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List 1—Prefixes (ab, de)

1. Abdicate- v. to give up; to cast off(royal power or the like)
2. Aberration-n. deviation from a right, customary, or prescribed course; something that is unexpected
3. Abhor- v. to turn away from; loathe; hate
4. Abnegate- v. to renounce (a right or privilege); to deny to one’s self
5. Abscond- v. to depart suddenly and secretly
6. Debunk- v. expose as false ideas and claims
7. Deter- v. turn away from by persuasion
8. Degrade- v. reduce in worth or character, usually verbally; to lower in grade, rank, or status
9. Desecrate- v. to willfully violate or destroy a sacred place
10. Demean- v. to insult; to cause someone to loose dignity or respect

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List 2—Prefixes (dis, en/em )

1. Discord- n. lack of agreement or harmony
2. Disenfranchise- v. deprive of voting rights (also refers to other legal rights, privileges, or immunities)
3. Disinterested- adj. not influenced by personal feelings, opinions, or concerns; unbiased
4. Disparate- adj. different from each other
5. Dissuade- v. to convince (someone) not to do something
6. Embellish- v. make more attractive by adding ornament, color, etc.; make more beautiful
7. Emit- v. to send or give out
8. Emulate- v. strive to equal or match, especially by imitating; compete with successfully
9. Encumber- v. to impeded with obstacles; weigh down, burden
10. Enamor- v. to cause (someone) to be loved or admired

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List 3—Prefixes (im, in )

1. Impeccable- adj. without fault or error
2. Impermeable- adj. does not allow fluids to pass through
3. Implicate- v. to show that someone or something is closely connected to or involved in something (such as a crime)
4. Impede- v. to slow the movement, progress, or action of (someone or something)
5. Impregnable- adj. immune to attack; incapable of being tampered with
6. Inadvertent- adj. not intended or planned
7. Inarticulate- adj. not able to express ideas clearly and effectively in speech or writing
8. Incessant- adj. continuing without stopping; not stopping
9. Incoherent- not able to express yourself in a clear way that can easily be understood; not logical or well-organized; not easy to understand
10. Intractable- adj. not easily managed, controlled, or solved

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List 4—Prefixes (ob, pre, pro) ob-toward, against, in the way// pre- before// for, forward

1. Obliging- adj. willing to help; helpful in a friendly way
2. Obscure- adj. not well known; difficult to understand; partially hidden
3. Obstinate- adj. resistant to guidance or discipline; stubbornly persistent
4. Precedent- n. an earlier occurrence of something similar; a person or thing that serves as a model
5. Precocious- adj. a child having or showing the qualities or abilities of an adult at an unusually early age
6. Preemptive- adj. done to stop an unwanted act by another group, country, etc., from happening
7. Precaution- n. something that is done to prevent possible harm or trouble from happening in the future
8. Proponent- n. a person who argues for or supports something
9. Profuse- adj. given, produced, or existing in large amounts
10. Propel- v. to push or drive (someone or something) forward or in a particular direction

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List 5—Prefixes (re, un) back again// not against opposite

1. Relegate- v. assign to a lower position
2. Retract- v. pull inward or towards a center; formally reject or take back a formerly held belief or statement
3. Renege- v. fail to fulfill a promise or obligation
4. Redress- an act of making something right
5. Reiterate- v. to say or do again or repeatedly; repeat, often excessively
6. Unconscionable- adj. unreasonable; unscrupulous; excessively bad, unfair, or wrong
7. Unequivocal- adj. very strong and clear; not showing or allowing any doubt; not equivocal
8. Unruly- adj. (of persons) noisy and lacking in restraint or discipline; difficult to control
9. Unseemly- adj. not proper or appropriate for the situation
10. Uncompromising- adj. not willing to change a decision, opinion, method, etc.; not willing to make or accept a compromise

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List 6—Suffixes (able/ible = adj worth, ability// al, ial=adj quality, relation//

1. Affable- adj. likeable; easy to talk to
2. Amiable- adj. friendly and pleasant
3. Commendable- adj. worthy of high praise
4. Creditable- adj. good enough to be praised
5. Defensible- adj. justifiable by argument
6. Feasible- adj. possible to do
7. Colloquial- adj. characteristic of or appropriate to ordinary or familiar conversation rather than formal speech or writing; informal
8. Convivial- adj. of or relating to social events where people can eat, drink, and talk in a friendly way with others; describing a lively atmosphere
9. Cynical- adj. characteristic of believing that people are generally selfish and dishonest
10. Raptorial- adj. preying upon other animals; predatory

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List 7--Suffixes ous- adj, quality, relation

1. Audacious- adj. very confident and daring; very bold and surprising or shocking
2. Cantankerous- adj. bad-tempered; quarrelsome
3. Copious- adj. plenteous; very large in amount or number
4. Mendacious- adj. given to lying; based on lies
5. Pugnacious- adj. eager to fight or argue; verbally combative
6. Salubrious- adj. health-giving
7. Sanctimonious- adj. making a show of being pious; holier-than-thou; pretending to be morally better than other people
8. Scrupulous- adj. very careful about doing something correctly; careful about doing what is honest and morally right
9. Vicarious- adj. felt or undergone as if one were taking part in the experience or feelings of another
10. Voracious- adj. very hungry; approaching an activity with gusto

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List 8—Suffixes // ive= having the quality of ic=quality, realtion

1. Elusive- adj. difficult to capture or difficult to remember
2. Inceptive- adj. beginning; initial
3. Pervasive- adj. spread throughout
4. Vindictive- adj. to have a very strong desire for revenge
5. Archaic- adj. so old as to appear to belong to a different period; old and no longer used
6. Beatific- adj. showing complete happiness
7. Choleric- adj. easily angered
8. Eccentric- adj. tending to act in strange or unusual ways
9. Erratic- adj. acting, moving, or changing in ways that are not expected or usual; not consistent or regular
10. Lethargic- adj. tired; without energy or a lack of interest in doing things

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List 9--Suffixes ity= noun- state or quality// ion=noun-condition or action// ness

1. Alacrity- n. a quick and cheerful readiness to do something
2. Animosity- n. intense hostility or hatred
3. Celerity- n. rapidity of motion or action
4. Duplicity- n. double- dealing; dishonest behavior that is meant to trick someone
5. Ingenuity- n. skill or cleverness that allows someone to solve problems, invent things, etc.
6. Paucity- n. a small amount of something; an amount that is less that what is needed or wanted
7. Candidness- adj. the quality of being honest and straightforward in attitude and speech
8. Haughtiness- adj. disdainfully proud; snobbish; scornfully arrogant
9. Apprehension- n. suspicion or fear especially of future evil
10. Fruition- n. the state of being real or complete; fulfilment

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List 10—Root words

1. Admonish- v. to warn of a fault; to speak to someone in a way that expresses disapproval or criticism
2. Advocate- v. speak, plead, or argue in favor of/ n- person who pleads for a cause or propounds an idea
3. Bellicose- adj. war-like; inclined to quarrel, argue, or fight
4. Cogent- adj. very clear and easy for the mind to accept and believe
5. Credence- n. belief that something is true
6. Digression- n. straying from the main point
7. Eloquent- adj. having the ability to use language clearly and effectively
8. Empathetic- adj. showing understanding and ready comprehension of other peoples’ states and emotions
9. credulous – adj. believing things too easily, gullible
10. Graduated- adj. characterized by or arranged in degrees, esp. successively, as according to height, depth, or difficulty

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List 11—Root Words

1. Endemic- adj. native; originating where it is found; growing or existing in a certain place or region
2. Euphemism- n. a polite phrase to cover something unpleasant
3. Hypocritical- adj. being a hypocrite (a person who claims or pretends to have certain beliefs about what is right who behaves a way that disagrees with those beliefs)
4. Misanthrope- n. a hater of mankind; a person who does not like other people
5. Noxious- adj. harmful; poisonous; lethal
6. Perennial- of a plant: living for many years (more than 2 years); existing or continuing in the same way for a long time
7. Sophomoric- adj. juvenile; immature
8. gratuity – n. a tip, token of appreciation
9. rejuvenate – v. to bring back to youthful strength or appearance
10. veracious – adj. truthful, honest

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List 12—Verbs

1. acquiesce- v. to accept, agree, or allow something to happen by staying silent or by not arguing
2. arbitrate- v. to settlement an argument between two people or groups after hearing the opinions and ideas of both
3. assuage- v. make something intense less severe
4. condescend- v. to show that you believe you are more intelligent or better than other people; to do something that you usually do not do because you believe you are too important to do it
5. Exacerbate- v. to make (a bad situation, a problem, etc.) worse
6. exasperate- v. to make (someone) very angry or annoyed
7. flout- v. defy (a law, rule, etc.) without hiding what you are doing or showing fear or shame
8. hamper- v. prevent the progress or free movement of
9. perturb- v. to cause (someone) to be worried or upset
10. quip- n. a witty saying or remark/ v. to make a witty remark to say in jest

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List 13—Verbs

1. banish- v. expel from a community, residence, or location; drive away
2. belittle- v. lessen the importance, dignity, or reputation of
3. burgeon- v. to grow or develop quickly
4. expedite- v. to hasten the movement or progress of
5. fawn- v. try to gain favor of an important or powerful person by extreme flattery
6. glean- v. collect information bit by bit
7. patronize -v. to give money or support to (someone or something);treat condescendingly
8. perpetuate- v. to make continue forever; to last a long time
9. spurn- v. to refuse to accept (someone or something that you do not think deserves your respect, attention, etc.); to reject with contempt
10. thwart- v. hinder or prevent (the efforts, plans, or desires)

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List 14—Other Words You Should know

1. bigot- n. narrow-minded, prejudiced person
2. cumbersome- adj. difficult to handle or use especially because size or weight
3. fickle- adj. liable to sudden unpredictable change, esp. in affections or attachments
4. insipid- adj. dull and uninteresting
5. morose- adj. ill-tempered and not inclined to talk; gloomy
6. ploy- n. a clever plan to turn a situation to one’s advantage
7. quandary- n. state of uncertainty or perplexity esp. as requiring a choice between equally unfavorable options
8. rankle- v. to irritate; to make resentful or angry
9. servile- adj. overly submissive; groveling
10. sordid- adj. involving ignoble actions and motives; arousing moral distaste and contempt; foul; run-down and repulsive

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List 15—Other Words You Should Know

1. ambivalence- n. lack of clarity; wavering; being undecided
2. docile- adj. easy to manage
3. placid- not easily irritated; pleasantly calm or peaceful
4. poignant- adj. deeply moving; strongly affecting the emotions
5. profound- adj. having deep meaning
6. qualm- n. uneasiness about the fitness of an action
7. sanguine- adj. cheerful; optimistic
8. stolid- adj. not easily stirred or moved mentally; unemotional; impassive
9. tirade- n. a long, angry speech
10. zenith- n. the highest point; culmination