

Impressive Vocabulary Words

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Words	Meaning
Inscrutable	difficult to understand
Magnanimous	generous
Ineffable	indescribable
Supercilious	haughty
Vestige	trace or remnant
Vicissitude	change or variation
Perfidious	treacherous
Propinquity	nearness
Pulchritudinous	beautiful
Quixotic	idealistic or impractical
Rascal	rascal
Recalcitrant	stubborn
Sanguine	optimistic
Scintillating	sparkling or brilliant
Surreptitious	secretive
Verbose	wordy
Vitriolic	bitter or caustic
Xenophobia	fear or hatred of foreigners
Zealous	enthusiastic

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Zephyr	gentle breeze
Acrimonious	bitter or angry
Bucolic	rustic or rural
Cogent	persuasive or compelling
Compendious	concise
Diffident	shy or hesitant
Egregious	outstandingly bad
Facetious	humorous or playful
Harbinger	sign or omen
Impeccable	flawless or perfect
Incendiary	inflammatory or provocative
Ineffable	indescribable or inexpressible
Inscrutable	mysterious or enigmatic
Insidious	treacherous or dangerous
Intrepid	fearless or adventurous
Irascible	easily angered or irritable
Laconic	concise or brief
Luminous	bright or shining
Magniloquent	grandiose or pompous

Smart Words to Use in a Conversation

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Myriad	countless
Ubiquitous	everywhere
Esoteric	obscure knowledge
Idiosyncratic	unique behavior
Paradoxical	self-contradictory
Vicissitude	change or variation
Epitome	perfect example
Cathartic	providing emotional release
Euphemism	polite expression
Tenacious	persistent
Pernicious	harmful
Alacrity	cheerful willingness
Inscrutable	difficult to understand
Sardonic	sarcastic or cynical
Enigmatic	mysterious
Ostentatious	showy
Equanimity	calmness under pressure
Discombobulate	confuse or disorient
Magnanimous	generous

Smart Words to Use in a Conversation

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Words	Meaning
Prosaic	dull or ordinary
Serendipity	happy accident
Ubiquity	pervasive or omnipresent
Epiphany	sudden realization
Laconic	concise or brief
Melancholy	deep sadness
Erudite	knowledgeable or learned
Sophisticated	cultured or refined
Ebullient	enthusiastic or cheerful
Ambivalent	conflicting feelings
Ephemeral	short-lived
Equivocate	be intentionally vague or ambiguous
Pique	to provoke or stimulate
Quixotic	idealistic or impractical
Sagacious	wise or insightful
Zeitgeist	spirit of the times
Cogent	persuasive or compelling
Ineffable	indescribable or inexpressible
Magniloquence	using grandiose or pompous language

Phrases That Make You Sound Smart

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- In accordance with...
- Prima facie...
- Ad hoc...
- De facto...
- Status quo...
- Ipso facto...
- A posteriori...
- Veni, vidi, vici...
- Corpus delicti...
- Modus operandi...
- Ex post facto...
- Non sequitur...
- Tabula rasa...
- Magnum opus...
- Ad rem...
- Habeas corpus...
- Novus ordo seclorum...
- Terra incognita...
- Veni, vidi, velcro...
- Notwithstanding...
- Ad infinitum...
- Ad hominem...
- Quid pro quo...
- De jure...
- A priori...
- Carpe diem...
- Caveat emptor...
- Persona non grata...
- Ergo...
- Et cetera...
- Sine qua non...
- Ad nauseam...
- Pro bono...
- Fait accompli...
- Mens sana in corpore sano...
- Res ipsa loquitur...
- Veritas odium parit...
- Vox populi...