

1. **Word** – Abolish

Part of Speech – Verb

Definition – To do away with

Sentence – We abolished the old ways, for they were dangerous.

Synonym – Cancel, dissolve

Antonym – Allow, approve, continue

2. **Word** – Apathy

Part of Speech – Adjective

Definition – The trait of lacking enthusiasm for or interest in things generally; an absence of enthusiasm

Sentence – The class had such strong apathy that even the teacher stopped caring in the end.

Synonym – Indifference, insensitivity

Antonym – Interest, care

3. **Word** – Churlish

Part of Speech – Adjective

Definition – Having a bad disposition; surly; rude and boorish

Sentence – Wow, that jerk was way churlish.

Synonym – Grumpy, ornery

Antonym – Happy, nice

4. **Word** – Dubious

Part of Speech – Adjective

Definition – Not convinced; fraught with uncertainty or doubt; open to doubt or suspicion.

Sentence – The entire plan was dubious at best, and unlikely to succeed.

Synonym – Arguable, debatable

Antonym – Believable, certain

5. **Word** – Fidelity

Part of Speech – Noun

Definition – The quality of being faithful

Sentence – The explorer still had a strong sense of fidelity for his home country.

Synonym – Devotion, loyalty

Antonym – Disloyalty, faithlessness

6. **Word** – Gratuitous

Part of Speech – Adjective

Definition – Without cause; unnecessary and unwarranted

Sentence – The mandatory beatings instated by those in power seem rather gratuitous.

Synonym – Needless, unfounded

Antonym – Justified, necessary

7. **Word** – Hone

Part of Speech – Verb

Definition – Make perfect or complete

Sentence – I must continue to hone my humor.

Synonym – Whet, perfect

Antonym – To make less perfect

8. **Word** – Invocation (Invoke)

Part of Speech – Noun (Verb)

Definition – The act of appealing for help, usually (but not always) of some force not of this world, such as a demon or god.

Sentence – I'm not so great at math so I'm hoping to invoke the help of some math tutor in college.

Synonym – Appeal, prayer

Antonym – /

9. Word – Jocular

Part of Speech – Adjective

Definition – Characterized by jokes and good humor

Sentence – You just like him because of his jocular attitude.

Synonym – Funny, Humorous

Antonym – Serious, Solemn

10. Word – Lax

Part of Speech – Adjective

Definition – Lacking in rigor or strictness

Sentence – He was rather lax with his discipline throughout the year.

Synonym – Negligent, laid-back

Antonym – Strict, precise

11. Word – Mollify

Part of Speech – Verb

Definition – To make more acceptable, temperate, or suitable by adding something

Sentence – The room was feeling stuffy, so they added potted plants to mollify the situation.

Synonym – Placate, pacify, appease

Antonym – Enrage, annoy, upset

12. Word – Nomad

Part of Speech – Noun

Definition – An individual who roams about without purpose or residence

Sentence – Americans often romanticize a nomad's lifestyle for its supposed freedom.

Synonym – Wanderer, traveler

Antonym – /

13. Word – Onerous

Part of Speech – Adjective

Definition – Not easily carried; wearing difficultly

Sentence – This onerous task must be done...

Synonym – Burdensome, heavy, difficult

Antonym – Easy, manageable

14. Word – Onus

Part of Speech – Noun

Definition – An onerous or difficult concern

Sentence – ... for a goodbye is not an onus for one.

Synonym – Responsibility, burden

Antonym – /

15. Word – Placid

Part of Speech – Adjective

Definition – Free from disturbance; living without undue worry; taking life easy

Sentence – The surface of the lake was placid, peaceful.

Synonym – Docile, easy-going

Antonym – Excitable, disturbed

16. Word – Provoke

Part of Speech – Verb

Definition – Provide the needed stimulus for; call forth emotions or feelings

Sentence – The boy continued to provoke the tiger, for the boy was stupid.

Synonym – Incite, aggravate

Antonym – Soothe, calm

17. Word – Quip

Part of Speech – Noun

Definition – Witty or clever remarks

Sentence – The two parents continued to exchange quips, much to the annoyance of their kids.

Synonym – Joke, jibe, wisecrack

Antonym – /

18. Word – Reciprocal

Part of Speech – Adjective

Definition – Shared or felt on both sides

Sentence – The feeling of love was not indeed reciprocal.

Synonym – Mutual, shared

Antonym – One-sided

19. Word – Spontaneous

Part of Speech – Adjective

Definition – Happening or arising without apparent external cause; said or done without having been planned

Sentence – Suddenly, a spontaneous fire burst out in the classroom! How crazy!

Synonym – Impulsive, unprompted

Antonym – Planned

20. Word – Venturesome

Part of Speech – Adjective

Definition – Disposed to venture or take risks

Sentence – I am hoping to be more venturesome in the near future.

Synonym – Daring, adventurous

Antonym – Cautious, careful