

Advanced vocabulary development

Word list 8

Group 1		Notes
Atheist	person who does not believe in God	.....
Colloquial	local and informal (used of language)	.....
Dotard	foolish old man	.....
Furrow	groove	.....
Instigator	troublemaker; person who entices others to do something	.....
Misnomer	wrong name	.....
Percipient	perceptive; insightful	.....
Quaff	drink down quickly	.....
Staunch	loyal; faithful; dependable	.....
Vilification	blackening someone's name	.....

Group 2		Notes
Atrophy	waste away from lack of use	.....
Collusion	plotting and planning	.....
Drawl	speak slowly with words running together	.....
Furtive	hidden and secret	.....
Insurgent	a rebel	.....
Misogynist	hater of women	.....
Perdition	damnation	.....
Quagmire	marsh; bog	.....
Stereotype	fixed image	.....
Vindicate	prove right; remove blame	.....

Group 3		Notes
Attenuate	weaken	.....
Commandeer	take possession of	.....
Drivel	nonsense	.....
Futile	useless; hopeless	.....
Interminable	never-ending	.....
Misrepresentation	deliberately deceiving	.....
Peremptory	in a commanding manner	.....
Quaint	picturesque	.....
Stevedore	dockworker	.....
Virtuoso	an accomplished musician	.....

Group 4		Notes
Augment	increase; make bigger	.....
Complacent	self-satisfied; smug	.....
Droll	dryly amusing	.....
Galleon	ancient type of sailing ship	.....
Intermittent	sporadic; irregular	.....
Mitigate	lessen; make less severe	.....
Perfidy	treachery	.....
Quandary	dilemma; puzzle	.....
Stifle	suppress	.....
Virulent	dangerous; harmful	.....

Group 5		Notes
Auspicious	favorable; promising to turn out well	.....
Compliant	easy to control; submissive	.....
Drone	1. monotonous noise (<i>n</i>); 2. to speak with no emotion (<i>v</i>); 3. male bee	.....
Gambol	frollic; leap; bound	.....
Intransigence	stubbornness	.....
Modicum	small amount	.....
Perfunctory	superficial; cursory	.....
Quarantine	isolation to prevent the spread of disease	.....
Stoic	known for fortitude; indifferent to pleasure or pain	.....
Vital	essential; alive; important	.....

Group 6		Notes
Austere	severely plain	.....
Concatenate	link together	.....
Dubious	doubtful	.....
Garble	distort; confuse; muddle	.....
Intransigent	stubborn; unyielding	.....
Momentous	very important	.....
Peripatetic	nomadic; moving from place to place	.....
Quarry	1. something that is hunted; 2. mine for stone	.....
Stoke	add fuel to; strengthen	.....
Vitriolic	corrosive; strongly attacking	.....

Group 7		Notes
Aversion	a dislike of	.....
Concatenation	linking into chains	.....
Dupe	to fool someone	.....
Garish	gaudy	.....
Intrepid	brave	.....
Monotonous	dull; unvarying	.....
Peripheral	on the edge; not important	.....
Querulous	always complaining	.....
Stolid	impassive; dull; indifferent	.....
Vivacity	liveliness; animation	.....

Group 8		Notes
Balk	hinder and prevent; hesitate over	.....
Conciliate	to bring together; end a dispute	.....
Dynamic	lively; vibrant; energetic	.....
Garner	gather; collect	.....
Inveterate	habitual	.....
Moratorium	temporary prohibition or halt to activity	.....
Perjury	telling lies under oath	.....
Quirk	oddity	.....
Stratagem	plot; plan; trick	.....
Vivify	enliven	.....

Group 9		Notes
Banal	common; dull	.....
Concise	stated in few words	.....
Ebullient	very lively; cheerful; jovial; happy	.....
Garrulous	talkative	.....
Invidious	arousing envy	.....
Moribund	on the point of death	.....
Pernicious	destructive; harmful	.....
Ramble	wander aimlessly	.....
Strident	loud and harsh	.....
Vociferous	noisy; loud in speech	.....

Group 10		Notes
Banality	ordinariness; dullness	.....
Condescend	talk down to	.....
Eccentric	unusual; quirky; odd	.....
Gaunt	emaciated; bony and angular	.....
Inviolable	cannot be invaded	.....
Morose	gloomy; bad tempered	.....
Persnickety	fastidious; fussy	.....
Ramifications	branches; subdivisions of a complex system; outcomes	.....
Stringent	strict or severe	.....
Volatile	dangerously unstable; evaporates easily	.....