Abashed, Ashamed, Contrite, Mortified **Abdicate**, Cede, Relinquish, Resign Abrasion, Bruise, Erosion, Attrition Abridge, Condense, Decrease, Diminish Abstain, Decline, Forgo, Eschew Accost, Approach, Confront, Greet, Salute Acquisition, Purchase, Gain Acrid, Bitter, Caustic, Pungent, Sharp Adage, Maxim, Cliché, Motto, Slogan Addict, Aficionado, Junkie, Devotee Adulterated, Tainted, Impure, Defiled Affable, Amiable, Cordial, Sociable Affectation, Pretense, Insincerity Affix, Suffix, Prefix, Attach, Append Aftermath, Consequence, Aftermath, **Aggression**, Assault, Attack **Alienate**, Estrange, Disaffect, Withdraw Align, Straighten, Adjust, Rectify Alimony, Provision, Allowance, Support Alleviate, Abate, Allay, Mitigate Ambiguous, Equivocal, Cryptic Amplitude, Breadth, Magnitude, Extent Analogy, Comparison, Equivalence Anesthetic, Analgesic, Numbing Annals, Archives, Chronicle, Journal Antecedent, Preceding, Preliminary Antiquated, Archaic, Obsolescent **Aperture,** Orifice, Fissure Arbitration, Mediation, Governance Ascertain, Determine, Establish **Ascribe,** Impute, Assign, Attribute Askew, Awry, Aslant, Crooked **Aspiration,** Ambition, Yearning Assail, Assault, Beset, Revile, Impugn **Assimilate,** Digest, Adapt, Acclimatize Atheist, Heretic, Infidel, Agnostic Attaché, Aide, Affiliate, Adjunct Audit, Scrutiny, Report, Examine **Aversion**, Antipathy, Abhorrence, Loath Awry, Amiss, Astray, Wrong, Askew

Beneficiary, Heir, Scion, Successor Bequeath, Will, Grant, Dower, Give Biennial, Annual, Seasonal, Periodical Binder, Notebook, Reaper, Band, Rope Bizarre, Grotesque, Eccentric, Weird Boycott, Strike, Avoid, Ostracize Brevity, Briefness, Curtness, Economy Broach, Propose, Suggest, Penetrate Brusque, Abrupt, Harsh, Blunt, Curt Bulwark, Bastion, Rampart, Parapet Burlesque, Travesty, Spoof, Mockery Burnish, Polish, Shine, Buff, Wax

Candid, Sincere, Earnest, Plain, Fair, Pure Capitalist, Investor, Entrepreneur Caricature, Parody, Farce, Ridicule Carouse, Drink, Revel, Imbibe, Cataract, Torrent, Deluge, Waterfall Cavalcade, Parade, Procession, March Celestial, Heavenly, Divine, Astral, Stellar Cessation, End, Recess, Pause Cite, Summon, Arraign, Ticket, Quote Claimant, Candidate, Applicant Collaborate, Collude, Conspire, Connive Collective, Compiled, Aggregate Commemorate, Honor, Memorialize Commentary, Critique, Exposition Commune, Community, Village, City Compassion, Clemency, Forgiveness Compatible, Accordant, Congruous Complacent, Smug, Apathetic, Docile Composite, Compound, Aggregate Composure, Calm, Poise, Aplomb Concave, Sunken, Indented, Hollow Conception, Inception, Inventing, Cogitating, Genesis, Version Concoct, Prepare, Contrive, Devise Concur, Correspond, Assent, Cooperate Concussion, Impact, Shock Condescend, Deign, Stoop, Patronize Condiment, Relish, Spice Condolence, Solace, Empathy Condone, Pardon, Excuse, Approve Confection, Sweets, Candy Confederation, Alliance, League Congeal, Solidify, Coagulate, Curdle Congenial, Sociable, Adapted Consecrate, Hallow, Sanctify Constitute, Create, Empower, Draft Contemptuous, Derisive, Scornful Contend, Tussle, Debate, Vie, Assert Context, Adjunct, Appendage Contortion, Spasm, Paroxysm

Converse, Contrary, Antithesis,
Discourse
Cosmopolitan, Urbane, Sophisticated
Covet, Desire, Envy, Want
Criterion, Measure, Parameter
Cuisine, Diet, Chow, Larder
Cyst, Blister, Sac, Bursa, Pouch

**Debonair**, Jaunty, Suave, Charming Decrepit, Frail, Senile, Feeble, Infirm Defer, Delay, Waive, Yield, Submit Depict, Draw, Portray, Design Deplete, Consume, Exhaust, Expend Derange, Unbalance, Craze, Madden Derelict, Abandoned, Remiss, Vagrant Desirous, Covetous, Lustful Deter, Dissuade, Hinder, Restrain **Detriment,** Damage, Impairment Deviate, Vary, Digress, Avert **Devious, Perverse, Circuitous, Erring** Devoid, Empty, Deficient, Lacking Dexterity, Skill, Deftness, Facility Diagnosis, Forecast, Prediction, Guess Differential, Gear, Sprocket, Cog Diffuse, Dispersed, Rambling, Expand Dilapidated, Shabby, Decayed Discern, Apprehend, Determine, Sense Discourse, Memoir, Dialogue, Discuss **Discredit,** Imperil, Compromise Discrepancy, Disparity, Divergence Disdainful, Arrogant, Haughty Disgorge, Eject, Spew, Regurgitate **Disheveled**, Rumpled, Untidy, Tousled Disperse, Scatter, Diffuse, Dispel Disproportionate, Unbalanced, Uneven **Dissimilar**, Disparate, Unique, Distinct Dissociate, Separate, Disband, Disrupt Distraught, Troubled, Worried Docile, Meek, Tame, Submissive Doleful, Sad, Melancholy, Dismal Dubious, Doubtful, Ambiguous, Moot Dynasty, Term, Tenure, Reign, Power

**Eddy,** Vortex, Whirlpool, Maelstrom **Egotism,** Vanity, Conceit, Vainglory **Elegy,** Song, Poem, Requiem, Praise **Elliptical,** Ovoid, Oblong, Orbital

Emaciated, Gaunt, Haggard, Thin Eminent, Distinguished, Lofty, Great Emphatic, Definite, Important Encumbered, Impeded, Thwarted Engross, Captivate, Enthrall, Enrapture Enliven, Animate, Excite, Delight Ensue, Result, Develop, Appear Entail, Require, Cause, Evoke Epic, Heroic, Major, Legend, Saga Epitaph, Inscription, Legend, Elegy Equity, Justice, Money, Fairness Erratic, Random, Odd, Unusual Erroneous, Inaccurate, Faulty, False Essence, Nature, Gist, Spirit Evoke, Elicit, Invoke, Rouse Excerpt, Extract, Selection, Quote Excruciating, Agonizing, Grueling Exhilarated, Fervent, Ablaze, Ardent Explicit, Clear, Specific, Outspoken Expulsion, Ejection, Removal Extortion, Graft, Blackmail Exultation, Jubilance, Elation

Fabricate, Erect, Contrive, Feign Facet, Aspect, Plane, Phase, Side Facilitate, Simplify, Promote Faction, Camp, Bloc, Dissension Fastidious, Squeamish, Affected Feline, Catlike, Sly, Subtle, Cunning Fervent, Ardent, Fervid, Passionate Fervor, Passion, Ardor, Zeal Fetter, Manacles, Shackle, Bind **Fidelity,** Loyalty, Fealty, Accuracy Financier, Broker, Agent Fissure, Crevice, Abyss, Cranny Flagrant, Heinous, Outrageous Fluctuate, Oscillate, Undulate, Wave Forage, Scavenge, Scrounge, Feed Forbearance, Clemency, Leniency, Franchise, Right, Charter, Suffrage Fraudulent, Dishonest, Deceitful

Gauntlet, Gauntlet, Gauntlet Gibe, Jeer, Taunt, Scoff, Ridicule, Sneer Glower, Glare, Scowl, Grimace, Sulk Glut, Plethora, Inundate, Gorge Graphic, Pictorial, Explicit, Visual Guise, Mien, Semblance, Appearance Gullible, Credulous, Naive, Ingenuous Gusto, Zeal, Zest, Fervor, Ardor, Vigor

Habitable, Livable, Comfortable Habitat, Environment, Abode, Haunt Hallucination, Illusion, Mirage Hulk, Carcass, Wreck, Body, Hunk Hypothesis, Assumptions, Premise

**Idealism**, Philosophy, Conscience Idolatry, Idol-worship, Obsession Immaculate, Clean, Pristine, Sinless Immaterial, Insubstantial, Irrelevant **Immobile,** Stationary, Fixed, Permanent Impale, Spear, Lance, Skewer, Spike Impassive, Indifferent, Apathetic Impediment, Obstacle, Hamper, Bar Impending, Menacing, Ominous **Imperil,** Endanger, Jeopardize, Threaten Implicate, Involve, Embroil, Mire Impromptu, Extemporaneous, Ad-lib **Inadvertently,** Accidentally, By chance Inane, Ludicrous, Banal, Insipid, Silly **Inanimate,** Insensate, Inert, Dead Inaugurate, Initiate, Induct, Begin **Incapacitate,** Disable, Cripple, Hinder **Incendiary,** Agitator, Radical, Catalyst Incongruous, Absurd, Dissonant **Incredulous, Suspicious, Dubious** Increment, Augmentation, Gain Incur, Contract, Subject, Induce Indict, Accuse, Arraign, Cite, Charge Indignity, Affront, Insult, Scorn Inept, Unsuited, Inane, Awkward **Infallible,** Unerring, Certain, Unfailing Infamous, Disreputable, Infamous, **Infer,** Deduce, Imply, Insinuate, Hint Infest, Swarm, Invade, Plague, Beset Infidelity, Unfaithfulness, Adultery **Inflection,** Grammar, Emphasis Influx, Inflow, Inrush, Crowd **Informant,** Reporter, Messenger Infringe, Transgress, Encroach Infuse, Instill, Diffuse, Imbue, Steep Inherent, Inborn, Inbred, Intrinsic Inhibition, Restraint, Repression

Initiative, Drive, Ambition Innovation, Change, Novelty Inquest, Inquiry, Probe, Trial **Inquisition, Persecution, Prosecution** Insensible, Incognizant, Oblivious Inseparable, Intimate, Thick Insinuate, Intimate, Imply, Inculcate Instigate, Urge, Foment, Incite, Start Instrumental, Useful, Contributory Insurrection, Revolt, Mutiny, Coup Integral, Central, Entire, Essential Interaction, Contact, Connection Intercede, Interfere, Mediate, Arbitrate Interject, Interpose, Insert, Inject Interloper, Intruder, Meddler Interlude, Pause, Lull, Hiatus, Recess **Intermittent,** Cyclic, Pulsating Intern, Candidate, Imprison, Confine Interrogate, Query, Quiz, Grill Intersperse, Diffuse, Scatter Intervene, Disrupt, Intercede Intimidate, Frighten, Dissuade Intonation, Pitch, Timbre, Resonance Intrusion, Trespass, Invasion Invaluable, Inestimable, Useful Invariably, Perpetually, Always Inverse, Opposite, Transposed Invocation, Entreaty, Petition, Appeal Invoice, Statement, Bill, Check, Tab Irrelevant, Immaterial, Extraneous Irrepressible, Unrestrained, Enthusiastic

Jaded, Exhausted, Fatigued, Sated Jeopardize, Endanger, Imperil, Risk Jocular, Witty, Facetious, Comic Judicious, Prudent, Sensible, Wise Jurisdiction, Ownership, Administration

**Kindred,** Related, Allied, Family **Knoll,** Hill, Mound, Dune, Foothill

Labyrinth, Maze, Morass, Tangle Laxity, Leniency, Indulgence Legation, Board, Council, Agency Lenient, Gentle, Merciful, Mild Lethal, Fatal, Mortal, Virulent, Toxic Lewd, Obscene, Risqué, Wanton Liaison, Affair, Intimacy, Romance Libel, Slander, Malign, Defame, Smear Limpid, Clear, Lucid, Transparent Lineage, Ancestry, Heredity, Line Linguistic, Verbal, Speaking, Oral Literal, Verbatim, Exact, Veritable Lustrous, Shiny, Radiant, Gleaming Luxuriant, Profuse, Dense, Opulent

Malice, Hostility, Malevolence, Hate Malign, Malevolent, Evil, Vilify Malignant, Vicious, Fatal, Lethal Malleable, Pliant, Supple, Flexible Mandatory, Obligatory, Compulsory Mania, Craze, Fad, Enthusiasm Manifest, Apparent, Exhibit, Confirm Manifold, Multitudinous, Diverse Mannerism, Idiosyncrasy, Affectation Marauder, Bandit, Brigand, Raider Materialistic, Mundane, Carnal Mausoleum, Tomb, Crypt, Monument Meander, Maze, Labyrinth, Wander Memento, Souvenir, Memorabilia Memoir, Biography, Journal, Treatise Menial, Base, Low, Minion, Lackey Mentor, Teacher, Guru, Coach Metropolis, City, Municipality Mettle, Character, Stamina, Courage Mien, Bearing, Demeanor, Deportment Misdemeanor, Misconduct, Misdeed Momentous, Important, Serious, Vital Monetary, Financial, Fiscal, Pecuniary Monotone, Invariability, Humdrum Morose, Gloomy, Dolorous, Melancholy Motif, Theme, Topic, Pattern, Design Muse, Ponder, Cogitate, Ruminate Myriad, Innumerable, Infinite, Endless

Nationalism, Patriotism, Loyalty Negligible, Insignificant, Trivial Neurotic, Deranged, Paranoid Neuter, Asexual, Geld, Spay Nocturnal, Night, Late Nominal, Stated, Inexpensive, Cheap Noncommittal, Reserved, Neutral Notation, Notes, Marks, Signs Nullify, Cancel, Annul, Void **Nutrient,** Sustenance, Sustaining **Nutritious,** Healthy, Restorative

Obliterate, Exterminate, Annihilate Obsession, Fixation, Fascination Occult, Hidden, Obscure, Arcane Odious, Despicable, Repulsive Ominous, Baleful, Imminent, Grim Onslaught, Attack, Raid, Assault Opportune, Fortunate, Fortuitous Orient, Asia, Align, Familiarize Orientation, Briefing, Alignment Oscillate, Fluctuate, Palpitate, Waver Overbearing, Arrogant, Dictatorial

Palatable, Delicious, Appetizing Palpitate, Pulse, Flutter, Pulsate, Throb Parable, Fable, Allegory, Tale Paradox, Contradiction, Enigma, Maze Parley, Conference, Discourse, Discuss Partisan, Factional, Sycophant, Devotee Pathos, Poignancy, Sentiment, Emotion Patronage, Trade, Support, Tolerance **Peerless,** Unique, Superlative, Matchless **Perennial,** Enduring, Yearly, Eternal **Permeate.** Pervade. Infiltrate. Saturate Perpetrate, Commit, Execute Personnel, Staff, Officers, Cadre, Force **Peruse,** Examine, Scrutinize, Analyze Philanthropy, Benevolence, Altruism Philosophy, Theory, Axiom, Postulate Pillage, Plunder, Devastation, Ravage Placid, Calm, Serene, Tranquil Pompous, Arrogant, Egotistic, Haughty Populace, Masses, Multitude, People Posterior, Following, Behind, Back Potent, Powerful, Cogent, Efficient Precarious, Uncertain, Dangerous **Premonition,** Omen, Portent, Harbinger Preponderance, Majority, Primacy Preposterous, Absurd, Inane, Fantastic Presumptuous, Arrogant, Confident Primeval, Ancient, Original, Prime Procure, Obtain, Contrive, Pander Prodigal, Profligate, Copious, Wastrel Profane, Ungodly, Worldly, Impure Profuse, Lavish, Abundant, Plentiful

Prohibition, Ban, Embargo
Projectile, Missile, Arrow, Weapon
Promenade, Saunter, Parade, Walk
Propriety, Etiquette, Aptness, Modesty
Prospectus, Report, Synopsis, Plan
Prostrate, Prone, Kneel, Humbled
Proxy, Surrogate, Replacement, Agent
Pugnacious, Antagonistic, Combative
Purge, Cleansing, Eliminate, Abolish

**Quadrant,** Plot, Area, Tract **Query,** Inquire, Interrogate, Ask **Quibble,** Lie, Evade, Argue, Spar

Rabble, Mob, Riffraff, Scum Rabid, Hydrophobic, Fanatical, Raging Ramification, Offshoot, Radiation Rampant, Raging, Furious, Turbulent Ransack, Loot, Scour, Plunder, Pillage Raucous, Boisterous, Harsh, Blaring Rebate, Discount, Remission, Deduction Recession, Depression, Retreat Reciprocate, Requite, Exchange, Share Reclaim, Recover, Regain, Redeem Reconnaissance, Survey, Scrutiny Recourse, Resort, Appeal, Chance Recurrence, Return, Reappearance Redundant, Excessive, Verbose Refute, Disprove, Dispute, Debate Regent, Matriarch, Monarch, Oueen **Regimen,** Diet, Fast, Starvation Rejuvenate, Revitalize, Reinvigorate Relinquish, Renounce, Renege Reminiscent, Nostalgic, Redolent **Remuneration**, Compensation, Wages Renaissance, Rebirth, Revival Renegade, Rebel, Defector, Traitor Replenish, Inflate, Fill, Pack Repose, Tranquility, Placidity, Rest Repress, Restrain, Subdue, Quell Reprisal, Revenge, Redress, Vendetta Reproof, Rebuke, Reprimand, Blame Requisite, Required, Demand, Need Resolute, Determined, Adamant, Firm Resonance, Pitch, Timbre, Inflection **Respective,** Particular, Specific, Special Resplendent, Radiant, Shiny, Brilliant

Restoration, Reparation, Atonement Retaliate, Requite, Avenge, Revenge Retention, Captivity, Recall, Custody Retribution, Vengeance, Retaliation Revulsion, Repugnance, Abhorrence Ricochet, Rebound, Bounce, Recoil Rigorous, Severe, Exact, Inclement Rite, Ceremony, Ritual, Custom Rote, Formula, Creed, Protocol, Custom Ruse, Subterfuge, Artifice, Ploy, Deceit

Sanction, Authorization, Penalty, Allow Saunter, Ramble, Wander, Amble Savory, Delicious, Tangy, Tasty Scapegoat, Dupe, Victim, Sap, Butt Scourge, Whip, Penalty, Plague Scruple, Oualm, Hesitate, Falter Secede, Resign, Retire, Abdicate, Leave Sedate, Calm, Staid, Tranquilize, Drug **Sedative, Soothing, Narcotic, Opiate Semblance,** Appearance, Mien, Analogy Sensory, Aural, Optic, Tactile, Olfactory Sensual, Arousing, Lewd, Feeling Sequel, Supplement, Continuance Servitude, Slavery, Bondage, Subjection Severance, Separation, Breach, Split Simile, Analogy, Comparison Simulate, Feign, Posture, Dissemble Slovenly, Sloppy, Untidy, Messy Sobriety, Abstinence, Dignity, Reserve Socialist, Communist, Marxist Solace, Comfort, Console, Allay, Soothe Solicit, Implore, Urge, Ask, Peddle Spectrum, Extent, Gamut Squander, Waste, Expend Stark, Utter, Rigid, Desolate, Drear Statistics, Compendium, Synopsis Status, Position, Rank, Station Stereotype, Archetype, Label Stimulus, Incentive, Impetus Stint, Limit, Portion, Chore, Confine Stipulate, Specify, Indicate, Agree to Subsequent, Ensuing, Succeeding, Subsistence, Nourishment, Survival Successor, Inheritor, Heir Supple, Pliable, Lithe, Obsequious Surmise, Guess, Theory, Infer

Surmount, Conquer, Transcend Susceptible, Exposed, Vulnerable Swathe, Bandage, Wrap, Protect Synchronize, Adjust, Attune Syndicate, Alliance, Affiliate Synthesis, Creation, Aggregate

Taut, Tense, Rigid, Tight, Stressed **Tentative, Probationary, Trial Tenure,** Holding, Incumbency, Stay **Tepid,** Lukewarm, Indifferent, Languid Terse, Brief, Curt, Succinct, Concise **Therapeutic,** Restorative, Healing Thesis, Assertion, Opinion, Study Tincture, Pigment, Dye, Stain Tirade, Diatribe, Invective, Harangue **Traction**, Adhesion, Propulsion Tranquil, Serene, Placid, Calm Transgress, Encroach, Offend **Transition, Shift, Progression** Translucent, Opaque, Glassy Transpire, Befall, Occur, Ensue Traverse, Obstacle, Thwart, Cross **Treatise**, Essay, Thesis, Study Trite, Common, Ordinary, Banal, Stale Truism, Adage, Proverb, Platitude Tryst, Meeting, Rendezvous Typify, Embody, Epitomize, Illustrate

**Ulterior,** Hidden, Covert, Remote, Later **Unfounded,** Unproven, Erroneous

Vagrant, Itinerant, Begging, Tramp Valid, Logical, Cogent, Authentic Vanguard, Forefront, Precursors Vantage, Boon, Perk, Bonus, Privilege Variance, Difference, Divergence Veer, Swerve, Deviate, Avert, Deflect Vehement, Fervent, Zealous, Ardent Versatile, Flexible, Pliable, Adaptable Vibrant, Resonant, Energetic, Lively Vie, Compete, Contend, Rival, Strive Vintage, Classic, Old, Year Virile, Manly, Vital, Robust, Strong Virtuoso, Expert, Genius, Master Vivacious, Animated, Spirited Vogue, Fashion, Style, Custom, Trend **Vouch,** Certify, Attest, Reassure **Voucher,** Receipt, Certification

Wanton, Careless, Deliberate, Lavish Whimsical, Capricious, Playful Wrangle, Dispute, Quarrel, Brawl

Zenith, Peak, Crest, Elevation

Students are cautioned to remember that the words adjacent to each term are synonyms not definitions. Some words have multiple meanings therefore there may be a wide range of meanings attached to synonymous terms. Many terms change meanings and pronunciation based on what part of speech is being used. For example, the word complex when used as a noun has a different meaning than when used as an adjective. The mathematical formula for rocket fuel is complex. (Here complex is a predicate adjective meaning complicated.) The teacher who constantly derides his students has a inferiority complex. (Here complex is a noun meaning a mental illness.)