

## Challenging Word List II

#	Word	Definition	Group
1	bromide	cliché, a trite remark	argument and language
2	coin	create a new word	argument and language
3	emend	improve by editing	argument and language
4	euphemism	a mild term used as a substitute for an offensive term	argument and language
5	evince	show clearly	argument and language
6	expurgate	cancel, edit by removing offensive sections	argument and language
7	missive	written letter	argument and language
8	oppugn	oppose, call into question	argument and language
9	prospectus	formal summary of a proposed project	argument and language
10	raconteur	story-teller	argument and language
11	tendentious	biased, selfishly motivated	argument and language
12	dalliance	frivolous use of time, playful flirtation	emotions
13	dirge	mournful funeral song	emotions
14	execrate	hate, abhor	emotions
15	halcyon	simply tranquil	emotions
16	insouciant	carefree, nonchalant	emotions
17	proclivity	natural inclination or tendency	emotions
18	querulous	whining, complaining	emotions
19	tenebrous	bleak	emotions
20	volition	choice, desire	emotions
21	effusive	lacking reserve, pouring out	energy
22	elan	enthusiasm	energy
23	lassitude	weariness	energy
24	shopworn	worn out, trite	energy
25	soporific	sleep-inducing, sleepy	energy
26	juggernaut	massive force	give up?
27	occlusion	obstruction, blockage	give up?
28	panacea	remedy for all problems or ailments	give up?
29	quash	reject, repress	give up?
30	redouble	escalate, intensify	give up?
31	refractory	stubborn, rebellious	give up?
32	salvo	sudden outburst	give up?
33	subterfuge	deceptive strategy	give up?
34	supine	lying on one's back, not resisting	give up?
35	talisman	good luck charm	give up?
36	travail	painful labor	give up?
37	dilettante	amateur	knowledge and skill
38	edify	morally instructive	knowledge and skill
39	expeditious	quick and efficient	knowledge and skill
40	greenhorn	beginner	knowledge and skill
41	parochial	narrow-minded, unsophisticated	knowledge and skill
42	felonious	criminal, wicked	law and order

43	inquisition	harsh questioning	law and order
44	malfeasance	crime by a public official	law and order
45	odoriferous	morally offensive, having an odor	law and order
46	vitiate	corrupt, impair	law and order
47	watershed	crucial turning point	law and order
48	cupidity	greed, avarice	money
49	despoiled	destroy and steal, plunder	money
50	indigent	impoverished, destitute	money
51	proletarian	member of the working class	money
52	remunerate	compensate or pay	money
53	restitution	compensation for loss or injury	money
54	sinecure	a paid job that requires very little work	money
55	vagabond	wanderer, tramp	money
56	aplomb	calmness, poise	politics and tradition
57	beleaguer	harass, attack	politics and tradition
58	bowdlerize	cancel	politics and tradition
59	gubernatorial	relating to the position of governor	politics and tradition
60	martinet	strict disciplinarian	politics and tradition
61	ribald	offensive, raunchy	politics and tradition
62	captious	faultfinding	praise and criticism
63	flay	skin, criticize severely	praise and criticism
64	lambaste	belittle	praise and criticism
65	lionize	treat someone as a celebrity	praise and criticism
66	panegyric	praise	praise and criticism
67	obstreperous	stubbornly defiant	pride
68	temerarious	rash, presumptuously daring	pride
69	vainglorious	haughty	pride
70	aerate	expose to or supply with air	science
71	fallow	uncultivated, unused	science
72	fecund	fertile	science
73	flotsam	wreckage, debris	science
74	gestate	develop	science
75	myopic	nearsighted	science
76	symbiosis	interdependent relationship	science
77	tepid	lukewarm	science
78	viscid	sticky, like glue	science
79	zephyr	gentle breeze	science
80	apex	highest point	size, amount, location
81	arable	suitable for growing crops	size, amount, location
82	arboreal	relating to trees	size, amount, location
83	bucolic	relating to the countryside	size, amount, location
84	delimit	establish the boundaries of	size, amount, location
85	exiguous	scanty, meager	size, amount, location
86	expunge	erase, eliminate	size, amount, location
87	extant	still in existence	size, amount, location
88	glut	surplus	size, amount, location
89	husbandry	the art or skill of farming	size, amount, location
90	quagmire	predicament, bog or swamp	size, amount, location

91	spate	sudden flood	size, amount, location
92	vagary	erratic action or change	size, amount, location
93	vertiginous	dizzy, revolving	size, amount, location
94	akimbo	hands on hips, elbows turned outwards	the senses
95	corrugated	ridged, wrinkled	the senses
96	euphony	agreeable sound	the senses
97	panache	flamboyant style	the senses
98	vociferous	noisy	the senses
99	harbinger	one that indicates or foreshadows what is to come	time
100	portent	omen, sign of a future event	time
101	presage	omen, sign of a future event	time
102	prognosticator	someone who makes predictions based on data	time
103	affectation	artificiality	truth
104	chicanery	trickery, deception	truth
105	chimerical	imaginative and improbable	truth
106	perfidious	disloyal	truth
107	extirpation	complete destruction	war and peace
108	fell (verb)	strike down, kill	war and peace
109	stockpile	a supply stored for future use; reserves	war and peace