

## Word list 02

### Group 1

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<b>Acrid</b>	sharp; pungent (used of smells and tastes)
<b>Boorish</b>	ill-mannered
<b>Cynical</b>	believing that people act only out of selfish motives
<b>Epistle</b>	a letter (form of communication)
<b>Heresy</b>	against orthodox opinion
<b>Lance</b>	spear; spike; javelin
<b>Obscure</b>	difficult to understand; partially hidden
<b>Poignant</b>	deeply moving; strongly affecting the emotions
<b>Respite</b>	a break; intermission
<b>Terse</b>	concise; to the point

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### Group 2

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<b>Acrophobia</b>	fear of heights
<b>Bourgeois</b>	middle class
<b>Debility</b>	weakness; incapacity
<b>Epistolary</b>	concerned with letters; through correspondence
<b>Hiatus</b>	interruption; pause
<b>Languid</b>	tired; slow
<b>Obscured</b>	hidden; covered; buried
<b>Poised</b>	calm; collected; self-possessed
<b>Resplendent</b>	shining; glowing
<b>Therapeutic</b>	medicinal; curative

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### Group 3

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<b>Acuity</b>	sharpness (mental or visual)
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<b>Braggart</b>	someone who boasts
<b>Debunking</b>	exposing false claims or myths
<b>Epitomized</b>	typified; characterized; personified
<b>Hidebound</b>	rigid in opinions
<b>Languish</b>	decay; fade away; get weaker
<b>Obsequious</b>	servile; submissive
<b>Polemical</b>	causing debate or argument
<b>Restorative</b>	a tonic
<b>Thwart</b>	prevent; frustrate

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## Group 4

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<b>Adamant</b>	forceful; inflexible
<b>Brawny</b>	muscular
<b>Decathlon</b>	an athletic competition with ten events
<b>Equivocate</b>	speak ambiguously; avoid telling the truth
<b>Hieroglyphics</b>	1. picture writing; 2. writing which is difficult to read or enigmatic
<b>Larceny</b>	theft; robbery; stealing
<b>Obsession</b>	a dominating concern
<b>Ponderous</b>	weighty; slow and heavy
<b>Retention</b>	preservation; withholding
<b>Timorous</b>	cowardly; fearful

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## Group 5

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<b>Adroit</b>	skilful / skillful
<b>Brevity</b>	being brief
<b>Decorum</b>	dignified, correct behavior [ <i>decorous (a)</i> ]

<b>Err</b>	make a mistake
<b>Hinder</b>	obstruct
<b>Largess</b>	generosity
<b>Obsolete</b>	no longer valid
<b>Pontificate</b>	speak pompously or dogmatically
<b>Reticent</b>	restrained; holding something back; uncommunicative
<b>Tirade</b>	stream of verbal abuse

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## Group 6

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<b>Adulation</b>	strong admiration; worship
<b>Bristle</b>	to show irritation
<b>Decoy</b>	lure; trap; trick
<b>Erratic</b>	wandering; irregular
<b>Histrionic</b>	theatrical; exaggerated
<b>Laud</b>	praise
<b>Obstreperous</b>	noisy and boisterous
<b>Portend</b>	foretell
<b>Retraction</b>	withdrawal; cancellation of a statement
<b>Titter</b>	giggle quietly

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## Group 7

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<b>Adversity</b>	hardship
<b>Broach</b>	start to discuss; approach
<b>Deference</b>	respect
<b>Esoteric</b>	obscure and difficult to understand
<b>Hoary</b>	old
<b>Lavish</b>	on a grand scale; wasteful

<b>Obtuse</b>	mentally dull
<b>Portent</b>	a warning sign; omen
<b>Revere</b>	worship
<b>Tome</b>	large book

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## Group 8

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<b>Advocate</b>	support
<b>Brusque</b>	blunt; abrupt
<b>Defoliate</b>	cause leaves to fall off
<b>Espouse</b>	promote; take up; support
<b>Hone</b>	sharpen; increase; whet
<b>Lax</b>	careless; not strict
<b>Obviate</b>	avoid; make unnecessary
<b>Poseur</b>	someone who puts on an act
<b>Riddled</b>	full of (usually full of holes)
<b>Torpid</b>	inactive; lazy; stagnant

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## Group 9

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<b>Aesthetic</b>	concerning art or beauty
<b>Bulwark</b>	fortification; barricade; wall
<b>Defunct</b>	no longer in existence
<b>Etymology</b>	the study of word origins
<b>Hyperbole</b>	grossly exaggerated speech
<b>Legend</b>	1. key to map; 2. myth or story
<b>Odious</b>	hateful
<b>Posterity</b>	future generations
<b>Rife</b>	common

<b>Torpor</b>	dormancy; sluggishness; inactivity
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## Group 10

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<b>Affable</b>	friendly; social; easygoing
<b>Bureaucracy</b>	officialdom
<b>Degradation</b>	deprivation; poverty; debasement
<b>Eulogy</b>	praise
<b>Hypochondriac</b>	a person obsessed with health; having imaginary illnesses
<b>Legion</b>	in large numbers
<b>Officious</b>	domineering; intrusive; meddlesome
<b>Posthumous</b>	after death
<b>Rigor</b>	thoroughness
<b>Totter</b>	walk unsteadily

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