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bureaucrat

buffoon

bourgeois

boor

chronicler

charlatan

cavalier

cartographer

compatriot

combatant

colleague

clairvoyant
**boor**

*(n.)* a person who is rude, clumsy, and lacking social manners

Boris was a **boor** at the dinner party; after telling the host that her house was cheaply decorated, he ate his steak with his fingers and burped during the meal.

**Word Forms:** boorish, boorishly, boorishness

*Note:* Be careful not to confuse a **boor** (a rude person) with a **bore** (a boring person).

**bourgeois**

*(n.)* a person who belongs to the middle class

Brody considered himself a **bourgeois**, with middle class values and goals, even though his promotion qualified him for membership in the upper class.

**Word Forms:** bourgeois (adj.), bourgeois, bourgeoisify, bourgeoisification

**buffoon**

*(n.)* a person who amuses others by joking or clowning around

In the movie, the **buffoon** lightens the more serious scenes by making jokes about the main character’s predicament.

**Word Forms:** buffoonish, buffoonery

**bureaucrat**

*(n.)* an official in a government or other administrative group (often who is concerned with details and order)

Although I told the clerk I was in a hurry, she was a **bureaucrat** and insisted I complete every field on the form, even though she already had my information.

**Word Forms:** bureaucratic, bureaucracy, bureaucratism

**cartographer**

*(n.)* a person who makes maps

Amerigo Vespucci was one of the first **cartographers** to create a map of North America.

**Word Forms:** cartography, cartograph, cartographic, cartographical, cartographically

**cavalier**

*(n.)* a man who is chivalrous and gallant

The young **cavalier** was rewarded for his gallant behavior when he was chosen to escort the princess to the ball.

**Word Forms:** cavalier (adj.), cavalierly, cavalierness, cavalierism

**charlatan**

*(n.)* a person who falsely claims to possess skills or knowledge; an imposter

The **charlatan** tricked the unsuspecting customers out of money by pretending to be able to predict the future.

**Word Forms:** charlatanic, charlatanish, charlatanical, charlatanically, charlatanistic, charlatanery, charlatanism

**chronicler**

*(n.)* a person who keeps a record of events

The reporter was hired by the army to serve as a **chronicler** during the war; without his employment, we would never have known the true order of events during the conflict.

**Word Forms:** chronicle

**clairvoyant**

*(n.)* a person who can see the supernatural, such as spirits or the future

The carnival had a **clairvoyant**, who predicted that I would marry a red-head and have three red-headed children.

**Word Forms:** clairvoyant (adj.), clairvoyantly, clairvoyance

**colleague**

*(n.)* a person that one works with in the same field or profession

The doctor was afraid that her **colleagues** would disagree with her diagnosis.

**Word Form:** colleagueship

**combatant**

*(n.)* a person who fights

The referee was forced to separate the **combatants** at the end of the third round of fighting.

**Word Forms:** combat, combatative, combatatively, combativeness, combatable

**compatriot**

*(n.)* a person from your own country

While traveling through Italy, I met a **compatriot** from Michigan and we promised to keep in touch after returning to the United States.

**Word Forms:** compatriotic, compatriotism

**Related Word:** patriot
**connoisseur**

*(n.)* a person who is an expert critic in a certain field

*Having earned a masters degree in art history, Connor is a connoisseur of historical paintings.*

*Word Form:* connoisseurship

**constituent**

*(n.)* a citizen who is represented in a government by an elected official

*The senator knew that his constituents were counting on him to lower the sales tax.*

*Word Forms:* constituency, constitution

**courtier**

*(n.)* a member of a royal court or a person who seeks favor through excessive flattery

*The homecoming queen had several courtiers who helped her put on her tiara and velvet robe.*

*Related Words:* court, courtly

**curator**

*(n.)* a person who manages a museum

*The curator arranged a special exhibit for the local school children who visited the museum.*

*Word Forms:* curate, curatorial, curatorship

**defector**

*(n.)* a person who deserts a country or group in order to join another country or group

*The defector fled the Confederate army and joined the Union forces when he realized the strength of the northern enemy.*

*Word Forms:* defect, defectible, defectibility, defective, defection

**demagogue**

*(n.)* a political leader who seeks support by appealing to popular passions and prejudices

*Hitler was a demagogue who gained power by exploiting religious prejudices in Germany.*

*Word Forms:* demagoguery, demagogism, demagogic, demagogical, demagogically

**derelict**

*(n.)* a person without a home, job, or property

*The derelict spent his days begging on the street corner and his nights sleeping in the alley.*

*Word Forms:* derelict *(adj.)*, derelicly, derelictness, dereliction

*Related Word:* relinquish

**despoiler**

*(n.)* a person who steals goods

*The despoilers from the pirate ship stripped the village members of all their possessions.*

*Word Forms:* despoil, despoilment

*Related Word:* spoils *(n.)*

**despot**

*(n.)* a ruler with complete power

*The despot was a harsh ruler who imposed outrageous taxes and unreasonable restrictions against his subjects.*

*Word Forms:* despotic, despotical, despotically, despotism

**devotee**

*(n.)* an ardent follower and admirer

*Devon is a devotee of professional football; she follows her favorite team every weekend and knows more player statistics than most other fans.*

*Related Words:* devote, devotedness

**dignitary**

*(n.)* a person who has a high-ranking position

*The foreign dignitary was meeting with the President to discuss improving relations between the two countries.*

*Word Form:* dignitary

*Related Words:* dignify, dignity

**dilettante**

*(n.)* a person who engages in an activity (such as art) without serious intentions or inquiry

*Although Dylan started painting, he was merely a dilettante: his paintings were amateur attempts at a part-time hobby.*

*Word Forms:* dilettantish, dilettanteism
emissary  
(n.) a person sent on a mission to represent the interests of someone else

The general sent an emissary to the enemy’s camp to inquire about the terms of surrender.

Related Words: emission, emissive, emit

entrepreneur  
(n.) a person who organizes a business venture and assumes the risk for it

Andrea was an entrepreneur; by the age of thirty, she had already started three successful businesses.

Word Forms: entrepreneurial, entrepreneurially, entreprenurship
Related Word: enterprise

expatriate  
(n.) a person who lives outside his own country, often to renounce allegiance

The little village in Costa Rica is filled with American expatriates who moved there for a more relaxed lifestyle.

Word Forms: expatriate (vb.), expatriation
Related Word: patriot

explicator  
(n.) a person who explains or interprets

My attorney was an excellent explicator; he clearly interpreted each clause of the legal contract so I could understand what I was signing.

Word Forms: explicate, explication, explicative, explicatory
Related Word: explicit

gourmand  
(n.) a person who enjoys eating good food

A gourmand all his life, it was only natural that Goren became a professional food critic after culinary school.

Word Forms: gourmandism, gourmandize
Related Word: gourmet

hedonist  
(n.) a person dedicated to the pursuit of pleasure

After working for years as a hospice nurse, Heidi had no respect for the hedonist who lived next door; by only seeking pleasure, he left the more unpleasant activities to caretakers like Heidi.

Word Forms: hedonist (adj.), hedonistic, hedonistically, hedonism, hedonic, hedonically

iconoclast  
(n.) a person who attacks cherished ideas or traditional institutions

Many religious leaders accused the author of being an iconoclast for presenting evidence that contrasted with the religion’s long-standing beliefs.

Word Forms: iconoclastic, iconoclastically, iconoclasm

ingenue  
(n.) an artless, innocent young girl (especially as portrayed on the stage)

The young actress will play the part of the ingenue, an innocent girl who becomes caught up in the plot in Act II.

Related Word: ingenuous

egotist  
(n.) a person who is conceited, boastful, and self-centered

Igor is an egotist; he brags about every aspect of his life, but has no interest in hearing similar stories from his friends.

Word Forms: egotistic, egotistical, egotistically, egotism
Related Words: ego, egoist, egoistic, egomania

emancipator  
(n.) a person who frees others from bondage

Once freed, the hostages felt a great appreciation for their emancipators, who risked their lives to save strangers.

Word Forms: emancipate, emancipative, emancipatory, emancipation, emancipationist

emissary  
(n.) a person who conceals his real feelings by professing false beliefs
The emissary pledged allegiance to the rebel group, but he was really working undercover for the opposing army.

Related Word
Word Forms: dissemble, dissemblingly, dissemblance
After rumors surfaced of Chad’s cheating on the SAT, Kelly acted as an **insinuator** and told his parents that most students found the test much more difficult than Chad did.

**Word Forms:** insinuate, insinuative, insinuatively, insinuatingly, insinuation

As the **matriarch** of the family, Grandma sat at the head of the Thanksgiving dinner table.

**Word Forms:** matriarchal, matriarchic, matriarchism, matriarchy

**Antonym Forms:** patriarch, patriarchal, patriarchic, patriarchalism, patriarchy

**Related Words:** ma, maternal

During the American Revolution, Great Britain hired thousands of German **mercenaries** to fight against the colonists.

**Word Forms:** mercenary (adj.), mercenarily, mercenaryness

In the novel, the main character is a bitter **misanthrope** who learns to trust again through her friendship with the children next door.

**Word Forms:** misanthropist, misanthropic, misanthropical, misanthropically, misanthropy

The **misanthrope** came back to town with the intention of creating strife and commotion, as he enjoyed watching other people struggle and argue.

**Word Forms:** miscreant (adj.), miscreance, miscreancy

The old **miser** lives in a rat-infested apartment even though he has more than enough money to live in a nice home.

**Word Forms:** miserly, miserliness

**Related Words:** misery, miserable

The environmental company hired several **lobbyists** to persuade the senators to vote in favor of the energy bill.

**Word Forms:** lobby, lobbyism

**Related Words:** medium

Marty quickly realized that the drill sergeant was a **martinet**, so his best course of action was to closely follow all of the drill sergeant’s rules.

**Word Forms:** martinetish, martinetism

Even though the other ranchers were branding their cattle, Sam was a **maverick** who believed he did not need to follow the rules set by his associates.

**Word Form:** maverick (adj.)

**Related Words:** locution, eloquent

Megan and Melody brought in a peer **mediator** to settle their fight over the purple sweater.

**Word Forms:** mediatorship, mediate, mediately, mediateness, mediation

**Related Word:** medium

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**missionary**

*(n.)* A person who is sent on a religious or charitable mission

*During the expansion of the United States, missionaries were sent west to spread Christianity to the native peoples.*

**Word Forms:** missionary *(adj.)*, missioner, missionize

**Related Word:** mission

**mogul**

*(n.)* A very wealthy or powerful person

*The movie mogul has produced over twenty successful films from his very own studios in Hollywood.*

**muse**

*(n.)* The person who is the source of an artist’s inspiration

*Mariel had always been Michael’s muse, so he found it difficult to write his next book after their divorce.*

**narcissist**

*(n.)* A person who has excessive love or admiration of himself

*Nancy is a narcissist who is unable to love her husband or her children as much as she loves herself.*

**Word Forms:** narcist, narcissism, narcistic, narcissistic, narcissistically

**naysayer**

*(n.)* A person who always expresses a negative attitude

*Although the forecast for the day of the wedding was good, Nathan was a naysayer and predicted the outdoor ceremony would be ruined by rain.*

**Word Form:** naysay

**nomad**

*(n.)* A person without a permanent home, who wanders from place to place

*Norman was a nomad, moving from city to city and finding short-term jobs to fund his travels.*

**Word Forms:** nomadism, nomadic, nomadically, nomadize

**obstructionist**

*(n.)* A person who purposely blocks progress

*The congresswoman was worried that obstructionists would interfere with her environmental bill, possibly halting or ending all of her efforts to save the eagles.*

**Word Forms:** obstructionistic, obstructionism

**oracle**

*(n.)* A person who can see the future

*In the ancient civilization, warriors could consult the oracle to learn their fate in the conflict before going off to war.*

**Word Forms:** oracular, oracularly, oracularity, oracularness

**pariah**

*(n.)* A person who is rejected; an outcast

*Pamela became the pariah of the company when he was caught taking money from his co-workers.*

**Word Forms:** pariahdom, pariahism

**patriarch**

*(n.)* The male head of a family

*As the oldest of the seven brothers, Uncle Pat was the patriarch of the family and thus gave the toasts at all family gatherings.*

**Word Forms:** patriarchal, patriarchic, patriarchalism, patriarch

**Antonym Forms:** matriarch, matriarchal, matriarchic, matriarchalism, matriarchy

**Related Words:** pa, paternal

**patron**

*(n.)* A customer

*The waiter looked forward to noon, when his favorite patron always came in for lunch.*

**Word Forms:** patronal, patronly, patronage, patrondom, patronship, patronize

**Antonym Form:** patronless

**philanthropist**

*(n.)* A person who makes charitable donations intended to increase human well-being

*As a young philanthropist, Phillip used to donate his allowance to the homeless shelter.*

**Word Forms:** philanthropy, philanthropic, philanthropical, philanthropically
prodigy
prig
populist
popularizer
prude
protégé
proprietor
proponent
recluse
reactionary
pundit
pugilist
**popularizer**

(n.) a person who makes something popular with the general public

Edward Lear, the popularizer of the limerick, published his first book of the five-lined poems in 1846.

Word Forms: popularize, popularization
Related Words: popular, popularity

**populist**

(n.) a person who supports the rights and powers of the common people

The candidate is a populist who believes in promoting the causes of the working classes.

Word Forms: populist (adj.), populistic, populism

**prig**

(n.) a person regarded as arrogant and annoying

Prissy was a prig who found fault with the landscaping of all of her neighbors' homes; none of the residents had a lawn as manicured as hers.

Word Forms: priggish, priggishly, priggishness, priggery, prigism

**prodigy**

(n.) a person, often a child, who is extraordinarily gifted or talented

The musical prodigy could play the most complicated Mozart composition on a piano by the time he was five years old.

Related Word: prodigious

**proponent**

(n.) a person who supports a cause; an advocate

The senator, a proponent of alternative fuels, created a bill which would help decrease dependency on oil.

Antonym Form: opponent
Related Words: propone, propose

**proprietor**

(n.) the owner of a business

The proprietor had owned the seaside inn for sixty years and had the honor of serving many celebrity guests over the years.

Word Forms: proprietorial, proprietorially, proprietorialship, proprietary
Related Word: property

**protégé**

(n.) a person who receives training, protection, or care from an influential person

The successful businessman chose his niece as a protégé in order to teach her about the family business.

Word Form: protégée

**prude**

(n.) a person who is excessively concerned about proper behavior

Prudence is a prude so it is unlikely that she will be willing to sneak into the neighbor’s pool for a late night swim.

Word Forms: prudelike, prudish, prudishly, prudishness, prudery

**pugilist**

(n.) a person who fights with his fists; a boxer

The two pugilists entered the ring for the first round of the boxing match.

Word Forms: pugilistic, pugilistically, pugilism

**pundit**

(n.) a critic or expert

The political pundits are employed by newspapers and television networks to evaluate the actions of the President.

Word Forms: punditic, punditically, punditry, punditocracy

**reactionary**

(n.) a person who is extremely conservative; an opponent of progress or liberalism

The congressman was a reactionary who favored the laws of the "good ol' days," when there was less gun control and more censorship.

Word Forms: reactionist, reactionism, reactionaryism, reactionarism

**recluse**

(n.) a person who withdraws from society to live in seclusion

The recluse lived in a home deep in the forest, far away from the town and its inhabitants, where he preferred to be alone.

Word Forms: recluse (adj.), reclusive, reclusively, reclusiveness, reclusion
Related Words: secluded, seclusion
rumormonger
ruffian
reviler
reformist
sycophant
scribe
savant
sage
understudy	troubadour	totalitarian
toady
reformist

(adj.) a person who favors reform

The school board hired a reformist as the new principal, hoping he could change the negative image of the high school.

Word Forms: reformist (adj.), reformistic, reformism, reform, reformer

reviler

(adj.) a person who uses abusive language

Reva’s husband was a reviler who constantly criticized her appearance and behavior.

Word Forms: revile, revilement, revilingly
Related Word: vile

ruffian

(adj.) a tough, violent person

The police were on the lookout for a gang of ruffians who had robbed several people downtown.

Word Forms: ruffianly, ruffianism
Related Words: rumor, monger

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sage

(n.) a person who is very wise

Villagers who have seemingly unsolvable problems often seek the advice of the sage.

Word Forms: sage (adj.), sagely, sageness

savant

(n.) a person who has learned extensive knowledge

When it comes to mathematics, Savannah is a savant; she can solve the most complicated equations that leave most math professions stumped.

Note: In recent times, savant is often used to refer to a person who has diminished mental capabilities while at the same time exhibiting a special intellectual skill or ability. However, the definition above applies to the SAT.

Word Forms: savant (n.), savantish, savantly
Related Words: vilify, vilification

scribe

(n.) a journalist or other writer

The police chief was interviewed by a scribe who wanted details about the arrest of the suspect for tomorrow’s front page story.

Word Forms: scribe (vb.), scribal
Related Words: inscribe, prescribe, describe, scribble

sycophant

(n.) a person who flatters others in order to gain personal favor; a brown-noser

Sidney is a sycophant who compliments our English teacher on her hairstyle and outfit in order to get a better grade on his assignments.

Word Forms: sycophantic, sycophantical, sycophantically, sycophantish, sycophantishly, sycophantism

toady

(n.) a person who flatters others in order to gain personal favor; a brown-noser

The professional athlete has several toadies who follow him around delivering compliments in order to enjoy the perks of being in his entourage.

Word Forms: toady (vb.), toadyish, toadyism

totalitarian

(n.) a leader of a government that has total control and authority over the people

The leader of the small country is a totalitarian who has complete control over his people, from the types of cars they can drive to the jobs they can retain.

Word Forms: totalitarian (adj.), totalitarianism, totalitarianist, totalitarianize
Related Words: total, authoritarian

troubadour

(n.) a traveling singer

The troubadour traveled from city to city, entertaining market crowds or restaurant patrons with his folk songs about life on the road.

Word Form: troubadour (n.)

understudy

(n.) an actor able to replace a regular performer when required

The understudy was required to learn the dialogue for three different roles in case any of the three actors could not perform on opening night.

Word Form: understudy (vb.)
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(adj.) a person who believes (often impractically) in an ideal society achieved though social reform

**utopianism**
(n.) utopianism

**utilitarian**
(adj.) a person who believes that the value of something depends on its usefulness

**utilitarianism**
(n.) utilitarianism

**Word Forms:**
- **utopian:** (adj.), utopianism
- **utilitarian:** (adj.), utilitarianism

**Related Word:**
- utility

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- **Adverb (adv.):** word which describes or modifies a verb, an adjective, or another adverb
- **Conjunction (conj.):** word which links words or phrases
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