

Gre Words

ABATE

TO DECREASE; REDUCE

ABDICATE

TO GIVE UP A POSITION, RIGHT, OR POWER

ABERRANT

DEVIATING FROM WHAT IS NORMAL

ABEYANCE

TEMPORARY SUPPRESSION OR SUSPENSION

ABJECT

MISERABLE; PITIFUL

ABJURE

TO REJECT; ABANDON FORMALLY

ABSCISSION

N. THE ACT OF CUTTING; THE NATURAL SEPARATION OF A LEAF OR OTHER PART OF A PLANT, V. TO CUT OFF OR AWAY (ABSCISE)

ABSCOND

TO DEPART SECRETLY

ABSTEMIOUS

MODERATE IN APPETITE

ABSTINENCE

THE GIVING UP OF CERTAIN PLEASURES

ABYSMAL

VERY BAD

ACCRETION

GROWTH IN SIZE OR INCREASE IN AMOUNT

ACCRUE

TO ACCUMULATE; GROW BY ADDITIONS

ADAMANT

UNCOMPROMISING; UNYIELDING

ADJUNCT

SOMETHING ADDED, ATTACHED, OR JOINED

ADMONISH

TO CAUTION OR REPRIMAND

ADULTERATE

TO CORRUPT OR MAKE IMPURE

AESTHETIC



ADJ. RELATING TO BEAUTY OR ART, N. A CONCEPTION OF WHAT IS ARTISTICALLY BEAUTIFUL

AFFECTED

PRETENTIOUS, PHONY

AFFINITY

FONDNESS; LIKING; SIMILARITY

AGGRANDIZE

TO MAKE LARGER OR GREATER

AGGREGATE

ADJ. AMOUNTING TO A WHOLE; TOTAL, V. TO COLLECT INTO A MASS, N. COLLECTIVE MASS OR SUM

ALACRITY

CHEERFUL WILLINGNESS; EAGERNESS; SPEED

ALCHEMY

MEDIEVAL CHEMICAL PHILOSOPHY BASED ON CHANGING METAL INTO GOLD; A SEEMINGLY MAGICAL POWER OR PROCESS OF TRANSMUTATION

ALLAY

TO LESSEN; EASE; SOOTHE

ALLEVIATE

TO RELIEVE; IMPROVE PARTIALLY

ALLOY

A COMBINATION; A MIXTURE OF TWO OR MORE METALS

ALLURE

THE POWER TO ENTICE BY CHARM

AMALGAMATE

TO COMBINE INTO A UNIFIED WHOLE

AMBIGUOUS

UNCLEAR OR DOUBTFUL IN MEANING

AMBIVALENCE

THE STATE OF HAVING CONFLICTING EMOTIONAL ATTITUDES

AMBROSIA

SOMETHING DELICIOUS; THE FOOD OF THE GODS

AMELIORATE

TO IMPROVE

AMENABLE

AGREEABLE; COOPERATIVE; SUITED

AMENITY

SOMETHING THAT INCREASES COMFORT

AMULET

ORNAMENT WORN AS A CHARM AGAINST EVIL SPIRITS

ANACHRONISM

SOMETHING OUT OF THE PROPER TIME

ANALGESIC

MEDICATION THAT REDUCES OR ELIMATES PAIN

ANALOGOUS

ADJ. COMPARABLE, N. A SIMILARITY IN SOME WAYS BETWEEN THINGS THAT ARE OTHERWISE DISSIMILAR (ANALOGY)

ANARCHY

N. ABSENCE OF GOVERNMENT; STATE OF DISORDER, ADJ. LACKING ORDER OR CONTROL (ANARCHIC)

ANODYNE

N. SOMETHING THAT CALMS OR SOOTHES PAIN, ADJ. RELAXING, OR CAPABLE OF SOOTHING PAIN

ANOMALOUS

IRREGULAR; DEVIATING FROM THE NORM

ANTECEDENT

SOMETHING THAT COMES BEFORE

ANTEDILUVIAN

PREHISTORIC

ANTIPATHY

DISLIKE; HOSTILITY

APATHY

INDIFFERENCE

APEX

THE HIGHEST POINT

APOGEE

THE POINT IN AN ORBIT MOST DISTANT FROM THE BODY BEING ORBITED; THE HIGHEST POINT

APOTHEGM

A TERSE, WITTY SAYING

APPEASE

TO CALM; PACIFY; PLACATE

APPELLATION

NAME

APPOSITE

STRIKINGLY APPROPRIATE AND RELEVANT

APPRISE

TO INFORM

APPROBATION

PRAISE; APPROVAL

APPROPRIATE

TO TAKE POSSESSION FOR ONE'S OWN USE; CONFISCATE

APPROPOS

RELEVANT

ARABESQUE

ORNATE DESIGN FEATURING INTERTWINED CURVES; A BALLET POSITION IN WHICH ONE LEG IS EXTENDED IN BACK WHILE THE OTHER SUPPORTS THE WEIGHT OF THE BODY

ARCHEOLOGY

THE STUDY OF MATERIAL EVIDENCE OF PAST HUMAN LIFE

ARDOR

GREAT EMOTION OR PASSION

ARDUOUS

EXTREMELY DIFFICULT; LABORIOUS

ARGOT

A SPECIALIZED VOCABULARY USED BY A GROUP

ARREST

TO STOP; TO SEIZE

ARTIFACT

ITEM MADE BY HUMAN CRAFT

ARTLESS

GUILELESS; NATURAL

ASCETIC

N. ONE WHO PRACTICES SELF-DENIAL, ADJ. SELF-DENYING OR AUSTERE

ASPERITY

SEVERITY; HARSHNESS; IRRITABILITY

ASPERSION

SLANDER; FALSE RUMOR

ASSIDUOUS

DILIGENT; HARD-WORKING

ASSUAGE

TO MAKE LESS SEVERE

ASTRINGENT

HARSH; SEVERE

ASYLUM

PLACE OF REFUGE OR SHELTER

ATAVISM

IN BIOLOGY, THE REAPPEARANCE OF A CHARACTERISTIC IN AN ORGANISM AFTER SEVERAL GENERATIONS OF ABSENCE; INDIVIDUAL OR A PART THAT EXHIBITS ATAVISM; RETURN OF A TRAIT AFTER A PERIOD OF ABSENCE

ATTENUATE

TO WEAKEN

AUDACIOUS

BOLD; DARING

AUSTERE

STERN; UNADORNED

AUTONOMOUS

SELF-GOVERNING; INDEPENDENT

AVARICE

GREED

AVER

TO AFFIRM; DECLARE TO BE TRUE

AVOCATION

SECONDARY OCCUPATION

AVUNCULAR

LIKE AN UNCLE, BENEVOLENT AND TOLERANT

AXIOMATIC

TAKEN FOR GRANTED

BACCHANALIAN

PERTAINING TO RIOTOUS OR DRUNKEN FESTIVITY; PERTAINING TO REVELRY

BANAL

COMMONPLACE; TRITE

BANTER

PLAYFUL CONVERSATION

BARD

POET

BAWDY

OBSCENE

BEATIFY

TO SANCTIFY; TO BLESS; TO ASCRIBE A VIRTUE TO

BEDIZEN

TO DRESS IN A VULGAR; SHOWY MANNER

BEHEMOTH

HUGE CREATURE; ANYTHING VERY LARGE AND POWERFUL

BELIE

TO CONTRADICT; MISREPRESENT; GIVE A FALSE IMPRESSION

BENEFICENT

KINDLY; DOING GOOD

BIFURCATE

TO DIVIDE INTO TWO PARTS

BLANDISHMENT

N. FLATTERY, V. TO COAX WITH FLATTERY (BLANDISH)

BLASE

BORED BECAUSE OF FREQUENT INDULGENCE; UNCONCERNED

BOLSTER

TO GIVE A BOOST TO; PROP UP; SUPPORT

BOMBASTIC

POMPOUS; USING INFLATED LANGUAGE

BOORISH

RUDE; INSENSITIVE

BOVINE

COWLIKE

BRAZEN

BOLD; SHAMELESS

BROACH

TO MENTION FOR THE FIRST TIME

BUCOLIC

CHARACTERISTIC OF THE COUNTRYSIDE; RUSTIC; PASTORAL

BURGEON

TO FLOURISH

BURNISH

TO POLISH

BUTTRESS

TO REINFORCE; SUPPORT

CACOPHONOUS

UNPLEASANT OR HARSH-SOUNDING

CADGE

TO BEG; SPONGE

CALLOUS

THICK-SKINNED; INSENSITIVE

CALUMNY

FALSE AND MALICIOUS ACCUSATION; SLANDER

CANARD

FALSE, DELIBERATELY MISLEADING STORY

CANON

AN ESTABLISHED PRINCIPLE; A BASIS OR STANDARD FOR JUDGMENT; A GROUP OF LITERARY WORKS

CANT

INSINCERE TALK; LANGUAGE OF A PARTICULAR GROUP

CANTANKEROUS

IRRITABLE; ILL-HUMORED

CAPRICIOUS

ADJ. FICKLE, N. INCLINATION TO CHANGE ONE'S MIND COMPULSIVELY

CAPTIOUS

FAULTFINDING; INTENDED TO ENTRAP, AS IN AN ARGUMENT

CARDINAL

OF FOREMOST IMPORTANCE

CARNAL

OF THE FLESH OR BODY; RELATED TO PHYSICAL APPETITES

CARPING

TO FIND FAULT; COMPLAIN

CARTOGRAPHY

SCIENCE OF MAKING MAPS

CASTE

ANY OF THE HEREDITARY SOCIAL CLASSES OF HINDU SOCIETY; SOCIAL STRATIFICATION

CASTIGATION

PUNISHMENT; CHASTISEMENT; CRITICISM

CATAclysm

A VIOLENT UPHEAVAL THAT CAUSES GREAT DESTRUCTION AND CHANGE

CATALYST

SOMETHING CAUSING CHANGE

CATEGORICAL

ABSOLUTE; WITHOUT EXCEPTION

CAUCUS

SMALLER GROUP WITHIN AN ORGANIZATION

CAUSAL

INVOLVING A CAUSE

CAUSTIC

SARCASTICALLY BITING; BURNING

CELESTIAL

CONCERNING THE SKY OR HEAVENS; SUBLIME

CENTRIFUGAL

MOVING AWAY FROM A CENTER

CENTRIPETAL

MOVING OR DIRECTED TOWARD A CENTER

CHAMPION

TO DEFEND OR SUPPORT

CHASTEN

TO CORRECT BY PUNISHMENT OR REPROOF; TO RESTRAIN OR SUBDUCE

CHICANERY

TRICKERY; FRAUD

CHIVALRY

THE QUALITIES IDEALIZED BY KNIGHTHOOD SUCH AS BRAVERY AND GALLANTRY TOWARD WOMEN

CHURLISH

RUDE; BOORISH

CIRCUITOUS

ROUNDBOUT

CLAIRVOYANT

ONE WHO CAN PREDICT THE FUTURE; PSYCHIC

CLAMOR

NOISY OUTCRY

CLIQUE

A SMALL, EXCLUSIVE GROUP

COAGULATE

THICKEN; CONGEAL

CLOISTER

V. TO CONFINE; SECLUDE, N. MONASTERY OR CONVENT, ADJ. SHUT AWAY FROM THE WORLD (CLOISTERED)

COALESCE

TO CAUSE TO BECOME ONE

CODA

CONCLUDING PART OF A LITERARY OR MUSICAL COMPOSITION; SOMETHING THAT SUMMARIZES OR CONCLUDES

CODIFY

SYSTEMATIZE

COGNIZANT

INFORMED; CONSCIOUS; AWARE

COLLAGE

ARTISTIC COMPOSITION OF MATERIALS PASTED OVER A SURFACE; AN ASSEMBLAGE OF DIVERSE ELEMENTS

COMMENSURATE

PROPORTIONAL

COMPENDIUM

BRIEF, COMPREHENSIVE SUMMARY

COMPLACENT

SELF-SATISFIED

COMPLAISANT

OVERLY POLITE; WILLING TO PLEASE; OBLIGING