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| <p>1. <b>Ameliorate</b> (v.) to improve, make better, correct a flaw or shortcoming.<br/>SYN: amend, better.<br/>ANT: worsen, aggravate, exacerbate.</p>                                                                                                                                                          | <p>13. <b>Inveigh</b> (v.) to make a violent attack in words, express strong disapproval.<br/>SYN: rail, harangue, remonstrate.<br/>ANT: acclaim, glorify, extol.</p>                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <p>2. <b>Aplomb</b> (n.) poise, assurance, great self-confidence; perpendicularity.<br/>SYN: composure, self-possession, levelheadedness.<br/>ANT: confusion, embarrassment, abashment.</p>                                                                                                                       | <p>14. <b>Lassitude</b> (n.) weariness of body or mind, lack of energy.<br/>SYN: fatigue, lethargy, torpor, languor.<br/>ANT: energy, vitality, animation, liveliness.</p>                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <p>3. <b>Bombastic</b> (adj.) pompous or overblown in language; full of high-sounding words intended to conceal a lack of ideas.<br/>SYN: inflated, highfalutin, high-flown, pretentious.<br/>ANT: unadorned, simple, plain, austere.</p>                                                                         | <p>15. <b>Millennium</b> (n.) a period of one thousand years; a period of great joy.<br/>SYN: chiliad, golden age<br/>ANT: doomsday</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <p>4. <b>Callow</b> (adj.) without experience; immature, not fully developed; lacking sophistication and pise; without feathers.<br/>SYN: green, raw, unfledged, inexperienced.<br/>ANT: mature, grown-up, polished, sophisticated.</p>                                                                           | <p>16. <b>Occult</b> (adj.) secret, hidden from view; not detectable by ordinary means; mysterious, magical, uncanny; (v.) to hide, cover up; eclipse; (n.) matters involving the supernatural.<br/>SYN: (adj.) esoteric, abstruse, arcane.<br/>ANT: (adj.) mundane. common, public, exoteric.</p>                                                |
| <p>5. <b>Drivel</b> (n.) saliva or mucus flowing from the mouth or nose; foolish, aimless talk or thinking; nonsense; (v.) to let saliva flow from the mouth; to utter nonsense or childish twaddle; to waste or fritter away foolishly.<br/>SYN: (n.) balderdash, hogwash, tommyrot; (v.) slaver.<br/>ANT: -</p> | <p>17. <b>Permeate</b> (v.) to spread through, penetrate, soak through.<br/>SYN: -<br/>ANT: -</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <p>6. <b>Epitome</b> (n.) a summary, condensed account; an instance that represents a larger reality.<br/>SYN: abstract, digest, archetype.<br/>ANT: -</p>                                                                                                                                                        | <p>18. <b>Precipitate</b> (v.) to fall as moisture, to cause or bring about suddenly; to hurl down from a great height; to give distinct form to; (adj.) characterized by excessive haste; (n.) moisture; the product of an action or process.<br/>SYN: (v.) provoke, produce; (adj.) reckless, impetuous.<br/>ANT: (adj.) wary, circumspect.</p> |
| <p>7. <b>Exhort</b> (v.) to urge strongly, advise earnestly.<br/>SYN: entreat, implore, adjure.<br/>AYN: discourage, advise against, deprecate.</p>                                                                                                                                                               | <p>19. <b>Stringent</b> (adj.) strict. severe; rigorously or urgently binding or compelling; sharp or bitter to the taste.<br/>SYN: stern, rigorous, tough, urgent.<br/>ANT: lenient, mild, lax, permissive.</p>                                                                                                                                  |
| <p>8. <b>Ex Officio</b> (adj., adv.) by virtue of holding a certain office.<br/>SYN: -<br/>ANT: -</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <p>20. <b>Surmise</b> (v.) to think or believe without certain supporting evidence; to conjecture or guess; (v.) likely idea that lacks definite proof.<br/>SYN: (v.) infer, gather; (n.) inference, presumption.</p>                                                                                                                             |
| <p>9. <b>Infringe</b> (v.) to violate, trespass, go beyond recognized bounds.<br/>SYN: encroach, impinge, intrude<br/>AYN: stay in bounds, comply</p>                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <p>10. <b>Ingratiate</b> (v.) to make oneself agreeable and thus gain favor or acceptance by others (sometimes used in a critical or derogatory sense).<br/>SYN: cozy up to, curry favor with.<br/>ANT: humiliate oneself.</p>                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <p>11. <b>Interloper</b> (n.) one who moves in where he or she is not wanted or has no right to be; an intruder.<br/>SYN: trespasser, meddler, buttinsky.</p>                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <p>12. <b>Intrinsic</b> (adj.) belonging to someone or something by its very nature, essential, inherent; originating in a bodily organ or part.<br/>SYN: immanent, organic.<br/>ANT: extrinsic, external, outward.</p>                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |