

# top 200 vocabulary words

## week 6

conventional - (adj) based on or in accordance with what is generally done or believed

benevolent - (adj) friendly, helpful, kind

debilitate - (v) make someone weak and infirm

revelation - (n) a surprising and previously unknown fact

uniformity - (n) overall sameness, homogeneity, or regularity

modest - (adj) unassuming or moderate in the estimation of one's abilities or achievements

diminished - (adj) made smaller or less

empathy - (n) the ability to understand and share the feelings of another

bewildered - (v) cause (someone) to become perplexed and confused

erudition - (n) the quality of having or showing great knowledge or learning; scholarship

prescient - (adj) having or showing knowledge of events before they take place

bombastic - (adj) meant to sound important or impressive but is not sincere or meaningful

mollify - (v) appease the anger or anxiety of (someone)

novelty - (n) the quality of being new, original, or unusual

impartial - (adj) treating all equally; fair and just

benign - (adj) kindly, gracious, favorable, harmless

anachronistic - (adj) out-of-date, not attributed to the correct historical period

debilitate - (v) hinder, delay, or weaken

perpetuate - (v) make continue indefinitely

mitigate - (v) make less severe, serious, or painful

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## week 7

candid - (adj) truthful and straightforward; (of a photograph) taken informally, not posed

exonerate - (v) absolve (someone) from blame for a fault or wrongdoing

unprecedented - (adj) never done or known before

vindicate - (v) clear (someone) of blame or suspicion

idiosyncratic - (adj) an unusual way in which a particular person behaves or thinks

esoteric - (adj) intended for only a small number of people with a specialized knowledge

ambiguous - (adj) open to more than one interpretation; having a double meaning

erroneous - (adj) wrong; incorrect

eradicate - (v) destroy completely; put an end to

mundane - (adj) ordinary, commonplace

harmony - (n) agreement; the combination of musical notes to produce a pleasing sound

revived - (v) restore to life or consciousness

meticulous - (adj) showing great attention to detail; very careful and precise

perceptive - (adj) having or showing sensitive insight

revolutionary - (adj) constituting or bringing about a major or fundamental change

circumvent - (v) find a way around (an obstacle); overcome (a problem or difficulty)

economical - (adj) using no more of something than is necessary

protected - (v) kept safe from harm or injury

argumentative - (adj) given to expressing divergent or opposite views

resolute - (adj) admirably purposeful, determined, and unwavering

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## week 8

enervated - (v) cause (someone) to feel drained of energy or vitality; weaken

trivial - (adj) of little value or importance

histrionic - (adj) overly theatrical or melodramatic in character or style

beguile - (v) charm or enchant (someone), sometimes in a deceptive way.

onerous - (adj) involving an amount of effort and difficulty that is oppressively burdensome

solicitous - (adj) characterized by or showing interest or concern

effusive - (adj) expressing feelings of gratitude in an unrestrained manner

wistful - (adj) having or showing a feeling of vague or regretful longing

dilettante - (n) a person who cultivates an area of interest without real commitment

despondency - (n) state of low spirits caused by loss of hope or courage

augment - (v) make (something) greater by adding to it; increase

corroborate - (v) confirm or give support to (a statement, theory, or finding)

diminutive - (adj) extremely or unusually small

banality - (n) something that is boring or ordinary; unoriginality

compassion - (n) sympathetic pity and concern for the sufferings or misfortunes of others

commendable - (adj) deserving praise

politicized - (v) cause (an activity or event) to become political in character

marginal - (adj) - not very important; slight or small; not included in the main part

detachment - (n) lack of emotion or of personal interest

egotistical - (adj) excessively conceited or absorbed in oneself; self-centered

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## week 9

philanthropic - (adj) seeking to promote the welfare of others

reconcile - (v) restore friendly relations between; make (one account) consistent with another

figurative - (adj) departing from a literal use of words; metaphorical

inconsequential - (adj) not important or significant

reciprocity - (n) the practice of exchanging things with others for mutual benefit

extravagant - (adj) lacking restraint in spending money or using resources

fabricated - (v) invent or concoct (something), typically with deceitful intent

diversity - (n) a range of different things

atypical - (adj) not representative of a type, group, or class

discriminating - (adj) having or showing refined taste or good judgment

sentimental - (adj) of or prompted by feelings of tenderness, sadness, or nostalgia

expose - (v) make (something) visible, typically by uncovering it

frugality - (n) the quality of being economical with money or food; thriftiness

reluctant - (adj) unwilling and hesitant; disinclined

autonomy - (n) freedom from external control or influence; independence

conditional - (adj) subject to one or more conditions or requirements being met

foreshadowing - (v) be a warning or indication of (a future event)

wry - (adj) using or expressing dry, esp. mocking, humor

symbolic - (adj) serving as a visible symbol for something abstract

obsequious - (adj) obedient or attentive to an excessive or servile degree

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## week 10

contentious - (adj) causing or likely to cause an argument; controversial

inscrutable - (adj) impossible to understand or interpret

loquacious - (adj) tending to talk a great deal; talkative

whimsical - (adj) unusual in a playful or amusing way; not serious

eulogize - (v) praise highly in speech or writing

adroit - (adj) clever or skillful in using the hands or mind

provincial - (adj) outside the capital city; unsophisticated or narrow-minded

maverick - (n) an unorthodox or independent-minded person

dilatory - (adj) slow to act

exploit - (v) use in an unfair or selfish way; make full use of and derive benefit from

steadfast - (adj) resolutely or dutifully firm and unwavering

bitter - (adj) resentful because of one's bad experiences or a sense of unjust treatment

belied - (v) disguise or contradict; fail to fulfill or justify

irate - (adj) feeling or characterized by great anger

cryptic - (adj) having a meaning that is mysterious or obscure

obscure - (adj) not discovered or known about; uncertain

remorse - (n) deep and painful regret for wrongdoing

ornate - (adj) made in an intricate shape or decorated with complex patterns

cliche - (n) a phrase or opinion that is overused and betrays a lack of original thought

charismatic - (adj) exercising a compelling charm that inspires devotion in others