

**Group 1**

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| **Abhor** | hate |
| **Bigot** | narrow-minded, prejudiced person |
| **Counterfeit** | fake; false |
| **Enfranchise** | give voting rights |
| **Hamper** | hinder; obstruct |
| **Kindle** | to start a fire |
| **Noxious** | harmful; poisonous; lethal |
| **Placid** | calm; peaceful |
| **Remuneration** | payment for work done |
| **Talisman** | lucky charm |

**Group 2**

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| **Abrasive** | rough; coarse; harsh |
| **Bilk** | cheat; defraud |
| **Covert** | hidden; undercover |
| **Engender** | cause |
| **Hangar** | storage area (like garage) for a plane |
| **Knotty** | complex; difficult to solve |
| **Nuance** | something subtle; a fine shade of meaning |
| **Plagiarism** | taking credit for someone else's writing or ideas |
| **Renown** | fame |
| **Tangent** | going off the main subject |

**Group 3**

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| **Abasement** | humiliation; degradation |
| **Billowing** | swelling; fluttering; waving |
| **Cower** | recoil in fear or servility; shrink away from |
| **Enhance** | improve; make better or clearer |
| **Harangue** | noisy, attacking speech |
| **Labyrinth** | a maze |
| **Nullify** | to counter; make unimportant |
| **Plaintiff** | petitioner (in court of law) |
| **Replete** | full |
| **Tangible** | can be touched |

**Group 4**

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| **Abrogate** | cancel; deny; repeal |
| **Blasphemy** | speech which offends religious sentiments |
| **Credible** | believable |
| **Enigma** | puzzle; mystery |
| **Harbingers** | indicators; bringers of warnings |
| **Labyrinthine** | complicated; highly convoluted |
| **Nuzzle** | cuddle; snuggle |
| **Plaudit** | statement giving strong praise |
| **Reprehensible** | shameful; very bad |
| **Tardy** | slow; late; overdue; delayed |

**Group 5**

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| **Absolution** | forgiveness; pardon; release |
| **Blatant** | obvious |
| **Creditable** | praiseworthy |
| **Ensconce** | establish firmly in a position |
| **Hasten** | hurry; accelerate; rush |
| **Laceration** | a cut |
| **Obdurate** | stubborn |
| **Plausible** | can be believed; reasonable |
| **Reprieve** | a respite; postponement of a sentence |
| **Tawdry** | of little value; gaudy |

**Group 6**

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| **Abstain** | desist; go without; withdraw |
| **Blighted** | damaged; destroyed; ruined |
| **Credulous** | gullible; ready to believe anything |
| **Enshroud** | cover |
| **Haughtiness** | arrogance; pride |
| **Lachrymose** | tearful; sad |
| **Obfuscate** | deliberately make something difficult to understand |
| **Plethora** | an excess |
| **Repudiate** | shun; eschew |
| **Tedium** | boredom |

**Group 7**

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| **Abstemious** | self denying; refraining from indulging |
| **Blithe** | free-spirited; carefree |
| **Crepuscular** | active at dawn and dusk |
| **Enunciation** | clear pronunciation; accent; articulation |
| **Headstrong** | stubborn; willful |
| **Lackluster** | dull; monotonous; bland |
| **Objective** | unbiased; not subjective |
| **Pliable** | flexible; not stubborn |
| **Rescind** | retract; repeal |
| **Temper** | to moderate; soften |

**Group 8**

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| **Abstruse** | difficult to understand; obscure |
| **Blunderbuss** | 1. ancient weapon (type of gun); 2. a clumsy person |
| **Cringe** | recoil; flinch; shy away |
| **Envenom** | to cause bitterness and bad feeling |
| **Hedonism** | self indulgence; pleasure-seeking |
| **Laconic** | using few words; brief; to the point |
| **Oblique** | indirect; slanting |
| **Plumage** | feathers of a bird |
| **Resignation** | acceptance of fate |
| **Tenacious** | stubborn; resolute; holding firm to a purpose |

**Group 9**

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| **Accolade** | tribute; honor; praise |
| **Bolster** | support; prop up |
| **Cryptic** | puzzling; enigmatic |
| **Ephemeral** | short-lived |
| **Hedonist** | a pleasure seeker |
| **Lamentation** | expression of regret or sorrow |
| **Obliterate** | destroy; demolish; eradicate |
| **Plummet** | fall suddenly and steeply |
| **Resolution** | determination |
| **Tentative** | not certain |

**Group 10**

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| **Acquiesce** | to agree to; give in to |
| **Bombast** | arrogant, pompous language |
| **Curtail** | cut short |
| **Epicure** | someone who appreciates good food and drink |
| **Heed** | listen to |
| **Lampoon** | ridicule; spoof |
| **Oblivious** | totally unaware |
| **Podium** | raised platform |
| **Resonant** | echoing |
| **Tenuous** | flimsy; not solid |