

1. Word – Abject

Part of Speech – Adjective

Definition – Sunk to a low condition or in miserable circumstances

Sentence – The man stood staring at the monster in abject terror

Synonym – Wretched, degraded

Antonym – Excellent, worthy

2. Word – Ambivalence

Part of Speech – Noun

Definition – Mixed feelings or emotions

Sentence – The man held a sense of ambivalence to the new changes taking place.

Synonym – Doubt, hesitancy, uncertainty

Antonym – Certainty, sureness

3. Word – Balatron

Part of Speech – Noun

Definition – A Clown; One who speaks nonsense

Sentence – Who's this Balatron?

Synonym – Clown, fool, buffoon

Antonym – Any person who could be considered eloquent, or well put together.

4. Word – Bizarre

Part of Speech – Adjective

Definition – Conspicuously or grossly unconventional or unusual

Sentence – What a bizarre dance that man is doing. He must be insane.

Synonym – Comical, curious, extraordinary, freakish, grotesque

Antonym – Common, normal

5. Word – Disdain

Part of Speech – Noun

Definition – Lack of respect accompanied by a feeling of intense dislike

Sentence – She had a strong feeling of disdain for the color yellow.

Synonym – Contempt, derision

Antonym – Admiration, affection

6. Word – Ergo

Part of Speech – Conjunction, Adverb

Definition – Therefore; hence

Sentence – There were no more cookies, ergo the child was angry.

Synonym – Accordingly, consequently

Antonym –

7. Word – Fathom

Part of Speech – Verb

Definition – To penetrate the meaning of; to comprehend; to understand

Sentence – I cannot fathom why people don't turn in their word packets.
They are literally the easiest 40 points to get in my class.

Synonym – Comprehend, figure out, grasp

Antonym – Misunderstand, misinterpret

8. Word – Genre

Part of Speech – Noun

Definition – A class of art having a characteristic form or technique; a kind of literary or artistic work

Sentence – My favorite genre of literature is anthropomorphic-teen-paranormal-investigative-dystopian-romance. You probably haven't heard of it.

Synonym – Category, style, fashion

Antonym –

9. Word – Hypocritical

Part of Speech – Adjective

Definition – Professing feelings or virtues one does not have

Sentence – If Mr. Gowers said he didn't swear that would be hypocritical.

Synonym – Deceptive, false, contradictory

Antonym – Genuine

10. Word – Idealism

Part of Speech – Noun

Definition – A fantasy view of a situation

Sentence – The idealism he has that everything is perfect is going to hurt him later.

Synonym – Idealization, false-hope

Antonym – Truth, realism

11. Word – Lackadaisical

Part of Speech – Adjective

Definition – Idle, especially in a dreamy way; lacking spirit liveliness

Sentence – Sloths could be considered to be lackadaisical.

Synonym – Apathetic, half-hearted, lazy

Antonym – Active, energetic

12. Word – Mettle

Part of Speech – Noun

Definition – The courage to carry on

Sentence – Though he had been thoroughly beaten, he had the mettle to fight on.

Synonym – Bravery, caliber, courage

Antonym – Cowardice, weakness

13. Word – Motley

Part of Speech – Adjective

Definition – Consisting of a haphazard assortment of different kinds.

Sentence – What makes Early Light so charming is the motley crew of teachers and students that work/go there.

Synonym – Assorted, mingled

Antonym – Same, similar

14. Word – Odyssey

Part of Speech – Noun

Definition – A long, wandering, and eventful journey

Sentence – The sequence of events that got me teaching at Early Light was quite the odyssey.

Synonym – Adventure, excursion

Antonym –

15. Word – Perfidy

Part of Speech – Noun

Definition – Betrayal of trust; an act of deliberate betrayal

Sentence – The assassination of Caesar was a deliberate perfidy.

Synonym – Betrayal, corruption

Antonym – Faithfulness, fidelity

16. Word – Petulant

Part of Speech – Adjective

Definition – Easily irritated or annoyed

Sentence – Petulant children make me petulant.

Synonym – Cranky, impatient

Antonym – Cheerful, happy

17. Word – Querulous

Part of Speech – Adjective

Definition – Habitually complaining

Sentence – We all have that one friend that is querulous. (Hint: you may be that friend.)

Synonym – Bemoaning, whiny

Antonym – Easy-going, cheerful

18. Word – Somber

Part of Speech – Adjective

Definition – Grave or even gloomy in character; lacking brightness or color; dull

Sentence – Edgar Allen Poe was a somber man, writing the most somber stories, in his somber life.

Synonym – Bleak, dark, dull

Antonym – Bright, exciting

19. Word – Tangent

Part of Speech – Noun

Definition – Often unrelated

Sentence – Mr. Gowers will occasionally start to get on a tangent during class, distracting both himself and others. He will not apologize for it.

Synonym – Departure, digression

Antonym – On topic

20. Word – Zest

Part of Speech – Noun

Definition – Vigorous and enthusiastic enjoyment

Sentence – Zest is the only thing I wish for you in your life.

Synonym – Enthusiasm, passion

Antonym – Apathy, discontent