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AESTHETIC
Having to do with the appreciation of beauty

ADEPT
Very skilled; proficient

ADVOCATE
To speak or write in favor of

AMICABLE
Characterized by or showing goodwill; friendly

ARDENT
Having, expressive of, or characterized by intense feeling

ASSERTIVE
Confidently aggressive or self-assured; positive

AUSPICIOUS
Favorable; promising

AUTONOMY
Independence or freedom

BENEVOLENT
Expressing goodwill or kindly feelings

BENIGN
Having a kindly disposition; gracious

CANDOR
Sincerity; openness

CANDID
Frank; outspoken; open and sincere

CATHARTIC
Cleansing, purifying

COLLABORATION
The act or process of working together

COMPPELLING
Overpowering

COMPREHENSIVE
Broad or complete in scope or content

CONTEMPORARY
Current, modern; from the same time

DISTINGUISH
To mark off as different

DILIGENT
Marked by painstaking effort; hardworking

DOMESTIC
Of or pertaining to the home, the household, household affairs, or the family

ECCENTRIC
Deviating from recognized or customary practice; an odd character

ECLECTIC
Made up of a variety of sources and styles

EMPIRICAL
Derived from or guided by experience or experiment

EVOKE
To call up or produce

FERVENT
Having or showing great warmth or intensity of spirit

GREGARIOUS
Fond of the company of others; sociable

IDEALIZE
To consider perfect

IDENTITY
The condition of being oneself

IMPARTIAL
Not partial or biased; fair; just

IMPROVISE
To compose and deliver without previous preparation

INNOVATIVE
Introducing something new

INTUITION
Direct perception of truth

LAUDATORY
Giving praise

LANGUID
Lacking in vigor or vitality; slack or slow

MAVERICK
One who resists adherence to a group; goes his or her own way

MITIGATE
To lessen in force or intensity

NARRATIVE
A story or account of events, experiences

NOVEL
Strikingly new or unusual

NOTION
A general understanding

OPTIMIST
One who expects a positive outcome

PROFOUND
Of deep meaning

PROSPERITY
Good fortune

RESILIENT
Sprung back; rebounding

SERENE
Calm, peaceful, or tranquil

SPONTANEITY
Being spontaneous; acting impulsively

TENACIOUS
Persistent, stubborn or obstinate

THERAPEUTIC
Having to do with the curing of disease or injury

VALIDATE
Substantiate; confirm

VIVID
Strikingly bright or intense

VITALITY
Exuberant physical strength or mental vigor

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