Shy, modest, lacking confidence
Dirge	A mournful speech (funeral)
Dupe	To deceive someone/can be deceived easily
Esoteric	Known to only a chosen few
Expiate	To make amends for doing something wrong. Atone
Facile	Too simple. Often over-simplistic. Very easy and effortless
Grating	Irritating and tediuos. Think about mom grating mango.
Incendiary	to stir up a conflict; trigger destruction/fire
Languish	To grow weak (in popularity, health)
Modicum	Small quantity of something desireable (quality)
Ostracized	To remove them from the group/society. Ignore them. To out them

SET 5

Word	Meaning
Adulterate	To make impure
Affability	Friendly, easy to talk to. aff => laugh
Amalgamate	To join, merge
Anomaly	Incorrect behavior, deviation from normal
Archaic	Old fashioned
Audacious	bold, fearless, daring
Burgeoned.	To explode in popularity, become healthy, thrive
Candid	Impartial and honest
Chauvinist	Hostility towards outsider. Prejudice in favor of the group one belongs to
Countenance	Expression on face. Admit to agree with something. Support
Corroborate	To provide support, confirm (a claim). Co -> to Robo -> Stronger
Credulous	Gullible, believe things too easily
Dessicate	To dry up and remove moisture
Disabuse	To free from a misconception
Dissent	To disagree
Doughty	brave, bold and fearless
Edification	Inform and educate someone about something.
Glib	Fluent, but insincere. Haven't put a lot of thought into something. Easily spoken.
Hearten	To be happy and delighted about something
Imperiled	Put at risk of getting harmed or injured
Intractable	Hard to control or deal with cannot be "contracted" back
Macabre	Describes an upsetting/horrifying/death scene
Obsolete	To become old-fashioned
Onerous	Requiring great amount of effort, trouble and difficulty
Patent	obvious, apparent, clear

SET 6

abound	a lot, plentiful
amorphous	no clean shape or form. morph = form. a = not. no form. shapeless
austere	constrained, very basic, plain, almost frugal.
belie	to contradict. fail to show true impression
capricious	sudden changes in mood or situation, volatile
cerebral	pertaining to the brain. potentially smart. think "cerebras" the company
congenial	con = with, genial = friendly, congenial = with frendliness, pleasant
Conspicuous	con = with, spicuous = see, conspicuous = can be seen easily, obvious
cursory	superficial, casual
daunting	intimidating and makes lose courage
deify	deity = god -fy = like, deity + fy = regard as god, pray like god
didactic	Informational
disseminate	eminate = spread disseminate = spread more/diffuse
feasible	can be achieved easily
flout	openly disregard a law or rule. break laws intentionally
homogeneous	consistent throughout, alike, similar
humdrum	boring, mundane (task)
insipid	lacking in taste flavor, boring (food)
loquacious	loqui = talk -ious = full loquacious = talking a lot
misanthropic	opposite of philanthrope, hating people, avoids people
misnomer	named incorrectly in biological or legal sense
negligent	being careless, not paying attention
obsequious	overly obedient, obsequi (latin) = to comply with, agree, follow
placate	to make someone less angry. placat (latin) = appease
proclivity	natural preference/inclination towards a particular thing. similar to proximity.
puerile	childish, silly, shows lack of judgment. pure = child?

Palatable	Acceptable and satisfactory. Good.				Perfidy	Treachery, Untrustworthiness, Treason. Et tu brute				quixotic	pursuing "exotic" ideas. pursuing far fetched and almost unrealistic goals.		
Penance/penitential	Self inflicted pain/constraints for atonement of sins				Precarious	Very delicate. Dangerous and likely to fall.				Schism	A separation due to ideology, political party etc in a professional organization.		
Pettiness	Concern over trivial matters				Preclude	To make impossible, not allow.				spendthrift	SPEND + thrift. Spending unwisely, wastefully.		
Teleological	Relating to the purpose or end in life. "Everything is determined in life". Religious				Prescient	To know something before hand; to predict. Pre = before, Scient = Science = to know				taciturn	quite, not talkative, introvert		
Vacillate	To waver and fluctuate between two things				Prevarication	Lying by hiding the complete truth. To hide and deceive.				wary	carefull		
Virtuoso	Exceptionally skilled in the field of art or music.												