

1. Cloying

--nauseatingly sweet



- People kissing in public can be cloying. Seeing their love can get annoying.
- “Madame Jeanette” is a dangerous little piece, for it ventures so near the edge of **cloying** sentimentality.

2. Supercilious

- A superior attitude
- In all of his pictures, Hitler holds a supercilious stare.
- She was a **supercilious** student; she thought she was the only one capable of answering the difficult questions.



3. Fortify

--to reinforce



- The 35 W bridge in Minneapolis apparently needed to be fortified.
- You should fortify your body by taking vitamins.

4. Innovative

—original, clever



- *An innovative idea suggests that **inculcating** positive thoughts could eliminate depression.*
- Steve Jobs was innovative with the idea of the smart phone.

5. Inculcate

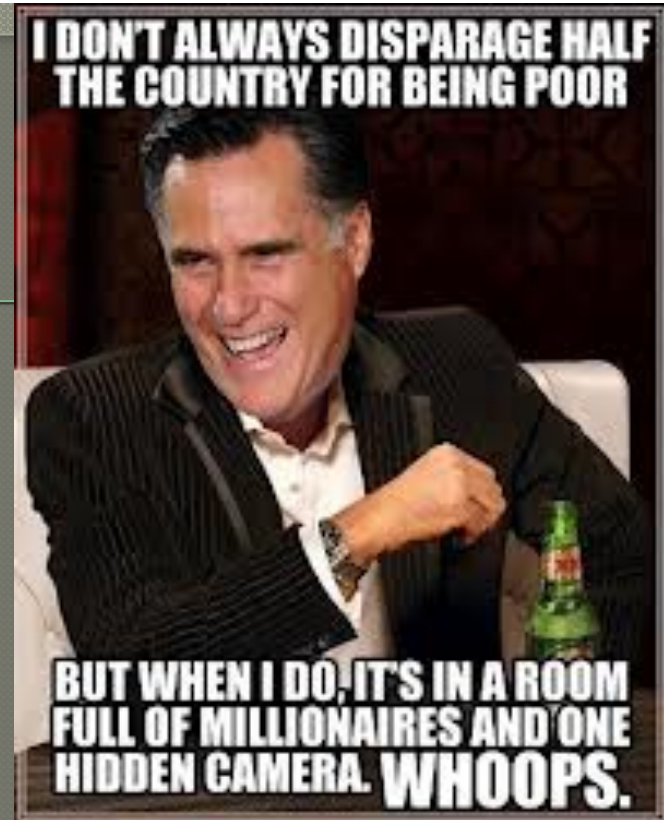


-to teach with repetition

- In the 1950's it was common for teachers to inculcate important facts.
- *An innovative idea suggests that **inculcating** positive thoughts could eliminate depression.*

6. Disparage

to insult



- Mr. Smith disparaged his students when he rolled his eyes at their answers.
- Turner's thesis has been *disproved* and *disparaged* in a hundred ways, but its mythic quality lives on.

7. Relieved (verb)

--to ease



- There she stood, with her good earnest face and genial smile, dressed in gray **delaine**, hat and all the same color, **relieved** with pale blue ribbons.

8. Duplicitious

--deceitful



- With what face can any of these *duplicitious* politicians judge the rule of the Baath when its leaders *arrogate* to themselves the exclusive right to wage war.
- Lance Armstrong lost respect for what many considered duplicitious behavior.

9. Arrogate

-wrongly take claim



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10. Extenuate

to mitigate, to ease or lessen



- His history of mental illness helped extenuate his crime.
- Yes, he stole a car but his wife's impending delivery made it an extenuating circumstance.

11. Inculcate

--to blame



- Many Hollywood actors, writers, and directors were **inculcated** for being communists or for participating in communist activities.

12. desecrated

--to treat or use without respect



The Indian burial ground was **desecrated** when the colonists began construction on a new bridge.

Prior to the discovery of one intact ancient burial site in Central America, it had been thought that all of the Mayan tombs had been **desecrated** by thieves.



13. Prodigious

-extraordinary

- She was a *prodigious student* expelled from Cambridge for a prank that went too far.



14. inadvertent

--unintentional

- But the domestication of wild cattle cannot be explained as an **inadvertent** process.



15. Malodorous

--Stinky

- The **malodorous** room made it extremely difficult for the police to search the garage, as they could not remain in the space for more than a few minutes.



16. Turgid

--Swollen or enlarged

- He went to the hospital because of his **turgid** bladder.

17. Benevolence

--goodness

- Medicine as a discipline is focused on the concept of “complete **benevolence**”: that is, the purpose of medicine is to heal patients.



18. Punctilious



Amity itself can only be maintained by reciprocal respect, and true friends are punctilious equals.

(Herman Melville)

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--correct social behavior

- She was a **punctilious** student; she checked every reference in her papers and always used the correct form in her footnotes.



19. Whimsical

-magical

- Roberta's new children's book with its butterflies and pastel colors can only be described as **whimsical**.

20. Seditious

--insurrection against authority



21. Feasible

possible



- The school board is performing a study to determine if it is feasible to build a new school.

22. Egregious



--offensive

- Did you know there is an egregious packaging hall of fame?
- Stealing inside information involves ***egregious fiduciary*** breaches.

23. Belligerent & 24. Exacerbate



-aggressive

--make worse

- The **belligerent** protestors have only **exacerbated** the problem.

25. Supplant

--to overthrow



- While many consumer electronics are **supplanted** in a very short time by newer technologies, it will be many years before the home computer becomes **obsolete**.



The object of China's strategy is inexorably to supplant the United States as the world's premier economic power, and if necessary, to defeat us militarily.

(Frank Gaffney)



26. Trite

--overused

- When you are writing, avoid **trite** expressions.



27. Placid

calm

- Most animals respond to threats with excessive violence: in contrast, some remain **placid** when facing serious physical danger.



28. Irreverent

-disrespectful

- The fact that the coach was irreverent is irrelevant—you are not good enough to play.

29. Delineate

-outline

A portrait of Thomas Jefferson, showing him from the chest up. He has long, wavy, light-colored hair and is wearing a dark coat over a white cravat. The background is dark and textured.

**"DO YOU WANT TO
KNOW WHO YOU ARE?
DON'T ASK. ACT!
ACTION WILL
DELINEATE AND
DEFINE YOU."**

- THOMAS JEFFERSON

30. Epiphany



--revelation

- Studies in prehistoric and early historic religion have shown that the bovine was early regarded as an **epiphany** of the goddess or her **consort** and was slain in the ritual reenactment of the myth of her death.