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ingenue *n.* //an artless girl;

an actress who plays such parts. Although she was forty, she still insisted that she be cast as an *ingenue* and refused to play more mature roles.

ingenuous *adj.* //naive and trusting; young; unsophisticated.

The woodsman had not realized how *ingenuous* Little Red Riding Hood was until he heard that she had gone off for a walk in the woods with the Big Bad Wolf.

ingrained *adj.* //deeply established; firmly rooted.

Try as they would, the missionaries were unable to uproot the *ingrained* superstitions of the natives.

ingrate *n.* ungrateful person.

That *ingrate* Bob sneered at the tie I gave him.

ingratiate *v.* //become popular with.

He tried to ingratiate himself into her parents' good graces.

inherent *adj.* //firmly established by nature or habit.

Katya's *inherent* love of justice caused her to champion anyone she considered treated unfairly by society.

inhibit *v.* //restrain; retard or prevent.

Only two things *inhibited* him from taking a punch at Mike Tyson: Tyson's left hook, and Tyson's right jab. The protective undercoating on my car *inhibits* the formation of rust.

inimical *adj.* //unfriendly; hostile; harmful; detrimental.

I've always been friendly to Martha. Why is she so inimical to me?

inimitable *adj.* //matchless;

not able to be imitated. We admire Auden for his *inimitable* use of language; he is one of a kind.

iniquitous *adj.* //wicked; immoral;

unrighteous. Whether or not King Richard III was responsible for the murder of the two young princes in the Tower, it was an *iniquitous* deed. iniquity, *n.*

initiate *v.* //begin; originate;

receive into a group. The college is about to *initiate* a program in reducing math anxiety among students.

injurious *adj.* //harmful.

Smoking cigarettes can be *injurious* to your health.

inkling *n.* //hint.

This came as a complete surprise to me as I did not have the slightest *inkling* of your plans.

innate *adj.* //inborn.

Mozart's parents soon recognized young Wolfgang's innate talent for music.

innocuous *adj.* //harmless.

An occasional glass of wine with dinner is relatively *innocuous* and should have no ill effect on you.

innovation *n.* //change;

introduction of something new. Although Richard liked to keep up with all the latest technological *innovations*, he didn't always abandon tried and true techniques in favor of something new. innovate, *v.*

innovative *adj.* //novel; introducing a change.

The establishment of our SAT I computer data base has enabled us to come up with some *innovative* tactics for doing well on the SAT.

innuendo *n.* //hint;

insinuation. I can defend myself against direct accusations; *innuendos* and oblique attacks on my character are what trouble me.

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inopportune ADJ. / /untimely;

poorly chosen. A rock concert is an *inopportune* setting for a quiet conversation.

inordinate ADJ. / /unrestrained; excessive.

She had an *inordinate* fondness for candy, eating two or three boxes in a single day.

inquisitor N. / /questioner (especially harsh);

investigator. Fearing being grilled ruthlessly by the secret police, Masha faced her *inquisitors* with trepidation.

insalubrious ADJ. / /unwholesome;

not healthful. The mosquito-ridden swamp was an *insalubrious* place, a breeding ground for malarial contagion.

insatiable ADJ. / /not easily satisfied;

unquenchable; greedy. David's appetite for oysters was *insatiable*: he could easily eat four dozen at a single sitting.

inscrutable ADJ. / /impenetrable;

not readily understood; mysterious. Experienced pokerplayers try to keep their expressions *inscrutable*, hiding their reactions to the cards behind a so-called "poker face."

insensible ADJ. / /unconscious;

unresponsive. Sherry and I are very different; at times when I would be covered with embarrassment, she seems *insensible* to shame.

insidious ADJ. / /treacherous;

stealthy; sly. The fifth column is *insidious* because it works secretly within our territory for our defeat.

insightful ADJ. / /iscerning;

perceptive. Sol thought he was very *insightful* about human behavior, but he was actually clueless as to why people acted the way they did.

insinuate V. / /hint; imply;

creep in. When you said I looked robust, did you mean to *insinuate* that I'm getting fat?

insipid ADJ. / /lacking in flavor; dull.

Flat prose and flat ginger ale are equally *insipid*: both lack sparkle.

insolence N. / /impudent disrespect;

haughtiness. How dare you treat me so rudely! The manager will hear of your *insolence*. insolent, ADJ.

insolvent ADJ. / /ankrupt;

unable to repay one's debts. Although young Lord Widgeon was *insolvent*, he had no fear of being thrown into debtors' prison, for he was sure that if his creditors pressed him for payment his wealthy parents would repay what he owed. insolvency, N.

insomnia N. / /wakefulness;

inability to sleep. He refused to join us in a midnight cup of coffee because he claimed it gave him *insomnia*.

instigate V. / /urge; start;

provoke. Rumors of police corruption led the mayor to instigate an investigation into the department's activities.

insubordination N. / /disobedience;

rebelliousness. At the slightest hint of *insubordination* from the sailors of the *Bounty*, Captain Bligh had them flogged; finally, they mutinied.

insubstantial ADJ. / /lacking substance; insignificant;

frail. His hopes for a career in acting proved *insubstantial*; no one would cast him, even in an *insubstantial* role.

insularity N. / /narrow-mindedness;

isolation. The *insularity* of the islanders manifested itself in their suspicion of anything foreign. insular, ADJ.

insulated ADJ. / /set apart;

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isolated. A well-to-do bachelor, James spent his money freely, *insulated* from the cares of his friends, who had families to support.

insuperable ADJ. // *insurmountable; unbeatable.*

Though the odds against their survival seemed *insuperable*, the Apollo 13 astronauts reached earth safely.

insurgent ADJ. // *rebellious.*

Because the *insurgent* forces had occupied the capital and had gained control of the railway lines, several of the war correspondents covering the uprising predicted a rebel victory.

insurmountable ADJ. // *overwhelming;*

unbeatable; insuperable. Faced by almost *insurmountable* obstacles, the members of the underground maintained their courage and will to resist.

insurrection N. // *rebellion;*

uprising. In retrospect, given how badly the British treated the American colonists, the eventual *insurrection* seems inevitable.

intangible ADJ. // *not able to be perceived by touch; vague.*

Though the financial benefits of his Oxford post were meager, Lewis was drawn to it by its *intangible* rewards: prestige, intellectual freedom, the fellowship of his peers.

integral ADJ. // *complete;*

necessary for completeness. Physical education is an *integral* part of our curriculum; a sound mind and a sound body are complementary.

integrate V. // *make whole; combine;*

make into one unit. She tried to *integrate* all their activities into one program.

integrity N. // *uprightness; wholeness.*

Lincoln, whose personal integrity has inspired millions, fought a civil war to maintain the integrity of the Republic, that these United States might remain undivided for all time.

intellect N. // *higher mental powers.*

He thought college would develop his intellect.

intelligentsia N. // *the intelligent and educated classes [often used derogatorily].*

She preferred discussions about sports and politics to the literary conversations of the *intelligentsia*.

intemperate ADJ. // *immoderate;*

excessive; extreme. In a temper, Tony refused to tone down his intemperate remarks.

inter V. // *bury.*

They are going to inter the body tomorrow at Broadlawn Cemetery.

interim N. // *meantime.*

The company will not consider our proposal until next week; in the interim, let us proceed as we have in the past.

interloper N. // *intruder; unwanted meddler.*

The merchant thought of his competitors as interlopers who were stealing away his trade.

interment N. // *burial.*

Interment will take place in the church cemetery at 2 P.M. Wednesday.

interminable ADJ. // *endless.*

Although his speech lasted for only twenty minutes, it seemed *interminable* to his bored audience.

intermittent ADJ. // *periodic;*

on and off. The outdoor wedding reception had to be moved indoors to avoid the intermittent showers that fell on and off all afternoon.

interrogate V. // *question closely;*

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cross-examine. Knowing that the Nazis would interrogate him about his background, the secret agent invented a cover story that would help him meet their questions.

intervene v. // *come between.*

When two close friends get into a fight, be careful if you try to *intervene*; they may join forces to gang up on you.

intimacy n. // *closeness, often affectionate; privacy; familiarity.*

In a moment of rare intimacy, the mayor allowed the reporters a glimpse of his personal feelings about his family. intimate, **ADJ.**

intimate v. // *hint; suggest.*

Was Dick *intimating* that Jane had bad breath when he asked if she'd like a breath mint?

intimidate v. // *frighten.*

I'll learn karate and then those big bullies won't be able to *intimidate* me any more.

intractable **ADJ.** // *unruly; stubborn; unyielding.*

Charlie Brown's friend Pigpen was *intractable*: he absolutely refused to take a bath.

intransigence n. // *refusal of any compromise; stubbornness.*

The negotiating team had not expected such *intransigence* from the striking workers, who rejected any hint of a compromise. intransigent, **ADJ.**

intrepid **ADJ.** // *fearless.*

For her intrepid conduct nursing the wounded during the war, Florence Nightingale was honored by Queen Victoria.

intricate **ADJ.** // *complex; knotty; tangled.*

Philip spent many hours designing mazes so intricate that none of his classmates could solve them. intricacy, **N.**

intrinsic **ADJ.** // *essential; inherent;*

built-in. Although my grandmother's china has little intrinsic value, I shall always cherish it for the memories it evokes.

introspective **ADJ.** // *looking within oneself.*

Though young Francis of Assisi led a wild and worldly life, even then he had introspective moments during which he examined his soul. Introvert **N.** one who is introspective; inclined to think more about oneself. In his poetry, he reveals that he is an introvert by his intense interest in his own problems. also **V.**

intrude v. // *trespass;*

enter as an uninvited person. She hesitated to intrude on their conversation.

intuition **N.** // *immediate insight;*

power of knowing without reasoning. Even though Tony denied that anything was wrong, Tina trusted her intuition that something was bothering him. intuitive, **ADJ.**

inundate v. // *overwhelm; flood; submerge.*

This semester I am *inundated* with work: You should see the piles of paperwork flooding my desk. Until the great dam was built, the waters of the Nile used to inundate the river valley like clockwork every year.

inured **ADJ.** // *accustomed; hardened.*

She became inured to the Alaskan cold.

invalidate v. // *weaken; destroy.*

The relatives who received little or nothing sought to invalidate the will by claiming that the deceased had not been in his right mind when he had signed the document.

invasive **ADJ.** // *tending to spread aggressively; intrusive.*

Giving up our war with the invasive blackberry vines that had taken over the back yard, we covered the lawn with concrete. invade, **V.**

invective **N.** // *abuse.*

He had expected criticism but not the invective that greeted his proposal. inveigh, **V.**

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inverse ADJ. //opposite.

There is an inverse ratio between the strength of light and its distance.

invert v. //turn upside down or inside out.

When he inverted his body in a handstand, he felt the blood rush to his head. inveterate ADJ. deep-rooted; habitual. An inveterate smoker, Bob cannot seem to break the habit, no matter how hard he tries.

invidious ADJ. //designed to create ill will or envy.

We disregarded her *invidious* remarks because we realized how jealous she was.

invigorate v. //energize; stimulate.

A quick dip in the pool invigorated Meg, and with renewed energy she got back to work.

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