

VOCABULARY List

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Grade

Abdicate

to give up a position, a right, or power

Blight

an affliction, destroying element, or disease

Blithe

joyful, cheerful, or without appropriate thought

Ephemeral

lasting a short time

Flag

to decline in vigor, strength, or interest

Florid

excessively decorated or embellished

Glower

to glare at or stare angrily or intensely at

Gullible

easily deceived

Irascible

easily made angry

Monastic

extremely plain or secluded

Chauvinist

someone prejudiced in favor of the group to which he or she belongs

Corroborate

to support with evidence

Crescendo

steadily increasing in volume, force, or pitch to a terminal peak

Dissemble

to present a false appearance; to disguise one's real intentions or character

Emulate

to copy; to try to equal or excel

Expurgate

to censor or edit by omitting or modifying parts considered indelicate

Assuage

to make something unpleasant less severe; to reduce severity

Circumspect

cautious; aware of potential consequences