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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. |