

Week 1 Word	Meaning
Denounce (bounce)	To condemn; to expose critically
Torque (Turk)	A turning or twisting force
Fathom (fat thumb)	To understand fully; to penetrate the meaning of
Docile (fossil)	Easily taught or controlled; obedient, easy to handle
Hovel (shovel)	A small, miserable dwelling; an open, low shed
Balm (palm)	Something that soothes, heals or comforts; an oil or ointment
Divine (vine)	To foretell a prophecy; to infer, to guess; Supremely pleasing
Alternative (turn native)	The choice between two mutually exclusive possibilities; a situation presenting choices
Countenance (count the nuts)	A person's face, especially the expression; tolerate or approve of
Badger (badger)	To tease, annoy, harass persistently
Week 2 Word	Meaning
Wane (rain)	To decrease gradually
Fraught (caught)	Teeming with; laden; full; involving; accompanied by
Chasm (spasm)	A deep opening in the earth's surface; a gorge; differences in opinion, interests, loyalties
Erudite (on tight)	Deeply learned; scholarly
also-ran (awesome fan)	One who is defeated in a race, election, or other competition; loser
Elfin (elephant)	Small and sprightly; mischievous; fairylike
Aggrandize (Grand Eyes)	To exaggerate; to cause to appear greater in power or influence
Ensemble (handsome fellow)	A coordinated outfit or costume; a musical group
Tether (leather)	A rope or chain that allows limited movement; the limit of one's resources or strength
Claimant (claim ant)	A person making a claim

Week 3	
Word	Meaning
Entice (mice)	To lure, to attract, to tempt in a pleasing fashion
Philanthropy (Phil Anthropy)	Love of mankind, especially through charitable gifts and deeds
Misanthropy (Mis Anthropy)	Someone who hates mankind
Mirage (Garage)	Unreal reflection; an optical illusion
Noisome (annoy some)	Stinking, offensive; disgusting
Coup (crew)	The violent overthrow of a government by a small group; a victorious accomplishment
Hoard (stored)	To accumulate for future use; stockpile
Languish (land fish)	To become weak or feeble; sag with loss of strength
Cloister (Oyster)	A tranquil, secluded place
Oust (house)	To eject; to force out; to banish
Week 4	
Word	Meaning
Creditor (predator)	A person to whom money is owed
Pillage (village)	To rob of goods by violent seizure, plunder; to take as spoils
Antecedent (hand seed)	Going before: preceding; an occurrence or event preceding another
Embody (body)	To give bodily form to; to personify; to make part of a system
Verbatim (Vern's bat)	Using the exact same words, word for word
Truncate (trunk cut)	To shorten by cutting off
Remorse (horse)	A strong feeling of sadness or guilt for having done something wrong
Forsake (four snakes)	To abandon, to give up, to renounce
Deft (deaf)	Dexterous, skillful
Ubiquitous (Big as us)	Having the quality of being everywhere (or seeming to) at the same time

Week 5	
Word	Meaning
Insouciant (South Sea Ants)	Calm and carefree; lighthearted
Sundry (sundae)	Various, several, miscellaneous
Callous (callus)	Unfeeling, insensitive; having calluses
Dearth (earth)	Scarcity or lack of
Revere (Paul Revere)	To regard with great devotion or respect, to honor
Prowess (proowler)	Exceptional skill and bravery
Generalize (Generals' eyes)	General rather than specific; to form a general conclusion
Legacy (leg I see)	Something handed down from one who has gone before or from the past; a bequest
Phobia (photos)	A persistent, illogical fear
Somber (some bears)	Depressing, gloomy, dark
Week 6	
Word	Meaning
Edifice (eat a face)	A building especially one of imposing appearance or size
Paradox (bears or ducks)	A statement that seems true but at the same time seems to also have an opposite truth
Penitent (penitentiary)	Sorrow and remorse for past misdeeds
Muse (fuse)	To ponder, meditate; think about at length
Gloat (goat)	To brag greatly
Pique (peek)	Irritation, resentment stemming from wounded pride; also to arouse curiosity
Dispel (spell)	To drive away; to dissipate
Ramification (rams on vacation)	A branching out; a development growing out of and often complicating a problem or pain
Allure (lure)	To entice with something desirable; tempt
Commodious (commode)	Spacious, roomy, capacious

Week 7 Word	Meaning
Orthodox (throw rocks)	Conventional, doing something by the book, sticking to established principles
Fawn (fawn)	Exhibit affection; seek favor through slave-like flattery; to “suck up” to something
Lethargy (leopard’s tea)	Laziness, tiredness; languor
Masticate (mast ate)	To chew
Archaic (cake)	Belonging to an earlier time period; ancient; outdated
Gazebo (zebra)	An outdoor structure with a roof and open sides
Abhor (chore)	To hate very much; to deter utterly
Plight (flight)	A condition or situation, especially a distressing one
Callow (shallow)	Immature or inexperienced
Euphonious (You phone us)	Pleasing to the ear