

## 1-25

1. abjure : solemnly renounce (a belief, cause, or claim) : *his refusal to abjure the Catholic faith.*
2. abrogate: repeal or do away with (a law, right, or formal agreement) : *a proposal to abrogate temporarily the right to strike.*
3. abstemious: not self-indulgent, esp. when eating and drinking : “*We only had a bottle.*” “*Very abstemious of you.*”
4. acumen: the ability to make good judgments and quick decisions, typically in a particular domain : *business acumen.*
5. antebellum: occurring or existing before a particular war, esp. the American Civil War : *the conventions of the antebellum South.*
6. auspicious (second definition): giving or being a sign of future success : *they said it was an auspicious moon—it was rising.*
7. belie: (of an appearance) fail to give a true notion or impression of (something); disguise or contradict : *his lively alert manner belied his years.*
8. bellicose: demonstrating aggression and willingness to fight : *a group of bellicose patriots.*
9. bowdlerize: remove material that is considered improper or offensive from (a text or account), esp. with the result that it becomes weaker or less effective : [as adj. ] ( **bowdlerized**) *a bowdlerized version of the story.*
10. chicanery: the use of trickery to achieve a political, financial, or legal purpose : *an underhanded person who schemes corruption and political chicanery behind closed doors.*
11. chromosome: a threadlike structure of nucleic acids and protein found in the nucleus of most living cells, carrying genetic information in the form of genes.
12. churlish: rude in a mean-spirited and surly way : *it seems churlish to complain.*

13. circumlocution: the use of many words where fewer would do, esp. in a deliberate attempt to be vague or evasive : *his admission came after years of circumlocution.*
14. circumnavigate: sail all the way around (something, esp. the world).
15. deciduous: (of a tree or shrub) shedding its leaves annually. Often contrasted with **evergreen**.
16. deleterious: causing harm or damage : *divorce is assumed to have deleterious effects on children.*
17. diffident: modest or shy because of a lack of self-confidence : *a diffident youth.*
18. enervate: cause (someone) to feel drained of energy or vitality; weaken.
19. enfranchise: give the right to vote to : *a proposal that foreigners should be enfranchised for local elections.*
20. epiphany (third definition): a moment of sudden revelation or insight.
21. equinox: the time or date (twice each year) at which the sun crosses the celestial equator, when day and night are of equal length (about September 22 and March 20).
22. euro: the single European currency adopted in 1999 by eleven countries in the European Union.
23. evanescent: soon passing out of sight, memory, or existence; quickly fading or disappearing : *a shimmering evanescent bubble.*
24. expurgate: remove matter thought to be objectionable or unsuitable from (a book or account) : *the expurgated Arabian Nights.*
25. facetious: treating serious issues with deliberately inappropriate humor; flippant