

COLLEGE VOCABULARY LIST

1. squalid: sordid; dirty; marked by filthiness.
 2. proliferating: multiplying; rapidly increasing in numbers.
 3. sanctuary: a refuge; a place for worship.
 4. elude: evade; cleverly avoid.
 5. ultimate: final; farthest; most remote in space or time.
 6. inscrutable: obscure; not capable of being understood.
 7. spiel: an extravagant talk; an oration.
 8. servitude: slavery; punishment for a crime; subjection.
 9. spellbind: fascinate; enchant; to hold one's attention as by a spell.
 10. proletariat: common people, working class.
 11. delusion: a deception; a false idea or opinion.
 12. purge: to cleanse; to purify; to free from impurities.
 13. secular: worldly; not sacred or religious.
 14. viable: practical; able to live or to be implemented.
 15. anathema: a curse; a vigorous denunciation.
 16. jeopardy: danger; peril; vulnerability.
 17. reflective: thoughtful; pensive; contemplative.
 18. benign: gentle; showing kindness of disposition.
 19. pugnacious: belligerent; combative; obnoxious.
 20. dissipate: scatter; vanish; to waste, as in money.
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21. acquiesce: assent; to accept passively or reluctantly.
22. denigrate: defame; belittle; criticize unkindly.
23. munificent: lavishly generous; liberal in giving.
24. capitulation: surrender; giving up resistance.
25. palatable: edible; pleasant tasting; to one's taste.
26. vehement: forcibly expressed; impassioned; fervid.
27. fruition: accomplishment; realization.
28. eradicate: exterminate; do away with completely.
29. despotic: tyrannical; dictatorial.
30. extricate: to free; remove from entanglement.
31. paranoia: irrational distrust; feeling of persecution.
32. malevolence: malice; hatred toward others; intention to harm.
33. tenuous: insubstantial; flimsy; weak.

34. ambivalence: uncertainty in attitude; fluctuation.
 35. desiccate: dry up; dehydrate; to drain vitality.
 36. replete: complete; full; abundantly filled.
 37. recalcitrant: resistant; defiant of authority.
 38. cogent: convincing; valid; forcibly appealing to the mind.
 39. affluence: profusion; overflowing of wealth, etc.; an abundance.
 40. astute: clever; shrewd; intellectually observant.
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41. fatuous: foolish; silly; simple-minded; not intellectual.
42. vindictive: revengeful; spiteful; wanting to hurt or harm.
43. meticulous: giving great attention to details ; mindful of details.
44. catharsis: purification; purgation; cleansing of emotions.
45. insatiable: quenchless; incapable of being satisfied.
46. dubious: doubtful; uncertain in belief or knowledge.
47. tepid: lukewarm; lacking definite warmth; moderate warmth.
48. perpetual: everlasting; continuing forever.
49. skepticism: doubt; uncertainty in belief or knowledge.
50. vestige: remnant; that which is left.

Any form (part of speech) of the vocabulary word may be used if appropriate for the sentence.

51. clandestine: secretive; held or conducted secretly.
 52. expatriate: banished person; one driven into exile.
 53. converge: meet; to move toward one another.
 54. implicit: understood without explanation; tacitly understood; implied
 55. manifest: obvious; readily perceived by the senses.
 56. lexicon: dictionary; book containing words and definitions.
 57. felicity: great happiness; state of being happy.
 58. accentuate: emphasize; to accent something.
 59. ephemeral: fleeting; transient; lasting only a short time.
 60. eccentric: odd; strange; deviating from the pattern.
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61. symbiosis: mutuality; beneficial union or association.
62. debacle: great disaster; fiasco; a tumultuous breakup.
63. delusive: deceptive; likely to deceive or trick.
64. exigencies: urgent needs; emergencies.

65. pernicious: wicked; deadly; highly injurious or destructive.
 66. ostracism: exclusion; banishment; social exclusion.
 67. ameliorate: improve; to make better or more tolerable.
 68. tutelage: instruction; a guiding influence.
 69. morose: expressive of gloom; sullen; unsociable.
 70. ancillary: subsidiary; auxiliary; subordinate.
 71. plethora: excess; superfluity; an overabundance.
 72. vivifying: enlivening; quickening; renewing of life.
 73. aesthetic: artistic; relating to or dealing with beauty; appealing to the eye.
 74. disparate: different; markedly distinct in some way.
 75. pedagogues: pompous teachers; schoolmasters.
 76. salutary: curative; promoting good health.
 77. relegated: assigned; classified; banished.
 78. nuance: subtle distinction or difference; subtle variation.
 79. precarious: dangerous; unsafe; hazardous.
 80. metamorphosis: change in form; alteration of appearance.
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81. congruent: equal; harmonious; agreeable; in tangent.
82. essences: prime characteristics; basic qualities.
83. syntax: word order; arrangement of parts of sentences.
84. unimpeachable: irreproachable; not liable to accusation; above reproach.
85. generic: general; common; characteristic of a whole group.
86. tandem: twosome; an arrangement by two.
87. rapport: harmony; relation marked by accord.
88. effete: decadent; effeminate; marked by weakness.
89. austerity: extreme economy; an ascetic practice.
90. presumptuous: audacious; tending to be overly bold.
91. voracious: gluttonous; extremely greedy; insatiable.
92. invidious: hostile; offensive; rousing ill will.
93. impermeable: impervious; not permitting passage.
94. aphorism: proverb; a terse formulation of a truth.
95. malaise: a sick feeling; a sense of mental or moral ill being.
96. histrionic: dramatic; theatrical; relating to the theater.
97. gingerly: cautiously; carefully; proceeding with caution.
98. decadence: deterioration; a period of decline.
99. drone: parasite; one who lives from the effects/good will of others.

100. calibrate: to determine; to measure; to standardize.