

Basic Word List I

#	Word	Definition	Group
1	affirmation	positive assertion	argument and language
2	analogous	similar	argument and language
3	cliché	overused expression, platitude	argument and language
4	contend	compete, assert	argument and language
5	conviction	belief	argument and language
6	discourse	discussion	argument and language
7	eloquence, eloquent	fluent and persuasive speech/writing	argument and language
8	excerpt	a passage taken from a book, speech, etc.	argument and language
9	ramble	talk endlessly, take a long walk	argument and language
10	brevity	conciseness	argument and language
11	conjecture	hypothesis	argument and language
12	redundant, redundancy	repetition	argument and language
13	articulate, articulation	well-spoken	argument and language
14	succinct	concise	argument and language
15	viable	possible	argument and language
16	indifferent	lacking interest	argument and language
17	anecdote	short story	argument and language
18	consensus	agreement	argument and language
19	terse	concise	argument and language
20	abstract	theoretical, not practical	argument and language
21	comprehensive	thorough	argument and language
22	concise	succinct, brief and to the point	argument and language
23	explicit	fully expressed, leaving nothing implied	argument and language
24	bias	prejudice, preconception	argument and language
25	blatant	obvious, conspicuous	argument and language
26	probable, probability	likely	argument and language
27	thesis	statement of logical argument	argument and language
28	objective	not biased	argument and language
29	subjective	biased, dependent on one's personal opinion	argument and language
30	antithesis	opposite	argument and language
31	memoir	autobiography	argument and language
32	contradict	assert the opposite of	argument and language
33	assert	declare	argument and language
34	compelling	convincing, interesting	argument and language
35	explicate	explain	argument and language
36	narrative	story	argument and language
37	parallel	analogous, similar	argument and language
38	relevant	significant, related to the topic at hand	argument and language

39	whimsical	playful, fanciful	emotions
40	pessimist, pessimism	one who usually expects a negative outcome	emotions
41	ambivalent, ambivalence	mixed feelings	emotions
42	nonchalant, nonchalance	lack of concern	emotions
43	apprehension, apprehensive	uneasy anticipation	emotions
44	ardent	passionate	emotions
45	optimist, optimistic	one who usually expects a positive outcome	emotions
46	awe	wonder, admiration	emotions
47	whim	impulse, spur-of-the-moment desire	emotions
48	spontaneity, spontaneous	spur of the moment	emotions
49	captivating	enchanting, fascinating	emotions
50	timid	shy	emotions
51	cynical	pessimistic	emotions
52	robust	strong, healthy	energy
53	exhilaration, exhilarating	lively	energy
54	tranquil(ity)	calm, peaceful	energy
55	remedy	cure, salve	energy
56	rambunctious	boisterous, disorderly	energy
57	rejuvenate	make young again	energy
58	dynamic	full of energy	energy
59	animated	lively	energy
60	aversion	dislike, disinclination	friends and enemies
61	complementary	forming a complete whole	friends and enemies
62	intervene	interrupt, come between	friends and enemies
63	inadvertent	not on purpose	friends and enemies
64	emulate	imitate	friends and enemies
65	animosity	hostility	friends and enemies
66	affable, affability	friendly, friendliness	friends and enemies
67	discord(ant)	conflicting, inharmonious	friends and enemies
68	antagonism, antagonistic, antagonize	adversarial, opposing	friends and enemies
69	appease, appeasement	bring about peace	friends and enemies
70	cordial	polite	friends and enemies
71	repel	reject, cause someone to feel disgust	friends and enemies
72	adversary	opponent, foe	friends and enemies
73	exploit (verb)	take advantage of	friends and enemies
74	allegiance	loyalty	friends and enemies
75	ally	friend, supporter	friends and enemies
76	antisocial	antagonistic, not friendly	friends and enemies

77	charismatic	charming	friends and enemies
78	compassionate	sympathetic, empathetic	friends and enemies
79	confrontational	causing conflict	friends and enemies
80	nemesis	cause of misery or harm	friends and enemies
81	passive	not confrontational	friends and enemies
82	taunt	tease, insult	friends and enemies
83	courteous	polite	friends and enemies
84	compatible	harmonious	friends and enemies
85	accord	agreement	friends and enemies
86	curt	rudely brief or abrupt	friends and enemies
87	agreeable	pleasant	friends and enemies
88	alienate	to cause to be unfriendly or withdrawn	friends and enemies
89	hospitable	generous	friends and enemies
90	inspiring	uplifting, encouraging	friends and enemies
91	introverted	withdrawn, introspective	friends and enemies
92	engaging	charming, agreeable	friends and enemies
93	collaborate	work together	friends and enemies
94	colleague	co-worker	friends and enemies
95	exasperate	annoy	friends and enemies
96	reconcile	make peace, harmonize	friends and enemies
97	intimidate	make timid, cause fear	give up?
98	sustain(ed)	maintain, deal with	give up?
99	acquiesce	give in	give up?
100	audacious	daring	give up?
101	accessible	easy to approach or reach	give up?
102	diligence, diligent	hardworking	give up?
103	decode	decipher	give up?
104	plea	earnest request	give up?
105	topple	fall, tumble	give up?
106	weary	tired, fatigued	give up?
107	arduous	demanding great effort	give up?
108	thwart	obstruct	give up?
109	wary	cautious	give up?
110	demise	downfall	give up?
111	fend off	prevent, deflect	give up?
112	inflexible	not yielding	give up?
113	relentless	not yielding	give up?
114	reluctant	unwilling, uneager	give up?
115	deter	prevent, discourage	give up?
116	vulnerable	susceptible, exposed	give up?
117	calculated	deliberate	knowledge and skill
118	devise	create	knowledge and skill
119	vigor	strength	knowledge and skill
120	impeccable	perfect	knowledge and skill
121	pragmatic, pragmatism, pragmatist	practical	knowledge and skill
122	astute	shrewd, smart	knowledge and skill

123	confound(ed)	confuse(d)	knowledge and skill
124	prudent	careful	knowledge and skill
125	baffling	perplexing, confusing	knowledge and skill
126	bewilderment	confusion, disorientation	knowledge and skill
127	capacity	ability	knowledge and skill
128	flimsy	insubstantial	knowledge and skill
129	muddled	confused, jumbled	knowledge and skill
130	rudimentary	basic, incomplete	knowledge and skill
131	incompetent	not qualified, inadequate	knowledge and skill
132	convoluted	complicated, twisted	knowledge and skill
133	deft	skillful	knowledge and skill
134	novice	beginner	knowledge and skill
135	decisive	conclusive, resolute	knowledge and skill
136	merit	excellence	knowledge and skill
137	prominent	famous, noticeable	knowledge and skill
138	mediocre	inferior, second-rate	knowledge and skill
139	criterion	standard, measure	law and order
140	comply	act in accordance with rules	law and order
141	lax	not strict	law and order
142	corrupt	immoral, depraved	law and order
143	lavish	extravagant	money
144	opulence, opulent	wealthy	money
145	rebate	refund, discount	money
146	affluent	wealthy	money
147	entrepreneur	businessman	money
148	bounteous	abundant, rich	money
149	charitable	generous	money
150	sparse	scarce, poor	money
151	thrifty	cheap	money
152	prosperous, prosperity	abundant, rich	money
153	execute	produce	politics and tradition
154	hierarchy	class-based system	politics and tradition
155	discrepancy	divergence, disagreement	politics and tradition
156	anomaly, anomalous	not normal	politics and tradition
157	autonomous, autonomy	independent	politics and tradition
158	authoritarian	commanding	politics and tradition
159	disparity	inequality, incongruity	politics and tradition
160	mundane	boring, ordinary	politics and tradition
161	disclaimer	renunciation, rejection	politics and tradition
162	generic	general	politics and tradition
163	hereditary	passed down from one generation to the next, connection through genes	politics and tradition
164	aristocrat, aristocratic	member of the nobility	politics and tradition
165	atypical	not normal	politics and tradition

166	eccentric	unconventional	politics and tradition
167	unorthodox	not traditional	politics and tradition
168	improvise	perform without preparation	politics and tradition
169	discreet	tactful, diplomatic	politics and tradition
170	conformist	someone who uncritically follows rules	politics and tradition
171	dominant	most prominent	politics and tradition
172	exclusive	not shared, elite	politics and tradition
173	rant	loud and angry speech/writing	praise and criticism
174	disdain(ful)	contempt(uous)	praise and criticism
175	adulation	praise	praise and criticism
176	acclaim	praise	praise and criticism
177	denounce	criticize	praise and criticism
178	dismiss(ive)	reject(ing)	praise and criticism
179	condone	excuse, overlook	praise and criticism
180	endorse	approve, support	praise and criticism
181	erroneous	incorrect	praise and criticism
182	belittle	disparage, talk down	praise and criticism
183	complimentary	expressing praise	praise and criticism
184	scorn	contempt	praise and criticism
185	commend, commendable	praise	praise and criticism
186	admonish	warn	praise and criticism
187	applaud	praise	praise and criticism
188	flatter	praise	praise and criticism
189	scold	criticize	praise and criticism
190	stimulating	exciting, interesting	praise and criticism
191	condescend, condescending	belittle, belittling	praise and criticism
192	discredit	damage in reputation	praise and criticism
193	tedious	boring, tiresome	praise and criticism
194	braggart	boaster, show off	pride
195	egotism, egotist, egotistical	self-centered	pride
196	arrogance, arrogant	haughty	pride
197	flaunt	show off	pride
198	smug	excessive self-satisfaction or complacency	pride
199	pompous, pomposity	arrogant	pride
200	proud	haughty	pride
201	arbitrary	random	science
202	combustible	flammable	science
203	compile	collect	science
204	corrode	rust, decay	science
205	dehydrate	remove water	science
206	incidental	secondary, accompanying	science
207	apparatus	device, equipment	science

208	amalgam	mixture	science
209	erratic	irregular, unpredictable	science
210	abridge	shorten	size, amount, location
211	augment	enlarge, increase	size, amount, location
212	constraint	restraint, limit	size, amount, location
213	contract	enter into an agreement, reduce in size	size, amount, location
214	nurture	cultivate, nourish	size, amount, location
215	subside	diminish	size, amount, location
216	thrive	prosper, grow vigorously	size, amount, location
217	curtail	shorten	size, amount, location
218	prevalent	widespread	size, amount, location
219	detached	separated	size, amount, location
220	enhance	heighten, improve	size, amount, location
221	pervasive	widespread	size, amount, location
222	bountiful	plentiful, ample	size, amount, location
223	puny	small, weak	size, amount, location
224	deficit	lack, shortage	size, amount, location
225	foster (verb)	nurture	size, amount, location
226	rustic	relating to the countryside	size, amount, location
227	extravagant	excessive	size, amount, location
228	incorporate	include	size, amount, location
229	unkempt	untidy, unpolished	the senses
230	aesthetic	relating to visual beauty	the senses
231	ornate	elaborate	the senses
232	superficial	shallow	the senses
233	embellish	decorate, ornament	the senses
234	picturesque	attractive, vivid, expressive	the senses
235	pigment	substance that gives color	the senses
236	antiquated	old	time
237	linger	delay, prolong departure	time
238	archaic	old-fashioned	time
239	anachronism, anachronistic	an error in chronology (time)	time
240	unprecedented	without any previous example	time
241	innovation, innovative	something new	time
242	simultaneous	at the same time	time
243	nostalgia	sentimental desire to relive the past	time
244	antecedent	what came before	time
245	fleeting	short-lived	time
246	provisional	temporary	time
247	chronological	in temporal order, sequential	time
248	acknowledge	recognize	truth
249	devious	sly, dishonest	truth
250	disclose	make information known	truth
251	gullible	naïve, credulous	truth
252	opacity, opaque	not transparent, hard to understand	truth

253	cryptic	mysterious	truth
254	ambiguous	unclear	truth
255	feasible	possible	truth
256	obscure	not well-known, hard to understand	truth
257	crafty	devious, deceptive	truth
258	imperceptible	undetectable	truth
259	inaudible	impossible to hear	truth
260	principle	basic truth, rule	truth
261	candid, candor	honest	truth
262	distort, distortion	misrepresent, alter	truth
263	inevitable, inevitability	sure to happen	truth
264	subtle	not obvious	truth
265	impenetrable	impossible to enter or understand	truth
266	deplore	express sorrow	war and peace
267	detrimental	damaging, harmful	war and peace
268	facilitate	allow, help	war and peace
269	falter	stumble	war and peace
270	impair	damage	war and peace
271	pitfall	hidden danger	war and peace
272	remorse	regret	war and peace
273	exacerbate	make worse	war and peace
274	lament, lamentable	express grief	war and peace
275	alleviate	relieve	war and peace
276	adversity	misfortune, hardship	war and peace
277	ominous	menacing, threatening	war and peace
278	atrocious	appalling situation	war and peace
279	affliction	pain, suffering	war and peace
280	ailment	illness	war and peace
281	bystander	spectator, onlooker	war and peace
282	catastrophic	disastrous	war and peace
283	hazard, hazardous	dangerous	war and peace
284	anguish	agony	war and peace
285	fiasco	failure	war and peace
286	pandemonium	chaos	war and peace
287	eradicate	destroy	war and peace