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| **amorous**  am-er-uh s | *adj.* Expressing love or the state of being in love.  The couple exchanged **amorous** glances as they sat across from eachother at the dinner table. |
| **belittle**  bih-lit-l | *v.* To present or speak of as unimportant or of little value.  “Why do you always try to make your efforts seem more important by **belittling** mine?” she complained. |
| **censure**  sen-sher | *v.* To blame or find fault with.  The judge **censured** the lawyer for failing to file the papers on time.  *n.* A severe criticism or harsh judgement.  A hundred years ago, people who divorced experienced much greater **censure** than they do today. |
| **deem**  deem | *v.*  To consider; to believe.  Hearing about the train derailment, the mayor **deemed** it prudent to call up emergency crews from neighboring counties. |
| **divulge**  dahy-vuhlj | *v.* To make known something secret; to reveal.  Blackbeard **divulged** the location of the buried treasure to no one. |
| **exorbitant**  ig-zawr-bi-tuh nt | *adj.* Exceeding normal bounds; greater or more than seems reasonable.  Two hundred dollars seems an **exorbitant** price for a man’s shirt. |
| **expostulate**  ik-spos-chuh-leyt | *v.*  To argue earnestly in an attempt to dissuade or show strong disapproval.  My friends **expostulated** with me on the wisdom of waiting until daylight to begin my journey. |
| **fateful**  feyt-fuh l | *adj.* Having great or significant consequences.  The article examines President Truman’s **fateful** decision to drop the atomic bomb on Hiroshima. |
| **ingrate**  in-greyt | *n.* An ungrateful person.  Hanging up the phone, I felt like an **ingrate** for forgetting to thank my mother for preparing the food and drink for my party. |
| **injunction**  in-juhngk-shuh n | *n.* 1. An order or command.  When the hurricane warning was announced, my family wisely heeded the **injunction** to evacuate the island.  2. A court order prohibiting someone from doing something.  The **injunction** stated that the company could not hire permanent replacement workers during the strike. |
| **moribund**  mor-uh-buhnd | *adj.* Close to death; in a dying state.  It is incontrovertible that the company was **moribund** when we took it over last year. |
| **motif**  moh-teef | *n.* 1. A theme or idea in a work of art or literature that is developed or repeated.  Throughout the novel, the author explores the **motif** of separation.  2. A figure or design repeated in the decoration of something, such as a building or textile.  The wallpaper for the nursery had a rabbit **motif**. |
| **subsidize**  suhb-si-dahyz | *v.* To support by giving financial aid.  The government has **subsidized** countless arts projects, allowing thousands of people to enjoy music, dance, and theater in the hometowns.  **subsidy**  *n.* A grant of money, often provided by a government to a group or individual.  Thanks to this **subsidy**, our dance company will be able to perform throughout the state. |
| **sumptuous**  suhmp-choo-uh s | *adj.* Extravagantly splendid or costly; luxurious.  After the wedding we enjoyed a **sumptuous** meal in the hotel dining room. |
| **voluble**  vol-yuh-buh l | *adj.* Characterized by a ready flow of words; talkative.  The **voluble** host scarcely gave his guests a chance to speak. |