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vocabulary lists Adjectives to describe things or people

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affectionate

A having or displaying warmth or affection

aggressive ✓ characteristic of an enemy or one eager to fight

ambitious

✓ having a strong desire for success or achievement

analytical

✓ using or skilled in using reasoning

apprehensible

capable of being apprehended or understood

athletic

✓ relating to sports

bad

having undesirable or negative qualities

beautiful

pleasing to the senses

bossy offensively self-assured or exercising unwarranted power

careful

 \checkmark exercising caution or showing attention

competitive

✓ involving rivalry over something

confident

✓ having or marked by assurance

cooperative

 \checkmark involving the joint activity of two or more

critical

 \checkmark of a serious examination and judgment of something

extreme

✓ of the greatest possible degree, extent, or intensity

fantastic

v extravagantly fanciful in design, construction, appearance

fine

free from impurities

good having desirable or positive qualities

great

a person who has achieved distinction in some field

handsome

✓ pleasing in appearance

kind

having a tender and considerate and helpful nature

loud

characterized by sound of great volume or intensity

manipulative

✓ skillful in influencing others to one's own advantage

marvelous

✓ extraordinarily good or great

middle-aged

being roughly between 45 and 65 years old

nice

pleasant or pleasing or agreeable in nature or appearance

old

having lived for a long time or attained a specific age

patient

✓ enduring trying circumstances with even temper

POOF having little money or few possessions

pretty pleasing by delicacy or grace; not imposing

rich

possessing material wealth

selfish

 \checkmark concerned chiefly with your own advantage

sensitive

✓ responsive to physical stimuli

short

having little length or lacking in length

Shy
√ timid and lacking self-confidence

Sneaky
✓ marked by quiet and caution and secrecy

sociable

✓ inclined to or conducive to companionship with others

strong having strength or power greater than average or expected

stubborn

✓ tenaciously unwilling to yield

tall

great in vertical dimension; high in stature

Ugly displeasing to the sense of sight

weak

wanting in physical strength

wonderful

✓ extraordinarily good or great



determined

 \checkmark having been learned or found especially by investigation

bold

 \checkmark fearless and daring

off-the-cuff

with little or no preparation or forethought

offhand

 \checkmark with little or no preparation or forethought

slacker

a person who shirks his work or duty

competent

✓ properly or sufficiently qualified, capable, or efficient

selfish

✓ concerned chiefly with your own advantage

easygoing ✓ relaxed and informal in attitude or standards

incompetent

✓ not qualified or suited for a purpose

unrehearsed

with little or no preparation or forethought

virtuoso

✓ someone who is dazzlingly skilled in any field

acknowledged

recognized or made known or admitted

resourceful

🗸 adroit or imaginative

essential

 \checkmark basic and fundamental

requisite

✓ necessary for relief or supply

prerequisite

✓ something that is needed or obligatory in advance

obligatory √ required by compulsion or convention

world-weary

tired of the world

self-confident

✓ showing poise and assurance in your own worth

well-known

widely or fully known

old-fashioned

🗸 out of fashion

demode

out of fashion

tired

 \checkmark depleted of strength or energy

well-groomed

having tasteful clothing and being scrupulously neat

good-humored disposed to please

strong-minded

having a determined will

softhearted

easily moved to pity or sorrow

hardhearted

lacking in feeling or pity or warmth

well-advised

having the benefit of careful prior consideration or counsel

advised

having received information

self-made

having achieved success or recognition by your own efforts

successful

✓ having succeeded or being marked by a favorable outcome

unsuccessful

not successful

undefeated

victorious

unbeaten

not conquered

good-looking

pleasing in appearance especially by reason of conformity to ideals of form and proportion

outgoing

 \checkmark at ease in talking to others

outspoken

 \checkmark given to expressing yourself freely or insistently

absentminded

Iost in thought; showing preoccupation

well-lighted

provided with artificial light

thick-skinned

 \checkmark insensitive to criticism

tough-skinned

insensitive to criticism

go-getter someone whose career progresses rapidly

confused

✓ unable to think with clarity or act intelligently

clearheaded

not mentally confused

worthwhile

 \checkmark sufficiently valuable to justify the investment of time

influential

✓ having or exercising power

pretty pleasing by delicacy or grace; not imposing

sarcastic

v expressing or expressive of ridicule that wounds

mind-blowing

intensely affecting the mind especially in producing hallucinations

damaged harmed or injured or spoiled

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discreet

✓ marked by prudence or modesty and wise self-restraint

indiscreet

✓ lacking discretion; injudicious

optional

✓ possible but not necessary; left to personal choice

ashamed

✓ feeling guilt or embarrassment or remorse

unashamed

used of persons or their behavior; feeling no shame

remorseful

✓ feeling or expressing pain or sorrow for sins or offenses

regretful ✓ feeling or expressing sorrow or a sense of loss

unregretful

feeling no regret

generous v willing to give and share unstintingly

stingy ✓ unwilling to spend

ungenerous

lacking in magnanimity

frugal v avoiding waste

spendthrift

✓ someone who spends money freely or wastefully

beautiful

pleasing to the senses

Ugly displeasing to the sense of sight

infamous

known widely and usually unfavorably

ill-famed

known widely and usually unfavorably

barbecued

cooked over an outdoor grill

guilty v responsible for or chargeable with a reprehensible act

innocent

🗸 free from sin

unconscious

 \checkmark lacking awareness and the capacity for sensory perception

conscious

✓ having awareness of surroundings and sensations and thoughts

awake

not in a state of sleep; completely conscious

asleep

in a state of sleep

alive

possessing life

dead

no longer having or seeming to have or expecting to have life

extinct

✓ no longer in existence

active

✓ characterized by energetic movement

passive
√ lacking in energy or will

peaceful
√ not disturbed by strife or turmoil or war

proud
√ feeling self-respect, self-esteem, or self-importance

humble

✓ marked by meekness or modesty; not arrogant or prideful

humbled

subdued or brought low in condition or status

humiliated

subdued or brought low in condition or status

embarrassed

✓ feeling or caused to feel uneasy and self-conscious

complacent

 \checkmark contented to a fault with oneself or one's actions

self-complacent

contented to a fault with oneself or one's actions

self-satisfied

contented to a fault with oneself or one's actions

SMUS ✓ marked by excessive complacency or self-satisfaction

fair

✓ free from favoritism, bias, or deception

unfair

not fair; marked by injustice or partiality or deception

proof

 \checkmark any evidence that helps to establish the truth of something

reliable

✓ worthy of trust

unreliable

🗸 not worthy of trust

honest

🗸 marked by truth

dishonest

✓ deceptive or fraudulent

influential

✓ having or exercising power

uninfluential

not influential

eclectic

✓ selecting what seems best of various styles or ideas

infidel

 \checkmark a person who does not acknowledge your god

unbeliever

someone who refuses to believe (as in a divinity)

kind

having a tender and considerate and helpful nature

unkind

lacking kindness

astonished

 \checkmark filled with the emotional impact of overwhelming surprise

amazed

 \checkmark filled with the emotional impact of overwhelming surprise

cracked

of paint or varnish; having the appearance of alligator hide

expensive

✓ high in price or charging high prices

cheap

✓ relatively low in price or charging low prices

sensitive

🗸 responsive to physical stimuli

insensitive

 \checkmark not noticing or caring about the feelings or needs of others

real

being or occurring in fact or actuality

unreal

lacking material form or substance; unreal

upset ✓ cause to lose one's composure

worried

✓ afflicted with or marked by anxious uneasiness or trouble

anxious

 \checkmark causing or fraught with or showing anxiety

dying in the process of passing from life or ceasing to be

concerned

feeling or showing worry or solicitude

unconcerned

lacking in interest or care or feeling

psychological

 \checkmark mental or emotional as opposed to physical in nature

moral

 \checkmark concerned with principles of right and wrong

immoral

✓ deliberately violating principles of right and wrong

lovely

lovable especially in a childlike or naive way

outstanding

✓ of major significance or importance

prominent

✓ conspicuous in position or importance

crucial

 \checkmark of extreme importance; vital to the resolution of a crisis

essential

 \checkmark basic and fundamental

all important

of the greatest importance

relevant

 \checkmark having a bearing on or connection with the subject at issue

irrelevant

✓ having no bearing on or connection with the subject at issue

subtle

✓ difficult to detect or grasp by the mind or analyze

single

existing alone or consisting of one entity or part or aspect or individual

married

joined in matrimony

divorced

of someone whose marriage has been legally dissolved

greedy ✓ immoderately desirous of acquiring something

off the hook

freed from danger or blame or obligation

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