

Advanced vocabulary development

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Word list 7

Group 1		<u>Notes</u>
Archetype	classic example of
Clemency	mercy
Disinterested	unbiased
Flout	defy; reject	.....
Ingénue	naïve, unsophisticated person	.....
Mendacious	given to lying	.....
Paucity	shortage	.....
Protean	changeable	.....
Sophomoric	juvenile; immature	.....
Venal	corrupt; can be bribed	.....

Group 2		<u>Notes</u>
Archives	collections of old records; place of storage of old documents	.....
Cliché	overused expression; something unoriginal	.....
Disparage	criticize; belittle	.....
Flustered	worked-up; not calm	.....
Ingrate	ungrateful person	.....
Mercenary	concerned only with money	.....
Peccadillo	minor weakness; trivial offence	.....
Protégé	person under protection of, or guided by another	.....
Soporific	inducing sleep	.....
Veneer	surface coating	.....

Group 3		<u>Notes</u>
Articulate	clear; lucid; eloquent	.....
Clientele	customers	.....
Disparity	an inequality	.....
Fly-by-night	unreliable; disreputable	.....
Inimical	hostile	.....
Mercurial	volatile; changeable	.....
Pedant	person who insists on strict adherence to rules or narrow learning	.....
Protocol	procedure; code of behavior	.....
Sparse	spare; bare; meager	.....
Venerate	revere; worship	.....

Group 4		<u>Notes</u>
Artifice	deception; trickery	.....
Coalesce	come together; merge	.....
Dispassionate	neutral; objective	.....
Forensic	concerned with argument or debate (esp. for legal evidence)	.....
Innate	inherited; inborn	.....
Merge	come together	.....
Pedestrian	common; mundane; banal	.....
Provincial	unsophisticated; narrow-minded	.....
Specious	false	.....
Venial	minor; unimportant	.....

Group 5		<u>Notes</u>
Artisan	craftsman	.....
Coddle	pamper; fuss over; indulge	.....
Disseminating	circulating; broadcasting; spreading (information)	.....
Fortitude	bravery	.....
Innocuous	harmless; inoffensive	.....
Metaphorically	symbolically; figuratively	.....
Peerless	without equal	.....
Prudent	cautious; wise	.....
Speckled	spotted; freckled; dotted	.....
Veracity	truthfulness	.....

Group 6		<u>Notes</u>
Ascetic	without luxuries; severely simple	.....
Coercion	force	.....
Diurnal	active in daytime	.....
Fortuitous	happening by chance	.....
Innovate	create; introduce something new	.....
Meticulous	very careful; painstaking	.....
Pejorative	derogatory	.....
Puerile	childish	.....
Sporadic	not continuous; intermittent	.....
Verbose	talkative; long-winded; rambling	.....

Group 7		<u>Notes</u>
Assiduous	thorough; diligent	.....
Cogent	lucid; well argued	.....
Divert	1. entertain; 2. distract; 3. cause a detour	.....
Fractious	irritable; difficult to control	.....
Inscrutable	mysterious; impenetrable	.....
Mettle	courage; bravery; valor	.....
Pellucid	transparently clear	.....
Punctilious	paying attention to small details	.....
Spurious	false	.....
Verboosity	using too many words	.....

Group 8		<u>Notes</u>
Assuage	to calm	.....
Cogitate	think over something; ponder	.....
Docile	gentle and easily lead	.....
Fraudulent	fake; false	.....
Insentient	unfeeling	.....
Milieu	environment	.....
Pensive	in a thoughtful mood; thinking deeply	.....
Purloin	steal	.....
Stagnant	still; not moving	.....
Vertigo	dizziness	.....

Group 9		<u>Notes</u>
Astute	perceptive; sharp-witted	.....
Collage	picture made from fragments of other pictures	.....
Dogmatic	having stubbornly held opinions	.....
Frivolous	not serious	.....
Inspid	dull; bland; boring	.....
Mire	swamp; muddy ground	.....
Penury	poverty	.....
Pusillanimous	cowardly	.....
Staid	dull; sober; serious	.....
Vestigial	not developed	.....

Group 10		<u>Notes</u>
Asylum	place of refuge or safety	.....
Collate	arrange in order	.....
Dolt	stupid person	.....
Frugal	economical; not wasting anything	.....
Instigate	to start; provoke	.....
Misanthrope	hater of the rest of mankind	.....
Perceptive	observant	.....
Pyromania	compulsion to start fires	.....
Stanza	section of a poem	.....
Vignette	small sketch	.....