**Abbreviate**- Shorten, abridge

**Abstinence**-Act of refraining from

**Adulation**-High praise

**Adversity**-Misfortune

**Aesthetic**-Pertaining to beauty

**Amicable**-Agreeable

**Anachronistic**-Out-of-date

**Anecdote**-Short account of event

**Anonymous**-Nameless

**Antagonist**-Opponent

**Arid**-Extremely dry

**Assiduous**-Hard-working

**Asylum**-Sanctuary

**Benevolent**-Friendly, helpful

**Camaraderie**-Trust among friends

**Censure**-To criticize harshly

**Circuitous**-Indirect, roundabout

**Clairvoyant**-Able to see the future

**Collaborate**-To work together

**Compassion**-Sympathy, mercy

**Compromise**-To settle differences

**Condescending**-Patronizing

**Conditional**-Provisional, contingent

**Conformist**-Follower of customs

**Congregation**-Crowd of people

**Convergence**-Joining of parts

**Deleterious**-Harmful

**Demagogue**-Rabble-rousing leader

**Digression**-Straying from main point

**Diligent**-Hard-working

**Discredit**-Dishonor, disgrace

**Disdain**-To regard with scorn

**Divergent**-Variant, moving apart

**Empathy**-Sharing of feelings

**Emulate**-Follow an example

**Enervating**-Tiring, weakening

**Enhance**-Improve, augment

**Ephemeral**-Momentary, fleeting

**Evanescent**-Short-lived, as an image

**Exasperation**-Irritation, frustration

**Exemplary**-Outstanding

**Extenuating**-Guilt diminishing

**Florid**-Flushed, ornate

**Fortuitous**-Lucky

**Frugal**-Thrifty

**Hackneyed**-Overused, clichéd

**Haughty**-Arrogant, condescending

**Hedonist**-Pleasure seeker

**Hypothesis**-Theory requiring proof

**Impetuous**-Rash, impulsive

**Impute**-To attribute to someone

**Incompatible**-Unable to work together

**Inconsequential**-Trivial

**Inevitable**-Unavoidable, certain

**Integrity**-Honesty, decency

**Intrepid**-Fearless, adventurous

**Intuitive**-Instinctive, untaught

**Jubilation**-Joy, exultation

**Lobbyist**-Persuader of legislators

**Longevity**-Long life

**Mundane**-Ordinary, common

**Nonchalant**-Calm, casual

**Novice**-Beginner

**Opulent**-Wealthy

**Orator**-Speaker

**Ostentatious**-Displaying wealth

**Parched**-Dried up

**Perfidious**-Disloyal

**Precocious**-Talented beyond one's age

**Pretentious**-Pompous, self-important

**Procrastinate**-To delay unnecessarily

**Prosaic**-Run-of-the-mill

**Prosperity**-Wealth, success

**Provocative**-Inflammatory

**Prudent**-Wise, careful, cautious

**Querulous**-Irritable

**Rancorous**-Hateful

**Reclusive**-Withdrawn, hermit-like

**Reconciliation**-Agreement after a quarrel

**Renovation**-State of being renewed

**Resilient**-Quick to recover

**Restrained**-Controlled, restricted

**Reverence**-Profound respect

**Sagacity**-Wisdom

**Scrutinize**-To observe carefully

**Spontaneity**-Impulsive action

**Spurious**-Phony, false

**Submissive**-Meek

**Substantiate**-To verify, confirm

**Subtle**-Elusive, sly, ambiguous

**Superficial**-Lacking in depth

**Superfluous**-More than enough

**Suppress**-To end an activity

**Surreptitious**-Secret, stealthy

**Tactful**-Diplomatic, polite

**Tenacious**-Persistent, resolute

**Transient**-Temporary, fleeting

**Venerable**-Respectable due to age

**Vindicate**-To clear from blame

**Wary**-Watchful, alert