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Vocab List 2.

apprehensive

feeling alarm; afraid, anxious, or worried.

His apprehensive glances at his colleagues revealed the pressure he felt.

arid

dry; barren.

The cactus has adapted to survive in an arid environment, sometimes without rain over six months.

bondage

slavery; lack of freedom.

The children were kept in bondage by the kidnapper; they were released once he got the ransom.

cachet

a mark of distinction or originality.

Walter thought that the velvet smoking jacket lent him a certain cachet that was keeping with his image as a man of leisure.

compulsion

coercion; force; an impulse that is hard to resist.

The boy would not take this medicine; his mother has to resort to compulsion.

confidant

a man to whom secrets are entrusted. (confidante for female)

He used to be a close, even intimate confidant of the President. He knew a lot of secrets of the President.

diffuse

to spread in different directions.

Television is a powerful means of diffusing knowledge.

discrepancy

difference; inconsistency; disagreement.

John was the only one to notice the discrepancy between the cash register receipts and the amount of money in the drawer.

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dissuade

advise against.

He could not dissuade his friend from joining the conspirators.

epaulet

an ornamental shoulder piece worn on a military uniform.

Ernie tried his best to sew the epaulet back on his uniform before morning inspection.

exalted

glorified or praised; held up high in honor.

Colvin's album earned the kind of exalted commendations usually reserved for major new works of literature.

expatriate

to force to leave one's country; to banish; to exile.

Certain crimes against the government call for the guilty to be expatriated, often for the rest of their lives.

extrinsic

caused by external circumstances; as opposed to intrinsic.

The revolution was less of a spontaneous eruption of anger against capitalism as a system, and more of a reaction to extrinsic forces like the constant oil shortages that came about because of international sanctions.

fetter

a shackle or handcuff; a restraint.

The prisoners were led to the bowels of the ship, where narrow wooden benches, fetters, and a thin scattering of straw awaited them.

formidable

arousing fear or worry; fostering respect or awe.

The cat's formidable meowing echoed in our ears as the disgruntled cat begged to be let inside.

furlough

a leave of absence, especially for a member of the armed forces; the act of granting this leave.

During his furlough Dan concentrated on finding a job in the private sector, as he was scheduled to be discharged from the Navy in three months.

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gesticulate

to make or use gestures to help express an idea or feeling.

He tried to gesticulate a message across the crowded room.

histrionic

theatrical; overly dramatic.

He was proud of his histrionic ability and wanted to play the role of Hamlet.

idiom

a common, well-known expression of a specific group of people, place, or time.

I could not understand their idiom because literal translation made no sense.

inconsequential

insignificant; unimportant.

Brushing off Ali's apologies for having broken the wine glass, Tamara said, "Don't worry about it; it's inconsequential."

ineligible

not suitable to be selected or chosen.

Mr. McCloughlin was declared ineligible for the competition because he worked for the company that ran it.

jury

a group of persons chosen to give a judgment in a law suit.

Several members of the jury wept as they heard how the child was killed.

levy

to take or require by legal means.

The city council had to levy higher taxes to pay for road repairs.

mire

to get stuck in mire; to get bogged.

He mired his car in the mud; he called for help.

moral

right; just.

It's her moral obligation to tell the police what she knows.

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nanosecond

one billionth of a second; an extremely short period of time.

It seemed the phone was on the hook for only a nanosecond before it rang again.

nonpartisan

not a member of a party or association; unbiased.

Since three of the members were all Democrats who would never vote against the interests of their party, it is hard for the commission to be nonpartisan.

perplexity

confusion; being puzzled; not knowing what to do or how to act.

She stared at the instruction booklet in perplexity and confusion, trying to figure out how to use the video recorder.

pliable

flexible; adaptable.

In remodeling the bathroom, we have replaced all the old, rigid lead pipes with new, pliable copper tubing.

portentous

ominous; showing bad signs.

Recognition of the state's independence would be a portentous step, as it would turn a civil war into an international conflict.

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