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# Allay- v.

- ◉ To calm or pacify, set to rest; to lessen or relieve
- ◉ Synonyms: reduce, alleviate, moderate
- ◉ Antonyms: aggravate, exacerbate, intensify
  
- ◉ The politician made a speech in order to allay his constituents' fears.

# Bestial- adj.

- Beastlike; beastly, brutal; subhuman in intelligence and sensibility
- Synonyms: animal, depraved, loathsome
- Antonyms: human, humane, clement, virtuous, upright
- In beating their prisoner, the guards were guilty of a truly bestial act.

# Convivial- adj.

- Festive, sociable, having fun together, genial.
- Synonyms: fun-loving, jovial, merry
- Antonyms: dour, grim, sullen, unsociable
  
- Thanksgiving dinner at Grandmother's house is always a convivial family gathering.

# Coterie- n.

- A circle of acquaintances; a close-knit, often exclusive, group of people with a common interest
- Synonyms: clique, set
  
- Robert Browning and his coterie had ideas about poetry that seemed revolutionary in their day.

# Counterpart- n.

- ◉ A person or thing closely resembling or corresponding to another; a complement
- ◉ Synonyms: match
  
- ◉ I have to admit I was frightened of my counterpart on the other team because she held the high-jump record.

# Demur- v., n.

- (v.) to object or take exception to
- (n.) an objection
- Synonyms: (v.) protest, object to
- Antonyms: (v.) assent to, consent to, accept, agree to
  
- The rank and file will demur if they are not consulted regularly by the union leadership
- The speech in favor of the proposal was drowned out by a chorus of demurs from the senate floor



# Effrontery- n.

- ◉ Shameless boldness, impudence
- ◉ Synonyms: gall,chutzpah, nerve, impertinence, cheek
- ◉ Antonyms: shyness, diffidence, timidity
  
- ◉ After having been suspended for disrespectful behavior, the student had the effrontery to talk back to his teacher again.

# Embellish- v.

- ◉ To decorate, adorn, touch up; to improve by adding details.
- ◉ Synonyms: ornament, garnish
- ◉ Antonyms: strip, mar, disfigure
  
- ◉ The best storytellers embellish their tales in ways that help readers visualize the setting.

# Ephemeral- adj.

- Lasting only a short time, short-lived
- Synonyms: fleeting, transient, evanescent, transitory
- Antonyms: durable, long-lasting, permanent, perpetual
  
- Only the greatest of writers and artists achieve anything other than ephemeral popularity.

# Felicitous- adj.

- ◉ Appropriate, apt, well chosen; marked by well-being or good fortune, happy
- ◉ Synonyms: fortunate, well-put
- ◉ Antonyms: inappropriate, inept, graceless, unhappy
  
- ◉ In view of the high prices for home heating oil, the mild winter was a felicitous turn of events.

# Furtive- adj.

- Done slyly or stealthily, sneaky, secret, shifty; stolen
- Synonyms: clandestine, covert, surreptitious
- Antonyms: forthright, aboveboard, open
- The girl was caught taking a furtive glance at the test paper of the student sitting next to her.

# Garish- adj.

- ◉ Glaring; tastelessly showy or over decorated in a vulgar or offensive way
- ◉ Synonyms: gaudy, flashy, tawdry
- ◉ Antonyms: subdued, muted, understated, quiet
  
- ◉ The storefront was painted in garish colors so that it would attract the attention of passersby.

# Illusory- adj.

- Misleading, deceptive; lacking in or not based on reality
- Synonyms: specious, spurious, fanciful, imaginary
- Antonyms: actual, real, factual, objective
- Police state tactics provide an illusory sense of security in an unjust society.

# Indigent- adj.

- ◉ Needy, impoverished
- ◉ Synonyms: penniless, poverty-stricken, destitute
- ◉ Antonyms: wealthy, affluent, prosperous
- ◉ The number of homeless and indigent persons has increased since the economy took a downturn



# Inordinate- adj.

- Far too great, exceeding reasonable limits, excessive
- Synonyms: exorbitant, extravagant
- Antonyms: moderate, reasonable, equitable
- The press showered the popular actor with inordinate praise for what seemed a rather ordinary performance.

# Jettison- v.

- ◉ To cast overboard, get rid of as unnecessary or burdensome
- ◉ Synonyms: cast off, discard, dump, junk, abandon
- ◉ Antonyms: conserve, retain, hold on to, keep
  
- ◉ The captain ordered the crew to jettison the ballast so the ship could move more quickly through the water.

# Misanthrope- n.

- A person who hates or despises people
- Synonyms: people-hater
  
- The millionaire misanthrope left all her money to an animal shelter and not a penny to a single human being.

# Pertinacious- adj.

- Very persistent; holding firmly to a course of action or a set of beliefs; hard to get rid of, refusing to be put off or denied.
- Synonyms: stubborn, dogged, determined
- The defense attorney was as pertinacious as a bulldog in his cross-examination of the witness.

# Picayune- adj.

- Of little value or importance, paltry, measly; concerned with trifling matters, small-minded
- Synonyms: inconsequential, piddling, trifling
- Antonyms: important, significant, huge, gigantic
  
- A supervisor who fusses about every picayune fault of the workers will lower morale and productivity.

# Raiment- n.

- ◉ Clothing, garments
- ◉ Synonyms: apparel, attire
  
- ◉ When the chorus in the Greek tragedy hears that the king has died, they tear their raiment in anguish.