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| 1. Abominate | (v.) to have an intense dislike or hatred for
SYNONYMS: loathe, abhor, despise, detest
ANTONYMS: relish, savor, cherish, esteem | 12. nominal | (adj.) existing in name only, not real; too small to be considered or taken seriously
SYNONYMS: titular, token, trifling, inconsequential
ANTONYMS: real, actual, exorbitant, excessive |
| 2. acculturation | (n.) the modification of the social patterns, traits, or structures of one group or society by contact with those of another; the resultant blend
SYNONYMS: adaptation | 13. noncommittal | (adj.) not decisive or definite; unwilling to take a clear position or to say yes or no
SYNONYMS: cagey, uninformative, playing it safe, playing it close to the vest
ANTONYMS: positive, definite, committed |
| 3. adventitious | (adj.) resulting from chance rather than from an inherent cause or character; accidental, not essential; (medicine) acquired, not congenital
SYNONYMS: extrinsic, incidental, fortuitous
ANTONYMS: essential, intrinsic, inherent, congenital | 14. peculate | (v.) to steal something that has been given into one's trust; to take improperly for one's own use
SYNONYMS: embezzle, defraud, misappropriate, |
| 4. ascribe | (v.) to assign or refer to (as a cause or source), attribute
SYNONYMS: impute, credit, attribute | 15. proclivity | (n.) a natural or habitual inclination or tendency (especially of human character or behavior)
SYNONYMS: natural, bent, penchant, propensity
ANTONYMS: inability or incapacity |
| 5. circuitous | (adj.) roundabout, not direct
SYNONYMS: indirect, meandering, winding
ANTONYMS: straight, direct, as the crow flies | 16. sangfroid | (n.) composure or coolness, especially in trying circumstances
SYNONYMS: poise, self-assurance, equanimity
ANTONYMS: excitability, hysteria, flappability |
| 6. commiserate | (v.) to sympathize with, have pity or sorrow for, share a feeling of distress
SYNONYMS: feel sorry for, empathize
ANTONYMS: feel no sympathy for | 17. seditious | (adj.) resistant to lawful authority; having the purpose of overthrowing an established government
SYNONYMS: mutinous, rebellious, subversive
ANTONYMS: supportive, loyal, faithful, allegiant |
| 7. enjoin | (v.) to direct or order; to prescribe a course of action in an authoritative way; to prohibit
SYNONYMS: bid, charge, command, adjure
ANTONYMS: allow, permit | 18. tenuous | (adj.) thin, slender, not dense; lacking clarity or sharpness; of slight importance or significance; lacking a sound basis, poorly supported
SYNONYMS: flimsy, insubstantial, vague, hazy
ANTONYMS: strong, solid, substantial, valid |
| 8. expedite | (v.) to make easy, cause to progress faster
SYNONYMS: accelerate, facilitate, speed up
ANTONYMS: hinder, hamper, impede, obstruct | 19. vitriolic | (adj.) bitter, sarcastic; highly caustic or biting (like a strong acid)
SYNONYMS: withering, acerbic, mordant
ANTONYMS: bland, saccharine, honeyed, sugary |
| 9. expiate | (v.) to make amends, make up for; to avert
SYNONYMS: redeem, make amends for, atone, make reparation | 20. wheedle | (v.) to use coaxing or flattery to gain some desired end
SYNONYMS: cajole, inveigle, soft-soap, sweet-talk
ANTONYMS: coerce, browbeat, intimidate, strong-arm |
| 10. ferment | (n.) a state of great excitement, agitation, or turbulence; (v.) to be in or work into such a state; to produce alcohol by chemical action
SYNONYMS: (n.) commotion, turmoil, unrest
ANTONYMS: (n.) peace and quiet, tranquility, placidity | | |
| 11. inadvertent | (adj.) resulting from or marked by lack of attention; unintentional, accidental
SYNONYMS: accidental, unconsidered
ANTONYMS: deliberate, intentional, premeditated | | |