IELTS and TOEFL (Synonyms Vocabulary List)

abandon *v.* desert, leave behind
able *adj.* capable, qualified, fit
abolish *v.* end, eliminate
abrupt *adj.* sudden, hasty, unexpected
acclaim *v.* applaud, praise, honor; *n.* applause, praise, honor
accommodating *adj.* helpful, welcoming, cooperative
acrid *adj.* bitter, sharp, biting
adapt *v.* adjust, modify
adept *adj.* skillful, expert
adhere *v.* stick, cling
admonish *v.* warn, caution, advise
adorn *v.* decorate, ornament
advent *n.* coming, arrival
adverse *adj.* hostile, negative, contrary
affluent *adj.* rich, wealthy, prosperous, well-to-do, thriving
aggravate *v.* (1) annoy, irritate; (2) intensify, worsen
aggregate *adj.* entire, total, combined
agile *adj.* graceful, nimble, lively
ailment *n.* sickness, illness, disease
allot *v.* divide, distribute
amazing *adj.* astonishing, astounding, surprising, startling
amiable *adj.* agreeable, congenial, pleasant, friendly
anticipate *v.* foresee, expect, predict
anxious *adj.* (1) worried, nervous, apprehensive; (2) eager, avid
appraise *v.* evaluate, estimate, assess
apt *adj.* (1) appropriate, suitable, correct, relevant, proper; (2) likely, prone
arduous *adj.* difficult, strenuous, exhausting
arid *adj.* dry, barren
aroma *n.* fragrance, smell, odor, scent
artificial *adj.* synthetic, imitation, man-made
astonishing *adj.* surprising, amazing, astounding

astute *adj.* intelligent, clever, perceptive
attain *v.* accomplish, achieve
augment *v.* supplement, increase, strengthen, expand
austere *adj.* strict, harsh, severe, stern
authentic *adj.* genuine, true
averse *adj.* opposed to, against, hostile to
aversion *n.* dislike, hostility, fear
awkward *adj.* clumsy

baffle *v.* confuse, puzzle, mystify
balmy *adj.* mild, warm
ban *v.* prohibit, forbid
bar *v.* prevent, obstruct, block
barren *adj.* sterile, unproductive, bleak, lifeless
barter *v.* trade, exchange
beckon *v.* summon, call, signal
belligerent *adj.* hostile, aggressive
beneficial *adj.* helpful, useful, advantageous
benevolent *adj.* benign, kind, compassionate, good
bias *n.* prejudice
blanched *adj.* whitened, bleached, pale
bland *adj.* mild, tasteless, dull
blatant *adj.* flagrant, obvious, overt
blend *v.* mix, mingle, combine; *n.* mixture, combination
bloom *v.* blossom, flower, flourish
blow up *v.* (1) explode; (2) become angry; (3) magnify, expand
blunder *v.* make a mistake; *n.* error, mistake

blunt *adj.* (1) unsharpened, dull; (2) rude, abrupt, curt

blurry *adj.* unfocused, unclear, indistinct

bold *adj.* brave, courageous

bolster *v.* support, sustain, boost, buttress

bond *v.* join, connect; *n.* tie, link, connection

boom *v.* expand, prosper; *n.* expansion, prosperity, growth

brace *v.* support, reinforce

brilliant *adj.* (1) bright, shiny, radiant, dazzling; (2) talented, gifted, intelligent

brisk *adj.* (1) lively, quick, vigorous; (2) cool, chilly, invigorating

brittle *adj.* fragile, breakable, weak

bulky *adj.* huge, large, clumsy

bully *v.* torment, bother, force others to do things; *n.* a person who torments others

buttress *v.* support, bolster, boost

calamity *n.* disaster, catastrophe

candid *adj.* honest, truthful, realistic

capable *adj.* competent, able, efficient, skillful

carve *v.* cut, sculpt, slice

casual *adj.* (1) informal, relaxed; (2) accidental, chance

categorize *v.* classify, sort

caustic *adj.* biting, harsh, sarcastic

cautious *adj.* careful, alert, prudent

celebrated *adj.* distinguished, famous, prominent

charming *adj.* delightful, lovely, attractive

cherish *v.* appreciate, esteem, treasure

choice *n.* selection, option; *adj.* exceptional, superior

cite *v.* quote, mention, refer to, list

clash *v.* argue, dispute, quarrel; *n.* argument, conflict, dispute

classify *v.* categorize

clever *adj.* smart, sharp, witty, bright

cling *v.* stick, adhere, hold

clog *v.* block, obstruct

clumsy *adj.* awkward, inept

clue *n.* hint, suggestion, sign, piece of evidence

cluster *n.* group, bunch, collection

coax *v.* persuade, urge
colossal *adj.* huge, enormous, gigantic
commence *v.* begin, initiate, start
commerce *n.* trade, business
commodity *n.* product, good, merchandise
compel *v.* force, require, coerce
competent *adj.* adept, skillful, capable, able

complement *v.* supplement, complete; *n.* supplement, addition
compliment *v.* praise, flatter, commend; *n.* praise, flattery

dubious *adj.* doubtful, skeptical, uncertain
durable *adj.* lasting, enduring, resistant
dusk *n.* evening, sunset, twilight
dwell *v.* live, reside, inhabit
dwelling *n.* house, home, residence
dwindle *v.* decrease, diminish
dynamic *adj.* energetic, forceful, active, vibrant

esteem *v.* cherish, honor, admire
evade *v.* escape, avoid, elude
exhaustive *adj.* thorough, complete, comprehensive
exhilarating *adj.* exciting, thrilling, stimulating, electrifying
extravagant *adj.* excessive, lavish
fable *n.* mythical story, tale
fabled *adj.* legendary, mythical, famous
facet *n.* aspect, point, feature
faint *adj.* dim, pale, faded, indistinct
falter *v.* hesitate, waver
fancy *adj.* decorative, ornate, elaborate
fasten *v.* attach, secure
fatal *adj.* mortal, lethal, deadly
fatigue *v.* tire, exhaust; *n.* exhaustion, weariness
faulty *adj.* flawed, inferior
feasible *adj.* possible
fee *n.* payment, fare
feeble *adj.* weak, fragile, frail
ferocious *adj.* fierce, savage, violent
feverish *adj.* (1) running a temperature, having a fever, hot; (2) intense, busy
fiery *adj.* (1) blazing, burning; (2) passionate, fervent
fitting *adj.* suitable, proper, apt, appropriate
flagrant *adj.* blatant, obvious
flaw *n.* defect, imperfection, fault
flee *v.* escape, go away, elude
fleeting *adj.* short-lived, quick
flimsy *adj.* fragile, frail, weak, feeble
foe *n.* enemy, opponent
forage *v.* hunt, look for, search
forego *v.* abandon, give up
foremost *adj.* chief, principal, leading, dominant
forge *v.* (1) create, form, make; (2) falsify, fake, copy improperly
fragment *n.* particle, piece, bit

fragrant *adj.* aromatic, scented

fraudulent *adj.* false, deceptive, deceitful

fundamental *adj.* basic, integral, elemental

fuse *v.* join, combine, unite

fusion *n.* blend, merger, union

futile *adj.* useless, pointless, vain

fuzzy *adj.* (1) furry, hairy; (2) unclear, blurry, unfocused, hazy; (3) uncertain, indefinite

gag *n.* (1) joke, trick; (2) something that prevents someone from speaking; *v.* (1) choke for a moment, feel momentarily sick; (2) prevent someone from speaking

gala *adj.* festive, happy, joyous

gap *n.* break, breach, opening

garrulous *adj.* talkative, chatty

gaudy *adj.* showy, flashy, conspicuous

genial *adj.* pleasant, cordial, agreeable

gentle *adj.* mild, kind, considerate, nice

genuine *adj.* authentic, real, valid

glitter *v.* sparkle, shine, glisten

glory *n.* grandeur, majesty, fame

gorgeous *adj.* attractive, beautiful

grade *n.* quality, value, worth

graphic *adj.* (1) related to visual images; (2) clear, explicit, vivid

grasp *v.* (1) grab, seize, grip; (2) understand

grave *adj.* serious, grievous

gregarious *adj.* sociable, friendly

grim *adj.* severe, dreary, bleak, somber

grip *v.* hold, grasp, seize; *n.* hold, grasp, possession
grueling *adj.* exhausting, difficult, arduous
gullible *adj.* innocent, naive, trusting, credulous
hamper *v.* delay, obstruct, hinder, block
handful *n.* not many, only a few
haphazard *adj.* random, chance, aimless, unplanned
hardly *adv.* barely, scarcely
hardship *n.* difficulty, trouble
harm *v.* injure, damage
harmful *adj.* hurtful, destructive
harmony *n.* accord, agreement, peace
harmonious *adj.* agreeable, friendly, peaceful
harness *v.* control, utilize
harsh *adj.* severe, rough, strict
hasty *adj.* quick, rushed, hurried
hazardous *adj.* dangerous, risky
hazy *adj.* (1) misty, cloudy, foggy; (2) unclear, fuzzy, obscure
heed *v.* obey, listen to, mind, follow
hinder *v.* block, obstruct, hamper
hitherto *adv.* up to now, previously, so far
hoist *v.* lift, raise, pick up
hue *n.* color, tint, shade
huge *adj.* enormous, giant, colossal, immense
hurl *v.* pitch, throw, fling

idea *n.* concept, notion, thought
ideal *n.* model, standard; *adj.* perfect, model
idle *adj.* (1) inactive, unused, inert; (2) lazy
illusion *n.* (1) fantasy, delusion; (2) an erroneous perception or concept
illustration *n.* picture, drawing, description
imaginary *adj.* unreal, fantastic, fictitious

imaginative *adj.* creative, original, clever

immense *adj.* huge, enormous, massive, colossal

impair *v.* damage, injure, spoil, interfere with

impartial *adj.* fair, unbiased, neutral

implement *v.* realize, achieve, put into practice, execute; *n.* tool, utensil, instrument

incessant *adj.* constant, ceaseless, continuous

increment *n.* increase, amount

incursion *n.* raid, attack, small-scale invasion

indifferent *adj.* uncaring, apathetic, unconcerned

indigenous *adj.* native

indispensable *adj.* necessary, essential, vital, critical

indistinct *adj.* unclear, blurry, hazy, fuzzy

induce *v.* persuade, convince, coax

inept *adj.* incompetent, awkward, clumsy

inexorable *adj.* unstoppable

infamous *adj.* notorious, shocking

infinite *adj.* limitless, endless, boundless

infinitesimal *adj.* tiny, minute, minuscule

ingenious *adj.* brilliant, imaginative, clever, inventive

ingenuous *adj.* naive, trusting, gullible

inhabit *v.* live, dwell, reside, populate

inhibit *v.* control, limit, restrain

initial *adj.* original, first, beginning, introductory

innate *adj.* natural, inborn

innocuous *adj.* harmless, inoffensive

intense *adj.* powerful, heightened, concentrated

intricate *adj.* complicated, complex, involved

involved *adj.* complicated, intricate, complex, elaborate

irate *adj.* angry, annoyed, upset

jagged *adj.* rough, rugged, uneven, irregular

jeopardy *n.* danger, hazard, risk, threat

jolly *adj.* joyful, happy, cheerful

jolt *v.* shock, jar, shake up, surprise; *n.* blow, surprise, shock

keen *adj.* (1) sharp; (2) shrewd, clever, bright; (3) eager, enthusiastic

key *adj.* crucial, important, critical

knack *n.* skill, ability, aptitude, talent

lack *v.* need, require, not have; *n.* shortage, absence, scarcity
lag *v.* fall behind, go slowly
lavish *adj.* luxurious, plentiful, abundant
lax *adj.* careless, negligent, loose
legendary *adj.* mythical, fabled, famous
legitimate *adj.* proper, authentic, valid
leisure *n.* free time, spare time, nonworking hours
leisurely *adj.* slow, relaxed
lethargic *adj.* slow, listless, sluggish, lazy
liable *adj.* (legally) responsible
likely *adj.* probable, plausible, credible
linger *v.* remain, stay
link *v.* join, connect, fasten, bind; *n.* connection, tie
long *v.* desire, wish for
lucid *adj.* clear, plain, understandable
lucrative *adj.* profitable, money-making
lull *v.* soothe, calm, quiet; *n.* pause, break
luminous *adj.* bright, shining, glowing
lure *v.* attract, tempt, entice
lurid *adj.* shocking, sensational, graphic
lurk *v.* prowl, sneak, hide
luster *n.* shine, radiance, brightness
luxurious *adj.* lavish, elegant, plush
magnificent *adj.* majestic, impressive, splendid

magnitude *n.* size, extent, amount
mandatory *adj.* necessary, obligatory, compulsory
manipulate *v.* control, influence
mar *v.* damage, ruin, deface, spoil
massive *adj.* huge, giant, colossal, immense
memorable *adj.* unforgettable, impressive, striking
mend *v.* fix, repair
mild *adj.* gentle, moderate, calm, temperate
mingle *v.* blend, combine, mix
minute *adj.* tiny, minuscule, infinitesimal
mist *n.* fog, haze
monitor *v.* observe, watch
moral *adj.* honorable, ethical
morale *n.* spirit, confidence, attitude
mourn *v.* lament, cry, show sorrow
murky *adj.* unclear, cloudy, foggy, dark
mushroom *v.* expand rapidly, grow quickly
mysterious *adj.* puzzling, strange
mythical *adj.* legendary, imaginary, fictional

negligible *adj.* unimportant, trivial
nightmarish *adj.* frightening, terrifying, horrible
nimble *adj.* graceful, agile
notable *adj.* remarkable, conspicuous, striking
notify *v.* inform, tell
notion *n.* idea, concept, thought
notorious *adj.* infamous, disreputable
novel *adj.* new, innovative
objective *adj.* fair, impartial, unbiased, neutral; *n.* goal, purpose, aim
oblong *adj.* oval
obscure *adj.* unfamiliar, ambiguous, little-known
obsolete *adj.* antiquated, out of date, outmoded
odd *adj.* strange, unusual, peculiar, curious
offspring *n.* young, children, descendants
ominous *adj.* threatening, menacing, dangerous
opulent *adj.* luxurious, plush, affluent
ornamental *adj.* ornate, decorative, elaborate, showy

pace *n.* rate, speed
painstaking *adj.* careful, conscientious, thorough
pale *adj.* white, colorless, faded
paltry *adj.* unimportant, minor, trivial
paramount *adj.* chief, top, vital, supreme
particle *n.* piece, bit, fragment
path *n.* trail, track, way, route
peculiar *adj.* (1) strange, odd, puzzling; (2) distinctive, characteristic, unique, special
penetrate *v.* enter, go through, go into, pierce, puncture
perceive *v.* observe, sense, notice
peril *n.* danger, hazard, risk, threat
perilous *adj.* dangerous, risky, ominous, hazardous
perpetual *adj.* constant, endless, eternal
perplexing *adj.* puzzling, mystifying, confusing
pierce *v.* penetrate, puncture, stab, go into
pivotal *adj.* important, key, crucial
plague *n.* epidemic; *v.* trouble, bother, harass, vex
plausible *adj.* likely, credible, believable

plead *v.* appeal, beg
plush *adj.* luxurious, opulent, rich, elegant
ponder *v.* consider, think about, reflect on
portion *n.* share, part, section, segment
postpone *v.* delay, put off, defer
potent *adj.* strong, powerful, effective
pounce *v.* jump, leap, spring
precious *adj.* expensive, costly, rare, desirable
precise *adj.* accurate, exact, definite
premier *adj.* (1) first, opening, earliest, initial; (2) chief, leading, foremost
prescribed *adj.* arranged, set, agreed on
pressing *adj.* urgent, crucial, compelling
pretext *n.* excuse, pretense, justification
prevail *v.* succeed, win, triumph
prevalent *adj.* common, widespread, popular
prior *adj.* earlier, preceding, former
probe *v.* investigate, inquire into
procure *v.* obtain, acquire, secure
profound *adj.* important, significant, deep
profuse *adj.* plentiful, abundant, copious
prompt *adj.* punctual, timely
prosper *v.* flourish, thrive, succeed
provoke *v.* (1) irritate, anger, annoy; (2) cause, trigger
prudent *adj.* careful, sensible, cautious
pulverize *v.* crush, grind, powder
pungent *adj.* bitter, harsh, biting, sharp
pursue *v.* chase, follow, seek
puzzling *adj.* mystifying, confusing, baffling

quaint *adj.* charming in an old fashioned way, picturesque, curious
quake *v.* shiver, shake, tremble
quandary *n.* problem, dilemma, predicament
quarrel *n.* argument, dispute, disagreement
quest *n.* search, journey, venture
radiant *adj.* bright, shiny, glowing
ragged *adj.* torn, tattered, worn
range *v.* (1) extend, vary, fluctuate; (2) roam, wander; *n.* scope, extent, spectrum
rash *adj.* thoughtless, careless, reckless
raw *adj.* (1) uncooked; (2) unprocessed, unrefined, crude; (3) sore, tender
raze *v.* demolish, level, knock down
real estate *n.* property such as buildings and land
rebuke *v.* scold, reprimand
recede *v.* retreat, go back, subside, withdraw
reckless *adj.* careless, rash
recollect *v.* recall, remember
recount *v.* narrate, tell
refine *v.* improve, process, purify
refuge *n.* shelter, haven, retreat
refuse *v.* reject, turn down, tell someone "no"; *n.* waste, garbage, trash
rehearse *v.* practice, train, go over
reliable *adj.* dependable, trustworthy
relish *v.* enjoy, savor, like
remarkable *adj.* incredible, amazing, extraordinary, noteworthy
remedy *n.* treatment, cure
remnant *n.* remainder, balance, fragment
remote *adj.* isolated, distant
renowned *adj.* famous, celebrated, notable
resent *v.* dislike, take offense at
retract *v.* withdraw, pull back
riddle *n.* puzzle, mystery
rigid *adj.* (1) stiff, unbending; (2) harsh, severe, strict
rip *v.* tear, cut, slash

ripe *adj.* mature, developed
risky *adj.* dangerous, hazardous, treacherous
roam *v.* travel, wander, range
rough *adj.* (1) uneven, jagged, rugged; (2) difficult; (3) impolite
route *n.* way, course, path, road
routine *n.* custom, habit, daily schedule; *adj.* ordinary, typical, regular, normal
rudimentary *adj.* elementary, fundamental, primitive
rugged *adj.* (1) jagged, rough, uneven; (2) strong, sturdy
rumor *n.* gossip, story
rural *adj.* agricultural
ruthless *adj.* cruel, brutal, vicious

salvage *v.* save, rescue, recover, retrieve
savage *adj.* fierce, wild, aggressive, ferocious, belligerent
scale *v.* climb; *n.* (1) range, spectrum; (2) proportion
scarce *adj.* rare, sparse
scatter *v.* disperse, spread
scent *n.* aroma, fragrance, odor, smell
scorn *n.* mockery, derision, contempt, ridicule
scrap *v.* abandon, get rid of; *n.* piece, fragment
seasoned *adj.* experienced, veteran
secluded *adj.* hidden, isolated, secret
secrete *v.* produce (a liquid), squirt
sensational *adj.* thrilling, exciting, shocking
serene *adj.* quiet, peaceful, calm, tranquil
sever *v.* cut, slice off
severe *adj.* (1) harsh, strict, austere; (2) undecorated, plain
shatter *v.* break, smash, fragment
sheer *adj.* (1) steep, sharp, abrupt; (2) transparent, thin, filmy
shimmer *v.* shine, glow, glisten, gleam
shred *v.* rip up, tear up

outgoing *adj.* (1) open, friendly; (2) departing, leaving
outlook *n.* (1) opinion, view; (2) prospect, forecast
outstanding *adj.* excellent, exceptional, notable, well known
overall *adj.* general, comprehensive
overcast *adj.* cloudy, gloomy
overcome *v.* subdue, defeat, overwhelm
overlook *v.* ignore, disregard, neglect
oversee *v.* supervise, manage, direct
oversight *n.* error, mistake, omission
overt *adj.* open, obvious, conspicuous
overtake *v.* catch up with, reach
overwhelm *v.* (1) astonish, astound, shock; (2) conquer, defeat, overcome, overpower

shrewd *adj.* clever, sly
shrill *adj.* piercing, high-pitched
shun *v.* avoid, stay away from
shy *adj.* timid, reserved, easily frightened
significant *adj.* important, vital, major
signify *v.* symbolize, stand for, indicate, represent
simulate *v.* imitate, reproduce
sketch *v.* draw; *n.* drawing, picture, diagram
slender *adj.* thin, slim, slight; (2) unlikely
slim *adj.* (1) slender, thin, slight, trim; (2) unlikely
slice *n.* thin piece; *v.* cut, carve, divide
sluggish *adj.* slow, listless, lazy, lethargic
sly *adj.* cunning, clever, shrewd
soak *v.* wet, drench, saturate
solace *n.* comfort, consolation, relief
solitary *adj.* alone, single, solo, isolated
somber *adj.* serious, grave, solemn
sort *v.* classify, categorize; *n.* type, kind, variety
sound *adj.* safe, solid, secure; *n.* noise

sow *v.* plant
span *v.* extend, bridge, connect; *n.* length, extent, range
spawn *v.* generate, create, produce; *n.* offspring, descendants
specific *adj.* definite, particular, exact
specimen *n.* example, sample
spectacular *adj.* dramatic, sensational, impressive
spell *n.* interval, period, time
spirited *adj.* lively, energetic, vigorous
splendid *adj.* excellent, superb, wonderful
spoil *v.* (1) ruin, mar; (2) decay, deteriorate, decompose, rot
spot *v.* locate, find, see, identify; *n.* (1) location, site; (2) mark, stain, speck
spur *v.* stimulate, impel, encourage, provoke; *n.* inducement, stimulus
stable *adj.* steady, secure, stationary, fixed
stage *v.* present, put on; *n.* grade, step, level, phase
stain *v.* color, tint, discolor, dye; *n.* spot, mark, blemish

stale *adj.* (1) old, dry; (2) dull, trite, uninteresting

stall *v.* halt, delay, put off

standard *n.* pattern, ideal, norm; *adj.* normal, typical, ordinary, regular, stock

stately *adj.* dignified, grand, magnificent, elegant

steep *adj.* sheer, perpendicular

stern *adj.* firm, severe, strict, harsh

stock *n.* (1) supply, collection; (2) goods, merchandise; *v.* have a supply of, carry; *adj.* standard, routine, ordinary, typical

stray *adj.* wandering, undirected, lost, uncontrolled

strenuous *adj.* difficult, arduous

strident *adj.* loud, insistent

strife *n.* conflict, dispute, struggle

striking *adj.* prominent, remarkable, unusual, conspicuous, noteworthy, dramatic

strive *v.* attempt, try

struggle *v.* fight, argue, dispute; *n.* conflict, strife, battle, effort

stubborn *adj.* rigid, uncompromising, obstinate

stunning *adj.* (1) surprising, shocking; (2) attractive, beautiful

sturdy *adj.* strong, rugged, well built

subsequent *adj.* later, succeeding, following, ensuing

subtle *adj.* indirect, suggestive, implied

suitable *adj.* appropriate, correct, apt

summit *n.* peak, apex, zenith

sundry *adj.* miscellaneous, diverse, various

superb *adj.* excellent, splendid

supplant *v.* replace, substitute for

supple *adj.* pliable, flexible, bendable

sway *v.* (1) wave, rock, swing, bend; (2) persuade, influence

sweeping *adj.* complete, exhaustive, general, comprehensive

swift *adj.* fast, quick, rapid

swivel *v.* rotate, spin, turn

symbolize *v.* represent, stand for

tact *n.* diplomacy, discretion, poise
tale *n.* story, legend
tame *v.* domesticate, master; *adj.* docile, domesticated, gentle
tamper (with) *v.* interfere (with)
tangled *adj.* knotted, twisted
tart *adj.* sour, tangy, piquant
taunt *v.* insult, mock, torment
tedious *adj.* boring, dull, tiresome
telling *adj.* effective, convincing, forceful
temperate *adj.* mild, moderate
tempting *adj.* alluring, attractive, enticing
tender *adj.* (1) delicate, soft; (2) gentle, loving; (3) sore, painful, raw
terminate *v.* end, finish, cease
thaw *v.* melt, warm up
thorough *adj.* complete, comprehensive
thoroughfare *n.* avenue, street
thrifty *adj.* economical, inexpensive
thrilling *adj.* exciting, stimulating, stirring, electrifying
thrive *v.* prosper, flourish
thwart *v.* prevent, impede, obstruct
tidings *n.* news, message
tilt *v.* incline, slope
timid *adj.* fearful, shy, retiring

tint *n.* color, hue, shade, tone; *v.* color, stain, dye
tiresome *adj.* tedious, dull, boring
toil *v.* labor, work; *n.* exertion, labor, work
tolerant *adj.* patient, impartial, open-minded
topple *v.* knock over, knock down, bring down, uproot
torment *v.* taunt, abuse, bully
torrent *n.* flood, deluge
tough *adj.* durable, strong
tow *v.* haul, draw, pull, drag
toxic *adj.* poisonous, noxious
trait *n.* characteristic, feature, quality
tranquil *adj.* quiet, peaceful, relaxing
transient *adj.* temporary, momentary, passing
transparent *adj.* clear, see-through
treacherous *adj.* dangerous, hazardous
trickle *n.* drip, leak
triumph *n.* victory, success, achievement; *v.* win, succeed, prevail
trivial *adj.* unimportant, minor
trying *adj.* demanding, difficult, troublesome
tug *v.* pull, draw; *n.* pull
twilight *n.* evening, dusk

ultimate *adj.* (1) conclusive, definite, final; (2) maximum, highest, best
unbearable *adj.* intolerable, agonizing

uncouth *adj.* impolite, rude, vulgar
underlying *adj.* fundamental, basic
undertake *v.* try, attempt
ungainly *adj.* awkward, unskillful
uniform *adj.* consistent, regular
unique *adj.* singular, one of a kind, special
unravel *v.* solve, explain
unruly *adj.* unmanageable, disorganized, disorderly
unsound *adj.* defective, faulty, unsafe
upheaval *n.* disturbance, disorder
uphold *v.* support, sustain
upkeep *n.* maintenance
uproar *n.* disorder, disturbance, commotion
urbane *adj.* sophisticated, cultured, elegant
urge *v.* encourage, advise, implore
urgent *adj.* pressing, compelling
utensil *n.* tool, implement, device
utter *v.* say, speak; *adj.* total, absolute, complete
vacant *adj.* empty, unoccupied
vague *adj.* unclear, uncertain, ambiguous
vain *adj.* (1) useless, pointless, unsuccessful, futile; (2) conceited, arrogant
valid *adj.* genuine, authentic, legitimate
vanish *v.* disappear, go away
variable *adj.* changeable, shifting
vast *adj.* huge, enormous, extensive, immense
venomous *adj.* poisonous
verbose *adj.* talkative, wordy
verge *n.* brink, edge, threshold
verve *n.* enthusiasm, energy
vessel *n.* (1) container, bottle; (2) ship, craft
vex *v.* irritate, anger, annoy
viable *adj.* (1) alive, living; (2) feasible, practical, possible
vicinity *n.* area, proximity, zone
vie (with) *v.* compete (with), rival
vigorous *adj.* dynamic, energetic, spirited
virtual *adj.* almost, nearly, not quite
vital *adj.* critical, crucial, key, essential
vivacious *adj.* lively, cheerful
vivid *adj.* clear, distinct, graphic
vow *v.* promise, pledge, swear; *n.* oath, promise, pledge

wonder *v.* think about, speculate, ponder; *n.* marvel, miracle

wound *v.* injure, hurt; *n.* injury

wrinkle *n.* line, crease (in clothing, skin, etc.); *v.* to put lines or creases in something; to have lines or creases

yearn *v.* desire, crave, want

yield *v.* (1) give up, surrender; (2) produce, supply; *n.* production, output, crop

zealous *adj.* enthusiastic, eager

zenith *n.* peak, tip, apex, summit

zone *n.* area, vicinity, region

wage *n.* salary, pay, earnings

waive *v.* to surrender (rights, privileges)

wake *n.* the track of a ship in water

wander *v.* roam, travel, range

wane *v.* shrink, decrease, decline

ware *n.* goods, merchandise

warn *v.* alert, caution, advise

warning *n.* alarm, alert

warp *v.* deform, bend, twist

wary *adj.* careful, cautious, alert

weary *adj.* tired, exhausted, fatigued

weird *adj.* strange, eerie, unusual

well-to-do *adj.* rich, wealthy, affluent

whiff *n.* a slight smell

wholesome *adj.* healthy, nutritious, beneficial

wicked *adj.* evil, corrupt, immoral

widespread *adj.* extensive, prevalent, sweeping

wily *adj.* crafty, cunning, shrewd

wise *adj.* astute, prudent, intelligent

withdraw *v.* retreat, pull out, remove

wither *v.* dry, shrivel, wilt

withhold *v.* reserve, retain, hold back

witty *adj.* comic, clever, amusing

woe *n.* trouble, distress, sorrow