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Word	Student-friendly definition
multi-terranean p 4	of or relating to multiple surfaces of the earth
idiotic p 5	very stupid
cynic p 6	a person who believes that people are motivated purely by self-interest rather than acting for honorable or unselfish reasons
malfeasance p 7	wrongdoing, especially by a public official
cogitation p 10	the action of thinking deeply about something; contemplation
indomitable p 11	impossible to subdue or defeat
tentative p 11	not certain or fixed; provisional
shuddering p 16	characterized or accompanied by violent shaking or vibration
astonish(ing) p 24	extremely surprising or impressive; amazing
illuminating p 24	make (something) visible or bright by shining light on it; light up
unanticipated p 37	not expected or predicted
unassuming p 38	not pretentious or arrogant; modest
surge p 44	a sudden powerful forward or upward movement, especially by a crowd or by a natural force such as the waves or tide
installment p 46	a sum of money due as one of several equal payments for something, spread over an agreed period of time


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vanquishing p 47	defeat thoroughly
plaster(ed) p 49	covered with or made of plaster
scrabbling p 50	scratch or grope around with one's fingers to find, collect, or hold on to something
encounter p 53	unexpectedly experience or be faced with (something difficult or hostile)
distinguish(es) p 54	recognize or treat (someone or something) as different
induce(d) p 54	succeed in persuading or influencing (someone) to do something.
melodious p 57	succeed in persuading or influencing (someone) to do something.
treacherous p 58	guilty of or involving betrayal or deception
cryptic p 59	having a meaning that is mysterious or obscure
suspend(ed) p 63	(of a sentence) imposed by a judge or court but not enforced as long as no further offense is committed within a specified period
inadvertent(ly) p 64	without intention; accidentally
depleted p 68	use up the supply or resources of
despair(ing) p 75	showing the loss of all hope.
malfeasance p 77	wrongdoing, especially by a public official
eradicate p 79	destroy completely; put an end to
transformation(s) p 82	a thorough or dramatic change in form or appearance
obfuscation p 88	the action of making something obscure, unclear, or unintelligible

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dutifully p 92	in a conscientious or obedient manner
surreptitious p 94	kept secret, especially because it would not be approved of
insincere p 94	not expressing genuine feelings
captivate(d) p 99	attract and hold the interest and attention of; charm
undeniably p 101	used to emphasize that something cannot be denied or disputed
blatantly p 106	in an open and unashamed manner
hysteria p 107	exaggerated or uncontrollable emotion or excitement, especially among a group of people
imperative p 110	of vital importance; crucial
notorious p 111	famous or well known, typically for some bad quality or deed
perpetual p 115	never ending or changing
facilitate p 116	make (an action or process) easy or easier
euphemism(s) p 118	a mild or indirect word or expression substituted for one considered to be too harsh or blunt when referring to something unpleasant or embarrassing
unremitting p 123	never relaxing or slackening; incessant
outrage(d) p 124	arouse fierce anger, shock, or indignation in (someone)
inconsequential p 127	not important or significant
capacious p 129	having a lot of space inside; roomy.
miraculous p 130	occurring through divine or supernatural intervention, or manifesting such power

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inordinate(ly) p 133	to an unusually or disproportionately large degree; excessively
uncertain p 135	not able to be relied on; not known or definite
foreboding p 138	fearful apprehension; a feeling that something bad will happen
palpable p 139	(of a feeling or atmosphere) so intense as to seem almost tangible
stealth(ily) p 142	in a cautious and surreptitious manner, so as not to be seen or heard
treacle p 143	a thick, sticky dark syrup made from partly refined sugar; molasses
redolent p 145	strongly reminiscent or suggestive of
vigorous(ly) p 149	in a way that involves physical strength, effort, or energy; strenuously
retract p 151	draw back
inept p 157	having or showing no skill; clumsy
irrevocable p 159	not able to be changed, reversed, or recovered; final
coherence p 167	the quality of being logical and consistent
vehemently p 169	in a forceful, passionate, or intense manner; with great feeling
jade(d) p 173	tired, bored, or lacking enthusiasm, typically after having had too much of something
provoke p 176	stimulate or give rise to (a reaction or emotion, typically a strong or unwelcome one) in someone
deplete(d) p 183	use up the supply or resources of
advent p 191	the arrival of a notable person, thing, or event

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appalled p 197	great dismay or horrified
causation p 199	the action of causing something.
pervasive p 201	(especially of an unwelcome influence or physical effect) spreading widely throughout an area or a group of people
submerge p 205	cause to be under water.
incandescent p 206	emitting light as a result of being heated
beloved p 212	dearly loved.
compelled p 220	force or oblige (someone) to do something
emanated p 221	(of something abstract but perceptible) issue or spread out from (a source)